

### ***“Fast away the old year passes”***



These familiar words by Thomas Oliphant from the song we know as “Deck the Halls” date back to “Nos Calan” published in 1862. The lilting Welsh melody loved by young and old is even more aged, first published in the 1500s.

It seems impossible that we are at the end of another cycle of the year. The last few weeks just seem to go faster and faster and faster. Yet, when we consider all that Friends has accomplished, all the events and artifact accessions and exhibitions and education programs and facility improvements that Museums staff have completed, it seems impossible that it was all done in just one year!

In the few weeks that remain in 2016, you are specially invited to join us in giving back on Giving Tuesday, and posing for unique seasonal photographs at any of three special events featured in this issue of *E-News*. And, remember to renew your Friends membership.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, and all Friends, we wish everyone of you a most happy holiday season with your families. And in the New Year, peace and prosperity for all.

*Communications and Membership Committee.*

### CALENDAR

#### ***Exhibit - Death Becomes Us: Expressions of Loss and Mourning***

Sat Sep 24 to Sun Nov 20  
Benares Historic House and Bradley Museum

#### ***Cooking Edwardian Christmas “Downton Style”***

Sat Nov 26, 1 pm at Benares Historic House

#### ***Crooked Christmas Photos***

Sat Nov 26, 3 to 8 pm at Mississauga Civic Centre

#### ***Giving Tuesday***

November 29

#### ***Paws and Clause – Pet Photos***

Sat Dec 3, 12 to 4 at Bradley Museum

#### ***Board of Directors Meeting***

Mon Dec 5, 5:45 at Log Cabin, Bradley Museum

#### ***Historic Canadian Christmas: Xmas Market and Family Photos***

Sat Dec 10, 12 to 4 at Bradley Museum

#### ***Board of Directors Meeting***

Mon Jan 9, 5:45 at Log Cabin, Bradley Museum

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## History Class Studies World War One at Benares Historic House

On September 24, Benares Historic House site was transformed into a World War I experiential history lesson for 100+ grade 10 students from Peel district high schools. Friends proudly provides funding for transportation to this, and many other education programs at the Museums sites, from the proceeds of the On the Verandah summer outdoor concert series.

These photographs depict three of the various stations where pupils learned about the reality of ground warfare as it was 100 years ago.



Bayonet Drill with Replica Weapons and Sand Bag Enemy Soldiers



Battle School among the poppies



Storming the enemy bunker

For photographs from an earlier WWI education program day, see *E-News* Volume 4 by clicking: [E-News Volume 4](#).

Following is an excerpt from a letter received from a teacher who attended this most recent program with their class.

*The WWI education day was absolutely fantastic. The event was thoroughly organized from beginning to end, and all of the presenters were amazing. The students enjoyed the rich local history, the expertise of each presenter, and the physical activities at some stations.*

*It was a unique combination of interactive theatre, guided-tour, and mini-lectures. I wonder how many new historians were made last Monday?*

*The timing at each station was just right and my 24 academic students enjoyed themselves thoroughly. I attended the trip two years ago, and was impressed, and this year I'm even more impressed.*

*Thank you for inviting our school and subsidizing the cost for the students.*

**The interactive World War I educational program at Benares Historic House is sought-after by high school history teachers. It has only been possible to convene the program so far, because of sponsorship by Friends, and corporate donors. Additional support is needed to continue and expand the program to accommodate all the classes that would like to attend. *Friends is actively soliciting new sponsors to ensure the continuance of this outstanding program. Please contact us to learn more about how to get involved.* Email: [friendsenews@outlook.com](mailto:friendsenews@outlook.com).**

**Board of Directors  
Welcomes Two New Members**

The Board of Directors has appointed two new members, Wanda Hall and Sue Shanly. Wanda brings a wealth of experience in history education plus many hours of volunteering at the Museums, especially for On the Verandah. Sue is a well-known community activist in Clarkson with close ties to the Bradley Museum neighbourhood. Please join the Directors in welcoming the enthusiasm and energy Wanda and Sue are bringing to Friends.

