

Friends of the Museums of Mississauga is very proud to bring you the second full edition of E-News. The items in this issue range from a January exhibit opening through the full schedule for On the Verandah, the outdoor summer concert series hosted at Benares Historic House. The Communications Membership Committee has collaborated to compile the photographs and articles describing the activities of the Museums and the Friends over the past few months, and what's coming soon. We've enjoyed putting this together for you, and we hope you'll enjoy it even more! Let us know what you think by email to friendsenews@outlook.com.

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Friends AGM Thu, May 15
7:00 p.m. at Lorne Park Public Library
Presentation by Earl Smith, President
Great War Flying Museum

Compass Wed, May 21 Stewardship Garden 9:00 a.m. at Benares Historic House Planting begins, gardening continues weekly to end of October

On the Verandah Fri, Jun 6
7:30 p.m. at Benares Historic House
OCTOKATS, 1950s West Coast Jazz

On the Verandah Fri, Jun 13
7:30 p.m. at Benares Historic House
Mississauga Children's Choir

Friends Board of Mon, Jun 16
Directors Meeting
5:45 p.m. at The Anchorage

On the Verandah Fri, Jun 20 7:30 p.m. at Benares Historic House Ablett and Cooper, Finger-Style Guitar

Strawberry Garden Party Sun, Jun 22 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Benares Historic House

On the Verandah Fri, Jun 27
7:30 p.m. at Benares Historic House
Jazz Plazma, Fusion Jazz Trio

On the Verandah Fri, Jul 4
7:30 p.m. at Benares Historic House
Quantum Brass, Six Piece Brass Group

15th Annual Starlight and Candlelight Gala – WHAT A NIGHT! Barb Smith

On Friday, February 21, 2014, the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga were proud to host their 15th Annual Starlight and Candlelight Gala at the City of Mississauga's newest event venue, the Holcim Waterfront Estate. This lovely, fully restored 1930s mansion, nestled on the shoreline of Lake Ontario in South Mississauga, provided the historic elegance and intimacy the Gala has become known for, and of which our 15th anniversary was worthy.

With only 56 tickets available, the Starlight and Candlelight Gala is the event of the season, with tickets selling out within two weeks of becoming available. Guests included local officials from all levels of government, business executives, residents and museum enthusiasts – all coming together for a memorable dinner party in a stunning dining room with a lakefront view!

The evening featured a wine reception, an exquisite meal prepared by the chefs of Michael's Back Door Restaurant, who have been faithful supporters of the gala since its inception and, one stop shopping at the Gala's impressive silent auction, a key part of our fundraising efforts. A new addition to the fundraising effort were Celebrity Mystery Bags featuring extravagantly decorated bags filled with mystery items donated by local celebrities such as Mayor Hazel McCallion, astronaut Chris Hadfield and blues artist Chuck Jackson. Everyone loves a mystery and our Gala guests rose to the challenge – frantically bidding on their celebrity of choice!

The evening was filled with glitz, glamour and good friends all helping to raise funds in support and celebration of Mississauga's history. Thanks to our guests and our many sponsors, the Gala raised nearly \$13,000.

As the 2014 Gala Chair, I would like to personally thank everyone who played a part in this wonderful evening. Simply put – whether you are a sponsor, guest, volunteer, Gala Committee member, Friends Board member or City staff - **the Gala cannot happen without you**. Your support is what makes the night a success.

WHAT A NIGHT!







From left:

Their Majesty's best turned out to ensure the safety and security of every guest!

Guests were thrilled when the doors to the gorgeous dining room were opened to welcome everyone in.

Annemarie Hagan's historic silk gown was the perfect outfit for a formal evening at Holcim Waterfront Estate.

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The **mission** of the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga is to engage volunteers and enhance community through promotion, awareness participation and fundraising; and to ensure the integrity of the Museums.



Friends of the Museums of Mississauga is on TWITTER now!

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Official Opening of 40YEARS/40SAGAS Exhibit in the Great Hall at City Center on January 15, 2014



Left to right: Annemarie Hagan - Manager, Museums and Traditions; Becky Ryder - Chair, Friends of the Museums of Mississauga; Mayor Hazel McCallion; Jeremy Harvey - Chair, Museums of Mississauga Advisory Council; Councillor Pat Mullin, Ward 2. Annemarie's vest and bandana, Becky's plaids, and Jeremy's color choices recalled everyday fashions of 1974.



