

J. Armand Bombardier Museum offers new activities during the Grand Prix Ski-Doo® de Valcourt

Valcourt, February 1, 2012 – A proud partner of the Grand Prix Ski-Doo® of Valcourt since 1984, the J. Armand Bombardier Museum is preparing a host of special and free activities for this important date on the winter calendar – an event that is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

From February 16 to 19, admission will be free at the J. Armand Bombardier Museum, as it extends its usual hours to welcome race enthusiasts who want to discover and rediscover the origins of the snowmobile. The Museum's special activities will appeal to snowmobile enthusiasts and families and young children alike.

For snowmobile enthusiasts

The designer of the world's fastest snowmobile, Gilles Gagné, will be at the Museum on Saturday, February 18, to share his knowledge with visitors – with his *G-Force One* machine on hand of course. Outside the Museum, a different world will await enthusiasts as hundreds of antique snowmobile collectors assemble for the traditional Gathering.

A dozen pilots will also be at the Museum on Thursday, February 16, to sign autographs. Champions, Quebec stars, representing all disciplines, will be on hand.

Family Day on Saturday

Inside, the Museum will come alive with a 1960s mechanic alongside an interpretive *B12*, which was just added to the exhibition. Innovative teenagers from École secondaire de l'Odyssée de Valcourt and Séminaire de Sherbrooke will also show their work from a robotics project.

Outdoors, the gardens of the Yvonne L. Bombardier Cultural Centre will welcome families for skating, playing the giant drums, participating in games of skill (in cooperation with the Optimist Club), story-telling, and riding a *B12*.

Visual arts: larger than life

Visitors can also take in the figurative art representing Canadian wildlife and Eastern Townships landscapes at the Centre culturel Yvonne L. Bombardier. The exhibitions *An Instinct for Nature*, by Claudio D'Angelo, and *Reflections through Time*, by Mary S. Martin, will be presented until April 29.

Visit bombardiermuseum.com or call (450) 532-5300 for more information.

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