



# E-NEWSLETTER

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Go Local!

**Dear Friends,**

I am extremely pleased and proud to have been elected as Chair of the Friends of the Museums. I have been involved with the Friends and the Museums of Mississauga since 2006. Over these many years, I have been able to witness the many changes and progression we have experienced with our museum sites in Mississauga. In this post-Covid world we emerge from this pandemic with the understanding and appreciation we now have of all that is around us. When we were compelled to “go local” a great many people realized all the great things in our midst. The Museums of Mississauga have certainly been beneficiaries of a renewed interest. Rising gas prices, and general inflation have also contributed to the upswing of the “go local” mantra. Within the boundaries of our own city, we can now appreciate all that this city and its museums have to offer.

In the summer, we celebrated nine Friday evenings at the On The Verandah series of live outdoor performances at Benares Historic House. Everyone I spoke to commented on the appreciation we all had to be out, to be together and to be at a museum in Mississauga. In particular, I want to thank Joyce Delves and all those who assisted us for these weekly events.

I want to acknowledge Junaid Zuberi, who has left the board, and wish him continued success in his home country of Pakistan. Of course I also want to thank our past Chair Liz Durdan, who steered us through the pandemic, numerous Zoom meetings and kept us together when it seemed the world was falling apart. Their efforts are very much appreciated.

Don't forget the ways ahead are indeed to “go local” and support and visit the Museums of Mississauga.

**Joe Zammit**

Chair of the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga

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RECAP FROM:

# FRIENDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MAY 9, 2022

Thank you to everyone that attended and participated in the Friends AGM in May. It was wonderful to see familiar faces on Zoom.

Lisa Abbott, Manager, SAIB & Museums of Mississauga, outlined many exciting Museum programs, exhibits and events planned for the next several years.

Special thanks to Lindsay Doren, Coordinator Education & Engagement, Museums of Mississauga, for being our guest speaker on the timely topic of The History of Royal Jubilees.

Lindsay showed attendees several Jubilee pieces from the Museums of Mississauga Collection.



“A commemorative (Canadian) pin for Queen Victoria's 50th Jubilee. The pin has a maple leaf background with an oval cameo of the Queens head in the centre. It is surrounded with a ribbon & print that reads "Queen's Jubilee, 1837-1887, CANADA”. “



“A souvenir tin commemorating the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. The rectangular shaped tin has a hinged lid. Body covered in red and marked at the top with an image of Queen Elizabeth II along with the Union Jack flag on one side and Royal Standard on the other. Above the image reads the text: Long May She Reign.”

## Recipes



Not to be left out a very tasty looking recipe!



# RECAP & FUTURE EVENTS: OPEN MUSEUMS 2022

## Earth Day - Wed. April 13, 2022

In honour of Earth Day, the Museums of Mississauga in partnership with the Mississauga Libraries invited participants to get their hands dirty in an interactive online workshop.

Meaghan Fitzgibbon from the Museums spoke about the global celebration & history of Earth Day.

Lindsay Doren from the Museums engaged participants in a survey questionnaire via Menti.com.

Buchi Onakufe, a bio-dynamic year round farmer, talked about soil being living gold.

A local artist instructed participants step by step on how to sketch an Earth Day inspired vine wreath.



After the presentation, upon request, participants could pick up a vegetable planting kit from their local library.

A video was shown during the presentation on how to plant the vegetable seeds in the cloth bag provided.



## Tree of Life: Healing Art Workshop

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Local artist Natalie Very B. guided participants through a relaxing and introspective process of drawing their own Tree of Life!

<https://www.natalieveryb.com>



## **What is Love?: Wednesday, June 8, 2022**

There was a video from the Sikh Heritage Museums of Canada, local author Victoria Bailey read from her book Mommy Lives Here & Daddy Lives There.