To view the presentation to **General Committee** of Mississauga City Council check the Rogers TV Archives file for January 15, at 16:20 to 47:00 minutes.

For the exhibit's locations to the end of 2014, see the website www.40years40sagas.com and select See the Exhibit.



Mississauga City Council will change the location of its May 21 Council meeting to the Maja Prentice Theatre to acknowledge the City of Mississauga's 40th anniversary. The Maja Prentice Theatre was selected because the first meeting of the incorporated City **FLASH!!** of Mississauga Council was held in Ward 3 and the building and area have historical significance.



Some of the guests that gathered at The Anchorage on February 25th for the Official Opening of the Exhibit:

The British Indian Army in the Great War 1914-1918.

Stephanie Meeuwse, Collections and Exhibit Supervisor is first on the left.

Peter Monahan, Historic Interpreter (third from right) is the primary researcher and writer for the exhibit.



A special fund-raising offer from Tilda Basmati Rice in connection with the exhibit:



For every \$1.50 package of Tilda Basmati Rice purchased at The Anchorage Gift Shop, Tilda will donate \$0.50 to the Friends of the Museums!

Be sure to stop by soon to take advantage of this very special price for the world's best rice, and to support the Friends at the same time.

Our thanks to Jeremy Harvey, Chair MOMAC, for coordinating this special offer.







Museums of Mississauga

FACT SHEET

The Culture Division, City of Mississauga has recently compiled a Fact Sheet about the Museums! A concise summary of the Programs and Services, the Strategic Direction, and Participation statistics for the years 2003 to 2013 are included. For our readers' convenience, the Fact Sheets are included as a separate item in the distribution of this issue of *E*-News.

Congratulations to our honored Volunteers!

Six volunteers with the Museums of Mississauga received Provincial Volunteer Awards in a ceremony at the Oasis Convention Centre on April 28.

Norm Dale – 15 years William Harkness – Youth Linda Hewston – 5 years

Mary Lyons – 15+ years Penny McKean – 15+ years Mary Witty – 5 years

For the complete list of all the award recipients honored at the event: http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/docs/vsa_2014/mississauga_1.pdf

Did you know?
In 2013, 109 volunteers contributed 5,471 hours to the Museums of Mississauga!

People and Places

Division recently met with members of the **MIRANET** Board to discuss the Museums. MIRANET, which is the umbrella organization of all Mississauga Ratepayer's Groups, has kindly offered to help us promote the Museums via their memberships!

Facility and Property Management, City of Mississauga just completed major projects at the Museums, stabilizing the **Bradley Barn** and **Drive Shed** and restoring the original flooring on the main floor of **Benares Historic House**! The painted pattern on the main floor hallway of Benares was an unexpected – and delightful – discovery!! See photos in this issue of *E*-News.

The Museums are pleased to have received funding from the **Young Canada Works in Heritage** and **Canada Summer Jobs** federal grants programs to support hiring three summer students!

Lobna Thakib, who has looked after the Museums promotions for almost a decade, has left the City of Mississauga for a new career opportunity. She will be missed but we wish her all the best and know we'll still see her at Friends events!

Do You Know When You May Visit the Museums?

Drop-In Guided Tours at Benares Historic House and Bradley Museum Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 4 pm \$15 Family, \$6 Adult, \$4.80 child and student, Free under 3 (plus tax, includes both sites)

Free Drop-In Tours at Leslie Log House Wednesday and Sunday, 1 to 4

The Museums of Mississauga are available from 8 am to 10 pm, 7 days a week for pre-booked group tours, teas, birthday parties, school and children's group programs, wedding photos and meetings. Call 905-615-4860 ext 2110 for more info!













Maple > Magic

The Maple Syrup Festival held each March Break week at Bradley Museum has been the signature event of the Museums of Mississauga for many years. In 2014 overall attendance was down somewhat from recent seasons because of the very cold weather on 3 days. Indeed the event had to be closed on the Wednesday because of the snow storm! The By-the-Numbers chart shows exactly how inclement weather affects the Museums events, the critical importance of volunteer and sponsor participation for event success, dollar and the amounts generated from the various sources. Every volunteer hour and every sponsorship dollar is and along vital, with Museums staff we sincerely thank each and every one of you for your generous contributions to Maple Magic again in 2014.

