

Hello to all Friends!

Since our last issue of *E-News*, Friends have:

- completed the 10th season of On the Verandah, with the largest attendance numbers and donations collected ever,
- participated in several brain-storming and focus group sessions in collaboration with Museums staff to provide input to the strategic plan, and
- joined Mississauga Gives! as a Founding Charity Partner,

plus the usual weekly meetings, dozens of emails, 'phone calls and so on necessary to plan and present the seasonal events of the Museums and Friends.

This *E-News* includes a full report from On the Verandah, details about current exhibits at the 3 Museums sites, a tribute to Ron Lenyk, a new column "Questions to the Chair", and lots more.

The *E-News* distribution list is now at 650 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 the 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. We look forward to seeing you on-site soon. In the meantime, enjoy your Friends *E-News*, and let us know what you think!

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Thu, Nov 05 – 1 to 4 PM

Benares Historic House

The Credits – Heritage Mississauga Awards Gala

Thu, Nov 05 – 6 PM

Lakeshore Convention Centre

Friends Board of Directors Meeting

Mon, Nov 16 - 5:45 PM

The Log Cabin, Bradley Museum

Holiday House Tour

Sat, Nov 21 – 10 AM to 4 PM

Benares Historic House (plus other locations)

The Family Camera Project

Sat, Nov 28 – 1 to 4 PM

Benares Historic House

Mississauga Gives!

Tue, Dec 01

Crooked Christmas Photos

Thu, Dec 03 – noon to 4 PM

The Log Cabin, Bradley Museum

Photos with Santa

Paws 'n Mr. Claus – Sat, Dec 05 – noon to 4 PM

Family Portraits – Sun, Dec 06 – noon to 4 PM

The Log Cabin, Bradley Museum

Woodland Wonderland

Sun, Dec 13 – noon to 4 PM

Benares Historic House and Bradley Museum

Friends Board of Directors Meeting

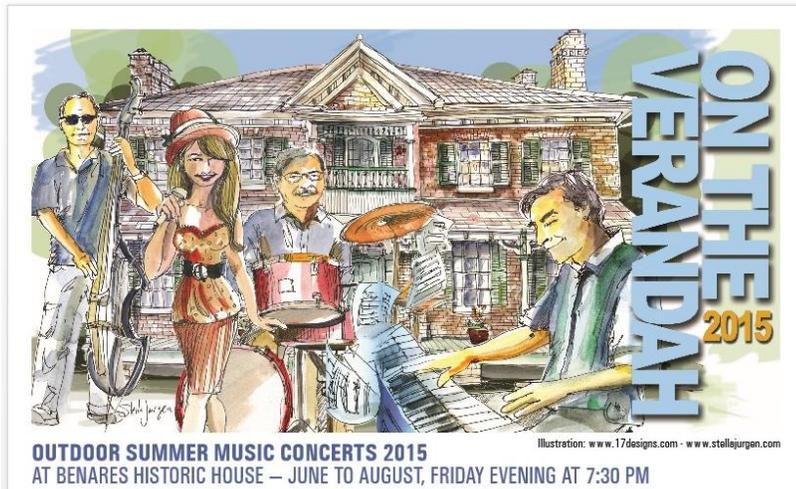
Mon, Dec 14 - 5:45 PM

The Log Cabin, Bradley Museum

Jane Austen's Tea

Wed, Dec 16 – 7:30 to 9 PM

Benares Historic House



This summer, we celebrated our 11th season of the ON THE VERANDAH musical events at Benares Historic House. These concerts are organized by the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga as a fund raising venture. The Friends portion is designated to assist with transportation expenses for grade school students to participate in experiential history at Benares Historic House, Bradley Museum and Leslie Log House. Thanks to our enthusiastic audiences, excellent musicians and the generous support of two sponsors,

Evergreen Retirement Community and Bleu Venue Events Glam Garden Tours, we will be able to donate \$5,000.00 to this endeavour during the 2015/6 school year. Last year we funded 28 busses from our share of the contributions allowing over 1,000 students to enjoy this experience. This year we will fund more busses and bring even more children to the Museums.

