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Inside the classrooms at the Fall 2022 Open House

Welcome to the 2022/23 Academic Year

Dear Friends,

We were delighted to welcome the TMI community back in September to start the 2022/23 academic year. A particular highlight was the return to in-person classes alongside those offered on Zoom. Many of you expressed what a pleasure it was to finally be able to participate in a classic TMI discussion with friends and fellow participants face-to-face at our premises whether at our Atwater location, in Pointe-Claire or in Gatineau.

As many of you have already noted, the 2022/23 programming provides a diverse range of courses, many of them allowing us to explore fundamental themes such as who we are, where we come from and the diversity of voices in our midst. We thank the curriculum committee and our course leaders and designers who have devoted so much time and energy to put together this rich programming.

We also thank those of you who attended our Open House on August 27th. The event included two sample TMI course discussions as well as a feature on TMI's art collection. A "café-style" setup in our exterior passageway provided the perfect setting to relax and sample some delicious baked goods provided by TMI's volunteer bakers.

We're grateful to the community and look forward to another year of learning with you!

Warm regards,

TMI staff



At the entrance of the Open House



Open House treats & the café corner

Fall Edition
October 2022

Upcoming Events

Fall Social
3:00-4:30 pm
27 October 2022

Fall Webinar
7:00-8:30 pm
15 November 2022

Feast of Lights Celebration
6:00-8:00 pm
9 December 2022

Winter Open House
11:00 am-3:00 pm
7 January 2023



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A Busy Start to the Year



Leaders' Welcome

Leaders and designers participating in TMI's fall academic programming came together on September 14th for a "Leaders' Welcome". The event provided an opportunity for attendees to share about the courses they were leading and gear-up for the start of the term. Three leaders of those present were about to lead their first course this term. We wish them all the best and thank them for their involvement.

On September 29th, leaders in the Seniors Outreach Program got together to discuss the upcoming 18-week course, "The Canadian Short Story" and watched excerpts from TMI's "Learning from Seniors" online conference held last spring. They also shared their motivations for participating in the program. A common one was the reward that comes from seeing participants enjoy not only the intellectual stimulation but also the social element the program provides. Many thanks to all the leaders who dedicate their time to the program.



Academic programming meeting



Seniors Outreach Program meeting

TMI's Annual General Meeting

The TMI Annual General Meeting held on October 1st was an occasion to highlight the accomplishments of the TMI community. Despite ongoing pandemic restrictions, volunteers and staff continued to come together to foster a thriving community of lifelong learners. To find out more, please consult the annual report now on our website.

The AGM included a special tribute to long-time community member Clare Hallward, as she stepped down from the TMI Board. Clare received her degree from TMI in 1996 and in her 35 years with the organization, she has held many roles including course leader, course designer, board member and board chair. We would like to thank Clare for her invaluable contributions to TMI over the years.



Celebrating at the 2022 AGM

A Busy Start to the Year



TMI's Art Collection - Portraits from the Past

TMI's Open House on August 27th provided the occasion to host an informal discussion around portraits in TMI's art collection including one by Quebec artist Louis Belzile, a 1965 TMI graduate. The collection which contains many works by Quebec and Montreal artists was built through purchase, donations or commissions. From 1963 – 2008, the TMI Associates volunteer committee organized a well-attended annual art exhibition featuring dozens of contemporary artists.

Many of those participating in the talk shared their memories of these exhibitions and the art community it helped foster. Additional opportunities to showcase this part of TMI's history will be planned in the coming year.



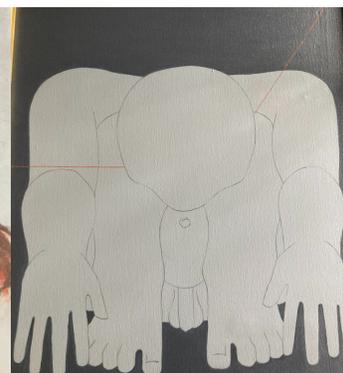
Sarah Jackson,
"The Decision Maker", 1968.



Rita Briansky,
"Suzanne", 1983



Peter Krausz,
"Untitled", 1988.



Louis Belzile,
"Le Mort de Pierre Laporte", 1971.

Upcoming Events

Fall social: 27 October 2022, 3:00-4:30 PM

With the return of in-person courses, TMI is now inviting all fall participants to an afternoon of tea, coffee and desserts. Come and meet participants from other courses and engage in light and friendly conversation. Similar events will be planned for the winter and fall terms.



Fall Webinar: 15 November 2022, 7:00-8:30 PM on Zoom

On the heels of the Montreal Review of Books' 25th anniversary, join the Thomas More Institute in conversation with editor Malcolm Fraser for a discussion on the importance of smaller presses and their focus on diverse voices and innovative modes of expression.



Feast of Lights at TMI: 9 December 2022, 6:00-8:00 PM

We are delighted that our annual Feast of Lights holiday celebration will be held in person this year at our Atwater location. This is a chance to kick off the season with friends while enjoying old classics like the famous smoked turkey. We don't want to see you in your finery - this year we are hosting an ugly sweater contest. The tackier and more outrageous, the better! Stay tuned for more details!



The Holidays are approaching!

Give the gift of learning

If you are one of the early birds that are starting to gear up for the holiday season, why not offer a gift certificate for a Thomas More course? Very much in line with the spirit of the Holidays, TMI courses lead to lasting friendships whether it be in a virtual or in-person classroom, or at an event. Please contact our staff about gift certificates or register directly online for our spring and winter courses.



Annual Appeal

Our 2022/23 Annual Appeal letter will be mailed to our community in November. Your support to this annual campaign is a vital part of TMI's ability to foster a community of lifelong learning. Donations can be made by cheque, credit card or online at thomasmore.qc.ca. Please give generously. Thank you!



Office Updates

Welcome, Cecilia!

At the end of September, we welcomed new staff member Cecilia Mueller-Judson. As Administrative Services Coordinator, Cecilia's main responsibilities include overseeing student registrations and queries as well as developing marketing and communications initiatives. Outside of work, Cecilia writes poetry, volunteers at the Musée des Ondes Emile-Berliner and spends time with her cat, seeing as she is a self-proclaimed cat lady!



Welcome back, Rebekah!

We are also thrilled to welcome back accountant Rebekah Bradley from her maternity leave. We are also sharing this photo of her and Soleil, because we simply couldn't help ourselves!



Seeing the light

Many of you coming into TMI last August picked up on the fact that something felt different... was it fresh paint? New furniture? The answer is lighting! This summer we changed to LED panels which not only provides better lighting but are also energy efficient. We hope you enjoy our brighter premises!