By-the-Numbers

Day	Guests	Weather	Volunteer Hours	861
Sat Mar 08	261	- 20°C	Maple Syrup	2,016
Sun Mar 09	408	- 2°C	Single Servings	
Mon Mar 10	352	- 8°C		
Tue Mar 11	504	+ 6°C	Pancake Sales	\$ 4,914
Thu Mar 13	138	- 25°C		. ,
Fri Mar 14	501	+ 1°C	Hotdog Sales	\$ 2,030
Sat Mar 15	605	- 6°C		
Sun Mar 16	360	- 12°C	Total Sponsorship	\$ 7,500
TOTAL	3,129			

In addition to all the maple-related activities, family entertainment included the following:

- Horse & Wagon Rides
- Mississaugas of the New Credit
- Pauline Grondin Storyteller
- Norfolk Blacksmithing
- Mane Attractions Petting Zoo
- The Canadian Peregrine Foundation, compliments of Holcim (Canada) Inc.

Friends of the Museums of Mississauga is proud to be a major sponsor of Maple Magic, along with The Port Credit Community Foundation and Holcim (Canada) Inc.



On Tuesday March 11 several employees from Holcim (Canada) Inc. volunteered in the Pancake House cum Log Cabin. Barb Smith, Holcim Mississauga's Corporate Social Responsibility Coordinator, and Friends Director, is second from the left.

In the words of Annemarie Hagan,
Manager, Museums and Traditions:
"Maple Magic is the busiest time of
the year at the Museums. Our
visitors love it and come back year
after year. MANY thanks to the
amazing team of Friends of the
Museums Volunteers and
Corporate Partner Volunteers who
partner with the talented and
hard-working part-time and fulltime staff of the Museums to put on
this great event."



OUTDOOR SUMMER MUSIC CONCERTS 2014
AT BENARES HISTORIC HOUSE — JUNE TO AUGUST, FRIDAY EVENING AT 7:30 PM

June 6 - The OCTOKATS. This WEST COAST JAZZ octet, from Toronto, enjoys entertaining fans who love Cool Jazz. Their style is synonymous with the groove popular in the Los Angeles and San Francisco club scene during the 1950's which featured musicians such as Dave Pell, Dave Brubeck, Paul Desmond, Chet Baker and Henry Mancini. Coming off a stellar year, the OCTOKATS are pleased to present their debut CD "Cool West Coast Jazz Comes to Toronto" with special guests, Dave Pell and Pat LaBarbera. Check out their videos on YouTube. Settle back for a very special evening of Cool Jazz. Contact: jazzyscientist@hotmail.com

June 13 - Mississauga Children's Choir. Mississauga Children's Choir celebrated their 30th Anniversary in 2011 and performed at Benares for the first time. We are delighted to have this award winning choir back again this season, highlighting choral singing of the highest calibre. www.mississaugachildrenschoir.com

June 20 - Ablett and Cooper. The love of acoustic fingerstyle guitar brought Don Ablett and Brent Cooper together some years ago. With common influences such as Bruce Cockburn, John Fahey, and Stefan Grossman, they have developed a style that has thrilled fans young and old around Southern Ontario. "On the Verandah" has been one of their favourite venues for the last six years. In 2008/9 they won the prestigious Brampton Arts Council Bravo Award for Outstanding Concert Performance by a Solo or Small Ensemble. Contact: donablett@cogeco.ca; cooper@hbwi.ca

June 27 - Jazz Plazma is a jazz combo playing the music of the classic masters in a lounge acoustic style. While being a classic jazz trio, the band keeps experimenting with the sound, adding ethnic fusion and new age elements. Jazz Plasma www.jazzplazma.com



July 4 - Quantum Brass. This six piece Brass group has been together for over 5 years. These local musicians play an entertaining mix of happy music from classical to popular, big band to Dixieland, show tunes to sing-alongs and more (including a few stories to go with the music). Perfect for a warm spring evening. Contact: jmartin@crimsonmartin.com

July 11 - Subhadra Vijhaykumar is a South Indian Classical Violinist. As a faculty member at the Royal Conservatory of Music, her performances with her students at the "World and Urban Music Showcase" and for the "City of Missisauga's Rhythms from Around the World Festival" have received excellent reviews from both audience and the media. She has performed at venues across Canada, the Far East and England. Contact: subhadra.vijaykumar@rcmusic.ca

July 18 - Paganini Strings. We are excited to be part of this summer's "On the Verandah Series" All under the age of 22, the musicians have been performing together for 5 years. Classically trained and versatile, we share our passion for music at weddings and charity events. We have shared the stage with performers at venues across Southwestern Ontario - including Toronto's Roy Thomson Hall, Ottawa's National Art Centre and Kleinburgs' McMichael Art Gallery. Enjoy a great performance on a beautiful summer night! Contact: Daniela 647-444-7632 paganinistrings.com

