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## Family Visits

May 9 to September 6, 2026

Organized by the Art Gallery of Greater  
Victoria

Curated by Toby Lawrence,  
Curator of Contemporary Art

and Heng Wu, Curator of Asian Art.

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## **The Art Gallery of Greater Victoria Presents: Family Visits**

On view May 9, the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria presents *Family Visits*, curated by AGGV Curator of Contemporary Art Toby Lawrence and AGGV Curator of Asian Art Heng Wu. This exhibition features a selection of artworks that joined the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria collection between 2020 and 2026.

*Family Visits* explores the vast possibilities of what family can be and mean. Considering family structures across species and realms of life, this exhibition offers an intimate look at relationships of support within conventional family units and chosen families. The ever presence of ancestors and family legacies is woven throughout these drawings, paintings, photographs, prints, sculpture, and textiles by more than 40 artists, telling stories of human and more-than-human families.

"With this exhibition, we wanted to think expansively about the idea of family, beyond the traditional western nuclear family. We wanted to bring the relationships we have with our animals into the conversation, the depth of relationships across species, and within more than human families. Many artworks that have been brought into the collection since 2020 speak to the communities that support us and the many facets of family life," said Lawrence.

The exhibition, on display until September 6, will include work by Brianna Bear in collaboration with Eli Hirtle, Jackson Beardy, Ann Newdigate, Bakufu Ono, Chrystal Phan, Jack Shadbolt, Nina Raginski, and others.

On Sunday May 24, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Family Sunday at the AGGV will focus on *Family Visits*, offering an afternoon of exploring, hands-on art making and ideas for all ages. Family Sunday is included with AGGV membership or admission.

Join the AGGV for their Summer Exhibition Celebration on June 5, 2026, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, for the launch of a new season of exhibitions, including *Family Visits*. The evening is free to attend. Everyone is welcome.

Admission to the Gallery is always free for AGGV Members and SEE ART pass holders, visitors aged 25 and under, all Indigenous Peoples, and support workers accompanying visitors who need assistance (Leisure Assistant Pass holders).

The Art Gallery of Greater Victoria is located on the traditional territories of the ləkʷəŋən peoples, today known as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations. We extend our appreciation for the opportunity to live and learn on this territory.