Many willing hands volunteer their time to make these events successful, and special thanks must go to our wonderful musicians, several of whom return year after year to share their love of music and to entertain our audience and support the Museums. To reimburse them for their time and talent we have a “pay-what-you-wish” collection which we share 50/50 with our performers. Inevitably this means that our collection fluctuates week to week being very weather dependent. The best warm summer evenings offer a delightful experience as guests relax in their lawn chairs in a beautiful garden enjoying the music as the sun gradually sinks behind the trees and the stars appear.

Already, requests have arrived from performers asking to be included in next year’s schedule. Several groups have been with us from the beginning and become increasingly popular with our audience with each performance. However, we do try to invite new groups and solo performers each year.

Grateful recognition must be given to the Friends of the Museums Board of Directors for their support in volunteering their time to host these events, and to the always supportive Museum staff whose assistance with parking, technical, safety and organizational matters is much appreciated.

We hope that all Friends of the Museums will help to swell our numbers next season. Bring your friends and your children to enjoy some great music. Performances begin at 7:30pm every Friday evening from June 3 to August 26, 2016.

*Joyce Delves
Chair, On the Verandah 2015*



Kelly Kubik, Community Program Supervisor, Museums of Mississauga
 Wendy Davies, Friend of the Museums and neighbour of Bradley Museum
 Sue Klein-Shanly, Friend of the Museums and Chair - Meadowood Rattray Ratepayers Association, and
 Joyce Delves, Vice-Chair, Board of Directors - Friends of the Museums;
 receive the sponsorship cheque from Bleu Venue Events in recognition of the Backyard Glam Tour stops
 at Benares Historic House and Wendy's home, on behalf of Friends.
 Our most sincere thanks to Bleu Venue Events, Wendy, and especially to Heather McDonald who introduced us!

On the Verandah Media Coverage at <https://southmississauga.snapd.com/event/840550#/>

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On the Verandah-Concerts in the Park

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The community stepped back in time and enjoyed an open air concert with Benares Historic House providing the backdrop. Admission was pay-what-you-can and proceeds are going to help pay for buses to bring school kids out to the Mississauga museums. Ablett & Cooper, a talented acoustic guitar duo, were the entertainment for the evening of July 3. They have been playing this beautiful venue for over a decade. Singing and strumming audience favourites, they had everyone tapping their toes and swaying to the music! On The Verandah 2015 has outdoor summer music concerts on Friday evenings through to the end of August, weather dependent. Visit www.museumsofmississauga.com for a listing of the upcoming performers.



Christine & Joyce

Photos by Andrea Birbalsingh

Return to edition

Welcome to the new snapd!
 If you experience any technical issues, please [let us know](#).

Event Search:





See yourself here? Send an email to friendsenews@outlook.com.

If you like, we'll enlarge your photo and add your name in a future edition of *E-News*, along with your comments about On the Verandah.

On the Verandah is organized by:



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and these generous sponsors:



Bleu Venue Events



E-News knows these Friends, but can you tell us exactly where and when this photograph was taken?
(Hint – there is one clue in the photo and another elsewhere in this E-News.)
First correct reply to friendsenews@outlook.com wins free Friends of the Museums of Mississauga membership for 2016!

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Gives

**On Tuesday,
December 1st,
2015
MississaugaGives
is bringing
GivingTuesday to
the City of
Mississauga. Do
Good. Feel Good.**

Friends is proud to join
MississaugaGives
as a Founding Charity Partner.

Check the MississaugaGives
website frequently to see the
many ways residents are getting
involved with this civic movement
whose goal is to engage everyone
in the City of Mississauga with a
charitable cause or organization
on GivingTuesday each year.

Friends will be looking for
volunteers to help with activities
for GivingTuesday.
Contact us by email at
friendsenews@outlook.com
to get involved.

