



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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### ***Alberta and the Group of Seven: teachers, students and colleagues*** NEW ART EXHIBIT OPENING FEBRUARY 8, 2016

**Edmonton** – *Alberta and the Group of Seven: teachers, students and colleagues*, an Alberta-centric Group of Seven exhibit, is opening on February 8 in the Borealis Gallery, located in the Legislative Assembly Visitor Centre. This is a unique opportunity to view works from public and private collections from all over Alberta, some of which are rarely shown to the public.

This second feature for the gallery will run from February 8 until May 23, with varying daily hours for the winter and spring.

“The Group of Seven has been an undeniable artistic influence in Canadian art, and while the group was primarily based in the east, Alberta provided much inspiration to the collective,” said Honourable Robert E. Wanner, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. “This exhibition will feature works by the group as well as works by Alberta artists, homegrown talents who either worked with, studied under or painted with Group of Seven members, with an underlying mandate of making art education more accessible to all Albertans.”

Through oil paintings, watercolours and sketches patrons will explore links between art and geography and experience the history of Alberta through the eyes of individuals who painted the Rockies, Foothills, Peace River Country and central Alberta.

#### **About the Group of Seven**

The Group of Seven is Canada’s best-known collective of landscape painters. In the early part of the 1900s, recognizing the beauty and the singularity of the Canadian landscape, this group of painters broke with established art conventions to find new ways of capturing the varied textures of Canada.

#### **Borealis Gallery**

The Borealis Gallery opened in late 2015 with its inaugural exhibit, *Magna Carta: Law, Liberty and Legacy*. The gallery is one of four spaces featured in the Legislative Assembly Visitor Centre, which opened its doors in July 2015. It is located on the main floor of the Edmonton Federal Building, just north of the Alberta Legislature, at 9820 – 107 Street, with public access on the west side of the building.

As with all programming offered by the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, this exhibition will be a free, nonticketed event open to the public. Groups of 10 or more are asked to contact the visitors’ reservations line at 780.427.7362 to make arrangements.

For information on exhibits and hours of operation: [assembly.ab.ca/visitorcentre/borealis/AbGO7.html](http://assembly.ab.ca/visitorcentre/borealis/AbGO7.html)

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