



Dear Friends,

Becoming Chair of the Friends during the Covid - 19 Pandemic is a challenge. We held our AGM on Zoom and had to cancel our On the Verandah concerts as well as the concert we had planned for November.

I want to thank Anne Fabierkiericz for her leadership as Chair. We did some wonderful fundraising during her time which will help us continue to help the museums during the difficult times ahead!

We received a grant from the Hazel Mc Callion Fund of the Community Foundation of Mississauga to help with the excellent art show "WAR FLOWERS" which is being shown in the lobby of the Living Art Centre. The setup by the Museums staff follows all rules of Covid - 19 with social distancing, extreme cleaning and wearing of masks. This event is FREE but you have to register on line as entrance is limited. The show will be on until December 13th.

I have given a talk to my Rotary club on the Museums and our role in helping them and have helped organize a tour of War Flowers for CFUW so hopefully this will continue to gain us new members.

With no busing allowed we hope to help the Museum staff organize on line material to present to children in Mississauga. Unfortunately there will be no pictures with Santa this Christmas!

The Museums are open for tours which you can book online. The exhibits at both Bradley and at Benares Visitor Centre is called Our Boys about the 700 young men in Mississauga who served in World War 1 – 96 did not return. The staff has also organized some amazing speakers online in November so please join in.

We hope to be able to continue our On the Verandah concerts in 2021 as all groups are eager to return to our events!

Take care! Stay safe!

Liz Durdan - Chair

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Bloom & Berries

sketch by Stephanie Meeuwse

CHANGING TIMES BRINGS CHANGING PROGRAMS

From July 18 - July 26th, the Museums of Mississauga, created a very successful on-line program called Blooms and Berries. This was a virtual celebration of Mississauga's historic and urban agricultural practices.



Virtual sessions included:

- Learn To Stretch Strawberries,
- Pollinator Friendly Gardening,
- A Strawberry Rhubarb Pie Bake -Along live from the 1918 kitchen at Benares,
- Monarchs & Milkweed,
- Urban Agriculture,
- A Live Beehive Tour,
- Indigenous Strawberry Teachings
- Design Your Own Pollinator Garden.

Attendees from the comfort of their homes were able to submit questions during each activity.

Questions were read by the moderators and answered in real time by the presenters.

Talented Lindsay Doren, Coordinator Education & Engagement, showed attendees how to make a strawberry rhubarb pie from the kitchen at Benares. Here is one of our board members Caitlin Anderson with her very tasty looking pie:



Congratulations to all of those involved in this very unique program.

Many additional activities may be found at: <https://culture.mississauga.ca/content/blooms-berries>

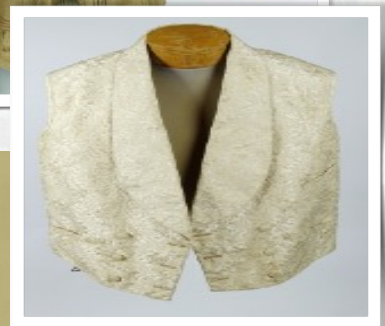
Deaccession Update

FROM THE
MUSEUMS OF MISSISSAUGA

Thanks to all who supported the Museums of Mississauga's deaccession project. I am happy to report that 318 items were removed from the collection. These items either did not relate to Mississauga, were in poor condition or duplicates. Of that number, 95 items were discarded due to poor condition and 194 items were sold at auction. The MaxSold on-line auction netted \$1900 which is being used to conserve a 1830s settee that originally belonged to the Silverthorn family who first settled in the area in 1810. It will make a wonderful addition to the Bradley House parlour. We also transferred 29 items to 10 museums including a collection of artifacts related to the Barron family who were the founders of LaChute, Quebec. The curator at Musée régional d'Argenteuil was very pleased to have these items back where they belong. Other artifacts transferred included a print of 'Sunset on Goat Island' to the Niagara Falls Museum and a cradle and highchair to Hillary House in Aurora for a nursery display.

Stephanie Meeuwse
Collections Supervisor

**Congratulations to
Stephanie for her hard
work on this project!**



This dress belonged to the Barron family who helped found LaChute in Quebec.

A descendant, Mrs. Archer wore it at the opening of Bradley Museum in 1967 and later donated it.

The waistcoat above was believed to be worn by Thomas Barron at his wedding on August 12th, 1866. It was donated to the same museum noted above in the article.

WAR Flowers

A TOURING ART EXHIBITION

Fleurs D'ARMES

UNE EXPOSITION D'ART ITINÉRANTE

War Flowers is presented by the Museums of Mississauga and on display at Mississauga's Living Arts Centre from September 17 through December 13.

