

The Art of Northern Europe, 15th to 17th Centuries with Virgil Hammock

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Tuesdays 2:00-4:00pm in Civic Centre Lounge

6 weeks starting on April 13, 2010 (Note: Early start)

No maximum

Storm Policy: No classes when schools are closed in Sackville

This course deals in the development of the art of Flanders, in particular painting, from the 15th to 17th century. We will look at artists from the period of van Eyck to that of Rembrandt to Rubens. Flanders in the 15th century was what is now the Netherlands and Belgium and was controlled by Burgundy and later by Spain. Flemish painting is important in the development of high realism and is rich in iconography (hidden symbolism). While much of early Flemish art is religious in nature there is a later interest in the secular and the conflict between Catholicism and Protestantism. To my mind Flemish art of these two centuries is some of the most beautiful painting of all time. If there is enough interest following the six week course, we will organize a two week tour of the Netherlands, Belgium and Burgundy to see many of the paintings that you have studied in person. This tour will be in late May or Early June.

PLEASE NOTE: This tour has been postponed until October. For more information contact Virgil Hammock at vhammock@mta.ca

The cost is to be determined depending on the number of people who would like to make this optional trip. I should have details prior to the start of lectures in mid April. However, the lectures are open to all whether or not you wish to go on the tour. Virgil Hammock

Virgil Hammock is Professor emeritus of Fine Arts at Mount Allison University where he taught fine arts from 1975 until 2004. In addition to being an artist and art historian he is well known as an art critic both in Canada and internationally

Some people are very sensitive to perfumes and other scents. Please respect a scent free environment by not using scented products. Thank you.

A note to seniors about class attendance and absenteeism....

As you know, our instructors are all volunteers, who work very hard at putting courses together. Your cooperation is appreciated in letting them know if you are unable to attend any of the classes as most instructors plan weekly classes that are appropriate to the number of registered students in the course.

If circumstances change between registration and the first class, or if you decide to withdraw after the first or second class, please email tsccordinator@nbnet.nb.ca or call 364-2780. Many courses have a wait list and this could allow someone else to take your place.

Sometimes, seniors have travel plans or medical appointments made in advance. It would help instructors to know this at registration, if possible, so that class material may be adjusted accordingly.

Illness, as well as other unanticipated and unavoidable conflicts can occur. If you are able, please let your instructor know as soon as possible if you will miss a class.

Thank you!