**Friends of the  
Museums of Mississauga  
Board of Directors**

Gail Backus	Julie Morris
Christine Batiuk	John Pegram
Mira Coghlan	Becky Ryder
Jenny Dale	Sue Shanly
Joyce Delves	Barb Smith
Anne Fabierkiewicz	Junaid Zuberi
Wanda Hall	1 Vacant
Don Harrington	





***The Credits*** are an annual awards gala sponsored by Heritage Mississauga to honour members of the Mississauga community for their contributions and achievements with a celebration of our community heritage. Here are some snapshots of Friends at the event on November 10.



**Jenny Dale and Joe Zammit**



**Joyce Delves and Anne Fabierkiewicz**



**John Pegram and Jeremy Harvey**



**Becky Rusk and Annemarie Hagan**



**Kelly Kubik**

Heritage Mississauga had not posted the full details of all the award winners in time for inclusion in this *E-News*.

Check at [The Credits](#) in the next week or so to see all the photographs from the Gala.

## **Indigenous Sweat Lodge and Healing Garden Opens at Bradley Museum**

It has been over 100 years since Mississauga had a sweat lodge! Well over due that it should return to the land that was once inhabited only by indigenous peoples.

On the Bradley Museum site, I and others were witness to its return. In a ceremony that was marked by ancient traditions the Museums of Mississauga has taken a large step forward, and backward in time, to acknowledge the original stewards of this land we call Mississauga. A small structure made of tree branches arched into a domed area serve as a place where people sweat out their perspiration and symbolically cleanse themselves.

Alongside the sweat lodge is a tribute to “the seven grandfathers”. These are basic tenets of understanding that really should act as a guide for all of us. It comprises a gravelled area with stones marked Love, Respect, Truth, Honesty, Wisdom, Humility and Courage.

We have so much to learn from those who inhabited this land so long ago. For many decades this culture and way of life was lost. We should be proud that the Museums of Mississauga is making the effort to bring back what has been forgotten. Indeed our future is rooted in our newfound respect for the past. We go forward by acknowledging and recovering what was lost.

*Joe Zammit, Chair, Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee*



The photo at left shows Elder Peter Isaacs as he explains the importance of the traditional sweat lodge at the Opening on November 5.

To see media coverage of the installation and opening activities with additional photographs, go to:

[Sweat Lodge Installation](#),  
[Sweat Lodge Opening](#), and  
[Sweat Lodge Revealed](#).

Funding for the installation and operation of the Sweat Lodge and Healing Garden is provided by the Friends, and the Hazel McCallion Fund for Arts, Culture & Heritage at the Community Foundation of Mississauga.

*Giving Tuesday is the perfect time  
to renew your Friends Membership!  
Click here: [Friends](#)*



**Tuesday, November 29th, 2016.  
Do Good. Feel Good.**

**#SaugaGives**

On Tuesday, November 29th, 2016, MississaugaGives is bringing GivingTuesday to the City of Mississauga as part of a city-wide campaign celebrating charitable giving. After Black Friday and Cyber Monday – two days great for the economy – GivingTuesday is a day to give back through all forms of charitable giving including making a financial donation, volunteering, donating gently used clothing, donating blood, or committing other generous acts of giving.

Whether you are a business, school, community group, or passionate citizen, join the movement and visit [www.MississaugaGives.com](http://www.MississaugaGives.com) to find a charity to support this GivingTuesday.



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# Your Aviva Community Fund results



Thanks to everyone who cast their online votes for the Indigenous Healing Garden and Sweat Lodge Project. There were over 3.2 million votes received for 100's of projects. Unfortunately, our project with just over 3,000 votes did not win enough support to reach the finals. To see the list of 30 finalists click here: [Finalists](#).

Kelly Kubik, Community Program Supervisor, Museums of Mississauga was met by this friendly King of the Forest when she arrived at work recently.



Kelly says she has seen dozens of deer around the Bradley Museum site over the years. This gentle buck is the first ever to welcome her to work. Thankfully her 'phone was handy!

## Tinsel & Traditions at the Museums

Holiday events for  
the whole family



# Cooking Edwardian Christmas

## “Downton Style”

Saturday, November 26, 2016 -  
1:00pm

Benares Historic House

### **Tickets:**

**Call 905-615-4860 ex 2110 to book: \$46.50**

Experience an authentic Edwardian Christmas dinner “Downton” style. Museum interpreters have chosen a menu for you to prepare in the Benares Historic House kitchen. The meal consists of a soup, a meat and/or fish course and a selection of traditional Christmas desserts that are inspired by the historical period drama Downton Abbey.

