

Today marks the beginning of the third year of publication for *E-News* from Friends of the Museums of Mississauga! Since the very first volume compiled in Winter 2013, the distribution list has grown from under 300 to over 800 folks just like you, who have an interest in our local heritage sites, and a commitment to ensure their continuing place in our communities.

At the Museums, 2016 will bring opportunities to experience the three historic sites in some new and exciting ways. The soon-to-be-released Culture Division strategic plan points to the urgency of engaging larger numbers of residents from a broader diversity, in order to assure the long-term viability of the museums. You will see some brand-new events and programs, along with major revisions to old favourites. Available details are included in this newsletter – check the museums website www.museumsofmississauga.com frequently for more up-to-date information.

Friends are partnering with the City of Mississauga, big and small corporate sponsors, community charitable foundations, and generous individual donors in designating significant financial support to the Museums for the enhancement of every guest experience at every visit throughout the year. Visit Friends on-line <http://fommississauga.com/2015/11/out-and-about/> to see the latest photos of Friends in the community.

CALENDAR

Little House in the 'Burbs
Sat & Sun, Jan 30 & 31 – noon to 4:00 PM
Bradley Museum

Friends Board of Directors Meeting
Mon, Feb 01 - 5:45 PM
The Log Cabin, Bradley Museum

Snow Day
Mon, Feb 15 - noon to 4 PM
Benares Historic House

Maple Family Sundays
Sun, Feb 28 to Apr 03 - noon to 4 PM
Maple Magic March Break | Drop In Fun
Mon, Mar 14 to Sat, Mar 19 - noon to 4 PM
Bradley Museum

Friends Board of Directors Meeting
Mon, Mar 07 - 5:45 PM
Summer Kitchen, Benares Historic House

Begumpura
Thu, Mar 10 – 7:00 PM
Visitors Centre, Benares Historic House

In Conversation with Margaret Atwood and Charles Pachter
Tue, Mar 29 – 6:00 PM
Noel Ryan Auditorium at Mississauga Civic Centre

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Crooked Christmas, Paws n' Claus, Christmas Portraits



Our first
Crooked Christmas Together!



On our way to the annual
Ugly Christmas Sweater Party!



Santa with Elves, Reindeer,
Friends Volunteers, Photographers,
Animal Services and Museums Staff.

On Saturday 282 Two or Four-legged
Friends posed for photos with Santa.

Thanks to Pet Valu Clarkson for
providing treats for the Four-legged
Friends.

Santa and Mrs. Claus welcomed 244 guests on Sunday afternoon. Here they are with Friends Volunteers, Staff and Photographers.

Thanks to Mary Ann Stokke, (Royal LePage Real Estate Services, Ltd) and Rosemarie Wallace, (Re/Max Realty Enterprises, Inc) for providing holiday treats for all the Christmas photo events.

Friends extends sincere thanks to everyone who helped make 2015 the most-well-attended Photos with Santa ever!



View all the fantastic photos of the Mississauga Holiday House tour, including Benares Historic House, at https://www.facebook.com/BleuVenueEvents/photos_stream?tab=photos_albums



What's Happening at the Museums in 2016

*Here are some of the events being planned –
get ready for new adventures in experiential history!*

Front Lawn Film Series at Benares Historic House;
Alfred Hitchcock festival ...imagine watching The Birds outside!

Park your Pumpkin after Hallowe'en at the Museums
in a night-time candlelight celebration.

**Ghost Hunters at heritage buildings in Mississauga.
A whole month of Halloween capers for youth, kids and children at heart.**

**On the Verandah hosted by Friends of the Museums of Mississauga
with a whole new twist, dance and shout action.**

Global Politics and Fashion Hysteria from the 1970s
with an imprint of Mississauga,
in collaboration with Ryerson University Fashion Research Collection.

**Alice in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass
- a cool, high energy family event at Benares Historic House in the early summer.**

Laugh, cry and sing along!
Being Canadian: 5 films on aspects of our country,
the people and the stories we share, Jan 30 to Apr 08.

Share Your Story!
A digital collection of Mississauga now.
Who writes the story of our city?...you do! We will show you how.

**Reanimated tours of the Historic Houses, coming in the spring.
You think you know Benares and Bradley.....just you wait!**

**Spiritual Tours of Mississauga:
Mosque, Church, Synagogue, Gudwara, Temple and sacred nature sites.**

**Mazo de la Roche Week: May 01 to 07
– a celebration during REBEL Week, all about writing and ideas.**

Fathers Day: Muscles, Mustaches and Motors: Jun 19.
Get a shave, check out vintage cars from 1930s to 1980s and hang out with Dad.