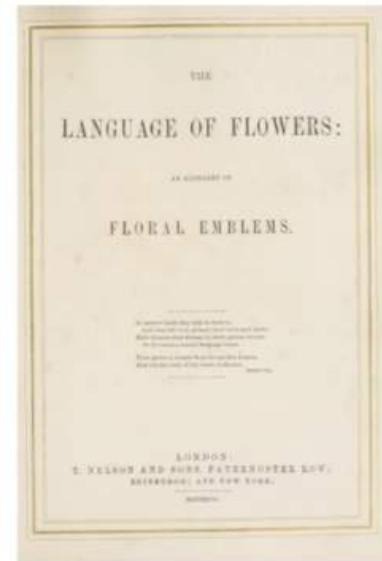
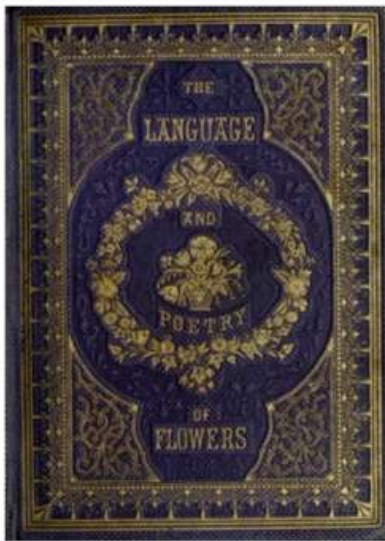
<https://miasworldbookclub.ca>

Attendees also learned about the What Is Love Exhibit at the Anchorage.

## **The Secret Language of Flowers: Wednesday, July 13th**

Did you know that you can send coded messages with flowers? The Victorians did it all the time! This was a very well attended virtual event where participants learned about the history and intricacies of the Victorian language of flowers. What flower symbolizes love or grief or happiness to you? What is a tussie-mussie? Should you give marigolds or chrysanthemums?

# Victorian Floriography



- Deep Red = Bashful Love
- Full Red = Beauty
- Bridal Rose = Happy Love
- Rose Bud = Confession of Love
- White = Purity
- Yellow = Friendship





## ***A Victorian Picnic:*** **Wednesday, August 10th 2022**

In this virtual workshop, participants learned about an Upper Canadian picnic. Topics included the history of picnics, labour from black settlers, enslavement & immigration and how to make a traditional Victorian picnic menu at home with recipes from early cookbooks. Holly Benison, a very talented summer intern student cooked raspberry pie, chicken and potatoes, wild rice pudding and soda bread over the open hearth at the Bradley Museum.

Missed the session or would you like a copy of the recipes? You can watch the video here:

<https://www.benison.ca/education-and-programming>

## ***Natural Dyes:*** **September 14th 2022**

Before the invention of the first synthetic dye in 1856, coloured fabrics were made using all natural dyes. Lindsay Doren, Coordinator Education & Engagement, Museums of Mississauga, presented a fascinating history of natural dye use in Europe & North America including madder, cochineal, black walnut, indigo, onion and many more. This informative virtual event was very well attended.

Lindsay also showed how you can use natural dyes in your own craft projects at home using coffee or tea.

Here is a recommended website should you like to learn more about natural dyes:

[www.maiwa.com](http://www.maiwa.com)

## **COMING UP:**

### **October 13th - Women of the Small Arms Inspection Building**

To register visit:

