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What to see and do at the AGGV in June

June is a famously busy month and it's definitely the case at the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria (AGGV) where every day offers something new and the major summer exhibition is set to open.

Take a dive into a thought-provoking and creative exhibition featuring a range of artists from around the Pacific Rim and curated by the Gallery's own Haema Sivanesan. *Trans-Pacific Transmissions: Video Art Across the Pacific* opens Saturday, June 4 with an Open House from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., no admission required. You can explore this fascinating new exhibition and the rest of the AGGV, and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. the exhibition's curator and artists Yoko Inoue, Lucy 'Aukafolau and Charles Campbell will present *Trade Offs: Artists Discussing Trans Pacific Trade*, the conversation will be moderated by Helen Lansdowne, Associate Director at the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives at the University of Victoria. Reserve a seat for the panel discussion at aggv.ca.

Another AGGV original exhibition, *Kinky: Ancient Chinese and Japanese Erotic Images*, debuts June 18 and offers a rare view of erotic history, culture, customs. The works include ivory and ceramic sculptures, prints and an amazing set of 19th century ceramic tiles and their painted box containers, which have never been seen before in a public gallery. The sexual content may not be suitable for all audiences. The AGGV's Barry Till will lead a curator's tour of *Kinky: Ancient Chinese and Japanese Erotic Images* on Wednesday, June 29, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost of the tour is included with admission or membership.

While you're at the Gallery be sure to visit the exhibitions closing this month, if you haven't had time to enjoy them yet. *Case Studies: Decorative Arts from the Collection* ends June 5 and *Nanga: Literati Painting of Old Japan* closes June 26.

Think you need to get a babysitter? Think again! Two events this month are designed for the whole gang to explore art—and leave the mess at the AGGV. Families are invited to enjoy a Gallery tour for all ages on Sunday, June 5, at 1:00 p.m. The fun, conversation-based tour of *Nanga: Literati Painting of Old Japan* culminates with an in-gallery activity. On Sunday, June 19, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., the AGGV's Family Sunday event is inspired by *Trans-Pacific Transmissions*, a great way to make art and memories together, the whole family can explore new ideas inspired by the exhibition. Register online for the special event, which is included with admission or membership.

Stop by the AGGV booth at DIY LIFE: Arts + Science + Ecology Fair, organized by Open Space Gallery, Saturday, June 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at Fisherman's Wharf Park. DIY LIFE will be a gathering of art, science and ecology projects that explore possibilities for an innovative, creative, and sustainable future. The AGGV booth will have interactive activities and community roundtable discussions on the topic of water with artist Marianne Nicolson, Lucy 'Aukafolau and the AGGV Audain Aboriginal Curatorial Fellow, Tara Hogue, come join us!

In the Massey Gallery this month is *Studio Exhibition*, which celebrates the artwork and explorations of AGGV Gallery Studio classes from this past year, running until June 5. *We Are Artists Too!* Features work by AGGV staff from June 9 to June 26, and *Summer Small Works Show & Sale* kicks off June 30 and offers affordable original art for sale from local artists.

Delve deeper into the exhibitions with a guided tour. June offers the following drop-in tours:

Sat., Jun. 4, 2:00 p.m., Emily Carr
Sun., Jun. 5, 2:00 p.m., Meiji Japan
Tues., Jun. 7, 2:00 p.m., Nanga

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Sat., Jun. 11, 2:00 p.m., Meiji Japan
Sun., Jun. 12, 2:00 p.m., Emily Carr
Sat., Jun. 18, 2:00 p.m., Trans-Pacific Transmissions
Sun., Jun. 19, 2:00 p.m., Nanga
Sat., Jun. 25, 2:00 p.m., Emily Carr
Sun., Jun. 26, 2:00 p.m., Meiji Japan
Thurs., Jun. 30, 7:00 p.m., Trans-Pacific Transmissions

The cost of all exhibition tours is included with admission or membership.

Mark Tuesday June 7, on your calendar as this month's AGGV admission by donation day.

For more information, calendar of events and tickets, visit www.aggv.ca or call 250-384-4171.