

To all our Readers;

Best Wishes for
the Holiday Season
and 2016
from the
Board of Directors,
and all Friends.

The Historic House
Museums are open
all seasons. Stop by
to view the exhibits,
enjoy a tour,
and learn how
Canadian families
of long-ago
enjoyed and endured
the winter.

CALENDAR

The Family Camera Project

Sat, Nov 28 – 1 to 4 PM

Benares Historic House

MississaugaGives!

A city-wide day of volunteering and giving.

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

Christmas at Leslie Log House

Sun, Dec 13 – noon to 4 PM

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

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The Credits Awards Gala is an annual event, which honours members of the Mississauga community for their contributions and achievements with a celebration of our community heritage. Friends were delighted to participate at the Lakeshore Convention Center on November 5.



Fred Durdan
Past Chair, Board of Directors
received the Community Heritage Award –
Individual.



Wendy Davies
Former Director, and Chair, Gala Committee
was one of five nominations for the
Volunteer Heritage Award.

For a full listing of 2015 award nominations, prior year award recipients, and photographs visit:
<http://www.heritagemississauga.com/page/The-Credits>.

The **Betty Ross Memorial Volunteer Award** is named in honour of Betty Ross who was a long-serving, dedicated, and well-loved volunteer with both Heritage Mississauga, and the Museums of Mississauga. It is presented by each organization in alternate years, to honour a volunteer's significant contribution to supporting Staff in their work. The Friends of the Museums selected Barb Smith as the 2015 recipient of the award.

Barb Smith has been an active member of the South Mississauga community for over 25 years, both personally and professionally. She is well known as the Corporate Social Responsibility Coordinator at CRH Group Canada Inc., previously Holcim (Canada) Inc., where she has facilitated the volunteer efforts of many CRH employees in heritage related activities. Also in her corporate role, she has arranged major annual financial sponsorships for community events at the Museums in particular.

Barb is a very active member of our Board of Directors, participating enthusiastically in all our volunteer fund-raising activities through the seasons, works with the Communications and Membership Committee, and has chaired our Gala Committee for 6 consecutive years. Under her leadership, the gala proceeds have increased from \$8,000 in 2010 to over \$22,000 in 2015. Barb's time and effort on behalf of heritage in Mississauga is reflective of her personal values and commitment to our community. It's not just her job. The hours and hours of evenings and weekends that she generously gives to ensure the continuance of the Museums of Mississauga is reflective of her personal commitment to heritage, for the benefit of all.

When the Friends Board of Directors discussed the 2015 Betty Ross Memorial Volunteer Award, very quickly we came to agreement that Barb Smith should be the recipient. Much like our late Friend, Betty Ross, Barb works quietly and effectively to engage volunteers and enhance community awareness through promotion, participation and fundraising, to ensure the integrity of the Museums - she embodies the mission of the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga.



Linda Thomas (L) and Jenny Dale (R) presented The Credit Award to Barb Smith on behalf of sponsor Goddu Systems Corp.

For more photographs visit <http://fommississauga.com>

THE NEWS

MISSISSAUGA

Museums in THE MISSISSAUGA NEWS!

The Mississauga News on-line recently featured a comprehensive article on the Museums, with particular emphasis on the re-animation presently underway. Also included are highlights of initiatives to be realized in 2016, and longer-term plans as well.

Read **Behind the red door lies the way back to the future** at:

<http://www.mississauga.com/blogs/post/6082780-behind-the-red-door-lies-the-way-back-to-the-future/>

SKYNNER CUP PRESENTATION

On November 9, Friends joined Museums Staff, the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee, and several dignitaries at Holcim Waterfront Estate, for the official unveiling of the Skynner Cup. Mayor Bonnie Crombie, Consul General of Malta, Charles Sultana, Councillor Karen Ras (Ward 2) and Councillor John Kovac (Ward 4) along with Trish and David Jarvis (descendant of Captain John Skynner) enjoyed a wine reception and Maltese delicacies.

