



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga, I would like to thank everyone for your continued support at our various events this year. In addition to your valued attendance, we also have many local businesses who support our efforts. Their acknowledgements can be seen on our website. We are also most appreciative of the grants that we have received from the Community Foundation of Mississauga & The Community Foundation of Port Credit. These grants help to provide funds for Museum programs. Thank you to our lead sponsors who are CRH and Petro - Canada Lubricants Inc.

This year we have seen so many more visitors attend to our events. During our summer On The Verandah Concerts we had one of the best years ever when on two evenings we broke all records for attendance. Thanks to your generosity, we continue to be able to fund students to experience the educational programmes developed by the Museum Staff.

We try to bring events that have been enjoyed by you. For example, by popular demand The Welsh Male Chorus, will be coming back to perform for us next year.

In addition to the concerts, we had a unique fundraiser this Fall. The tickets for the evening sold out quickly, as interest ran high, for both believers and non - believers in the paranormal. The Haunting of Harding House was a huge success. The event was held at the elegant lakeshore mansion The Harding Waterfront Estate. Richard Palmisano, the renowned paranormal investigator was the presenter for the evening. He had spent three years exploring the ghostly experiences related to the house. He brought the ghosts to the event, through recordings of their communications and their sightings. As part of the presentation, Gerry Litster gave a moving rendition of Danny Boy. Many people helped to make it a night to remember.

Our next fundraiser is the ever popular Photos with Santa, for pets and families. Please mark your calendars for December 7th and 8th. Once again numerous members of the Board will be at the log cabin ready to welcome you to your visit to the jolly old fellow himself.

John Pegram is leaving the Board of Friends. We would like to sincerely thank John for his time and long time contributions while volunteering on the Board. John will be receiving the Betty Ross Volunteer Memorial Award this month at the Credit's Heritage Mississauga Awards. Jenny Dale will also be receiving a volunteer award the same evening.

Once again, we can't do what we do without you, so a heartfelt thank you to all of you.

Anne Fabierkiewicz, Chair

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And much
more!



ON THE VERANDAH

2019

Friends would like to thank the audience who generously supported us every night throughout the 2019 season of On the Verandah. The weather was co-operative!

We enjoyed the return of many performers as well as some new ones. We were entertained with jazz, folk music, decade music & reggae. Thank you to our talented performers.

We are very lucky to have on-going sponsorships from CRH, Petro-Canada Lubricants, as well as the Whiteoaks Lorne Park Community Association.

The 13 evening concerts would not have been possible without the cheerful Museum staff who direct parking, help set up and pack up each night. Our loyal volunteers Nataliia and Rosemary were also supported the concerts.

Thank you to Joyce Delves for organizing the entire season and all the members of Friends who help out in so many ways. Because of all of you, Friends will be able to sponsor transportation for many students to the educational programs at the Museums this school year. Hope to see you next season!

“The Museums of Mississauga offer a wide range of learning opportunities that engage students of all ages. Through historical artifacts, hands on activities, stories and interactive presentations, the museum's education programs help students immerse themselves into historical experiences that celebrate Canada's cultural heritage.”

For a list of the programs offered to students please visit the following website:

<https://culture.mississauga.ca/content/education>



For additional pictures from the 2019 please click on these links to Snapd Mississauga South:

- <https://southmississauga.snapd.com/events/view/1239766>
- <https://southmississauga.snapd.com/events/view/1239768>
- <https://southmississauga.snapd.com/events/view/1239779>

ANNUAL PHOTOS WITH SANTA

The Bradley Museum Log Cabin, 1620 Orr Rd., Mississauga, ON.
L5J 4T2

Paws 'N Mr. Claus:

Saturday Dec 7th, 2019 (11am - 3pm)

Does your family pet need some quality time with Santa? Santa will have a twinkle in his eye! Proceeds from our photo sales will be shared equally between Mississauga Animal Services Special Care & Resources Fund (S.C.A.R.F) and Friends of the Museums of Mississauga. Animal Services Staff will be there to help get the perfect picture. Pet Valu - Clarkson Crossing Plaza will provide pet loot bags for those on the nice list. It will be a PAWSitively lovely time!

Family Holiday Photos with Santa:

Sunday, Dec 8th 2019 (11am - 3pm)

Capture a family holiday memory with our jolly Santa. Our professional photographer will take a great photo. Santa will listen to your Christmas wish list. Santa will of course be checking his list. This event is an opportunity to avoid line-ups at the mall, but also to support a good cause. Proceeds will go to the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga.

