



Here is the front panel of our first ever Christmas Season Flyer.

The other three panels are presented later in this newsletter.

The flyer is being distributed to Libraries, Community Centres and Local Businesses.

Our sincere thanks to Safi Nomani, Senior Graphic Designer, for his beautiful work.

Friends museums OF MISSISSAUGA

This sixth issue of *E-News* marks the end of our first year of publication. We began in January 2014 with a distribution list of less than 200. Volume 6 will reach just over 400 email addresses, representing over 1,000 readers! A number to take pride in, especially for a fully volunteer effort. **You can help to expand our readership by forwarding this *E-News* to anyone you know who might be interested in the Museums!**

There are lots of happenings at the Museums between now and Christmas – all the details are here, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, a Christmas of joy and peace, and a healthy and prosperous 2015 to every one of you.

Becky Ryder
Chair, Board of Directors
Friends of the Museums of Mississauga

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Sun, Nov 30

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Photos with Santa – Pets

Sat, Dec 6

Photos with Santa – Families

Sun, Dec 7

Noon to 4:00 P.M. at

The Log Cabin - Bradley Museum

Friends Board of Directors Meeting

Mon, Dec 8

5:45 p.m. at The Anchorage

Home for the Holidays

Sun, Dec 14

Noon to 4:00 P.M. at

Bradley Museum,

Benares Historic House and

Leslie Log House

Friends Board of Directors Meeting

Mon, Jan 12

5:45 p.m. at The Anchorage

Friends Board of Directors Meeting

Mon, Feb 9

5:45 p.m. at The Anchorage



On September 27 and 28, thanks to sponsorship from The Hazel McCallion Fund for Arts, Culture and Heritage, of the Community Foundation of Mississauga; our World War One Experience Days at Benares Historic House was a brilliant success. There were 11 stations hosted by individuals in costume engaging the public with real and reproduction artifacts to learn about life on the home front and the war front.

Some visitor feedback from Doors Open and Culture Days, Mississauga:

- *‘The home on Clarkson Road with the First World War re-enactment and various stations around with people in costume explaining what they represented during the war was excellent. Loved the player piano! It brought life into the home’.*
- *‘It was nice to see people in period costume. I loved the interactive nature of the sites I saw. I love learning about the history of Mississauga and our part in it.’*

Fred Durdan, Past Chair, Friends of the Museums of Mississauga, is pictured at the Friends table on the Saturday afternoon.



Congratulations Contest Winners!



Two random draws were held to determine our prize winners. The prizes of general membership at the Great War Flying Museum, which includes a ride in the Sopwith Strutter were awarded to Lorie Miller and Lois Giles.

*Left to Right,
Lois Giles - Winner
Earl Smith - President, Great War Flying Museum
Willem - Lois' son receiving the membership
Willem's uncle
Willem's grandmother*





Cast and Crew of "The Rally"

Arthur Harris (played by Fran Goddu)
is seated at the left.

On Friday, October 24th, 2014 Arthur Harris and his family hosted "The Rally" at Benares Historic House (one of the Museums of Mississauga) as part of Heritage Mississauga's 13th Annual "Haunted Mississauga" Heritage Tour. Over twenty neighbours joined in welcoming almost one hundred visitors who took the six interactive tours running from 7PM to 9PM and enjoyed the great weather, fun and hot cider!

The story took place in October of 1914. The First World War had already begun, and young men from the community had begun to enlist. The news is simple: the Empire needs more men. Many more. Two recruiters are trying to rally support and encourage, or coerce, volunteers to enlist. However, even as the community is gathering to hear the recruiters and wish their young men well, it is evident that there are dissenters in the mix and that not everyone supports the war. The question facing the young men of the community, and their families, is simple: will you go or will you stay? Will you rally and support the Empire?

As the recruiters asked visitors to enlist, Arthur and his family and noble guests explained the family's involvement in the Napoleonic wars, the Boer wars, the Fenian raids and World War I. Official Red Cross sock patterns were distributed and everyone was encouraged to knit socks for the troops. Finished projects are to be returned to Benares for distribution to the troops.