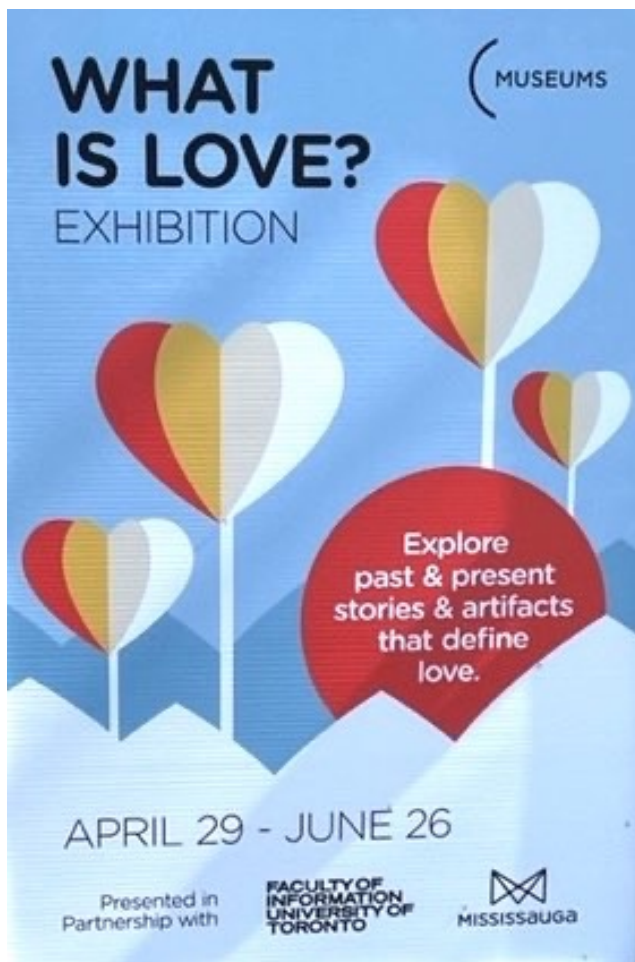
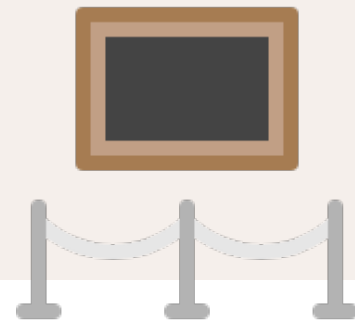
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/open-museum-women-of-the-small-arms-inspection-building-tickets-397194317897?>

### **November 9th - Remembering Our Heroes: The Lives of Black Canadian Soldiers.**

To register visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/remembering-our-heroes-the-lives-of-black-canadian-soldiers-tickets-397195962817?>

# Museum Exhibits 2022



Emerging energetic & creative curators from the U of T partnered with the Museums of Mississauga to create the What Is Love exhibition at the Bradley Museum from April 29 - June 26, 2022. The exhibit was very inclusive and explored past and present love stories of Mississauga.

The colourful exhibit included personal stories, art work, neon lights, videos, photos, artifacts, interactive activities, the heirloom dress and of course Teddy. Here are just a few examples of artifacts from the Museums of Mississauga collection:

### **Past:**

This is an engagement photo of Arthur Harris & Mary Magrath. They were engaged in 1880.



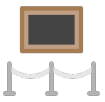
## MARY & BARBARA

When family members pass down heirlooms, they build connections with new generations and add new chapters to family histories.

Because these objects are full of meaning for their original owners, passing them down is a sign of deep love and trust. For the inheritor, the heirloom is a way to remember a loved one or share their experiences.

This wedding dress was originally worn by Mary Harris (neé Magrath) when she married Arthur Harris in 1881. The dress was later passed down to Mary's granddaughter Barbara Larson (neé Sayers), who wore it at least once, during a New Year's Eve party in 1966.





## Museum Exhibits Cont.

This hand sewn teddy is wearing a royal blue cotton jacket with light blue and white striped pants.

The bear was originally given to Geoffrey Harris Sayers (1907-1997) for his first Christmas in 1907. It was used by both Dora and Barbara Sayers, his sisters.

### **Present:**

Love can take many forms. The exhibition explored present day love through personal experiences described by Mississauga residents. Through friendships, family members, partners, communities and pets love has played a key role in our lives.



Justine Lyn, an Interpreter at the Museums, was featured as a part of this exhibition. Visitors learned through photos and a video about her close connection with her grandfather, Leonard, and the love of food they shared. The photo is courtesy of Justine & pictures her with her uncle and grandfather.

Young loves, Mahfuz and Priya, met during the pandemic. Visitors learned about their experience with dating during COVID-19, as well as their sweeping love story & their extravagant engagement.



