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Mural Routes eNewsletter - Autumn 2017

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## EDUCATION



### MURAL ROUTES IS HOSTING THE 18<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL MURAL SYMPOSIUM: REGISTER NOW

The full details and registration for our 18th National Mural Symposium in Toronto are now [available!](#)

**Highlights include:** keynote speaker [John Pugh](#), a panel discussing women in mural art, an interactive session on Project Management, a discussion of animating laneways with [The Laneway Project](#) and artist [Nick Sweetman](#), and more.

**[View the full schedule and register now!](#)**



### STENCILING FOR MURALS

With a focus on how stenciling can enhance and expedite the creation of a mural, participants will translate their own design into a stencil and learn the most effective techniques for printing it. All skill levels are welcome to participate, no prior

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experience is necessary.

Contact [kyla@muralroutes.ca](mailto:kyla@muralroutes.ca) for more information about this exciting upcoming workshop!

**When:** Thurs, Sept 21, 2017, 5:00-8:00pm

**Where:** Mural Routes Office, 1859 Kingston Rd., Toronto

**Who:** Open to all. Geared towards emerging and mid-career mural artists.

**Registration:** \$25 for [Mural Routes members](#), \$30 for non-members (including all materials)

[Register by September 14th](#)

**More workshops coming soon!**

## PROJECT UPDATES



### UNDERPASS PARK

**#MultiplicityTO** is nearly complete. Seventeen artists have been hard at work throughout August, animating thirteen pillars beneath Eastern Ave, Toronto.

Read about the artists [here](#), and be sure to visit the park if you're in Toronto!

Multipli'city is a partnership of Mural Routes in collaboration with Street Art Toronto, the Corktown Residents and Business Association, Friends of the Pan Am Path, Waterfront Toronto, the City of Toronto Parks department.

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## MURAL RESTORATIONS IN SCARBOROUGH

With the support of the City of Toronto, the local community, and more, Mural Routes has recently restored three (with a fourth in progress) of our original heritage murals in the Cliffside and Birch Cliff neighbourhoods of Scarborough.

[Blinc Studios](#) has restored the [H.M. Schooner, Onondaga C. 1793](#), the [Scarborough Rifle Company](#), and the east and west [Spoooner's Garage](#) murals.

The Scarborough Rifle Company mural, located on the side of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 13, has been repaired just in time for the Invictus Games. The Invictus Games National Flag tour will visit Branch 13 on Tuesday, September 19th.

We are continuing to fundraise to support these projects, as well as future mural restorations. [Find out more and donate here.](#)

**See our Executive Director, Karin Eaton, interviewed about the restoration project on [CityNews!](#)**

## FEATURED ARTIST



### **NICK SWEETMAN**

The last two years, Nick has been populating Toronto's walls with murals dedicated to pollinators to raise awareness about the threats facing ecosystems worldwide due to toxic pesticide use. He hopes to inspire conversation around wild pollinators – the species that pollinate the wild plants every living thing depends on, highly susceptible to even small

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amounts of the chemicals present in some pesticides.

"I always try with my work to be playful and expressive, from the smallest drawing up to the biggest wall. But having the platform to inspire and influence people in their daily life as they walk down the street, I feel like there's an opportunity to make them think about what is going on in the world. I try to paint what inspires me and fills me with awe - plants, animals, natural processes - and hopefully inspire that respect in others. I hope to continue to push this art form, keep on collaborating and exploring whenever possible, and encourage environmental consciousness in Toronto and beyond."

*Depicted mural located at: Howland Avenue and Bloor St W, Toronto, ON, Canada*

### **Become a member of Mural Routes**

Individuals: \$50 (1 year) or \$90 (2 years)

Corporate/Government: \$185

Charitable/non-profit groups: \$75

Students (full-time w/ID): \$25

[Visit our website](#) for details and to join.

### **Mural Routes is located at:**

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