



Friends of the Museums of Mississauga is on TWITTER!
Follow us @FOMMississauga to learn more about
this very exciting campaign and how to enter the draw
for your own chances to win a ride
in the Sopwith Strutter!

Would YOU like to fly as the rear gunner?

Follow the **Friends of the Museums of Mississauga** on Twitter to enter a
draw for free general membership of The Great War Flying Museum,
which includes a ride in the gunner's seat of the Sopwith Strutter.



Doors Open Mississauga
See WW1 planes fly over Benares
Historic House on September 27th
at 2:00 p.m.



Over the summer, the Friends and Museums staff have been busy with family fun events, fund-raising activities, gardening, and planning for future events. In this *E-News* you will read about all of these, and what is coming up in the next couple of months.

Our distribution list is now over 400 email addresses! People on your email contact list may be interested in our work. Just forward their address to friendsenews@outlook.com, and we'll add them to our distribution.

Thanks to all of you for your on-going commitment to enhance community awareness through promotion, participation and fundraising on behalf of the Museums. And a special thanks to the Communications & Membership Committee for their contributions to *E-News*!

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CALENDAR

**World War 1
Re-enactment
Experience** **Sat, Sep 27
&
Sun, Sep 28**
10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at
Benares Historic House

**Friends Board of
Directors Meeting** **Mon, Oct 20**
5:45 P.M. at The Anchorage

Historic Halloween **Sun, Oct 26**
Noon to 4:00 P.M. at
Benares Historic House

**Friends Board of
Directors Meeting** **Mon, Nov 10**
5:45 P.M. at The Anchorage

**Friends & Sponsors
Holiday Reception** **Wed, Nov 26**
7:00 P.M. at The Anchorage

Photos with Santa – Pets **Sat, Dec 6**
Photos with Santa – Families **Sun, Dec 7**
10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at
The Log Cabin - Bradley Museum

**Friends Board of
Directors Meeting** **Mon, Dec 8**
5:45 p.m. at The Anchorage

Home for the Holidays **Sun, Dec 14**
December 14, 12:00 to 4:00 P.M.
Bradley Museum, Benares Historic
House and Leslie Log House



For the tenth consecutive year the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Museum together with the help and support of Museum staff has presented our Friday summer evening concerts "On the Verandah". Over the years our audiences have grown as the local community brings their chairs and blankets to enjoy pleasant evenings of music at the beautiful Benares Historic House.

This year we enjoyed thirteen very different concerts which included folk singers, rock music, jazz singers, classical instruments and everything in between. Each

year several of our faithful performers return becoming great favourites with our audience, and each year we have introduced new talent to keep our concerts fresh and interesting. This year our performers were: The Oktokats, Mississauga Children's Choir, Ablett & Cooper, Jazz Plazma, Quantum Brass, Subhadra Vijhaykumar, Ontario Heartland Chorus, Rob Tardik, Moira Nelson & Elena, Halton/Mississauga Youth Orchestra, Alex Sinclair, Age of Reason, and The Denise Leslie Jazz Trio. Most of these have short videos on You Tube where you can view their styles.

The audience (averaging 100 guests each week) contributes generously to our collection baskets, knowing that funds raised are divided equally between the performer of the evening and "Friends". Our 50% share is used to hire buses to bring Peel students to Benares Historic House and to Bradley Museum to experience our heritage through specially developed and curriculum-based programmes.

This year we raised over \$6,600.00 in total. With our portion we will thus welcome several hundred children who would not otherwise have this opportunity to visit our Museums of Mississauga.

Friends intend to offer another On the Verandah concert series each Friday from June 5 to August 21, 2015. We hope to have even bigger audiences next year.

Joyce Delves, Chair, On the Verandah

Jazz Plazma performed on June 27, and have posted a video on their website!

Here's the direct link where you can see and hear them On the Verandah anytime:

<http://jazzplazma.tumblr.com/post/86523644255/on-the-verandah-at-the-benares-house-june-27>

Thanks to our On the Verandah 2014 Season Sponsors!



