

Arts & Culture

Guild Park and Gardens



Guild Park and Gardens, home of the historic artist colony "Guild of Arts" established in 1932, is a unique 88 acre site on the Scarborough Bluffs that includes forests, shoreline and a collection of architectural fragments, sculptures and buildings. As part of the revitalization of the site, Toronto Arts & Culture is developing a **multipurpose facility that will house art studios and arts programming.**



Building 191, future home of arts & cultural centre

The **Arts Services** unit of Toronto Arts & Culture will be responsible for operating the centre on behalf of the City of Toronto. Arts Services manages and operates a network of City-owned community arts facilities that **provide opportunities for both residents and visitors of all ages to explore and enjoy the arts.** Participants can discover their own creativity, learn new skills, pursue excellence or appreciate artistic achievement through a variety of programs, exhibits, events and performances.

Arts Services also engages in **community cultural development**, forging connections and opportunities, **encouraging access to the arts for all through a variety of initiatives and partnerships.**



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The arts and cultural facility at Guild Park and Gardens will:

- **Celebrate** with community residents and all Torontonians the unique treasure that is Guild Park and Gardens
- **Engage** residents and artists as program participants or partners in arts and cultural activities
- **Grow** through a variety of programs, partnerships and projects a dynamic community arts hub that nurtures creativity, facilitates community connections and provides access and opportunities to engage in the arts.

The arts and cultural facility at Guild Park and Gardens, **set to open in 2018, will include public programs, artist residencies, facility rentals and community outreach and partnerships.** These are not necessarily mutually exclusive activities and may change as the centre evolves in response to demand for its programming and the self-generated revenue and other funding available to support it. Initially, programs at the facility will be offered on a trial basis and continue to develop over time as part of an integrated plan for cultural uses in Guild Park with **ongoing engagement of community residents and stakeholders.**

Community consultation is underway to help determine the specific needs of the immediate local residents as well as the larger Scarborough and City population. Consultation will encompass the city of Toronto with a focus on the catchment area using a multi-faceted approach including general community and stakeholder meetings, surveys, and outreach targeted to specific areas and populations **to gather diverse perspectives from a broad range of residents** including underserved groups. A general survey is available to provide input and can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Guildartsprogramming>

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