<http://www.mississaugagives.ca>

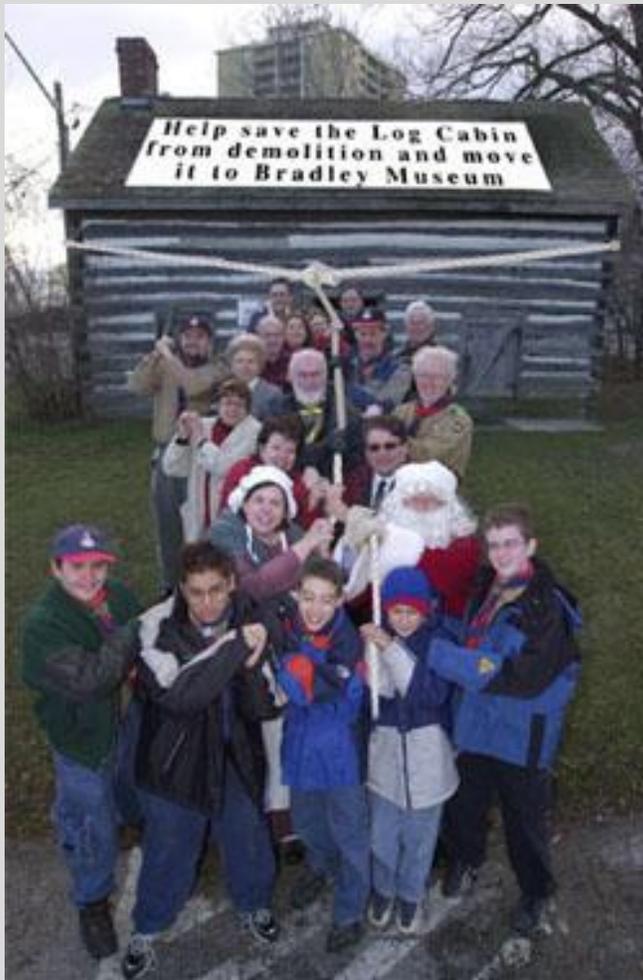
Remembering Ron Lenyk

With great sadness the members and directors of Friends of the Museums of Mississauga learned of the recent death of Ron Lenyk. The long-time Publisher of the Mississauga News, Ron enthusiastically supported numerous community groups, including the Friends of the Museums.

Ron was Chair of the Fundraising Committee to save the Port Credit Log Cabin and move it to Bradley Museum. From sponsorship of Photos with Santa in the Log Cabin, to encouraging Frank Giannone of FRAM Building Group to donate Project Management Services for the Log Cabin project, Ron's help was invaluable.

We got to really know and love Ron through the Log Cabin project. Wearing the black and red lumberjack coat we gave him, Ron joined the Friends and Museum staff in the Mississauga Santa Claus Parade for many years. Ron had a beautiful singing voice and lead us in singing Oh Canada at many Museum events. He was even Santa Claus one year, reading "Twas the Night Before Christmas" in Bradley House.

We extend our sincere condolences to Ron's family. He made his mark on our community in lasting and important ways.



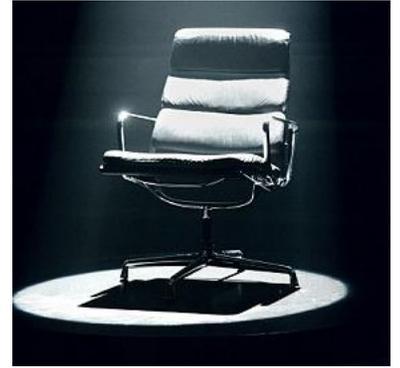
For details about the Log Cabin move, reconstruction and opening event see:
http://www.mississauga.ca/file/COM/Winter_2008_Newsletter.pdf

Questions to the Chair

Do you have questions about Friends, MOMAC, or the Museums, and don't know who to ask? Send your questions to jrmharvey@gmail.com. Your questions are answered by the Chair of the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee.

Question # 1 – August 2015

Is there a single Museum dedicated to the First Nations people, who Mississauga is named after? Or are they all Euro-centric Museums?