Jane Austen Ball
find your Mr. Darcy and invent your period costume
in a workshop at a thrift shop!

War of 1812 re-enactment collaboration with Heritage Mississauga.

Scullery Circuit, an exercise fiend's dream come true:
heritage activities with cardio, trainers and an obstacle course.

All new Christmas and global winter traditions
artisan market with bells and whistles!

Jane's Walk - explore your own views and experiences of heritage, May 6 – 8.

All new heritage fashion show and Mother's Day Tea.

Join a Community Conversation led by The Black Experience Project.

Keep your thumbs green and knees dirty,
enjoy the beauty of monarchs and other butterflies
in the community stewardship garden at Bradley Museum.

Victorian Death and Mourning Rituals:
participate in a wake, a funeral march and tour an historic cemetery.

Cryptic Light: a midnight autumn walk in the cemetery by candle light.

Artist Skwanetti brings a modern aboriginal narrative
alongside tradition with digital storytelling.

Farm to Table cooking and eating
- Heritage Bites explores guest chefs and new traditions with sharing food.

Around the World Teas:
learn, celebrate and partake with tea rituals from across the globe.



Laura Ingalls Wilder chronicled her childhood growing up on the prairies in her "Little House" books. Her pioneer experiences have been shared by millions of fans around the world. This event celebrates all things Laura Ingalls Wilder. Learn about the cult of Laura and her impact upon generations. Try out pioneer activities as described in the original books; watch your favourite "Little House on the Prairie" episode.



Thrill to see the deer right in the back yard.



Help churn cream into butter.



Make a ragdoll of your own, all the materials are provided.

New Volunteer opportunities at the Museums of Mississauga Begin February 2016

Would you like to be involved with the Museums in a more interactive and informative way? We are seeking dedicated volunteers to help us create a memorable Visitor experience. There are many new ways to get involved with the Museums of Mississauga at Bradley Museum, Benares Historic House and Leslie Log House.

The Museums Staff are developing a New Docent and Ambassador program for volunteers with an emphasis on Visitor Services. Currently schedules are in planning. Please email Kelly Kubik to learn more about availability and timelines. (kelly.kubik@mississauga.ca)

Snow Day

February 15, 2016, noon - 4 PM

Benares Historic House

Spend Family Day with the Museums of Mississauga.

Learn about First Nations' relationship with snow through language and games.

Join the 1st Annual Snowman Making Contest (snow dependent).

Call the Museums for a snow update 905-615-4860.



Charles Pachter and Margaret Atwood:

The Journals of Susanna Moodie

Saturday, January 30, 2016 -

9:00am to Sunday, April 17, 2016 -

4:00pm

Bradley Museum

"In most instances, emigration is a matter of necessity, not choice" - Susanna Moodie

Renowned writer Margaret Atwood and iconic artist Charles Pachter's captivating collaboration, "The Journals of Susanna Moodie," prompt new insight into the experiences of early settlers and today's newcomers. Atwood's lucid and lyrical poems are directly inspired by Moodie's journal entries, while Pachter's illustrations are expressive visual interpretations of Atwood's stirring poetry. The exhibition includes thirty original prints with poems on loan from the McMichael Canadian Art Collection.

VIP Opening:

February 4, 2016 6 - 8 pm in the Anchorage at Bradley Museum.

In conversation with Margaret Atwood and Charles Pachter:

March 29, 2016 6pm in Noel Ryan Auditorium at Mississauga Civic Centre. Call the Readers Den information desk for more information: 905.615.3200 ext. 3544.

Exhibition Hours:

Weekdays 9 am - 4 pm

Thursday 9 am - 8 pm

Saturday & Sunday 12 pm - 4 pm

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<http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/museumscommittee>

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Museums Advisory Committee



The Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee will provide advice and recommendations to Council with respect to policy issues related to the City of Mississauga's museums and artifact collections and will also provide leadership, vision, advocacy and continuity of purpose for the Museums of Mississauga.

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AGENDAS & REPORTS

Charitable Donation Receipts for Income Tax Purposes

Friends has issued official receipts for eligible donations received in 2015 to all relevant donors.

