



E-NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

I began my chair duties at the beginning of the pandemic. During the last 18 months the directors and museum staff have met on Zoom. Our fundraising events have been paused.

We lost a long time friend of the museums, Wendy Davies, this fall. Wendy supported our events and recently returned to the board of directors. We sincerely appreciated all of her support. A tribute to Wendy follows in this E- Newsletter.

The Museums are open. Part time staff have been re-hired and more activities are being added. Halloween Harvest was a great success. Friends members helped to carve pumpkins and volunteered their time at this annual event.

Our planning for 2022 has begun. We are planning for On the Verandah to return in the summer of 2022. We will be involved in a project called "We Are Resilient". This is a climate change exhibit opening July 15th in a local park. The exhibit will move around the City!

Bussing of students to the museums is still part of our programme but we understand that teachers have many challenges at this time. We are not expecting any on site class visits until spring or early fall. Friends continues to offer support for virtual educational programs.

Memberships will soon be due. We would like to remind you that memberships run from January to December each year. A membership form is attached to this E-Newsletter and you can also join using the CanadaHelps link. For New Members joining now, your membership will cover the next two months and 2022 too!

Thanks for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you in person in 2022!

Liz Durdan - Chair

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Wendy Davies

MEMORIAL 1936 – 2021

Wendy Davies will be remembered for the enthusiasm with which she tackled every challenge. She helped lead the Bradley House Advisory Committee and later went on as one of the directors of the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga (FOMM). When the City initiated an advisory board to assist with a long term management plan for the Museums, (MOMAC) Wendy was on hand to Chair that committee.

When the Bradley Museum undertook to bring the old log cabin from Port Credit to its current home at Bradley, Wendy jumped on the project with her usual enthusiasm. Fundraising was essential: The cabin was in great disrepair and the City felt that responsibility for bringing it up to current building standards should be a community responsibility. That became a major project for the Bradley Advisory Board.

Wendy initiated the idea of the annual “Starlight and Candlelight” Banquet which over the 15 years of its existence raised many thousands of dollars for the Log Cabin, now a treasured addition of the Museums. Those of us who worked with Wendy in these early days, when the dinners were held in The Anchorage will remember the care that went into each aspect of those lovely evenings.

Ever the gracious and diligent hostess, Wendy held us to Downton Abbey standards. I remember her going to each table with a ruler to make sure that every piece of cutlery was in alignment and that every piece of crystal was polished to perfection.

Wendy’s involvement in social, church, political and community activities are well recognized. She was a woman of unbounded enthusiasm and activity. She believed in a life well-lived. Her adored family, her Church, her love of tennis, her lovely home and garden, were the foundation upon which her life was built and her involvement in a broad span of other activities with a large number of dear friends ensured that she lived up to that philosophy.

We will miss Wendy, who had only recently returned to be a member of the Board after a brief hiatus to accept other challenges. I know this was because her love for these small museums tucked away amongst the beautiful trees of Clarkson could not be denied.

by Joyce Delves

The photo of Wendy is from the Friends Garden Party at Benares in 2017

Anyone wishing to donate to Friends of the Museums of Mississauga in Wendy’s name may do so through CanadaHelps. Please indicate that you donation is in memory of Wendy. A tax receipt will be provide by CanadaHelps: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/friends-of-the-museums-of-mississauga/>



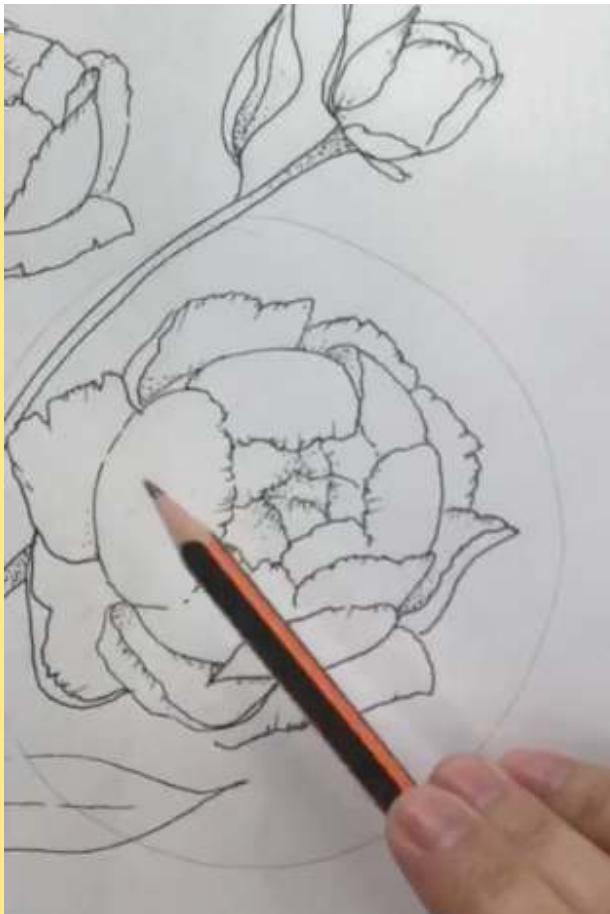
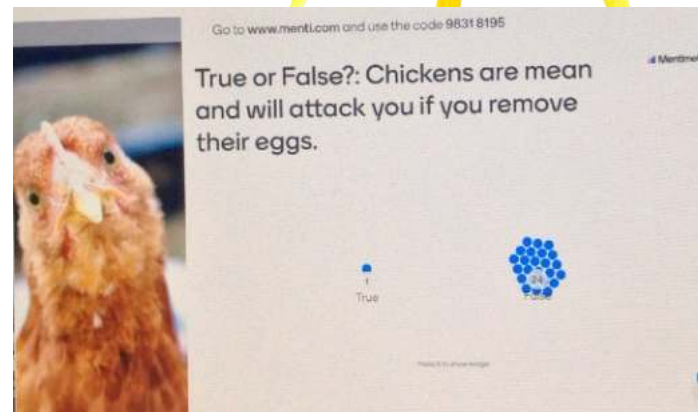
RECAP FROM: SUMMER OF 2021