For more details about the event see: <http://www.mississauga.com/whatson-story/6109489-slice-of-naval-history-inducted-into-museums-of-mississauga-permanent-collection/>

The Skynner Cup is a commemorative silver cup gifted to British Royal Navy Commander John Skynner by the Maltese in the 1800's. The Cup was given to Skynner for his efforts in protecting Malta during the Napoleonic wars from 1796 to 1815. The Skynner family lived in the Anchorage House which is now on the Bradley Museum site, from 1830-1890.

To learn more about the Skynner Cup see:

<http://www5.mississauga.ca/rec&parcs/websites/museums/pdfs/Skynner%20Cup.pdf>

To learn more about the Skynner Family see:

<http://www.heritagemississauga.com/page/John-Skynner>





Earlier in 2015, Friends of the Museums of Mississauga funded the purchase and installation of a custom-designed high-security display case for The Skynner Cup; which is now on permanent display at The Anchorage, Bradley Museum.

For lots more photographs from the November 9 presentation and reception, see:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.803483899762510.1073741909.100003027229266&type=1&l=0133f6967d>

Our thanks to Irfan Malik (Friend and Member of MOMAC) for generously sharing these photographs of the event.

**Friends of the Museums
and Sponsors**

Appreciation Night

**Benares Historic House
November 19, 2015
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**Holiday Decor by Bleu Venue
Light Refreshments**



Friends Directors and Museums Staff co-hosted a volunteer and sponsors appreciation reception at Benares Historic House on November 19. This event has taken various formats over the years. This year it was held at this particular time to take advantage of the unique seasonal decorations installed at Benares in connection with a Holiday House Tour.



Stuart Keeler - Manager and Chief Curator, Museums of Mississauga - thanked the Friends and Sponsors for their on-going volunteer and fund-raising support for education programming and events, along with artifact acquisition and exhibits.

As this was the first opportunity for many to see the redecorated Summer Kitchen and first parts of the new Mazo de la Roche exhibit, Stuart also highlighted the connection of Mazo with Benares, and some of the Museum's plans for celebrating this enigmatic Canadian novelist in 2016 and 2017. ‡



A table in the parlour displays a tiny Christmas tree with period ornaments and Santa. ‡‡



The banister is trimmed in naturals, plaid, and pearls. ‡‡



The dining room table is ready for the family to sit down for Christmas dinner. ‡‡



Some of the framed Certificates of Appreciation prepared for each 2015 Sponsor in recognition of their generous contributions to the Museums.

‡ Photograph courtesy of Irfan Malik.

‡‡ Photograph courtesy of Benares Historic House, November 21, 2015.

2015 Corporate Sponsors:

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 Evergreen Retirement Community
 Meridian Credit Union
 Suncor Energy
 Walden Circle Retirement Community

2015 Foundation Grantors:

Port Credit Community Foundation
 The Community Foundation of Mississauga

The financial and volunteer hours donations from these businesses and organizations are a major portion of Friends success each year.

We are all very appreciative of their support for the Museums.

Our thanks to Irfan Malik and his camera!

For lots more photographs from the Friends of the Museums and Sponsors Appreciation Night, see:
<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.807353186042248.1073741917.100003027229266&type=1&l=326121762b>



**Friends of the Museums of Mississauga
 Board of Directors 2015 - 2016**

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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.



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

**Friends of the Museums of Mississauga is a Founding Charity Partner
of Mississauga Gives.**

**We encourage all our E-News Readers to participate by giving: time, money,
food, toys, clothing – whatever you have to share with others in our city.**

**A perfect time to renew your Friends Membership for 2016,
see the last page of this E-News.**

**You may drop off non-perishable food items at The Anchorage
at Bradley Museum site 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on GivingTuesday,
for donation to Armagh House.**

A unique volunteering opportunity!

**YOU ARE INVITED TO SHARE WHAT CULTURE MEANS TO YOU
AT THE MISSISSAUGA CULTURE TALK ON DECEMBER 1st, 7:00 to 9:30 PM.**

**Join other interested Mississauga residents in The Great Hall at City Centre for
this unique opportunity to voice your concerns and contribute your thoughts
to the cultural investment planning for our city and province.**

For details see: <http://www.artgalleryofmississauga.com/culturetalks.html>.