Reply

Thanks for a great question!

While Mississauga's Museums physically reflect the European settlement of the area and some of the key families that were involved, the exhibits and activities that we undertake have a far wider scope. We believe strongly that our museums need to reflect all our communities so that we all have a better understanding of the culture and values of each of us.

We are already creating exhibits which take us beyond established Colonial European / Canadian heritage. For example in 2014 we mounted an exhibit "The British Indian Army in the Great War, 1914 to 1918" in conjunction with the Sikh Heritage Museum, and in 2015 will renew the partnership with an exhibit called "Wrapped, Tied and Tucked" South Asian Textiles and Expressions of the Everyday, with the Royal Ontario Museum, the Sikh Heritage Museum, Ryerson Fashion Collection, and the Textile Museums of Canada – to present a community conversation on the history and participation of South Asian textiles.

In addition, this past summer the Museums worked closely with the Filipino Community at Fiesta ng Kalan on Celebration Square resulting in a final exhibit at Port Credit Library. The ROM is being hosted by the Museums for events to gather the stories, photos and experiences of Mississauga with the Family Camera Project in October and November – with an emphasis on Vietnam, South Asia and the Black Diaspora of Mississauga.

Specifically with regard to the First Nations, we are planning a "Mapping and Remembrance" tribute in The Anchorage building as a permanent display to showcase objects from the past 3,000 years in our collection, as well as a contemporary artifact outreach with the Mississauga of the New Credit. In 2016, we are aiming to partner with the Mississauga band leaders for a traditional Pow-Wow-Gathering on the grounds at Bradley Museum, and as always will include the story and collaboration during Maple Magic, so that the history is presented from the First Peoples' experience and vision.

I hope this provides a little better context to our existing and future plans. Actually, Focus Groups are being created now for the Museums Strategic Plan – do let me know if you would you like to participate.

Jeremy Harvey

Chair - Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee

**Friends of the Museums of Mississauga
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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.

Volunteers from Streetsville Horticultural Society generously maintain the gardens at Leslie Log House for the pleasure of every visitor! Their energy and enthusiasm is only superseded by the beauty of the plantings.

Left to right:

Carol Ashford, Carrol Newcombe, Wendy Arrigi, Monica Ross, Grace Nelham, Eleanor Minnes, Debbie Webster, Martha Witney, Dean Scully, Janet Shaw and Christina Anonychuk