Friends of the Museums of Mississauga Board of Directors 2014 - 2015		The mission of the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga is to engage volunteers and enhance community awareness through promotion, participation and fundraising; and to ensure the integrity of the Museums.
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Fred Durdan (Past Chair)	Barb Smith	
Anne Fabierkiewicz	John Van Camp	

Jackie Fraser, a volunteer at the Museums for many years and Friends Member, passed away on July 8. These photos show Jackie with other volunteers and staff at various events. We all miss Jackie; her fun-loving and generous nature was an inspiration to everyone.





Streetsville Horticultural Society volunteers maintain the lovely gardens at Leslie Log House. Here are three of them hard at work on a sunny day in August.

Stewardship Community Garden at Bradley Museum



Rhubarb

Thanks to the efforts of several youth and mature volunteers, along with Museums staff, donations of produce to The Compass began in June, and will continue right up to frost.

Some of the early sprouting crops were nibbled by the resident rabbits, ground hogs and deer; we persevered by re-planting, and installing hardware mesh rodent-resistant fencing.



Tomatoes



Onions



Squash

The photos show progress to mid-season.

To date bundles of rhubarb and turnip greens, plus herbs from the adjacent perennial garden have been delivered to The Compass. Carrots, turnips, onions and corn, along with late-planted lettuce are maturing quickly, and will be harvested and delivered each week.

An asparagus patch was started in July, and is coming along nicely. It will take a couple of years to be fully established.



Beans

Additional volunteers are welcome, especially on Wednesday mornings. Come out to lend a hand, and enjoy the beautiful late summer weather at our country garden in the City, at Bradley Museum site.

Latest News from Stewardship Community Garden at Bradley Museum

To our great dismay, between Saturday August 30 and Friday September 5, the entire squash and tomato patches were eaten up by deer! The plants had been very healthy, spreading so vigorously that the volunteers were challenged to keep them from taking over the whole garden space. The deer ate all the leaves, leaving only the stems, broke most of the growing squash into bits, and took chunks out of the rest! For next summer, we will have to find an effective and appropriate deer barrier for the garden.



Where to see the Exhibit

PAMA: Peel Museum Art Gallery and Archives

August 29th – November 2nd

<http://www.pama.peelregion.ca>

Meadowvale Theatre

November 4th-December 15th

www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/meadowvaletheatre

Did you know?

You can make a donation in memory of a family member, friend or colleague, and The Friends of the Museums of Mississauga will send a card on your behalf acknowledging your thoughtful donation.

You can personalize the card by adding your own message if you wish. You will receive an official charitable donation receipt acknowledging your donation.

To print a memorial donation form visit the Donations section at <http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/discover/friendsofthemuseum>.

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**THE BRITISH
INDIAN ARMY**
**IN THE GREAT WAR
1914-1918**



The special fund-raising offer from Tilda Basmati Rice in connection with the exhibit, resulted in 102 packages of rice sold, for a donation of \$51.00 to Friends of the Museums of Mississauga. Our thanks to Jeremy Harvey, Chair MOMAC, for coordinating the special offer.



Stella Jurgen

Friends of the Museums of Mississauga is proud to include this recent sketch of Benares Historic House by local artist Stella Jurgen in our E-News.

Report from MOMAC – Museums of Mississauga Advisory Council

As part of my occasional contributions to The Friends of the Museums E-News, I would like this month to do two things.

Firstly on behalf of everyone involved in the Museums of Mississauga, I would like to thank Pat Mullin for everything she has done. Pat has supported the Museums for over twenty years and has been instrumental in creating the Museums of Mississauga, as we know them today. During this period, we have evolved from having a single museum site (Bradley), added two further locations (Benares Historic House and Leslie Log House) and now have City support for further artifact storage and eventually a city-wide museum, all of which will enable us to be more proactive in the preservation of our physical and cultural heritage. While

many can in part be credited with these achievements, Pat's support throughout has been constant. She has helped her fellow councillors understand the importance of preserving Mississauga's heritage and she has been an active member of the various Museum bodies that have had governance and leadership responsibilities (The Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee being the latest evolution). As a result, of this effort, the question in City Council has become "How do we preserve and exhibit our heritage?" as opposed to "Should we preserve our heritage?" I am not sure where the Museums of Mississauga would have been without Pat Mullin over the last twenty years, but I am certain we would not be in such a positive position without her support.