**If your receipt has not been received, please contact us at:
friendsofthemuseums@hotmail.com.**



"Begumpura: The Wives Colony" is a small documentary film which addresses some pertinent issues related to immigrant communities in Canada. A major challenge of globalization is an increasing number of fragmented families where the mother and children live alone while the father works elsewhere in places with lucrative remuneration and employment opportunities, both across Canada and abroad in countries like Hong Kong, Korea and the Middle East.

Begumpura will be screened at the Visitors Centre, Benares Historic House on Thursday, March 10 - 7:00 to 9:00 PM | Hindi and English.

See the trailer, and learn more at: <http://begumpurathewivescolony.com/index.php>.

2016 Corporate Sponsors



Becky Ryder represented Friends, as Corinn Smith (Suncor) presented a sponsorship cheque to Stuart Keeler (Museums).

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

**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.

The Board of Directors 2016 – 2017
will be elected at the Friends Annual General Meeting in the spring.
Anyone interested should contact Friends at friendsenews@outlook.com.



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The Museums of Mississauga are reaching broader audiences! For example, click on this link to a very recent article in **Modern Mississauga**.

<http://www.modernmississauga.com/main/2016/1/18/experience-the-museums-of-mississauga>

Coming in March.....



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The next issue of Friends E-News will include a year-end report from Museums staff outlining accomplishments, attendance and other highlights from 2015, along with full details for the Maple Family Sundays and Maple Magic March Break | Drop In Fun. In the meantime, send us your suggestions for other items to be included,

friendsenews@outlook.com. Thanks for your support!

Communications & Membership Committee



Being Canadian:

Stories Told Through Film

Saturday, January 30, 2016 -
9:00am to Friday, April 8, 2016 -
4:00pm
Benares Historic House

The exhibition features artifacts from the Museum's Collection and a series of films Courtesy of the National Film Board illustrating what it means to be Canadian. Artifacts will include: Mississauga's own "ERICA", an R2D2 inspired bus transit app from the 70's and the niqab worn by Zunera Ishaq when she garnered international attention by refusing to remove it when she took her oath of Canadian Citizenship.

Exhibition Hours:

Weekdays 9 am to 4 pm
Thursday 9 am to 8 pm
Saturday & Sunday 12 pm to 4 pm

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*Following are excerpts from the Exhibit Report compiled by
Stuart Keeler: Chief Curator | Manager, Museums & Traditions – Arts & Culture, City of Mississauga.*

The Museums of Mississauga are proud to partner with the residents of our City to showcase collections, ideas and concepts relevant to Mississauga, 905 and Peel region communities. We serve to present an exceptional collection of historic house museums with the goal to create a meaningful dialogue on a shared past, a collective present and a collaborative future. By presenting relevant exhibitions, educational programs and innovative engagement experiences, the museums connect the public with the story of Mississauga's heritage shaped by Canadian identity and our global context.

The exhibit **Wrapped, Tied and Tucked** at the **Anchorage and Benares Visitor Centre** generated great interest and feedback from across Mississauga. The exhibition included a partnership with Artist Tazeen Qayyum and Sampradaya Dance Creations. The Opening VIP Night featured a memorable performance at Benares Historic House – on the front verandah the traditional Bharhamyham dance of Southern India. **The exhibit included community engagement with the loan of private collections:** Mayor Crombie, Meena Chopra, Asma Mahmood, Lata Prata, and Deepali Dewan. **Institutional loans were in collaboration with:** The Royal Ontario Museum (ROM), The Textile Museum of Canada (TMC), and Ryerson University Fashion Research Collection.