\$46.50 per person includes your meal and a tour of Benares with special emphasis on Edwardian holiday traditions. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 905-615-4860 ext 2110.





# *A new venue for* **Crooked Christmas Photos**

Saturday, November 26, 2016 -  
3:00pm to 8:00pm  
Mississauga Civic Centre

Tired of conventional family Christmas photos? Join the Museums as we poke a little fun at tradition. Have your picture taken with Captain Hook, Ursula the Sea Witch and other vile villains from your favourite fairytales. Bring your skates for the outdoor rink at Celebration Square.

Make this year's Christmas card one that everyone talks about. Holiday photos with a twist!

**Digital photos available electronically. Pay-what-you-can donations go to Friends of the Museums to pay for School Program bussing.**



## **Paws n' Mr. Claus**

Saturday, December 3, 2016 -  
12:00pm to 4:00pm  
Bradley Museum

A family photo isn't complete without the whole family. Or maybe your pet needs some quality time with Santa. Bring them into the Bradley Museum for an afternoon of four-legged fun. Proceeds will go to support the Mississauga Animal Services Special Care and Resources Fund (S.C.A.R.F.).

### **Pet Portrait Photo Packages:**

One 4 x 6 - \$15  
Two 4 x 6 - \$25



## Historic Canadian Christmas

Saturday, December 10, 2016 -  
12:00pm to 4:00pm  
Bradley Museum

Immerse yourself in all the sights and smells of a traditional Christmas at the Bradley Museum. Sample holiday food, cider and hot chocolate while browsing through the marketplace courtesy of vendors from the Gladstone Flea Market. Have a traditional family portrait taken in the Anchorage Historic House. With strolling carollers and a live nativity scene, this event is fun for the whole family. Giving Tree and Food Bank donations will be accepted. Join us and share your own Holiday traditions!

### Family Portrait Photo Packages:

One 4 x 6 - \$15  
Two 4 x 6 - \$25



**New this year!**  
**Have your gifts beautifully and uniquely wrapped for a donation to Friends!**





# Save the Date!

*Friends of the Museums of Mississauga Fund-Raising Gala*  
*Thursday, June 8, 2017 at C-Banquets, Mississauga*



**Tickets to be available:**

**February 1, 2017**

**Prices:**

**\$150.00 each**

**\$140.00 early bird**

**\$1,120 for table of 8**

Charitable donation receipt for income tax purposes, will be provided for the maximum allowable amount.

**Seating:**

**limited to 160**

**6:00 pm**

**Reception & Silent Auction**

**7:00 pm**

**Dinner**

**9:00 pm**

**Live Auction**

**Co-chairs:**

Christine Batiuk, Joyce Delves and Anne Fabierkiewicz

### **Museums Events in the Media**

In addition to the several links within articles of this *E-News*, here are some recent on-line postings about Museums Happenings.

The 1812 Military Camp: [1812 Militia](#).

Victorian Funeral Re-enactment: [Harris Funeral](#).

World's First Horror Film: [House of the Devil](#).

To view the entire film: [The House of the Devil 1896](#)

### **Coming in 2017.....a celebration of Mayor Hazel McCallion**

Museums of Mississauga will mount a major exhibition of the life and times of our beloved Mayor McCallion. Displays will be in The Great Hall at Mississauga Civic Centre, and throughout the city. Stay tuned for news about the official exhibit opening.



I've been called other things too, and some of them uncomplimentary and sexist like the 'Queen of Sprawl', 'Attila the Hen,' 'The Mom who runs Mississauga' and the 'Mississauga Rattler', so it's little wonder that my favourite nickname is Hurricane Hazel.

— Hazel McCallion —

AZ QUOTES



Here are some photos from Museums Events over the past few months.....



Steampunk invaded  
Benares Historic House on July 25





Front Lawn Films at Benares Historic House



Museums table at Earth Market: Burnhamthorpe Community Centre in September





**Murdoch Mystery Tea at Benares Historic House**

## 2016 Museums Events Sponsors



The generous support from these organizations enhances the educational experience of every museum event guest through the entire year. On behalf of all of them, the Museums Staff and Volunteers, and all Friends, thank you, for your kind support.