Wrapped, Tied and Tucked

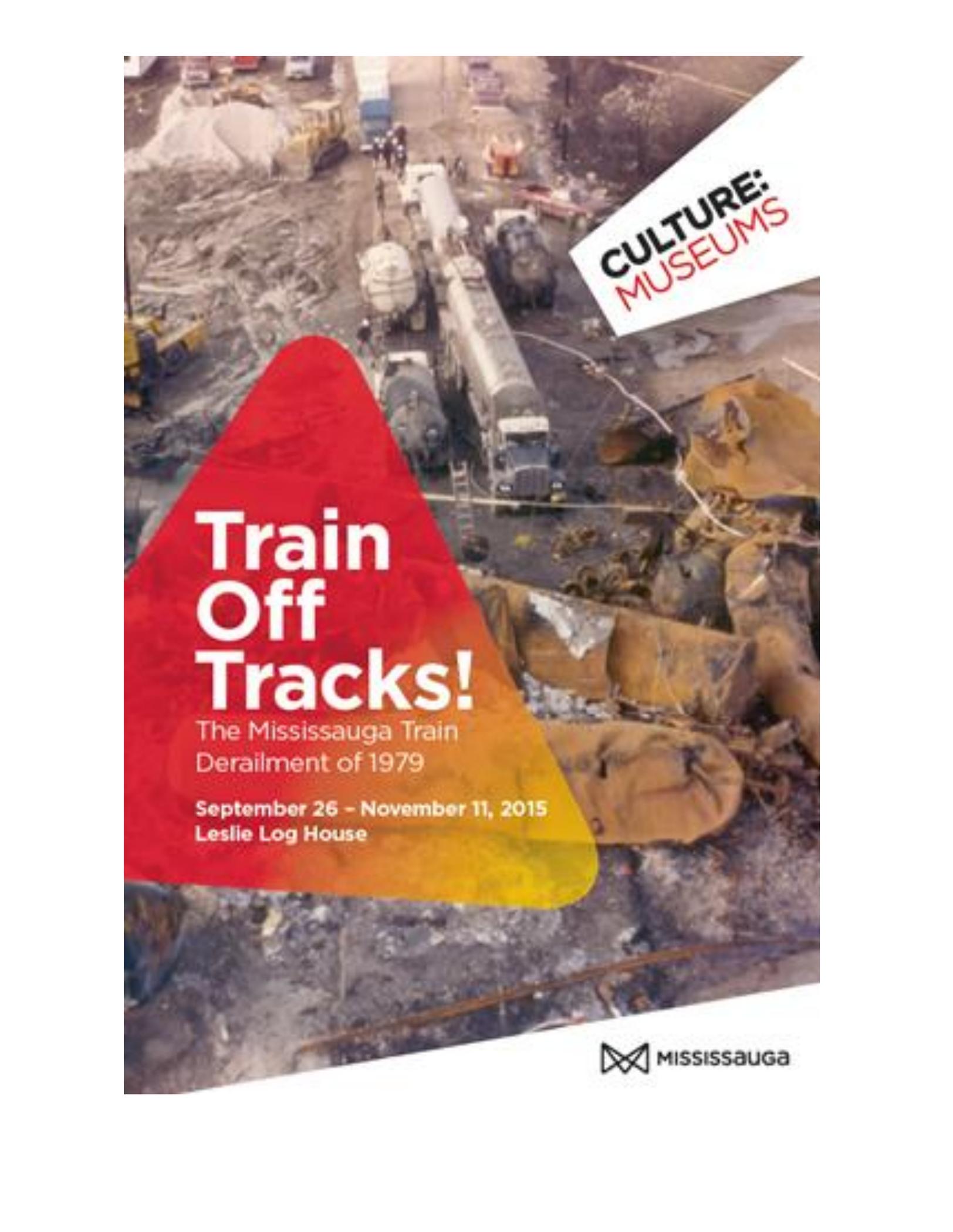
Textiles from South Asia and
Expressions of the Everyday

October 3 - January 17, 2016

Benares Historic House
1507 Clarkson Road North, Mississauga
Bradley Museum
1620 Orr Road, Mississauga

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**CULTURE:
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Train Off Tracks!

The Mississauga Train
Derailment of 1979

September 26 - November 11, 2015
Leslie Log House

 **MISSISSAUGA**

Train Off Tracks!

The Mississauga Train
Derailment of 1979

September 26 – November 11, 2015

This exhibition features the Mississauga Train Derailment of 1979 as narrated through text, photo, artifacts and visual art. Featuring artistic interpretation of the historic event with paintings by artists Pat Bond and Sonja Hidas. A unique collaboration between Museums of Mississauga, the Streetsville Historical Society and Heritage Mississauga commemorating a significant event in the history of our city.

Exhibition Hours: Wednesday 12 – 4pm, Sunday 12 – 4pm

For more information call 905-615-4860 or visit museumsofmississauga.com

Leslie Log House: 4415 Mississauga Road, Mississauga

 facebook.com/museumsofmississauga

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These Museums Events Sponsors financial contributions help to enhance every guest's educational experience at the Museums of Mississauga throughout 2015.



Benares Historic House will be featured in Mississauga's Holiday House Tour November 21.