July 25 - Rob Tardik. As a multi-award winning guitarist Rob has performed at venues all across North America including Catalina Island, Glenn Gould Theatre and Roy Thompson Hall. Rob has had multiple songs go to the Top 10 on the U.S Billboard Charts in 2011 and 2012. He is out promoting/touring his 4th CD "Limitless" this summer and was the 2007 Mississauga Established Performing Artist of the Year and 2010 Canadian Contemporary Jazz Guitarist of the Year. Rob always finds a way to combine his guitar virtuosity and keen melodic sense to create his smooth sound. Contact: Rob Tardik www. robtardik.com

August 1 - Moira Nelson and Elena look forward to returning and delighting audiences once more at the "On the Verandah" concert series. These two multi-instrumentalists perform not only their signature style - a blend of Celtic, traditional and original music, but are also branching out into something a little different. Blending vocal harmonies, harp, cello and guitar these two musicians are sure to entertain. Contact: Moira Nelson www.willowmyst.com

August 8 - Halton Mississauga Youth Orchestra. HMYO is an amalgamation of two long established youth orchestras (the Halton Youth Symphony and the Mississauga Youth Orchestra) into a new and stronger organization with more than 70 years combined performance history. The HMYO consists of two distinct performing groups. Our senior group is a full symphony orchestra of 75 musicians led by our Music Director- Dr. Greg Burton. Our junior group is a strings only group of 45 musicians conducted by Caron Allen. Contact: kathy@hmyo.ca

August 15 - Alex Sinclair has spent over 30 years as a professional musician. Many of those years were spent touring internationally and recording with the folk band Tamarack. He has written many songs on commission for the CBC, labour groups, and teachers' organizations. Alex has an extensive repertoire of songs, both original and traditional, covering a wide swath of Ontario history. Contact: pmsinc@interlog.com



August 22 - Age of Reason David and Michelle played at the very first performance of "On the Verandah" Maria and Chris joined in the fun the following year. Ever since, they have delighted our audiences at Benares and have evolved to cover a broad range of music from the 60's, 70's, 80's and beyond. We hope you enjoy the music as much as they enjoy performing these classic songs for you! Contact: Age of Reason www.ageofreason.ca

August 29 - The Denise Leslie Jazz Trio. Denise Leslie has been performing jazz at clubs and private functions in the GTA for ten years and has recently enjoyed collaborating with the Mississauga Big Band Jazz Ensemble. Denise enchants when she sings - switching from bittersweet angst one moment to bubbling joy the next. Listen for the fun she has with phrasing - always "upping the ante" on the swing factor! Contact: Denise Leslie www.reverbnation.com/ deniselesliesings

ADMISSION IS PAY-WHAT-YOU-CAN Suggested donation is \$5-\$10 per person and \$15-\$20 for a family.

In the event of severe weather, call 905-615-4860, ext. 2110 to confirm the program start time.

Light refreshments available for purchase at each concert. Bring your sing-along voices, insect repellent and blankets or lawn chairs.

Benares Historic House 1507 Clarkson Road North, Mississauga

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Program Subject to Change.

On the Verandah 2014 Season Sponsors (at *E*-News publication time)









Did you know? Heritage Mississauga hosts regular Culture Café events where you can learn about our intriguing heritage in an informal setting.

See: http://www.heritagemississauga.com/page/Culture-Cafe-2014 for up-coming events.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Second Annual Benares Mother's Day High Tea sold out three sittings!



Mark your calendar now!

Mother's Day 2015 is May 10.
Reserve your places for
High Tea at
Benares Historic House early!

Restoration Project: main floor hallway at Benares Historic House



The strip hardwood was installed c. 1936 on the occasion of Barbara Sayers Larson's Sweet Sixteen Birthday.

(view from the stairs towards the front door)

When the carpet and a few strips of the hardwood were lifted, the original painted pattern of the floor boards was revealed.

(view from the front door towards the stairs)

The floor boards have been repaired, and the painted triangles pattern has been renewed.

The floor is now authentic to 1918.

(view from the parlour towards the front door)

Be sure to take a tour of Benares Historic House soon, to see this stunning restoration for yourself!

More Summer Events for Your Family!



