



Dear Friends,

As always, the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga, thank you for your continued support. It is such a pleasure to see so many repeat visitors to our events, and to welcome newcomers.

This past year we have had some great successes in our new endeavours, as well as our annual events. Our newest event, the Haunting of Harding House, was an instant sell out. The site of the mansion was the perfect drop back for Richard Palmisano's exposé of the ghosts that inhabited the building. An additional treat was a moving rendition of Danny Boy, by the tenor, Gerry Litster.

As Friends of the Museums one of our mandates is to bring visitors and the community to the museums. This year our events, such as the weekly concerts given by local artists on the ever welcoming verandah of Benares Historic House, brought well over a thousand people to the venue. The picture of concert goers, sitting on their lawn chairs, enjoying the warm summer evenings, every Friday, from June through to the end of August was gratifying. The proceeds from these concerts went towards bringing bus loads of school children to the educational programmes hosted by the creative Museum staff.

Our ever popular Photos with Santa also brought out many familiar faces, as well as new visitors. Santa was fantastic with both the children and the pets. Stay tuned for some changes in the format for this coming Christmas event.

We could not experience these successes without the support of sponsors such as CRH Canada and Petro Canada Lubricants Inc. These companies have been most generous in their support. I would also like to thank the many local businesses who have donated towards our events. The community has supported us in so many ways, financially and in kind.

Sadly due to the virus, Maple Magic, On the Verandah and other events have been cancelled in 2020. We look forward to the return of these events next year. Looking ahead, we hope to have a concert with the Burlington Welsh Male Chorus on November 15th, followed later by Photos with Santa at the Bradley Museum site.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Museums of Mississauga, thank you. We look forward to seeing you and your family in the future.

Please take care during these uncertain times, Anne

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HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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Traditional meal



Ornament making



Jorj & Alma Takac



Thank you CRH

Sunday December 8th approximately 50 families arrived for their photos with Santa. Many families return year after year!

We would like to thank CRH - Canada for their generous sponsorship of this traditional event. Thank you to Jorj & Alma Takac from Takac Studios Inc. for your patience and excellent photography.

Please note: Any photos that Friends have used are with permission.

At this annual event, visitors experienced past Christmas traditions of early settlers in the 1800s. They enjoyed the many ways communities in Mississauga celebrated holidays at this time of year. There were carollers, creative crafts such as ornament making and storytelling. Staff prepared a traditional Christmas meal over the open hearth and made old fashioned gingerbread to sample. The turnout this year for this event was absolutely



FOMM Family Photo Day

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PAW 'N MR. CLAUS

The Bradley Museum
December 7-8 2019

The turnout was terrific over our 2 days of photos. This year the photos were on the same days as the Museum's free event Home for the Holidays.

Saturday, dogs of all sizes, one cat and one rabbit arrived for their photos.

Many pets came dressed in Holiday attire and additional props were available. Pet Valu - Clarkson Crossing Plaza provided loot bags.

Proceeds were shared with the Mississauga Animal Services Special Care and Resource Fund (S.C.A.R.F.) and Friends of the Museums of Mississauga.

Photos: Milo, Magnus, Ed & Gail with Zumba



S.C.A.R.F. Elizabeth, Ayla, & David



For more pictures please click on these links to Snapd Mississauga South:

- <http://www.neighbourhoodmagazine.ca/holiday-photos-with-santa-at-bradley-museum/>
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WHAT FRIENDS HAVE BEEN UP TO:



THE ANNUAL CREDITS HERITAGE MISSISSAUGA AWARDS

FRIDAY, NOV. 8, 2019

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN PEGRAM & JENNY DALE

Betty Ross Volunteer Memorial Award

John Pegram

This volunteer Appreciation 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 supporting staff in their work.

Volunteer Heritage Award

Jenny Dale

The award is presented to an individual who has volunteered 10+ years within the city and has shown leadership, mentorship and community engagement as an ambassador for cultural heritage.

The theme was to party
like it was in the **1970's.**



Joe Zammit & Sue Shanly



Diana & John Pegram



Community Foundation of Mississauga Grant for the Open Museum Project



Open Museum is a creative, community engagement project that takes the museum experience beyond its walls into underserved neighbourhoods across the city, welcoming diverse participants to share, visualize and celebrate each other's personal histories through the lens of Mississauga's heritage.

Working with local partners and service providers across the city, Open Museum will be delivered in public spaces and community places such as libraries, public parks, community centres, transit hubs, etc.

Open Museum will travel to these spaces around Mississauga between October 2019 and June 2020, delivering two or three hands-on creative workshops per month in each location, for a total of 30 workshops. Topics for the story telling workshops include: Early Black Settlers in Mississauga, Maple Syrup in Canada, Women in Our Lives, Mississauga Love Stories and more.

A museum isn't complete without artifacts. A Museums Interpreter will share the history of various artifacts at each workshop.

During the final part of the workshop, participants will be guided by an Art Educator in the creation of a zine that visualizes the stories, culture and living heritage that participants shared. A zine is a self-published, easily reproducible and affordable booklet that contains any writing, images, designs or creative content the creator chooses. One example is *The Taste of Mississauga*, a cookbook that has already been published with the Community Foundation of Mississauga Funding.

The Open Museum project has been made possible by a grant from the Community Foundation of Mississauga. For information about past grants please visit: <http://fommississauga.com/grants-acquisitions/>

Friends of the Museums of Mississauga gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the Hazel McCallion Fund for Arts, Culture and Heritage at the Community Foundation of Mississauga, a registered charitable public foundation serving the people of Mississauga.