## Fred J. Durdan (1939 - 2016)

With great sadness we learned on October 14, that Fred Durdan, Past Chair of Friends of the Museums of Mississauga had passed away.

Fred was a member of the Bradley Museum Board before the formation of the Friends, and was elected President of Friends in May of 2006. He led Friends in the formative years to be incorporated as a not-for-profit organization. He created the Constitution and Operating Bylaw, and managed the registration with Revenue Canada as a charitable organization. When Fred suggested that the Operating Bylaw be amended to limit the office of President to three consecutive two year terms, the directors ensured that Fred was 'grandfathered' – he served for seven years in total.

During Fred's tenure, the Sponsorship Committee was established to solicit grants from corporations, foundations and governmental agencies on behalf of the Museums. This effort was immediately successful and continues to provide very significant support particularly to Museums events and educational programming.

Friends partnered with Museums staff to nominate Fred for the Laurie Pallett Patron of the Arts Award of the Mississauga Arts Council in 2013, for his support to the On the Verandah summer music concert series. Fred was named the winner.

Fred could always be counted on to arrive in style. At Clarkson's 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations he came as an early 1800s country squire. At On the Verandah's Christmas Program with Lorne Park Public School, he rode a reindeer sled to Benares Historic House balcony and thrilled everyone with his Santa Claus belly laugh.



Here he is at Doors Open 2014  
at Benares Historic House.



In 2015, Friends nominated Fred for the Credit Award, Community Heritage – Individual, and we were so proud that the adjudicating committee chose him. For more about The Credits 2015, see: [Credits 2015](#). This photograph shows Fred with the Award, at the Gala.



Fred always believed that Friends fund-raising should be directed towards purchasing artifacts for the Museums Collections. Whenever significant funding requests in support of educational programming, community events or other necessary items were presented to the Board of Directors, Fred would remind us that artifact purchases should be our priority. We are very proud that in April of this year, we were privileged to purchase three period furniture pieces for Bradley House specifically in recognition of Fred's years of leading the Friends of the Museums. This was announced at our Annual General Meeting, to the applause of all our membership. These furniture pieces will contribute enormously to the refurbishment of Bradley House presently in progress. We look forward to a special time for Fred's wife Liz, and their family to join us at Bradley House for an official event to celebrate this gift to the Museums in honour of Fred's commitment to the promotion, support and strengthening of the Museums.

*Becky Ryder, President | Chair, Board of Directors*

To learn more about Fred's other interests and accomplishments please click here:

[Fred Durdan Obituary](#) and [Fred Durdan Mississauga News](#).

To date Friends have received 34 donations honouring Fred and his contributions over the years. To make a memorial donation to Friends of the Museums of Mississauga (with immediate receipt for income tax purposes)

click here: [Donate to Friends](#).

Or if you prefer; make your cheque payable to Friends of the Museums of Mississauga, and mail to:

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**Joyce Delves, Vice-Chair, Board of Directors;** spoke about Fred on behalf of Friends at a reception on October 20. Following are excerpts from her remarks.

Fred was a man who used his many talents for the benefit of several professional, social and community organizations. But, I think, that closest and dearest to his heart has been his involvement with the Museums of Mississauga. After many years of service on the Advisory Board of Bradley Museum, he became the first elected Chair of Friends of the Museums of Mississauga. Holding this position for 7 years, he proved himself to be a true FRIEND not only to the organization but to those of us who served with him.

His vision and enthusiasm for all things connected with heritage was contagious. He was involved in legacy projects such as the Log Cabin restoration project at Bradley Museum, the Leslie Log House, and innovations at The Anchorage and Benares Historic House. He acted not only in a strong advisory capacity, but often shed jacket and tie to lend a hand with the heavy work, construction, painting and cleaning when that was the only way to get the job done. His service to the community has been invaluable and he inspired others to get busy and make a difference. His good-humoured methods of gentle and sometimes, not so gentle persuasion were most effective and we all worked a little harder to meet his goals.

Volunteering at Museum events has always been a major priority for Board members and Fred was quick to lead the way. He would don his apron to flip pancakes at Maple Magic, become Jolly Ol' St. Nicholas at our annual Photos with Santa or parade in period costume to be a debonair Edwardian gentleman in silk coat and top hat. He took special pride in presenting the annual report to City Hall and at our AGM outlining Friends' activities throughout the year.