Purchase tickets at: www.bleuvenue.com/purchasetickets.php

Museums Fall Winter Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9 AM to 4 PM
Thursday 9 AM to 8 PM
Saturday, Sunday 12 PM to 4 PM

Benares Historic House 1507 Clarkson Road North
Bradley Museum 1620 Orr Road
Leslie Log House 4415 Mississauga Road



Crooked Christmas Photos

December 3, 2015, noon - 4 pm
The Log Cabin at the Bradley Museum

Tired of conventional family Christmas photos? Join the Museums as we poke a little fun at tradition. Pose with characters like the Grinch; meet the mermaid rumoured to live in the Rattray Marsh. Make this year's Christmas card the one that everyone talks about. Photo packages available. You are welcome to bring your own camera.

Paws n' Mr. Claus

Pet Pictures



December 5, 2015, noon - 4 pm
The Log Cabin at the Bradley Museum

'Tis the Season to celebrate family - especially your beloved cats and dogs. Photo packages available. You are welcome to bring your own camera. Donations will also be accepted for Mississauga Animal Services.

Christmas Portraits

December 6, 2015, noon - 4 pm
The Log Cabin at the Bradley Museum

Take your holiday family picture with Mr. and Mrs. Claus in a truly traditional setting. Photo packages available. You are welcome to bring your own camera.



Woodland Wonderland

December 13, 2015, noon - 4 pm
Bradley Museum & Benares Historic House

The Bradley Museum invites you to share winter traditions while sipping apple cider by the fire and tasting rustic Canadian pioneer food. Children can make their own woodland creatures and ice castles.

At Benares Historic House, discover the symbolism and function of sacred objects from around the world. Sample Christmas dinner delicacies from the Edwardian period. Learn how to knit a toque. Canned goods and warm clothing donations will be accepted.