Check out mississaugagives.ca, and connect!



Neighbour to Neighbour: Community Learning Garden at Bradley Museum gets a picket fence!



The perimeter of the new picket fence is set.

Almost done!



'Neighbor to Neighbor' is a community learning garden project at the Bradley Museum supported by funding from The Community Foundation of Mississauga and the Friends of the Museums. In 2015, the garden simultaneously taught contemporary sustainable gardening practices, and created an active heirloom garden in a heritage setting. The project was in collaboration with Compass Food Bank, Cloverleaf Garden Club and the Friends of the Museums, who provided conceptualization, implementation and maintenance of the garden with the Museums of Mississauga staff. The food produced was gifted to the Compass Food Bank. Fencing installation was completed by Lawn Works, and a Butterfly Garden was added, compliments of the Mississauga Parks Department.

Stas Guzar

Community Special Projects | Exhibitions and Events Assistant



Paws n' Mr. Claus Pet Pictures

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

CULTURE:
MUSEUMS

This annual fund-raising event is co-sponsored by
Mississauga's Friends of the Museums and Animal Services.
Bring your pets for a unique photograph with Santa.
Picture packages available, and you may bring your own camera too!



Heritage Mississauga is proud to present a brand new video as part of the
"Celebrating Mississauga's Cultural Heritage Project" funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Friends members Annemarie Hagan and Daniel Howe narrate the video!

<http://www.heritagemississauga.com/page/I-Am-Mississauga---Mississauga-Remembers>