Museums staff continued their work with very creative virtual programs, events and exhibits throughout the summer. Here are just a few examples:

Bloom and Berries ran from July 5- 31

Sandra Grilo from Chickens in the Sixth demonstrated what is involved in raising urban hens. Attendees could actively participate in surveys and by answering questions at **www.menti.com** after entering a code.

<http://chickensinthesix.com>



Local artist Hilda Namini conducted a free virtual drawing workshop.

The subject was a peony!

Some fun facts about drawing and growing flowers as a historic pastime were shared with those who attended.

Other on site programs and events with limited attendance were Teacup Fairy Garden, and DIY Flower Press.

For more examples of programs that were offered during blooms and berries please visit: <https://culture.mississauga.ca/event/bradley-museum/blooms-and-berries?>

Summer of 2021 continued:

The **Open Museums** program series in partnership with the Mississauga Library offered a variety of virtual programs. Several examples included:

Mississauga's Love Stories: Those who attended listened to stories of some of the city's historic couples. Personal items from these couples were shared with the audience. These included diaries, love letters, poems and photos.

The audience was also asked to share some of their own love stories.

Photo provided by the Museums of Mississauga:
Arthur Harris & Mary Magrath engagement 1880.

Attached is a photo of a diary in the Museum collection from Mazo de la Roch.



Our First Home: Participants were invited to share a photo and story about their first home in Mississauga for an upcoming project at the Bradley Museum! This session explored reasons why people chose to settle in Mississauga, what they brought with them and their first homes. Stories of people who immigrated to Mississauga between 1806 and WWI were shared.

The photo on the left was provided by the Museums of Mississauga. The photo shows Naomi Harris (about 1960) on the verandah of Benares.

The black and white photo to the left provided by the Museums of Mississauga shows Benares in 1885. Arthur and Mary Harris are standing in front of Benares with their young family.

As outlined in the previous FOMM E-News, many pictures from the Museum collection can be found at : <https://mississauga.pastperfectonline.com>



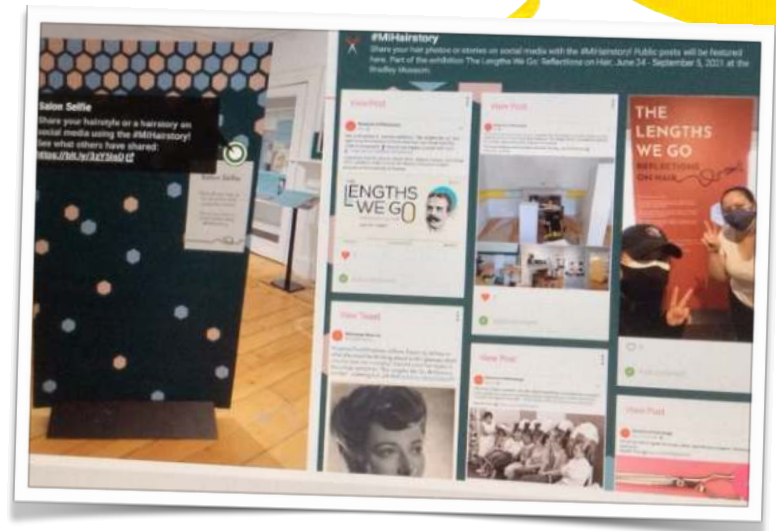
Summer of 2021 continued:

The Exhibit “**The Lengths We Go**” covered the walls of the Anchorage with personal stories about how society/culture/identity influenced hair.

U of T students of Masters of Museums study program created and presented this unique exhibit.

Didn't get a chance to visit The Lengths We Go: Reflections on Hair from July 28 - Sept 21? You can now experience the exhibition through an audio tour! Listen to featured stories and reflections from the curators, local contributors, and hair experts.