Fred desired that Friends fund-raising efforts should be primarily for artifacts for the Museums Collections. He regularly reminded the Directors that the purchase of good artifacts should be our priority. Consequently, Friends have been responsible for the acquisition of many valuable items through fund-raising events such as our annual Gala Dinner and, Gallery in the Garden.

## A Tribute to Fred Durdan

Fred Durdan and I saw eye-to-eye the importance of artifacts and the great potential of storytelling to activate the Museums. A long-time resident of the Clarkson area (25 years plus) I knew him as a gentleman with a terrific sense of humour, and slap-stick comedic timing. Fred always knew when to make people laugh, and showed us that his words were always backed by passion for what he believed in, with his actions. I did not know him a long time, but I knew that he was not just a talker. He made things happen. In 2015 he received the Community Heritage Individual Award from Heritage Mississauga.

This past summer, the Museums staff gathered and realized the importance of Fred and his dedication to the Museums. Hence, the Fred Durdan Collection was born; a series of important period artifacts that would assist in telling the story of the Bradley's life in colonial Canada, selected by the staff and Friends. Everyone liked Fred. He was dapper, clear in thought and always kind – the appreciation of his generosity was unanimous. In 2013 he was the recipient of the Patron of the Arts MARTY by the Mississauga Art Council. Let us not forget, how Fred was always committed to heritage, understood the importance of community, and knew that the spirit of youth was the future of this sector. He was the recipient of several Paul Harris fellow awards for his work with the Rotary Club, an important beacon of giving in Mississauga.

Often, Fred could gently remind us, by his just *being* that urban myths could become realities – as he served on the Log Cabin Task Force to move the Port Credit Log Cabin to the Bradley Museum site. A feat many deemed would never happen. When people said it couldn't be done, Fred showed us it could be. Leadership and a trust of people was his gift, as Board Chairman of the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga for 7 years, he cultivated friends, patrons and entertained all with big ideas, asked important questions big and small to inspire others with his love of all things authentically Canadian. In 2016 the Anchorage Regency Cottage was restored. I recall Fred standing out front, and he quipped, "This is a fine, fine building...isn't it?...and look at that red door!" We will all miss Fred.



**Stuart Keeler**

Chief Curator, Manager, Museums of Mississauga



### **Excerpts from remarks made by Joe Zammit, Chair of Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee**

Fred first got involved with the Museums through the partnership of the Museums with the Rotary Club Mississauga Lakeshore in sponsoring the Canadian Pavilion of Carassauga. It was at Bradley Museum just down the street from his home...with a Klondike theme. It was the first year of a partnership that lasted for the next four or five years. In 1999 he joined the Bradley Museum Advisory Board which eventually amalgamated with the Benares Advisory Board to create MOMAC (Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee) - reporting directly to the City of Mississauga Council in 2005, and he stayed on until his passing.

In 2002, Fred, John Pegram and John Van Camp, along with the late Ron Lenyk of The Mississauga News formed the Log Cabin Task Force. They led the charge to save the Port Credit Log Cabin from being torn down. This would become a long struggle to get the City's support to move the cabin to the Bradley Museum site, and to raise the approximately \$400,000 worth of goods and services needed. But Fred, John and John were amazing and determined. Without them, the project wouldn't have happened. The Log Cabin Task Force received three awards: Mississauga Heritage Foundation Award, Ontario Heritage Trust Award, and City of Mississauga Urban Design Award of Excellence.

Fred also served on the Leslie Log House Steering Committee which won a Heritage Mississauga Award in 2011.

Fred was truly a stalwart supporter of the Museums. He was outspoken and hardworking on behalf of the Museums. Fred devoted thousands of hours over the years and made a real difference.

I have distinct memories of Fred in attendance at MOMAC and especially meetings for the Leslie Log House. We all had the same papers handed out by the City Staff in front of us. As the meeting would progress, Fred's hand would go up... Fred would use a magnifying glass to read those papers in front of him. I would always look down at the papers and wonder what Fred had discovered in the same papers all of us had read. Then it would come...his turn to talk. All of us would stop to listen to him...knowing full well that there was something in those papers that we had all missed. With laser like precision, like a surgeon, he would remove the layers of language, the gobble dee goop and City Hall double speak and ask questions that would completely take us off guard and place some City Staff in an uncomfortable position...so that we would be embarrassed that we hadn't seen it, we hadn't thought about it in that way, we hadn't considered it the way that he saw it...and this he kept doing hour after hour, meeting after meeting, and yes, year after year – the laser beam would set the tone for all of our greater understanding and consideration.

