

CANVASs

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MHCGALLERY

A Gallery of Canadian Mennonite University

M-F 8:30 - 4:30 | Sat. 12 - 5



Hutterites are often either romanticized or denigrated as quaint and old fashioned. The reality is that their society is very complex. Tim Smith uses photography to document the breadth and complexity of the Hutterite experience as well as to show how colonies navigate the need to respond to the external pressures of the world around them while holding on to key traditions central to their faith.

Smith's photographs provide a contemporary and nuanced view of the Hutterite colonies – delving into complex decisions at the heart of the everyday. They offer a glimpse into the continuously negotiated sites of Hutterite life. Many of the images focus on the youth culture in the colonies, where expressions of rebellion, respect for tradition, and maintenance of strict gender roles all create a sense of dual resistance – at once against the pressures of the outside world and against tradition. Having devoted twelve years to this ongoing documentation, Smith's understanding of the Hutterite communities creates a possibility of showing their complexity in ways that are responsive to how they wish to be seen.

In the world, but not of it

The Hutterites, photographs by Tim Smith

Opening September 16, 7:30 pm
Showing from September 16 - November 12
entry by donation | masks recommended

Our Annual Fundraiser - 2022

In addition to the fall opening of 'In the world, but not of it', our annual fundraiser will be taking place on **October 14th at 7:30 pm**. Themed 'Among the Blessings', it will be a night of conversation, art, and community. Invitations are on their way.

A New Face...

Introducing Graeme Unrau, our new administrative assistant. Graeme is excited to apply his interest in art and design here at the Gallery, starting with this issue of CANVASs! He divides his time between us and the Mennonite Heritage Archives next door, where he gets to dig into a little history as well. When he's not at work, Graeme enjoys reading, architecture, hiking, and learning about gardening.

Get Involved

Want to play a vital role in a community that helps artists of all skill levels, ages, and backgrounds thrive? We're seeking 3 additional volunteers to join our MHC Gallery Advisory Committee as we transition into a period of renewal and growth.

Coming up: A Ray Dirks Retrospective

November 18 - January 14

A celebration of the MHC Gallery founder and long-time supporter of the arts.

Donations

The **MHC**Gallery is a program of Canadian Mennonite University. It is primarily funded through donations. Please consider donating:

- Cheque - payable to Canadian Mennonite University, MHCGallery on the memo line, mailed to 500 Shaftesbury Blvd., Winnipeg, MB, R3P 2N2
- Online @ cmu.ca/donate, designate the gallery via the drop down menu
- Bring a donation when you visit the gallery in person
- Make a monthly commitment using the online donation portal or by contacting us at mhcgallery@cmu.ca or 204 487-3300, ext. 344.

Thank you! To all who make donations, large and small, you help this unique gallery thrive!

Exhibitions

The gallery generally hosts six exhibitions per year. All artists are welcome to apply!

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