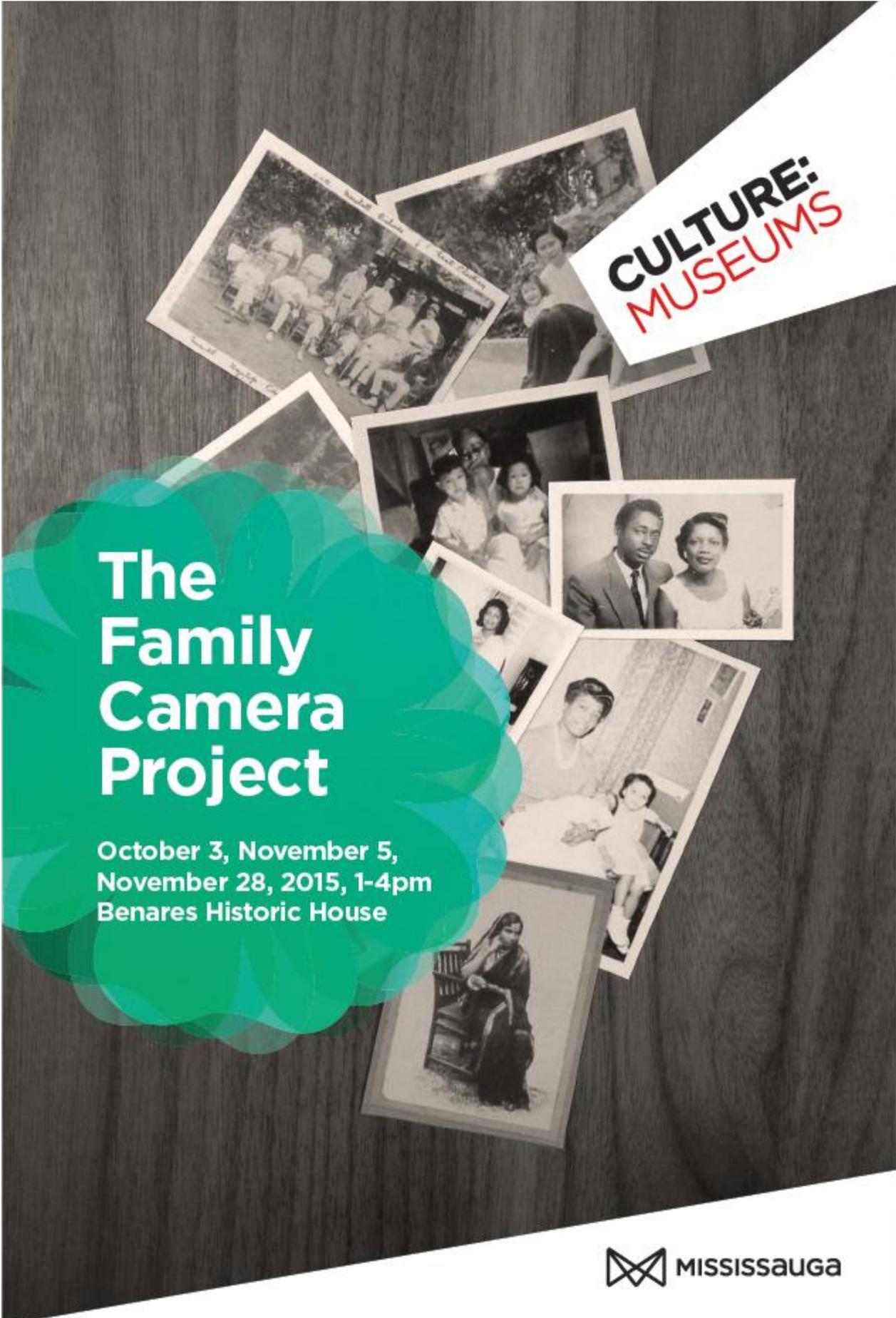


Oh Darjeeling!

Why don't you come
for Jane Austen's Tea?

December 16, 2015, 7:30 pm - 9 pm
Benares Historic House

Celebrate Jane Austen's Birthday in true Regency style. Take part in acting, singing and impromptu hijinks as you indulge in a delicious cup of tea. Be immersed in the era with period music, drama and antics of cheeky Regency mannerisms - essential training in the pursuit of netting your own Darcy. Dress to charm.



CULTURE:
MUSEUMS

The Family Camera Project

October 3, November 5,
November 28, 2015, 1-4pm
Benares Historic House

The Family Camera Project

Saturday, October 3, 2015, 1-4pm

Thursday, November 5, 2015, 1-4pm

Saturday, November 28, 2015, 1-4pm

Share your family photos and family histories with Royal Ontario Museum's Senior Curator Deepali Dewan and other photography experts as The Family Camera Project comes to Mississauga.

The Family Camera is a community archive project to collect and preserve family photographs and their stories in the ROM's collection. This archive will preserve your family history in a Canadian institution for future generations and serve as source materials to write new kinds of histories of Canada. In this first phase of the project, we are specifically looking for family photos that have some link to Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Vietnam, as well as the Black Diasporic community in Canada.

Bring one photo or bring a whole album. Simply share them with photo experts or consider contributing them to the project. Both old and recent photos are welcome. Copies and digital files will be provided to each family in return.