COSTS: - one professional 4 x 6 photo for \$15, two 4 x 6 photos for \$25, each additional photo is \$5

* digital photos are NOT available, cash is preferred

Thank you to our generous sponsors:

- Pet Valu - Clarkson Crossing Plaza
- CRH CANADA GROUP INC

Tips: If you do not have a pet and can only make it there on Saturday that is fine. Please join us.

This time of year can be chilly so dress appropriately.

Historic Canadian Christmas will also be at the Bradley both days. Double the fun! For more information visit: <https://culture.mississauga.ca/events>





THE HAUNTING OF HARDING HOUSE



On Thursday, October 24, 2019, the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga hosted a hauntingly unique fundraising event featuring author and paranormal investigator, Richard Palmisano. The event was held at the Harding Waterfront Estate, a house very familiar to our guest speaker – you see, Richard spent three years investigating the hauntings of the resident ghosts.

With Halloween just one week away, guests were greeted by carved pumpkins, eerie fog and of course, the ghosts of Harding House courtesy of Mississauga Museum interpreters in full vintage costume and ghostly makeup!

Following a reception of hors oeuvres and complimentary signature spirit developed especially for the event, guests listened as Richard Palmisano shared his journey investigating the history of the house and the ghosts who still haunt its walls. One of the ghosts of the house is Danny Boy and during the presentation, his spirit was brought to life thanks to a lovely rendition of the song Danny Boy.

Throughout the evening our ghost actors appeared outside peering in through the windows causing guests to shudder with surprise. Other ghosts of the house are a bride & groom who have been seen many times by visitors to the estate. These loving ghosts were also brought to life and served the dessert for the evening, a wedding cake with the words “Til Death Do Us Part”.





Wanda, Richard, Barb & Anne



Fundraising events such as The Haunting of Harding House cannot happen without the support of sponsors, volunteers and of course, our guests for the evening. To everyone, thank you for your continued support. We appreciate it. And to Richard Palmisano – thank you for sharing your journey with us and for helping us better understand the paranormal experience and the Haunting of the Harding House.

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THE GREAT PUMPKIN CARVING ADVENTURE

At a planning meeting for The Haunting of Harding House someone suggested that Friends carve 10 pumpkins for the event. Soon the number escalated to 20 pumpkins.

How Do We Do iT?

- 🎃 Send Friends Board members to ask Metro at Clarkson Crossing to donate the pumpkins. They kindly donated more than 20.
- 🎃 Watch videos to up your skills on pumpkin carving. Many of those videos suggest cutting the whole out on the bottom of the pumpkin. Note to self: better to cut out the top when the pumpkins will be transported multiple times.
- 🎃 Organize a pizza pumpkin carving event in the barn at the Bradley Museum October 21st & ask volunteers to pick up & deliver all those donated pumpkins.
- 🎃 Find spooky pumpkin carving music to set the mood.
- 🎃 Volunteers arrived with templates, carving tools, drills & an annoying pumpkin saw that caused people to complain that it sounded like a dentist's drill. Some had never carved a pumpkin.
- 🎃 Ask someone to separate all the pumpkin seeds so that the Museum Staff can roast them at future activities.
- 🎃 Ignore repeated questions like "When is the pizza arriving?" Devour pizza, cleanup, deal with all the pulp organic bags.
- 🎃 Send pumpkins to people that really know what they are doing when it comes to carving. Like this amazing pumpkin carved by Jeff & Michelle Newhouse.
- 🎃 Ask the Museum Staff to store the pumpkins in the barn until the event.





- 🎃 The day of the event October 24th, ask volunteers to deliver the carved pumpkins to the Harding Waterfront Estate.
- 🎃 Watch them set up all the tea lights including one that was truly haunted. Withstand comments about those who carved the hole out in the bottom of the pumpkin.
- 🎃 After the event, ask very tired volunteers to load their cars with pumpkins and transport them the next day to Benares for the Fantastic Beasts of Benares Event that weekend.
- 🎃 Ask Museum Staff to transport the pumpkins for their last hurrah back to the Bradley Museum to light the paths at Park Your Pumpkin November 1st.
- 🎃 They were then recycled. What a journey!

