

## Driving Culture Days here

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The Ontario Arts Council's Aubrey Reeves is making a special trip to the Royal City to help get the word out about Culture Days this fall.

The Canada-wide, weekend-long event invites artists of all descriptions to organize activities in their own communities that will engage people of all ages in creative processes.

"It's very, very wide open as to what can be included," said Ed Video program manager Scott McGovern.

Reeves, the Arts Council's Culture Days animator/coordinator, is coming to Ed Video, 40 Baker St., for a Culture Days information session on July 8 at 11:30 a. m. in the second floor gallery. She will be letting local artists know how they can get involved in the September event.

Getting involved is fairly simple, said McGovern.

"There's a website, [www.culturedays.ca](http://www.culturedays.ca), and you can go on there and publish the details about your event," he said.

Artists, creators, historians, architects, curators, designers and the like are welcome to post an event, in an effort to promote arts and culture to new audiences in the community. Events must be free and artists are encouraged to provide an interactive, hands-on element.

"That's a big focus. They really want activities that the public can be involved in, in some way," said McGovern.

Events take place from Sept. 24 to 26 in Ontario, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Québec, New Brunswick, Newfoundland & Labrador, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and from Sept. 17 to 19 in Alberta.

Ed Video will open a multi-media exhibit, entitled *Accidentally Perfect*, on Sept. 24 to correspond with the Culture Days weekend. McGovern hopes one of the artists involved will also offer a workshop to provide an interactive element.

There is no list yet of other local artists who may get involved in Culture Days, but as the date approaches, more information can be found on the website, [www.culturedays.ca](http://www.culturedays.ca)