"The Rally" was quite a success and plans are being made to celebrate victory after the war is over, at Benares Historic House. Surely the war will be short and the troops will be home for Christmas!

Fran Goddu



Friends of the Museums of Mississauga will
launch our very own website soon!
Watch your email for news about this
exciting venture.

Tricks or Treats

Historic Halloween Fun



On Sunday, October 26, 582 kids from 2 to 92 years old came to Benares Historic House for *Fun and Frights* at this annual family event.



New attractions this year included:

- II Scary Scavenger Hunt II
- II Bubbleology Show II
- II Spooky Historic Barn II
- II Zombie Walk II
- II Meadowvale Theatre Craft Area II



*Attendance at Historic Halloween was up by 78% from 2013.
Friends is proud to support the top quality event programming offered at the Museums.*

Special Thanks to our
Historic Halloween Event Sponsors.



You can get involved and support the future of the Museums by participating in the development of the Museums and Heritage Strategic Plan for Mississauga in 2015. Check the Canadian Urban Institute website at <http://www.canurb.org/cui-publications/mississauga-culture-master-plan.html> to see the Mississauga Culture Master Plan from 2009. The Culture Division will be looking for volunteers early in the new year.

A Fond Farewell from Annemarie Hagan

I started my career with the City of Mississauga in April 1994 on a one year contract to coordinate the restoration of Benares Historic House and to open it as a museum. At the time, I had no idea that I would have the wonderful opportunity to spend twenty years working at the Museums of Mississauga, sixteen of them as Manager, Museums.

Looking back, my overwhelming feeling is one of gratitude for twenty amazing years of working, learning and growing. Gratitude for having the opportunity to work at three beautiful historic sites, with wonderful Museum staff, inspiring volunteers, generous donors (such as Barbara Larson and her siblings who donated Benares), great colleagues across the City, and terrific heritage, business and community partners.

Today, the Museums of Mississauga are on the cusp of a new and exciting future. The forthcoming development of the Museums and Heritage Strategic Plan will be an opportunity to really engage the community. And to creatively reflect on the changing roles of museums and how they can connect in new ways to people's learning, happiness and well-being.

The Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee (MOMAC) has an exciting new future-focussed mandate. The Friends of the Museums are well established, and the fact that they just won the Heritage Mississauga Credit Community Heritage Award - Group is a testament to the excellent work that has been accomplished by everyone involved in the organization! Working together, the full and part time staff of the Museums has developed a new Action Plan to better integrate the talents and creativity of our part-time staff.

All of the staff and volunteers share a common passion for the Museums, so I am confident that the future of the Museums of Mississauga is in the best of hands! One of the things that I like the most about my new position at the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) is that it IS still connected to Mississauga, but within a regional context.

My new office at PAMA, in the 1867 Peel Jail, has bars on the windows. However, I promise that I won't let them get in the way of staying in touch. After all, a big part of my heart will always remain linked to the people, sites and stories of the Museums of Mississauga and the City of Mississauga.

Annemarie Hagan
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***Friends of the Museums of Mississauga
won The Credit for 2014
in the category:
Community Heritage – Group!***



Our sincere thanks to Heritage Mississauga, the nominators (Pat Mullin and Annemarie Hagan), Kimberly Phinney the award sponsor, and the awards selection jury for this generous recognition; awarded at The Credits gala on November 13.



*The Award will be displayed
at the
Visitors Centre of
Benares Historic House
from mid-December.*



Fran Goddu, former chair of MOMAC and long-time committee member, Friend and Sponsor of the Museums won the Lifetime Achievement Award, presented by Greg Carraro, Vice President, Heritage Mississauga.



Kimberly Phinney presented The Credit to Becky Ryder, Chair, Board of Directors, Friends of the Museums of Mississauga.



Jeremy Harvey and Joe Zammit received the Architectural Award from Barbara O'Neil, President, Heritage Mississauga; on behalf of the Leslie Log House Steering Committee.