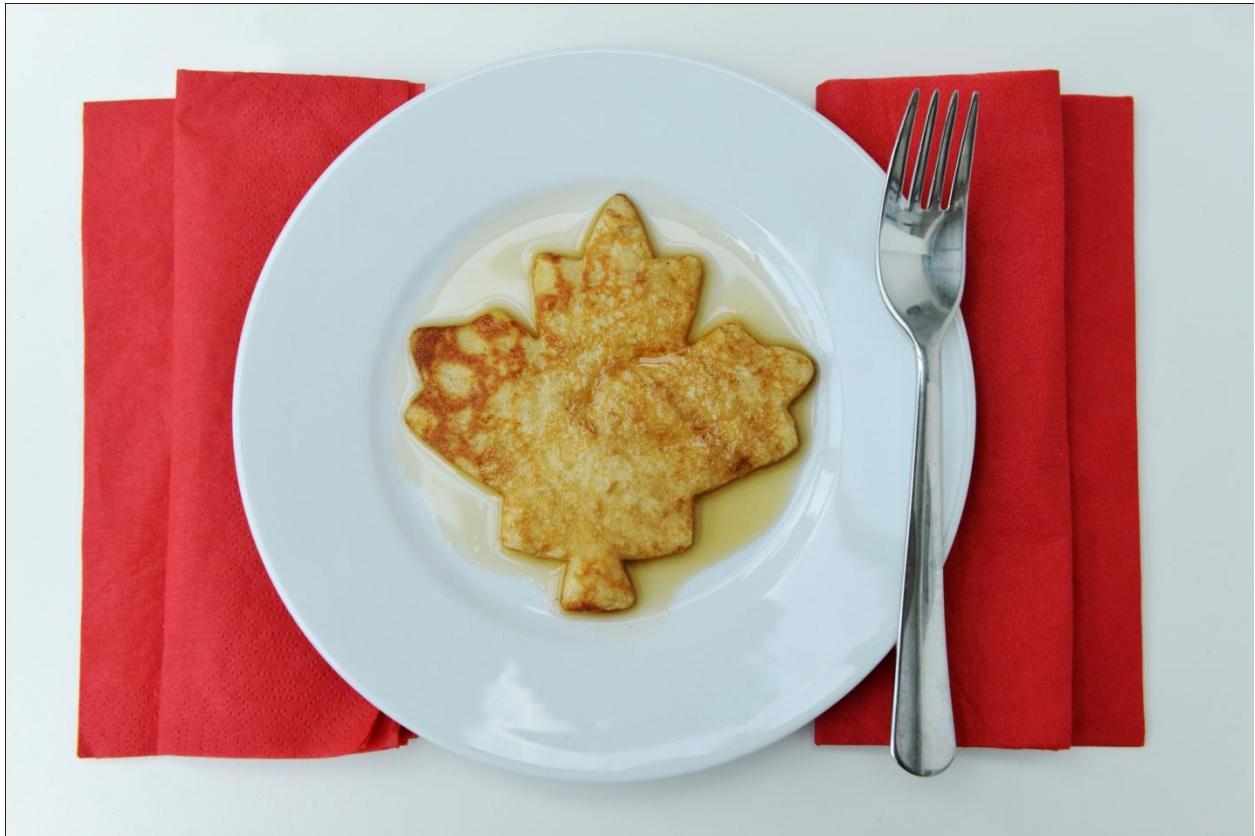
Onsite Programming: Artist Talk with Collectors of South Asian Fabric, Worn Stories Symposium, ROM Family Camera Project, and with South Asian Collections curator Deepali Dewan.

Off Site Programming: The Skynner Cup with Mayor Crombie, Counsel General of Malta, Councillor John Kovac, Councillor Karen Ras and the Maltese Society of Mississauga, Maltese Association of Toronto and the Friends of the Museums, MOMAC and community members.

Total visitors to the exhibit	1,842	Visitors attending concurrent Tours of the Historic Houses	258
Visitors to the Opening Night	123	Visitors attending concurrent events	1,242
Attendance at Tazeen Qayyum Artist Talk	53	Total Site concurrent visits	3,518

These excellent results are directly attributable to the intensive digital promotion campaign which included: Twitter, Facebook, Museums website, Mississauga website, community centre readerboards, Celebration Square screens, central library PCs, Library newsletter, Ontario Association of Art Galleries, Ontario Museum Association, Mississauga Arts Council's MACTivities, staff email signature and advertisement in Akimbo (on-line visual arts magazine).

March is Maple Magic Month!



Maple Family Sundays

February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3, noon – 4 PM

Canadians rules supreme on Sunday afternoons this spring as we celebrate the Maple harvest. Every Sunday will feature a unique theme with entertainment and interactive activities for all, with special focus on experiencing our great nation. Pancakes with maple syrup are in the Sugar Shack; souvenirs and syrup can be purchased in the Maple Souvenir Magasin. Every day includes tours of the property and the sap lines, maple candy and taffy demos and samples, crafts and wood stacking, “Look like a Lumberjack” photo booths and more.

Children: \$6.24

Adult: \$7.80

Family: \$19.50

Maple Magic March Break | Drop-in Fun

March 14–19, noon – 4 PM

Mississauga’s favourite maple tradition returns to the Bradley Museum for March Break. Learn how to tap a tree and follow the sap lines to the Bradley House kitchen where maple treats await. Enjoy an afternoon of truly Canadiana themed fun!

Children: \$4.80

Adult: \$6.00

Family: \$15.00

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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 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!*

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