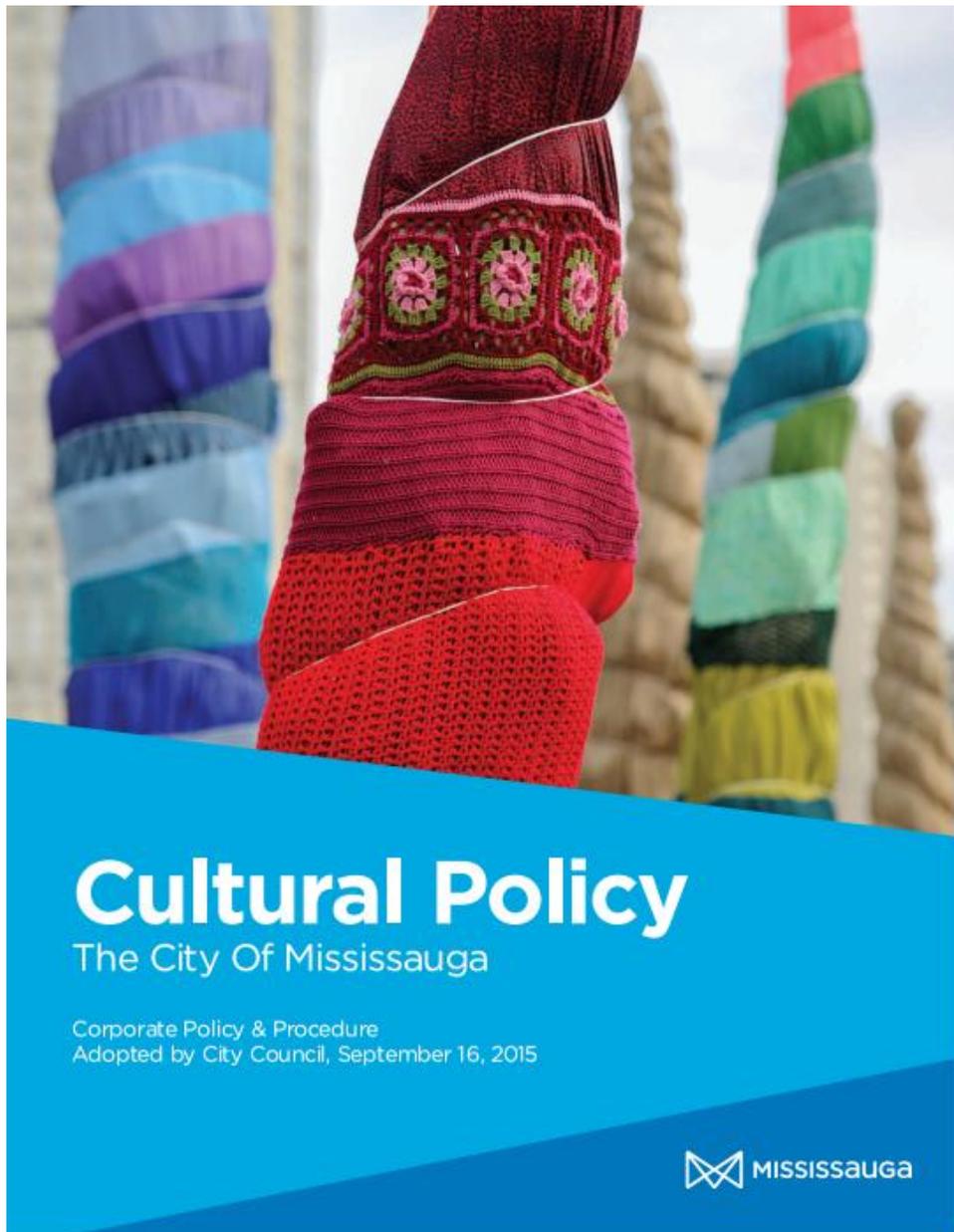
When: Benares Historic House, Summer Kitchen
Saturday, October 3, 2015, 1-4pm
Thursday, November 5, 2015, 1-4pm
Saturday, November 28, 2015, 1-4pm

For more information call 905-615-4860 or visit museumsmississauga.com

Benares Historic House: 1507 Clarkson Road North, Mississauga

 [facebook.com/museumsmississauga](https://www.facebook.com/museumsmississauga)

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New Cultural Policy Protects and Encourages Culture in Mississauga

"The new cultural Policy will guide us as we continue to encourage, support and protect the arts, cultural and heritage activities that we value in Mississauga," said Paul Damaso, Acting Director, Culture Division, City of Mississauga. Our vision is to ensure the continued cultural diversity of our communities, while at the same time, develop a shared cultural identity and support our growing creative cultural industries."

Read more at:

http://www7.mississauga.ca/documents/culture/main/culture_policy_web.pdf

Friends museums OF MISSISSAUGA

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 Fund-Raising 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
- Host annual Sponsors Reception
- 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 Maple Magic Gift Shop
- 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 \$ _____

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This information is collected under Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act so that we may keep you informed and aware of activities of Friends of the Museums of Mississauga organization, and to determine and facilitate your donations or payment of fees. We do not rent, sell or trade this information with outside organizations.

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