*Additional details about The Credits and photographs are on the Heritage Mississauga Website:
<http://www.heritagemississauga.com/page/The-Credits>*



PHOTOS with SANTA at Leslie Log House

PET DAY

Noon to 4 pm, Sat. Nov. 29

- Bring your animal friend to visit Santa at Leslie Log House on Pet Photo Day
- Please note: all pets must be brought on a leash or in a carrier

FAMILY DAY

Noon to 4 pm, Sun. Nov. 30

- Meet Santa and Mrs. Claus
- Bring your letter for Santa
- Enjoy Apple Cider and Crafts



Professional 5' x 7' photo, \$15 each or two for \$25

A Fundraiser for the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga,
Mississauga Animal Services and Streetsville Historical Society

All images courtesy of Museums of Mississauga.



Leslie Log House 4415 Mississauga Road, Mississauga L5M 7C6

The Friends Sponsorship Committee has met several times over recent months to review our past successes, and to develop new plans to expand our reach in the local communities and across Mississauga. A number of actions are being initiated to engage citizens, small businesses and major corporations in supporting the Museums.

We are very pleased to be partnering with Streetsville Historical Society for this first-time joint fundraising event at Leslie Log House, to provide a second site for a very special Photo with Santa for Pets, and for Families.

See page below for details about Photos with Santa in The Log Cabin at Bradley Museum.



Photos with Santa in the Log Cabin was originally sponsored by The Mississauga News to raise funds for the preservation of the Cabin. Over several years with the financial contributions of many families, businesses, and the Starlight & Candlelight Gala, the Log Cabin was dismantled, moved from its former site on the west bank of the Credit River, just south of Lakeshore Road, and reconstructed at its new, permanent home at Bradley Museum.

Every year, families come back to the Cabin for a photo with Santa, many of them now bringing the second generation of youngsters to this very unique site that recalls happy memories of Christmas past.

PHOTOS with SANTA at the Log Cabin at Bradley Museum

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A Fundraiser for the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga and Mississauga Animal Services

The Friends of the Museums of Mississauga is a registered charitable organization with a mission to engage volunteers and enhance community awareness through promotion, participation and fundraising to ensure the integrity of the Museums.



Bradley Museum 1620 Orr Road, Mississauga L5J 4T2

Every pet photographed with Santa at Bradley Museum on December 6 will receive a treat courtesy of Pet Value, Clarkson Corners, and be entered in a draw for a \$50 Gift Certificate!



MUSEUMS OF MISSISSAUGA CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Downton Abbey Tea and Tour

Sunday, December 7
2:30 to 4:30 pm
Benares Historic House
Reserve at: 905-615-4860 x 2110



Sunday, December 14
12:00 to 4:00 pm
Bring a non-perishable food item for donation to a local food bank.

Bradley Museum

Discover how early settler families prepared for and celebrated the Christmas season. In Bradley House, enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of an early 19th century home including cooking on the open hearth. Sample some Christ-

mas goodies in the volunteer-operated tea room at The Anchorage, and listen to live traditional music.

Benares Historic House

Experience the revelry of an early 20th century Christmas in this elegant restored house decorated in all its seasonal finery. There will be carolling in the drawing room around the player piano, horse-drawn wagon rides through the property and children's crafts.

Leslie Log House

Enjoy exhibit displays on the history of Streetsville, Christmas festivities including children's crafts, historic demonstrations and sip some apple cider.

Afternoon Tea and Tour

Sunday, December 21
Bradley Museum
Reserve at: 905-615-4860 x 2110

Bradley Museum
1620 Orr Road

Benares Historic House
1507 Clarkson Road North

Leslie Log House
4415 Mississauga Road

www.museumsofmississauga.com



Good Things Come To Those Who Wait

My mother always taught me that good things come to those who wait. In the case of the development of a purpose-built museum and artifact collection centre, the people of Mississauga will be, one day, hopefully soon, greatly rewarded. Because we have certainly waited a long time.

