

CELEBRATION OF CREATIVE AGING SYMPOSIUM

Tuesday, June 3rd, 2008 (Edmonton, Alberta)

<http://creativeagefestival.ca>

Call for Abstracts (Deadline: May 14, 2008)

FREE Registration (Pre-Registration Required)

~ Please share with others who might be interested in participating in the symposium. ~






Held in conjunction with the Edmonton Creative Age Festival, the Celebration of Creative Aging Symposium will showcase presentations and workshops that explore the significance of arts-based involvement over the life course. Our Keynote Speaker, **Susan Perlstein**, Director of Education and Training, National Centre for Creative Aging (Washington, DC) **will give a plenary presentation** on recent developments in this area in the United States to provide a context for considering our experience and vision for developing the field of arts and aging in Canada. She will also facilitate two “best practices” workshops.

In addition, we invite proposals for poster, paper presentations and workshops. This symposium will provide an opportunity for individuals interested in the area of arts and aging to come together to ...*share your experience and expertise in the area of Arts and Aging!!*

Submissions that describe innovative initiatives, programs and best practices are encouraged, along with experiential workshops, theoretical and historical overviews, and descriptions of research findings. Topics related to the theme of arts involvement in later life may include (but are not limited to): *creative expression, lifelong learning, recreation/ leisure, social/ community engagement, health and well-being, care of the elderly, arts and dementia, therapeutic arts, intergenerational initiatives, community arts, cultural contributions, etc.* Art forms may include: *visual and performing arts, music, dance and movement, film, etc. etc.*

Anyone working in or interested in this field – for example, artists, seniors, those working in arts, culture, and heritage areas, gerontologists, educators, health care practitioners, researchers, students – *all are invited to submit an abstract and/ or attend the symposium!*

Your abstract should include the following information:

-  **Authors' Names** – **PRESENTERS** names should be indicated with an * or underlined.
-  **Title**
-  **Format** – indicate *poster or paper presentation*, or *workshop* (please also indicate an alternate format preference in case we are not able to accommodate your first choice).
-  **Abstract Description (250 word max.)**
-  **Audiovisual Requirements** – please indicate, if any.

Note - Posterboards will be used to display **posters throughout the day. Breaks between sessions will provide an opportunity for interaction between conference participants. **Paper presentations** are formal presentations, followed by time for questions. Depending on the number of papers accepted, presenters will likely have 20 minutes to present. **Workshops** promote interactive sharing of ideas, skill building, and/or experiential learning. One-hour sessions are planned.*

NO REGISTRATION FEE IS BEING CHARGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SYMPOSIUM. HOWEVER, PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED! IN THE EVENT THAT WE NEED TO LIMIT REGISTRATION, WE WILL GUARANTEE THE REGISTRATION OF THOSE PRESENTING AT THE SYMPOSIUM.

NOTE: ALL SYMPOSIUM PRESENTERS AND ATTENDING REGISTRANTS WILL BE GIVEN A FREE PASS TO THE CREATIVE AGE FESTIVAL GALA THAT WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY EVENING, FOLLOWING THE SYMPOSIUM.

Abstracts should be submitted by May 14, 2008. Submit your description by one of three means:

- a) ONLINE at creativeagefestival.ca/abstractsubmissionform.html; or
- b) by EMAIL to [pbrett-maclean at med.ualberta.ca](mailto:pbrett-maclean@med.ualberta.ca) (specify: “Symposium Abstract” in the Subject Line); or
- c) by FAX directed to Pamela Brett-MacLean at 780-492-5487

Pre-register by May 26, 2008:

- a) ONLINE at creativeagefestival.ca/registrationform.html; or
- b) by EMAIL to [registration at creativeagefestival.ca](mailto:registration@creativeagefestival.ca) (specify: “Symposium Registration” in the Subject Line); or
- c) CALL the Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council at 780-423-5635.

If you would like to learn more about the **Edmonton Creative Age Festival**, go to <http://creativeagefestival.ca/> or contact the Christy Morin, Festival Producer at [christy at creativeagefestival.ca](mailto:christy@creativeagefestival.ca)