This is only one side of Pat's support for the Museums. She has not just been an enabler; she has been hands-on in her support and leads by example. Whether it is volunteering to flip pancakes at Maple Magic, or to co-hosting an event; whether it is giving practical advice on how best to gain Council's support or unraveling some of the more abstruse City processes, Pat has consistently made a difference and helped our progress on many fronts.

On a personal note, I would say that Pat has been generous in her time and support for me in my position as Chair of MOMAC, always giving me thoughtful and actionable advice. I take this opportunity to publically thank her for that. I am sure that I am not alone in hoping that now that Pat is leaving City Council, that she will retain her links with the Museums that owe her so much.

The second subject I would just touch on now, is (I think) the first joint meeting involving MOMAC and Directors of Friends on 15th September 2014. This meeting was also attended by members of the Culture Division, and gave us all the opportunity to give input to the early stages of a City Project Charter that has as one of its objectives, outlining "the steps required to achieve the long term vision of supporting a stand-alone museum". One of the early steps, in spring next year, will be a city-wide process that will talk to the community and stakeholders in order to gain a better understanding of how the Museums can better reflect and capture the cultural and social heritage of Mississauga – past, present and future.

Over the next few months we will all have the opportunity to get more deeply involved. I urge you to do so and to play a part in the creation of something very special in Mississauga.

Jeremy Harvey, Chair, MOMAC

Museums of Mississauga Fall Programs

AFTERNOON TEA: 2:30 to 4:30 PM

- **Downton Abbey Tea and Tour, Benares**
September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7
- **Afternoon Tea and Tour, Bradley**
September 21, October 19, November 23, December 21
\$15 +Tax pp, 905-615-4860 x2110 to register

EXHIBITS

- **If You Can't Take the Heat... The History of the Kitchen**
Bradley Museum July 26 to January 4
- **The City of Mississauga, 1974 to 2014: 40 Years, 40 Sagas**
PAMA: Peel Museum Art Gallery and Archives August 29 to November 2
Meadowvale Theatre November 4 to December 15
<http://40years40sagas.com> for details

Get more details on all these events and activities at: 905-615-4860
www.museumsofmississauga.com



Friends of the Museums of Mississauga has been nominated for an award in the Community Heritage category! The Credits will be presented at a Gala on Thursday, November 13, 2014.



For details about Heritage Mississauga's Awards Program, see <http://www.heritagemississauga.com>, and select the Credits.

To join the Friends table at the 2014 Gala, contact Jenny Dale at friendsofthemuseums@hotmail.com.



invite you to become a member...

What do Friends do?

We fulfill our **MISSION** "to engage volunteers to enhance community awareness through promotion, participation, and fund-raising; and to ensure the integrity of the Museums" in these activities:

- Host annual Starlight & Candlelight Gala
- Sponsor educational programs on-site and in-school
- Fund artifact acquisition, cataloguing, conservation and preservation
- Sponsor artifact exhibits throughout Mississauga
- Host "On the Verandah" at Benares Historic House
- Fund busing for students to all Museums sites
- Support Holiday Season Gift Shops
- Host annual Sponsors Reception and Christmas Party
- Host Photos with Santa for Pets and Families

Benefits of Friends Membership:

- Friends *E-News* keeps you up-to-date with Museums and Friends
- Programs and activities exclusive to Members
- Enjoy learning at the Museums in unique volunteer opportunities
- 20% discount at Museums gift shops: Holiday Season and Maple Magic
- One vote per member at AGM

To become a Member of Friends of the Museums of Mississauga, just complete the form and make your donation!

Friends of the Museums of Mississauga Membership

Individual (\$10) Family (\$30) Donation \$ _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

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