It is not as if we are wanting a museum per se because between Benares Historic House, Bradley Museum and Leslie Log House a fine, rich and diverse programme has been developed. These three sites are constantly bustling with musical, theatrical, and historical interpretation events. Whether it has been Shakespeare in the open among the stars as evidenced in the summer at the Leslie Log House and the Bradley Museum site, or the ever popular music events that take place on the Verandah of Benares every Friday night each summer. The teas, the art exhibitions, Halloween and Christmas events as well as the flipping of pancakes in March with the Maple Magic festival. The recent Doors Open event that hosted a World War One battle re-enactment with the fly-over of vintage fighting airplanes demonstrated all that our current museum sites offer.

In their current state, our museums, aided by the Friends of the Museums and overseen by the Museums of Mississauga staff, have offered a plethora of services and events that have catered to all in Mississauga. Attendance keeps growing and visitors have indicated quite clearly that they are satisfied with the experiences they have had on these museum sites.

So what more can we want? Well, there is a lot more that is expected. First of all, we continue to run out of space for our artifact collections. We need a home, preferably a centralized location where we can house and store the great artifacts that will be held in trust to preserve our past. So that our future residents can understand how this great city was built, and also have opportunity to understand the people who founded and lived in the city.

Secondly, we need to develop the one thing that many other cities and communities have: a purpose-built museum site that can showcase the artifacts all under one roof. The focus of the museum will be to celebrate our city. To document and demonstrate how it was built. To showcase the amazing, talented and skilled individuals who founded and lived in this city. To celebrate their lives and achievements. It will have the unique perspective of showcasing the history of Mississauga from 1939 to the present day, but also honour the many artifacts in our collection that pre-date this formative time.

Mississauga is now Canada's sixth largest city. All the other large cities in Canada have developed museums that celebrate the development of their city, or are in the process of developing a municipal museum. It is equally important to have our own distinctive museum centre that tells the story of our great city. Mississauga is a large and vibrant municipality that is now comprised of a diverse population that contributes greatly to the economic, social and cultural mosaic of Canada. The citizens of the city deserve to have a home to honour the establishment of Mississauga and the contribution our citizens have made to the rest of the world. This is the city that after all was the home of such luminaries as Colonel Harland Saunders, Igor Gouzenko, Silken Laumann, Don Cherry, Oscar Peterson, Mazo de la Roche, and yes, newly retired Hazel McCallion to name but just a few who have gained international fame.

That is why it is so important to support the effort to develop a purpose-built museum and artifact collection centre to tell the story of Mississauga and demonstrate that indeed, as my mother did say, "good things come to those who wait".

Joe Zammit

Vice-Chair, Museums of Mississauga Advisory Council

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Watch for Your Invitation to a Unique Celebration on January 15, 2015.

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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.



Where to see the Exhibit

Meadowvale Theatre

November 4th-December 15th

www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/meadowvaletheatre

THE KITCHEN




IF YOU CAN'T TAKE THE HEAT... OUR EVER-CHANGING KITCHEN

Featuring artifacts from the Museums of Mississauga's collection, this exhibit compares kitchens of the 1830s to the 1930s as well as exploring 19th and 20th century kitchen tools used to make food preparation easier.

ON DISPLAY UNTIL
JANUARY 18th, 2015

Free Exhibit Admission
9 am to 4 pm, Mon to Fri
1 pm to 4 pm, Sat and Sun

The Anchorage, Bradley Museum
1620 Orr Road, Mississauga, ON
museumsofmississauga.com or 905-615-4860