Both Fred and I were ill at the same time...I was experiencing heart failure, and I remember at one event we were comparing notes on our illnesses. At the end of our conversation Fred spoke about remaining positive, fighting to regain health, and never giving up without a fight. That too was Fred, a fighter until the very end.

In summation, for Fred I can say that it wasn't enough that he was a successful engineer. It wasn't enough that he had overseen the development of his own happy family, with a loving wife, sons and grandchildren who all thrived under his leadership. He could have simply sat on his many laurels, and many laurels he did have. But he didn't do that. He did not sit on his duff, smoke a pipe and relax at home or just play golf, although I am certain he played plenty of tennis and golf. Instead he rolled up his sleeves and he involved himself in his community. He spread his knowledge to his community. He gave of his time and energy to his community. With top hat and tails he would be there in rain and sleet and heat and snow.

Many of us here today are from the community to honour his presence and his contribution. Fred didn't let his continued loss of sight or anything else prevent him from doing things. He was very determined. Fred was consistent. He provided excellent advice and guidance from his business and engineering experience - I know we found him to be a very perceptive and helpful advisor.

He was indeed a laser beam, and I will tell you all that even though the laser beam has been turned off... his light continues to pour out over all that he did for all of us in our City of Mississauga.

Thank you Fred!

## **Fred Durdan: An Appreciation**

Fred Durdan was an active member of the Rotary Club Mississauga-Lakeshore, and it was in this capacity that he first got involved with the Museums of Mississauga. In 1997, the Club and the Museums of Mississauga became partners in the first-ever Canada Pavilion of Carassauga, Mississauga's annual multi-cultural festival. Our Rotary partners were responsible for the beer tent and helped with raising sponsorships, while the Museums team created and ran the program. Wendy Davies, who was then Chair of the Bradley Advisory Board, recognized the strengths that Fred would bring to the Board and invited him to join.

If you had told me at the time that I would come to truly respect, admire and like Fred, I probably wouldn't have believed you. Fred and I had experienced a few differences of opinion over the Canada Pavilion. I think that at the beginning he thought I was a rather "artsy-fartsy" type with rose-coloured glasses on, and I know I thought he was a rather stubborn retired engineer who tended to see things in black and white. But because we had a common love of the Museums, a desire to ensure their preservation and a wish to make them more engaging and welcoming to the community, we developed a wonderful and mutually respectful working relationship. And even had a lot of fun along the way, something that was inevitable because of Fred's great sense of humour!

The project that I most connect to Fred is saving the Port Credit Log Cabin. In 2002 we discovered it was destined for demolition. The idea of moving it to Bradley Museum evolved, but it was clear that there would be no funding available from the City of Mississauga. Fred, along with John Pegram and John Van Camp, also of the Bradley Advisory Board, became the champions of the project as the Log Cabin Task Force. They even helped to stain all the floor boards, which had been sourced from a salvage yard. Against all odds, and over several years, \$400,000 in donated funds and goods and services were raised for the project. The result was that in 2008 the multiple award-winning Log Cabin at Bradley Museum opened. To this day, it continues to be used for innovative programming, including sleepovers for Guide and Scout Groups. In 2009, Fred became a member of the Leslie Log House Steering Committee, helping to ensure another successful and award-winning heritage building project.

The Museums of Mississauga were very fortunate to have a volunteer of the calibre and commitment of Fred Durdan through so many years of growth and change, with the amalgamation of the Bradley and Benares Advisory Boards, and the creation of the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee and Friends of the Museums. I know that Fred will be very missed at the Museums. And also missed by all of us who had the honour to not just work with him, but to consider him a friend.

*Annemarie Hagan*

*Manager, Museums of Mississauga 1998-2014*





*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 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 for experiential history
- Host annual Sponsors Reception
- Host Photos with Santa for Pets and Families

**Benefits of Friends Membership:**

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