



***ART EXHIBITION + STUDIO SPACE
RENTAL PROGRAM***



WILLIAM ARMSTRONG HOUSE

42 Old Yonge Street
Thornhill, Ontario

RENTAL SITE INFORMATION

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Site Features

Heritage Notes

The house is named after long-time resident William Walton Armstrong (1916-2000), a painter of some note who enjoyed the company of several eminent Canadian artists including founding member of the famed Group of Seven, Arthur Lismer. Located in the Thornhill Heritage Conservation District, this house was built in the 1870's in the Gothic Revival style of the Victorian era and was clad with a roughcast stucco exterior. The City of Vaughan purchased the property in 2001 and subsequently undertook a major renovation of the main building and the detached coachhouse that Armstrong used as his art studio.

Programming Rooms

- This is a shared facility with only the three small rooms on the main level of the house and the detached coachhouse studio available for programming as the upper level of the house is leased to the Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill. NOTE: All rooms on the main level of the house and in the coachhouse studio feature numerous large windows affording little blank wall space.



Main Level (Program Room 1)
Measurements: 19' (L) x 14' (W)



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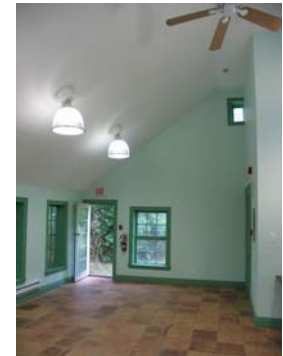
Main Level (Program Room 2)
Measurements: 10' (L) x 9' (W)



Main Level (Program Room 3)
Measurements: 18' (L) x 10' (W)



Coachhouse Studio
Measurements: 24' (L) x 20' (W)



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Art/Artifact Display Fixtures

- Armstrong House does not feature a picture hanging system in any programming area to facilitate installing artwork or displays on walls. NOTE: Artwork **cannot** be affixed directly to walls with nails, screws, adhesive tape or any fixatives that may damage wall surfaces. Museum tack may be used though, to adhere labels and lightweight paper materials directly to walls.
- It is recommended that clients bring their own easels, pedestals and temporary display fixtures to exhibit artwork or feature displays.

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Lighting

- The main level and coachhouse studio do not feature track lighting to spotlight artwork or displays; but rather, include ceiling mounted florescent light fixtures to provide general illumination.
- A considerable number of large windows illuminate all programming areas with ample natural light during the day.

Event Furniture

- Stackable chairs and collapsible tables are available through the City by request (please indicate quantities and placement under facility requirements on the Application Form).

Amenities

- Both the main level of the house and the coachhouse studio are wheelchair accessible.
- Two washrooms are located on the main level of the house; but no sink or washroom facilities are found in the coachhouse studio.
- Parking along the property line is limited; but there is ample space in Thornhill Park located adjacent to Armstrong House. **NOTE:** It is highly recommended that clients bring dollies or other means of portable transportation to facilitate the movement of heavy artwork and supplies from the parking lot to Armstrong House.
- No land line phone is installed on site; so it is recommended clients bring cell phones.
- There is a kitchen area with a sink on the main level; but no kitchen appliances are on site.
- All programming rooms have electrical outlets to accommodate low voltage appliances.
- Maximum indoor occupancy 20 people, adjacent studio 15 people: maximum outdoor occupancy: 60 people.

Surrounding Grounds

- This home is situated amidst spacious groomed lawns with a neighbouring park that can accommodate a range of outdoor programming during fair weather.
- The grounds surrounding the house are especially suited for displaying artwork, conducting studio art classes or hosting music concerts.



Exterior View: Side Entrance to Armstrong House



Exterior View: Coachhouse Studio



Exterior View: Back of Armstrong House

Security

- Clients receive a PIN code to activate and de-activate the security alarm system.
- Clients receive a key to secure the main door (located at the side entrance of the house).

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Suggested Programming

- Art and craft exhibitions or sales
- Cultural heritage displays, lectures or celebrations
- Studio art lessons, clinics, or workshops
- Art appreciation seminars or lectures
- Short-term artist in residence sessions
- Music lessons or clinics for portable instruments or voice

To rent this home to host cultural programs or events, please complete an Application Form and submit it along with all required support material to:

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Cultural Programmer
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan, Ontario
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905.832-8585 ext. 7436
nadia.vidiri@vaughan.ca

Application forms and additional details relating to the Art Exhibition + Studio Space Rental Program are available online at:

www.vaughan.ca under Recreation and Culture/Culture/Art Exhibition + Studio Space Rental Program.

Applicants may make arrangements to view William Armstrong House by contacting:

Facility Bookings
Recreation and Culture Department
City of Vaughan
(905) 832-8500