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

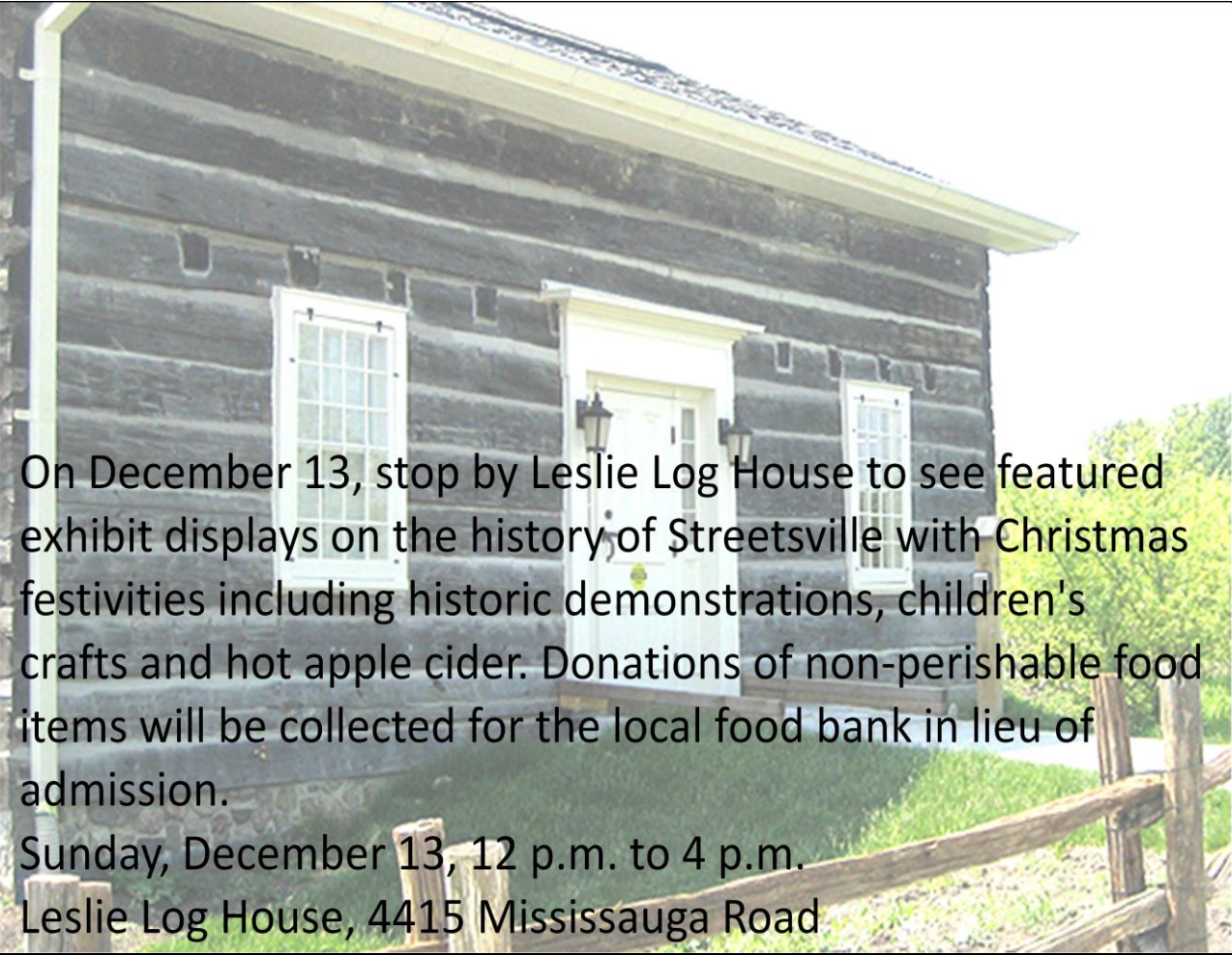
Bradley Museum

1620 Orr Road, Mississauga

museumsmississauga.com

CULTURE:
MUSEUMS

 **MISSISSAUGA**



On December 13, stop by Leslie Log House to see featured exhibit displays on the history of Streetsville with Christmas festivities including historic demonstrations, children's crafts and hot apple cider. Donations of non-perishable food items will be collected for the local food bank in lieu of admission.

Sunday, December 13, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Leslie Log House, 4415 Mississauga Road

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 # 2 – November 2015

Does Mississauga really need a Citywide Museum?

Reply

This is a topical question as the Culture Division is undertaking a strategic planning process to look at how our Museums can "best grow and maintain audiences by utilizing existing assets, while building community demand for a future purpose built museum or related museum experience." On December 14th the draft recommendations for the Museums and Heritage Strategic Plan will be presented at the Central Library, Noel Ryan Auditorium at 6:00 pm. Do come!

Back to the question. Let's first review our current Museums. In reality they are historic houses, gems in their own right and something of which to be very proud. We need to continue to preserve them and keep finding new ways to use them and encourage more and more residents to visit. This in itself is a big, worthwhile job and a vital one. It requires commitment from staff and volunteers alike. But, (and isn't there always a but?) – Benares, Bradley and Leslie Log House are not ideally suited to be or to become a citywide "Museum". Their locations are not ideal, their exhibit, event and storage space is limited, and because they are historic houses it is difficult to take full advantage of new technologies.

So does Mississauga need a Citywide Museum?

To rephrase the question; do the residents of Mississauga need a Citywide Museum? Any city institution needs to meet the needs of its residents. A city museum (whoever funds it) "belongs" to the residents. A Museum is more than just a place. What happens in that space and how the residents use that space is just as important.

So, do we need a museum that tells the stories of Mississauga; and sheds light on why so many waves of immigrants have come to the area over the years? A museum that shows how the residents of Mississauga change the city, and how the city changes the residents? A museum that is adaptable and can be used for exhibits and community events? A museum that celebrates our differences but reveals what makes us all Mississaugans? A museum that takes advantage of 21st and 22nd century technologies? A museum that is easily accessible to all? A museum that gives all residents and their families a sense of place both historically and now?

Do we need a museum that will make us even more proud of our city? I think so. What about you?

Jeremy Harvey

Chair - Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee

2015 Museums Event Sponsors



Christmas Portraits

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

CULTURE:
MUSEUMS

**Continue the tradition begun 'way back
when The Log Cabin was on the west bank of the Credit River!
Join Santa for your annual family Christmas photo on December 6.
Photo packages available, and you are welcome to bring your own camera too!**

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



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.

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 \$ _____

Name: _____

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