“During the First World War, Canadian soldier Lieutenant-Colonel George Stephen Cantlie plucked flowers from the fields of war-torn Europe, sending them home to his baby daughter Celia in Montreal. Artist Viveka Melki presents ten of these century-old flowers in an exhibition that examines human nature in wartime. Using floriography--the Victorian language of flowers--Melki has created an immersive, multisensory experience featuring Cantlie's letters, specially commissioned optical crystal sculptures, and original flower-based scents, interwoven with the personal stories of ten Canadians directly involved in the war.”

Tickets to the exhibition are available to be booked through the LAC Box Office here:

<https://www.livingartscentre.ca/theatre-performances/warflowers>

WAR Flowers, the multi-sensory touring exhibition, is open for pre-booked tours Wednesday to Sunday, from 12pm to 4pm. This is a free event.

For a list of online speakers including Lawrence Hill in conversation with Natasha Henry, Anthony Sherwood & Darin Wybenga please visit the website below.



Friends of the Museums of Mississauga gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Hazel McCallion Fund for Arts, Culture and Heritage at the Community Foundation of Mississauga, a registered charitable public foundation serving the people of Mississauga. This fund will help to provide free guided tours of the WAR Flowers and Our Boys exhibitions, and free access to the exhibitions' related online programs for Mississauga residents, including veterans and seniors. For more information and to register for an exhibition tour or online program, please visit the Museums' website here:

<https://www.livingartscentre.ca/theatre-performances/warflowers>

Museum Tours & Our Boys

The Museums are open for pre-booked tours Thursday - Sunday, from 12pm- 4pm.

“This fall, the Museums of Mississauga, the Peel Art Gallery Museum and Archives, the Museum and Archives Polish Armed Forces in Memory of Boleslaw Orlinski and Heritage Mississauga are teaming up to commemorate our local soldiers who served in the First World War with the exhibition Our Boys. Thank you to our partners and to Heritage Mississauga for graciously sharing their research for this exhibition and helping us remember the sacrifices made by local families during the First World War. We will remember them.”



Our Boys : Mississauga's Fallen Soldiers 1914 - 1918 is open at the Bradley Museum and Benares Visitor Centre from Thursday, September 3, 2020 to Sunday January 10, 2021. This is a free event. For additional information please go to:
<https://culture.mississauga.ca/event/bradley-museum/our-boys-mississaugas-fallen-soldiers-1914-1918>

To view the exhibition or tour the historic houses, please book your visit in advance either over the phone or through our Eventbrite listings:

Bradley Museum

<https://bradleytour.eventbrite.ca>

Benares Visitor Centre and Historic House

<https://benarestour.eventbrite.ca>

- Visitors must register for a tour of the Historic House and Exhibition in advance; drop-in visitors cannot be accommodated at this time
- When arriving for your pre-booked tour, visitors should wait outside the Anchorage at Bradley Museum, or in front of the Visitor Centre at Benares Historic House. A member of our staff will meet you when your scheduled tour time begins.
- Visitors are required to self-screen upon entry to Museums of Mississauga
- Entry will be limited to a maximum number of 10 visitors in the exhibition at one time
- The Museums of Mississauga are sanitized on a regular basis by museum staff



FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUMS PROGRAMS THAT ARE CANCELLED

- We regret that we have cancelled our planned fundraising concert in November with The Burlington Welsh Male Chorus.
- Our annual Photos with Santa are also cancelled for this year.
- Friends of the Museums would also like to thank all the talented groups who offered to be part of On the Verandah 2020. We look forward to the return of On the Verandah in 2021.

MUSEUM FALL AND WINTER EVENTS

November 1st - Park Your Pumpkin
will return to the Bradley Museum

For current information about other
Fall and Winter programs at the Museums
please visit:

<https://culture.mississauga.ca/museums>



**Stay tuned for updates and
Holiday Programs**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED YOUR
FRIEND'S MEMBERSHIP PLEASE DO.**

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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WE NEED YOU!

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**

Stay Tuned

for information on
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!***

Friends of the Museums of Mississauga Annual Membership

☐ Individual (\$10) ☐ Family/ Business (\$30)

☐ Donation \$ _____

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This information is collected under Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act so that we may keep you informed and aware of activities of Friends of the Museums of Mississauga organization, and to determine and facilitate your donations or payment of fees. We do not rent, sell or trade this information with outside organizations.

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