A huge thank you for everyone who helped with The Great Pumpkin Carving Adventure.

by Wanda Hall



Park Your Pumpkin 2019 at the Bradley Museum

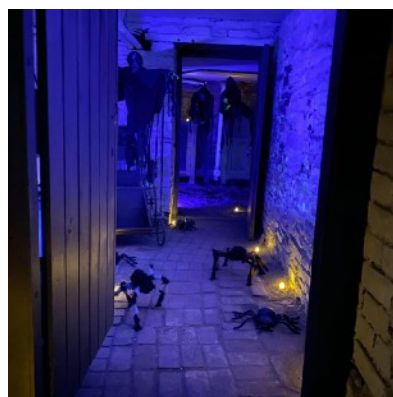
Excellent turn out this year on November 1st at Park Your Pumpkin. So many creative pumpkins were dropped off by local residents. In the Bradley, there was warm cider, cookies and pumpkin seeds being roasted over an open fire.



FANTASTIC BEAST OF BENARES

Wizards, gnomes, pumpkins, dragons & potions were only part of this very unique event at Benares October 26 & 27. There was a scavenger hunt in the Enchanted Forest Walk and lots of other inter-active activities.

Here are a few photos from the event:



Thank you Tristan for helping with the photos.

DID
YOU?
KNOW

OUR REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE

In a previous E-Newletter, we mention that the Museums would be installing signs that outlined the agricultural roots of the area. Three signs are now installed. Have you seen them? They are located at Benares Historic House, the Bradley Museum & by Birchwood Park. Here are several photos provided by Stephanie Meeuwse, Collections Supervisor, Museums of Mississauga.

Mississauga Miracle Exhibition Commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Mississauga Trail Derailment in 1979

November 10th marked the 40th anniversary of the Mississauga Trail Derailment. A memorable exhibition ran at both the Bradley Museum and Heritage Mississauga "The Grange" from September to November. It featured local art, as well as archives and artifacts related to the derailment.

Artifacts from the Museums' collections included the Pressure Relief Valve from the derailed tanker, the final investigation report, images from a variety of sources including our collection, Mississauga Heritage and Peel Archives, and more commemorative items. Friends was proudly involved in purchasing several art pieces for the Museums in 2014 to represent this time in Mississauga's history. Those art pieces were on display as well as others.

A looping video compiled oral histories of the experiences of those involved was also featured; the interviews range from firefighters and politicians to residents that were evacuated from their homes.



ENGAGEMENT AT BRADLEY

On October 19 & 20, 2019 history came to life with an 1812 encampment, battle re-enactments, musket & music demonstrations at the Bradley Museum.



SAVE THE DATE:

**Maple Magic -
March 14 - 22, 2020**

Maple Magic will return to the Bradley Museum

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

- If you wish to advertise in the FOMM Newsletter, please contact our e-mail for more information and advertising rates.
- Friends would like to thank Snapd - South Mississauga for covering our events throughout the year
- Please note, any photos with children used by Friends were taken with their parent's permission



ABOUT FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUMS OF MISSISSAUGA

VISION

An enthusiastic volunteer organization that promotes, strengthens and financially supports the Museums of Mississauga.

MISSION

We support the preservation of our Museum Collections, Programming and Exhibits.

We raise awareness and financial support through events and sponsorship.

We channel charitable grants for the Museum.

For more information & future event dates about the Museums of Mississauga pls visit: <https://culture.mississauga.ca/museums>



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Please consider becoming a member of FOMM, volunteering, attending one of our events, becoming a sponsor or donating through Canada Helps. **We need a volunteer to be our FOMM secretary and members with computer skills. NOTE: Membership form is attached at the end**

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future interesting
fundraising events.

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What do Friends do?

We are an enthusiastic volunteer organization that promotes, strengthens and financially supports the Museums of Mississauga. We fulfill our MISSION to support the preservation of our Museum Collections, Programming and Exhibits; raise awareness and financial support through events and sponsorship and channel charitable grants for the Museum. Our efforts seek to ensure the integrity of the Museums" in these activities:

- Sponsor and volunteer at Museum events e.g. Maple Magic
- Sponsor educational programs on-site and in-school
- Fund artifact acquisition, cataloguing, conservation and preservation
- Sponsor artifact exhibits throughout Mississauga
- Host "On the Verandah" at Benares Historic House
- Fund busing for students to all Museums sites
- Host Fund-Raising activities e.g. Gala, Garden Party, Receptions
- Host Photos with Santa for Pets and Families

Benefits of Friends Membership:

- Friends E-News keeps you up-to-date with Museums and Friends
- Programs and activities exclusive to Members
- Enjoy learning at the Museums in unique volunteer opportunities
- One vote per member at AGM

***To become a Member of Friends of the Museums of Mississauga,
just complete the form and make your donation!***

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