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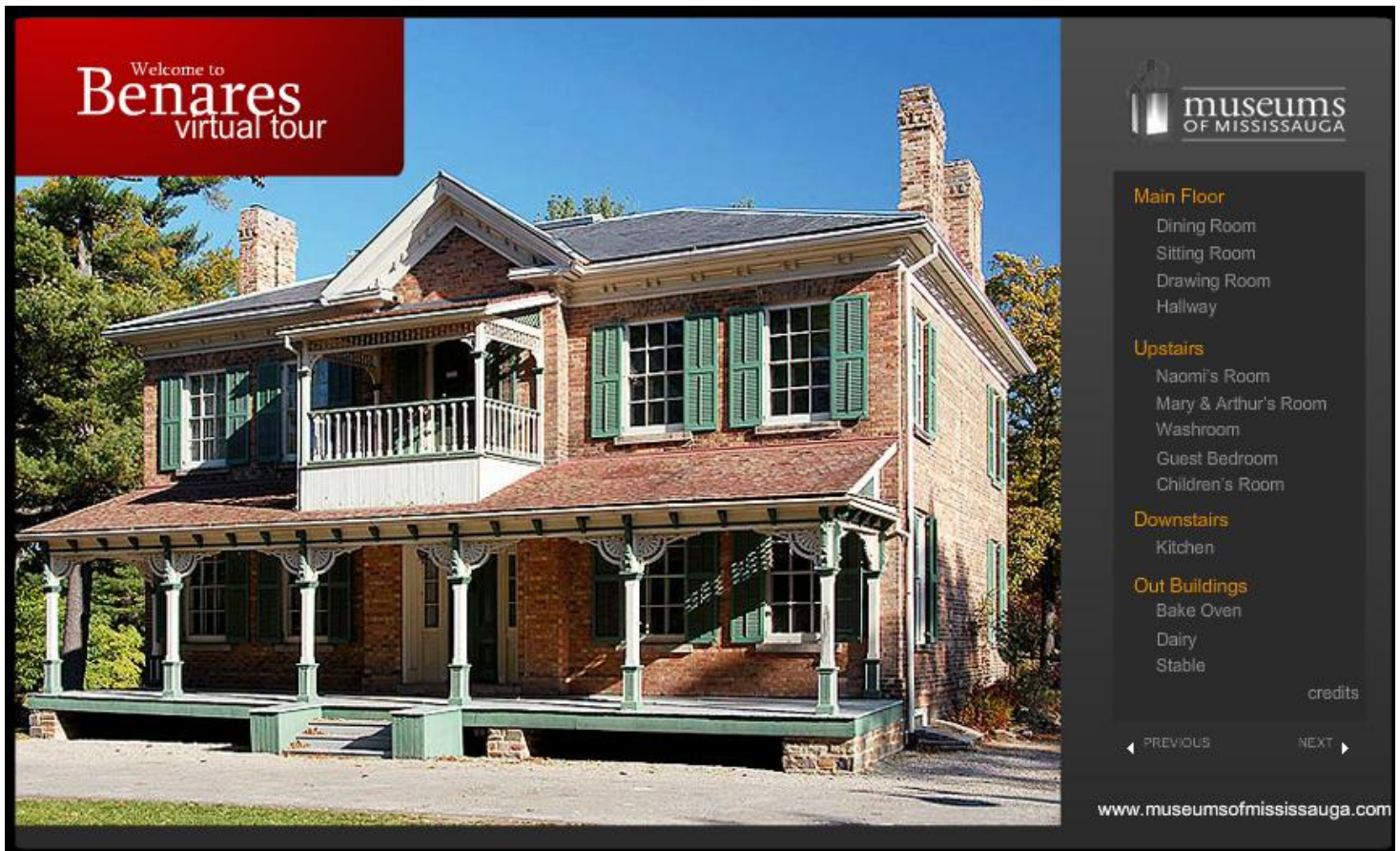
- **Downton Abbey Tea and Tour, Benares**
December 7
- **Afternoon Tea and Tour, Bradley**
November 23, December 21

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

Get more details at: 905-615-4860 www.museumsofmississauga.com

Enjoy Benares Historic House by Virtual Tour at:

<http://www5.mississauga.ca/rec&parks/websites/benaresvirtualtour/index.html>



Follow @FOMMississauga for breaking news about what's happening at the Museums!

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 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
- 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

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