STRAWBERRY GARDEN
PARTY
Noon to 4 pm, Sunday, June 22nd
at
Benares Historic House
Family Fun with old fashioned
games, music
and the taste of Strawberries!

Museum Event Admission: \$15 family, \$6 adult, \$4.80 child/student (plus tax)



20th ANNUAL BENARES
TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC
Noon to 4 pm, Sunday, July 27th
at
Benares Historic House
Bring your favourite teddy bear,
great for kids of all ages

Museum Event Admission: \$15 family, \$6 adult, \$4.80 Child/student (plus tax)



The Tempest"

July 19th at Bradley Museum

7:30 pm

August 15th at Leslie Log

House – 7:30 pm

Museums of Mississauga Spring/Summer Programs

PRE-REG PROGRAMS

Old Fashion Spa Day

Sunday June 8 -Bradley Museum

Cooking Sweets and Sours for the Pantry

Sunday June 22 - Bradley Museum

o www.connect2rec.ca to register

SUMMER DAY CAMPS

- o FULL Day Camps at Bradley Museum: Art Express, Bradley Mash Up
- o HALF Day Camps at Bradley Museum: Guitar Mania, Nature Exploration
- HALF Day Camps at Benares: The Young Artist, Visual Arts, Teen Visual Arts,
 Benares Blasters Sports Camp, Mini Soccer
- o <u>www.connect2rec.ca</u> to register

AFTERNOON TEA: 2:30 to 4:30 PM

Downton Abbey Tea and Tour, Benares

June 1, July 6, August 10, September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7

Afternoon Tea and Tour, Bradley

June 22, July 20, August 24, September 21, October 19, November 23, December 21

o \$15 +Tax pp, 905-615-4860 x2110 to register

FXHIBITS

- The British Indian Army in the Great War, 1914-1918
 Bradley Museum to July 20
- 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
 Benares Visitor Centre June 10 to 26 and other venues (<u>www.40years40sagas.com</u>)

SAVE THE DATE:

DOORS OPEN MISSISSAUGA/Culture Days September 27-28: World War One Experience at Benares

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

A Very Special Thank You to Our Sponsors!

Two major grants have recently been received for the benefit of visitors to the Museums of Mississauga.

Suncor has provided the third of four \$5,000 annual grants to support educational programming. In 2014, this will be directed entirely towards the WWI re-enactment at Benares Historic House in September.

The Port Credit Community Foundation has provided \$10,000 to support museums events. This will be directed towards enhancements such as the Horse & Wagon Rides and Mane Attractions Petting Zoo at Maple Magic, and Reptilia at Historic Hallowe'en.

We sincerely thank Suncor and the Port Credit Community Foundation for their continual, generous support to help us engage volunteers to enhance awareness through promotion, participation, and fundraising; to ensure the integrity of the Museums.

Notes from MOMAC

I would like to thank the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga for the opportunity to share some updates from the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee (MOMAC). As you know MOMAC and Friends are closely related and share the same passion and commitment to the well-being and advancement of our Museums. However MOMAC's focus is slightly different; we are a committee of Council charged with advising the City on the Museums direction and strategy. I hope these brief notes are the beginning of a series which will keep everyone engaged in what we are doing.

Last year the City Council slightly changed our mandate as follows:

The Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee (MOMAC) will provide input, guidance and support to the Manager, Museums and Traditions regarding the artifact collection and the future city-wide museum as a Committee of Council.

Just let that sink in."the future city-wide museum". What does that actually mean?

As yet there are no firm plans and there is much work to do by everyone connected with the Museums. City staff are planning to start an engagement process with the citizens of Mississauga to get a better feel for what is wanted and how we can move forward. But even though it is early in the process, we have a clear statement of intent. As part of the Cultural Master Plan, the City of Mississauga is seriously considering how best to provide a city-wide museum. This new museum will not replace the wonderful jewels we have in Benares, Bradley and Leslie, but it will enhance what we can do, and create another way to engage more and more people in our community.

As we move forward, we will all need to be persuasive, and we will need to demonstrate a city wide enthusiasm for a new Museum. This project will need support from citizens, politicians and businesses if it is going to come to fruition. (In a future note, I will discuss how we can all help in generating that momentum). I hope you're all as excited by this as I am; it's a fantastic opportunity that we must turn into firm plans!

I look forward to sharing more of my thoughts with you in the next edition, and I would encourage you to contact me with any thoughts that you may have.

Jeremy Harvey
Chair - MOMAC
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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

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