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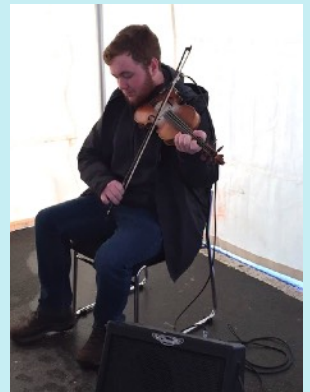
Port Credit Community Foundation



Friends of the Museums of Mississauga are very grateful for generous grants from the Port Credit Community Foundation. These grants are used to support local events at the Museums of Mississauga.

The PCCF helped to support a variety of Maple Magic programming at the Bradley Museum in 2019. These activities included an Indigenous Maple Sugaring guest speaker, maple syrup for demonstrations that include taffy making and tasty samples, enjoyable live music performances, interactive birding demonstrations, and creative learning stations including under 5 play areas, seed planting and the Enchanted Forest.

Grant funds also helped to provide live performances, and interactive learning station materials for potion making & wizarding crafts at the very popular event Fantastic Beasts of Benares in 2018 & 2019. In 2018, support from PCCF also contributed to the weekend event Historic Canadian Christmas.



DID
YOU?
KNOW



*Mary Magrath's wedding gown, 1881
Gift of the Sayers family*

LOVE STORIES EXHIBITION

Inspired by the wedding dresses from our historic collection, the Museums of Mississauga is curating an exhibition on love stories from Mississauga. This exhibition, Love Stories, explores the many manifestations of romantic love from historic and contemporary Mississauga. The exhibition has been postponed at both the Benares Historic House and the Bradley Museum's Anchorage Galleries until further notice.

The Love Stories exhibition explores topics including the history of romantic relationships, traditional gender roles, dating and courtship customs and more.

Alongside our fantastic collection of wedding dresses, the exhibition will also showcase artifacts on loan from Mississauga's residents to help shed light on what love looks like in modern Mississauga.

Join us in the future at the Museums of Mississauga's Love Stories exhibition where you will be invited to share your own romantic regrets, try on ceremony attire, strike a pose at one of our unique photo ops and learn what love language you speak!

by Megan Wiles

*Exhibition & Outreach Coordinator , Museums of Mississauga
Collections Supervisor, Museums of Mississauga.*

*Agnes Hodgetts' wedding gown, 1930.
Gift of Sandra Lindsay*



MAPLE MAGIC CANCELLED



As you probably know, Maple Magic 2020 was cancelled. Here is the notification from the City:

“With guidance from Peel Public Health & in an abundance of caution for both our residents & staff around the COVID-19 pandemic, we will be cancelling Maple Magic, all museum programs & closing all of our facilities until April 5th.”

Below is a display or quiz from the Open Museum Maple Syrup Event that shows the amount of syrup that comes from different tree species:



THE LATEST ON MUSEUM AND FRIENDS EVENTS

On Wednesday April 8th, the City of Mississauga announced the cancellation of events and properties until at least July 3rd.

Please check the City's website and the Friend's website for updates.

- * Friends 2020 AGM that was scheduled for April 28th has been postponed until further notice.
- * On The Verandah 2020 has been cancelled for this year.
- * Doors Open: 25th Anniversary of Benares Saturday June 13th has been cancelled.

We are still hopeful
about these future dates:

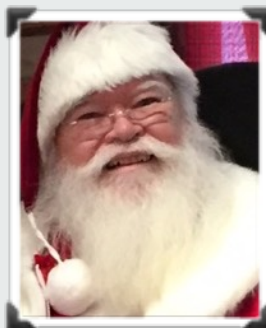


Burlington Welsh Male Chorus Concert

Date: Sunday Nov 15, 2020

Time: 2pm - 4pm

Location: Saint Bride's Anglican Church



Traditional Photos with Santa Paws 'N Mr. Claus

Date: Friday December 11th

New Time: 3pm - 7pm

Location: Bradley Museum log cabin

Family Photos

Date: Saturday December 12th

Time: 11am - 3pm

Location: Bradley Museum log cabin

**IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED YOUR
FRIEND'S MEMBERSHIP PLEASE DO.**

ABOUT FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUMS OF MISSISSAUGA

VISION

An enthusiastic volunteer organization that promotes, strengthens and financially supports the Museums of Mississauga.

MISSION

We support the preservation of our Museum Collections, Programming and Exhibits.

We raise awareness and financial support through events and sponsorship.

We channel charitable grants for the Museum.

For more information & future event dates about the Museums of Mississauga pls visit: <https://culture.mississauga.ca/museums>



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Other partners: Suncor Energy, Meridian Credit Union, Pet Valu- Clarkson Crossing Plaza, Rattray Ratepayers, Whiteoaks Lorne Park Community Association.

WE NEED YOU!

Please consider becoming a member of FOMM, volunteering, attending one of our events, becoming a sponsor or donating through Canada Helps. **We need a volunteer to be our FOMM secretary and members with computer skills. NOTE: Membership form is attached at the end**

Stay Tuned

for information on
future interesting
fundraising events.

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What do Friends do?

We are an enthusiastic volunteer organization that promotes, strengthens and financially supports the Museums of Mississauga. We fulfill our MISSION to support the preservation of our Museum Collections, Programming and Exhibits; raise awareness and financial support through events and sponsorship and channel charitable grants for the Museum. Our efforts seek to ensure the integrity of the Museums" in these activities:

- Sponsor and volunteer at Museum events e.g. Maple Magic
- 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 Fund-Raising activities e.g. Gala, Garden Party, Receptions
- 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
- 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 Annual Membership

☐ Individual (\$10) ☐ Family/ Business (\$30)

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