Local author, Victoria Daley, shared her experience with co-parenting in the modern world. Visitors learned about her daughter Mia, who is featured in Daley's book series "Mommy Lives Here & Daddy Lives There."

This project was presented in partnership with the Master of Museums Studies (MMSt) at the Faculty of Information at the University of Toronto. We look forward to the 2023 topic :

### **What is Canadian Food?**

Special thanks to Megan Wiles, Coordinator, Exhibition & Outreach, Museums of Mississauga



# Tales of Textiles

April 28 - May 22, 2022



**Exhibition: Tales of Textiles April 28 - May 22, 2022 was organized by The New Youth Council.**

Each item of clothing told a story.

Some pieces of clothing were shared by members of the community.

Rarely seen garments from the Museums' permanent collection were also on display throughout the second floor of Benares Historic House.

This man's black wool suit and matching vest belonged to Emilio F. Barbisan (1903 -1963) an Italian immigrant. Emilio purchased the suit in 1929. This suit is part of The Museums of Mississauga collection.

For more information visit:

<https://mississauga.pastperfectonline.com/webobject/B93D02C0-22B2-4D92-97EE-975767593760>



Zunera Ishaq came to Canada in 2008 from Pakistan and settled in Mississauga.

This niqab & abaya was worn by Zunera Ishaq during her Canadian Citizen Ceremony on October 9th, 2015.

Zunera garnered national attention as she wished to wear her niqab while taking the Citizenship Oath. She was willing to remove the veil for purposes of identification but refused to remove it during the public ceremony. After a 2 year battle she received permission to take the oath in a private office and was able to vote at the federal election shortly thereafter. These garments are part of the Museums of Mississauga collection.

- <https://mississauga.pastperfectonline.com/webobject/05D7D22A-F2F3-498F-8326-461163584980>

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# To What Degree?

## Canada in a Changing Climate Bradley Museum Exhibit

July 7 - September 11, 2022



Created in partnership with the Government of Canada and Canadian Geographic, and hosted by Ingenium, To What Degree? Canada in a Changing Climate offers stories of people and ecosystems throughout Canada adapting in unique ways to our changing climate. These stories explore individual and community resilience in the face of extreme events like heat, storms and wildfires; changes in livelihood due to habitat shifts, and even opportunities for quality of life improvements.





Museum Exhibits Cont.

# WE ARE RESILIENT

Exhibition at Community Common



## **We Are Resilient Opened on Friday, Sept 16, 2022 outdoors at Community Common Park, 355 Princess Royal Dr, Mississauga, ON L5B 4M8.**

We Are Resilient Opened on Friday, Sept 16, 2022 outdoors at Community Common Park, 355 Princess Royal Dr, Mississauga, ON L5B 4M8.

This free traveling exhibit will be at the park until Nov 13th and then will move to Mississauga City Hall from Nov 16, 2022 - January 6, 2023.

The exhibit displays compelling photographs and stories created by Mississauga residents, perspectives from international scientific leaders and information on how you can take climate action today!

The launch of this exciting exhibit was a FREE family-friendly event featuring all things green! There were local environmental organizations, exhibitors and entertainment. Sustainable products and tasty food were on sale from local vendors.

This wonderful exhibit is curated by the City of Mississauga's Environment Section and Museums of Mississauga. Drop by!

<https://mississauga.ca/events-and-attractions/events-calendar/we-are-resilient>





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AWARD

# Serene Seas

Serene Seas: Poems for traveling between the tides is an illustrated poetry anthology created collaboratively by the Museums of Mississauga, The New Youth Council and Friends of the Museums of Mississauga. We would like to gratefully acknowledge the financial support for this intriguing book from The Smart and Caring Children and Youth Fund at the Community Foundation of Mississauga.

The anthology brings together students' poetry about hope, joy and resilience. Many of these poems were created from a poetry writing workshop hosted by Mississauga's youth poet laureate, Qurat Dar. There are also incredible watercolour paintings made at a painting workshop with art therapist Natalie Very B. Youth from Our Place Peel, a homeless shelter for young people ages 16-24 in Mississauga and Brampton. The youth group worked on the paintings at the Small Arms Building. With the poetry and painting workshops, youth gained skills in creative self-expression.

