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City of Ontario
Ontario Museum of History & Art

ONTARIO MUSEUM OF HISTORY & ART, MEET AND ZINE

The Ontario Museum of History & Art is holding its first Meet and Zine on Saturday, May 21, 2016 from Noon to 4 PM. Zines (pronounced 'zeens') are small self-published magazines made in limited numbers by one person or a few individuals. They combine language, visual art, and ideas, to create a form of expression found in a small package. Zines are sold, traded, and collected and come in a variety shapes and topics such as fictional stories and personal essays, political commentary, poetry, comics, how-to instruction manuals, musings and much more. Come and meet other Zinesters, participate in workshops, purchase one-of-a-kind products from Do-It-Yourself (DIY) vendors and enjoy live music and art, at the Ontario Museum of History & Art, Meet and Zine.

A wide variety of activities will be offered during the Meet and Zine:

Sign-up for a zine collaborative with Grrrl Zines A-Go-Go. Founded by Margarat Nee and Kim Schwenk, Grrrl Zines A-Go-Go is a San Diego based zine collective, promoting zines as culture work. Together they teach workshops, host reading rooms, promote DIY media, and promote

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knowledge sharing through zines and skillshares. Their zine collection is used for teaching, and for sale focused on Community Herbalism, DIY, culture work, and feminism.

Discover the Punk Zine movement of the 1970s with Punk historian and record producer Greg McWhorter. McWhorter owns a highly acclaimed record label specializing in vintage Punk Rock and hosts a music show for cable TV. Since 1985, McWhorter has been writing fiction and nonfiction for newspapers, magazines, books, and television. He is a member of the Horror Writer's Association.

Enjoy the singing style of Miss Chief a.k.a Melissa Leora, a combination of Joan Jett meets Buddy Holly. Singer Miss Chief has a whimsical flare for danceable music. Her roots are in Redlands, California and she frequently performs at the University of Redlands.

While at the Meet and Zine visit the museum's north wing gallery and enjoy the vivid art of the Eighth Biennial Ontario Invitational Art Exhibition. A community favorite, the Ontario Invitational Art Exhibition features unique artwork by local and regional artists. The award winners from the 2015 Ontario Open Art Exhibition debut their most recent work in painting, mixed media, photography, drawing, and sculpture. The exhibit features the work of Andrea Benitez, Karen Clark, Chick Curtis, Marion Draayer, Linda Garcia-Dahle, Gina Lawson Egan, Steven Long, and David Rosales.

Take time to stop by the Chaffey Community Museum of Art (CCMA). Within walking distance of the Ontario Museum of History & Art, CCMA has been sharing the gift of visual art with residents of the inland communities of Southern California since 1941. Currently on display is Art and Soul

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– Mid Valley Arts League Honor Court – Printmaking. The members of Mid Valley Arts League who have been chosen for the Honor Court are selected in recognition of their status as professional, recognized artists as evidenced by publication of their work, signature membership in other art organizations, service as jurors in art exhibitions, and teaching experience.

There is lots to do at the Ontario Museum of History & Art, Meet and Zine where DIY culture, art, and music meet. The festival is free and for all ages. For more information call (909) 395-2510.

Event Schedule:

- Vendor fair from Noon to 4 PM. Purchase hand-made items from local vendors. Items for sale will include Zines, jewelry, comics, buttons, and other one-of-a-kind gifts.
- Eighth Biennial Ontario Invitational Art Exhibition from Noon to 4 PM.
- Art and Soul – Mid Valley Arts League Honor Court – Printmaking exhibit. Where: Chaffey Community Museum of Art is located at 217 S. Lemon Avenue (across from the Ontario Museum of History & Art). Open from Noon to 4 PM.
- Performance by Miss Chief from 12:15 PM to 1 PM and 2:30 PM to 3:15 PM.
- Lecture and talk with Punk Historian Greg McWhorter from 1:15 PM to 2:15 PM. Where: Ontario Museum of History & Art.
- Collaborative workshop with Grrrl Zines A-Go-Go from 2:30 PM to 4 PM (seats are limited).
- Zine-tee drop-in workshop from 2:30 PM to 4 PM.

The Ontario Museum of History & Art is located at 225 S. Euclid Avenue, Ontario. Gallery hours are Noon to 4 PM, Thursday through Sunday. Admission is free. For information call (909) 395-2510 or visit the website at www.ontarioca.gov/museum. The Ontario Museum of

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