Through this anthology, we celebrate the creativity of youth, and recognize them as important voices in our community.

Congratulations to The New Youth Council. You have taken an initial idea and followed that idea through to this extraordinary publication: a celebration of the creativity of youth.

Once published this anthology will be placed in local libraries.

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# Blooms & Berries

*A huge thank you to the Community Foundation of Mississauga - Hazel McCallion Fund for Arts, Culture and Heritage for their very generous grant to*

## **Blooms and Berries**

June 18 - July 17, 2022.

The grant allowed the Museums to add activities such as beading, gardening tips, paper quilting, painting with nature, tasty food samples and much more. The grant also meant that there were more diverse experts and indigenous knowledge keepers. They shared information about medicinal teas and plants. Tours included storytelling, traditional songs & guests made pressed flower buttons.

Saturday June 18th was the Open Market at Benares. Just under 500 people attended. Food Donations to Compass were accepted in-lieu of admission fees. The community was really generous. The donations totaled 483 lbs in food and over \$200.00 in cash.







Free food samples such as tacos and strawberry salsa were handed out.

Becky, from the Museum staff was making bannock in the winter kitchen.

Alana and Leigh Cline provided toe tapping entertainment on the verandah.

Elder Mark Sault from the Mississauga of the Credit First Nations informed guests about medicinal teas and plants.

Exhibits & vendors included: a beading exhibition, plus Naomi Smith, Black Tulip Designs, Shade of Miti, Akachi Farms, Tataki Zome Workshop with Khadija Aziz, Plant Personality, Peel Art Gallery, Museums and Activities, Bodies of Earth: Consciously- Made Clothing, Steve's Bees, and tasty freshly cooked mini pancakes.





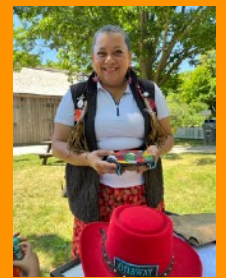
# Blooms and Berries continued with many varied workshops workshops:

Log cabin Painting with Nature workshop by Zishuo Li.

<https://www.zishuoli.com>



Designing and making pressed flower buttons at Benares. Photos by June Newhouse.



7 Grandfathers Rock Painting at Benares by Destiny Rae Wheatley at the Bradley.

Indigenous Story Telling and Songs by Anishinaabe Grandmother Kim Wheatley at the Bradley.

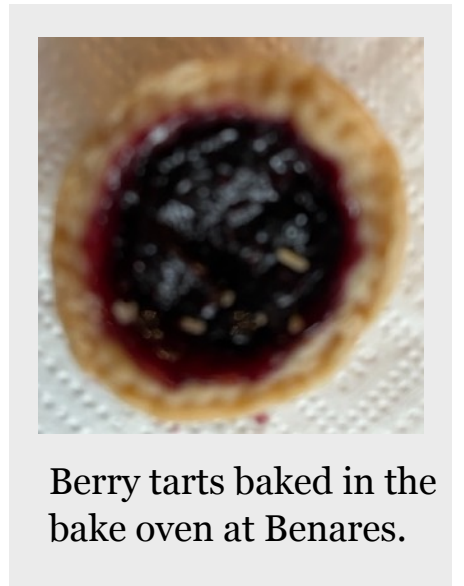


Tanya and Roxy enjoying tasty freshly hand churned strawberry ice cream, at the Bradley.





Wanda trying Strawberry Block Printing at Benares.



Berry tarts baked in the bake oven at Benares.



Rolled Beeswax Candle making at the Bradley.



Lavender Shortbread baked in the hearth at the Bradley.





Ten formal kimonos were presented to The City of Mississauga by the City of Kariya in honour of the opening of the Living Arts Centre in 1997. Mississauga has been twinned with Kariya City, Japan since July 7th, 1981.

The word kimono literally means "thing to wear". Kimonos are T-shaped, straight-lined robes that cover the wearer from neck to ankle. They are wrapped from left to right and tied with a belt called an obi.

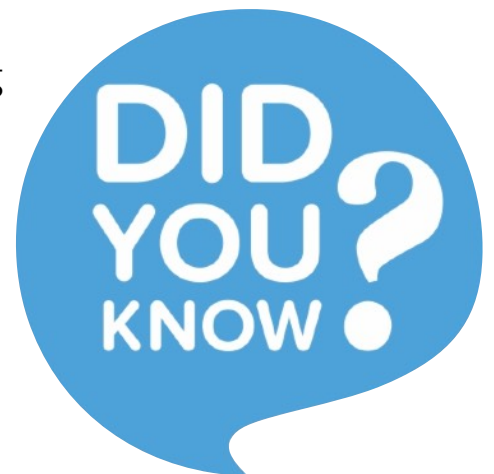
Today kimonos are mainly worn by women on special occasions. An unmarried woman would traditionally wear a style of kimono called furisode which has floor length sleeves.

This example is decorated with Nandina leaves. Nandina is a bush found in Japan that often has clusters of berries. It is believed that the Nandina have the power to make bad fortune disappear and so the plant appears often in motifs of family crests and textile designs.

The crane is one of the most popular birds that are depicted on kimonos. Symbolically they represent long life and good fortune as cranes are believed to live for a thousand years and to 'inhabit the land of the immortals.'

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*Museums of Mississauga*





# ON THE VERANDAH



What a wonderful season we had at On the Verandah 2022! The weather was really co-operative. Thank you to our loyal audience. Over 120 people were there each night. Because of you we will be able to support the Museums in a variety of educational student activities. The concert musicians also appreciated your support.







Friends would like to sincerely thank the 9 very talented groups who entertained us at each concert. We could not offer On the Verandah without your help year after year.

**In order of appearance:**

- Mississauga Temple Band
- Burlington Welsh Male & Ladies Chorus
- Age of Reason
- The Octokats
- Laura Fernandez
- Stella Jurgen & Jazz Plazma
- Midnight Hour
- Dixieland Plus
- Riddim Riders Reggae Band





We also were so lucky to have volunteers helping us each night.

Nataliia, Carmela, Andrew and Hamza a sincere thank you!

Friends also had the help of cheerful Museum staff at each concert. We relied on you. Thank you!

Joyce spends hours in advance organizing this event. Thank you Joyce.

Thank you for all the Friends members who came out night after night to help.

## Thank you to our On the Verandah 2022 Sponsors





# Save the Date!



## Halloween Harvest Returns

October 29th and 30th

The Bradley Museum.



## Park Your Pumpkin returns to the Bradley

November 1st.

Please visit the Museum website for more information:

<https://www.mississauga.ca/arts-and-culture/events/>



## Family Holiday Photos With Santa:

### Bradley Museum Log Cabin

Friday November 25th, 2022 from 3pm - 7pm

This year for our traditional, professional Santa photos we will be using **Eventbrite** to book timed visits and payment. Please visit our website and follow our social media for more information later in the fall.

## Paws 'N Mr. Claus:

### Bradley Museum Log Cabin

Saturday, Nov 26th from 11am - 3pm



## Friends are also selling ornaments for the

**2022 Friends Giving Tree** that will be on display in the Benares Visitor Centre by the weekend of November 18th, 2022. The bulbs are \$5 each. Gold ones are in memory, and red ones are for love, in honour or just because. We can also make ones for pets. They will be on sale at Halloween Harvest and Photos with Santa. Cash only please.

Roxy has already bought her ornament and she is getting dressed up for Paws 'N Mr. Claus!



**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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Please consider becoming a member of FOMM, volunteering, attending one of our events, becoming a sponsor or donating through Canada Helps.

**REMINDER: It will soon be time to renew your 2023 membership.**

*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

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