<http://ow.ly/xull50Gg5Pn>



We Are Resilient that was outlined in the previous E - Newsletter continued throughout the summer.

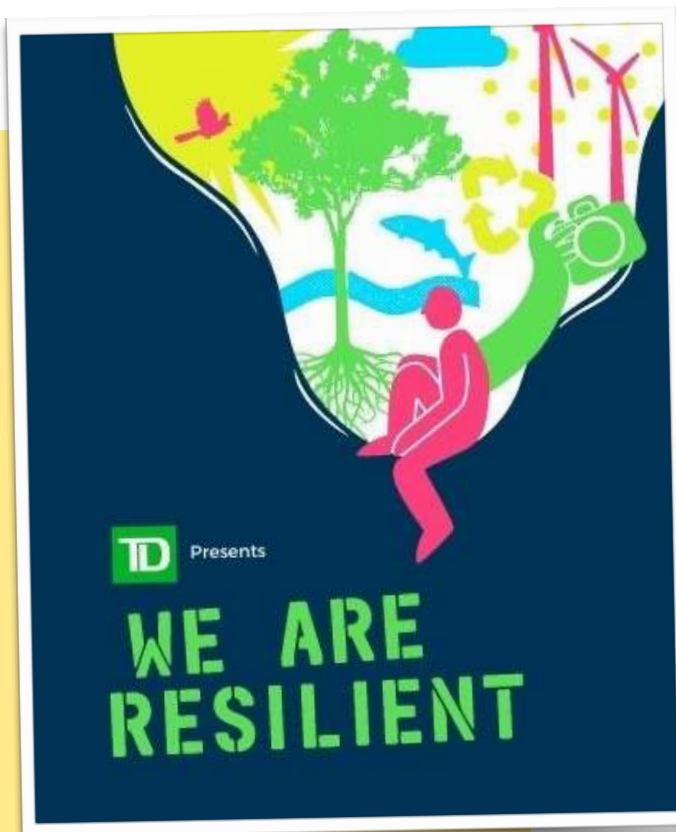
<https://www.mississauga.ca/we-are-resilient/>

We Are Resilient Project

A big thank you to everyone that submitted a photograph and story to the We Are Resilient contest! Your passion and creativity was shown through the quality of work and masterfully captured and represented your experience with climate change in Mississauga.

We are excited for the next phase of the project – an outdoor exhibition – that will be unveiled in 2022. Keep an eye out through our social channels for updates on the project.

If you have any questions about the project, please contact Megan Wiles at megan.wiles@mississauga.ca. Coordinator, Exhibition & Outreach, Museums of Mississauga



FALL TOURS 2021:

Truth and Reconciliation

During late September and early October informative tours were offered at Bradley Museum to learn about the National Day for #TruthandReconciliation, the 94 Calls to Action, and the history of Indigenous peoples in Mississauga.

Recap:

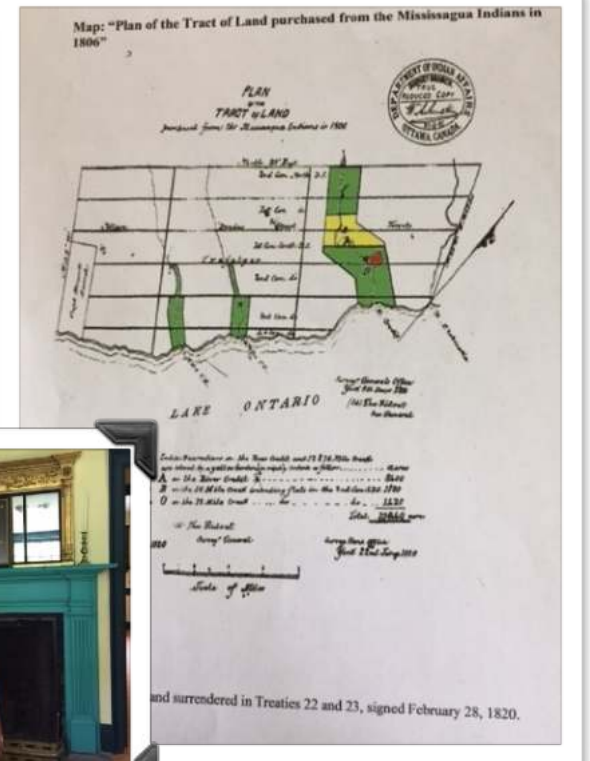
Presence Exhibition at the Bradley Museum



The Presence curatorial team showcased the very creative work of two local artists:

Amrita Chopra and Whyishnave Suthagar

<https://culture.mississauga.ca/event/bradley-museum/presence-exhibition?>



Recent Museum Donations



Although our doors have been closed, behind the scenes we have continued collecting and working to preserve Mississauga's history. Some key recent donations include a transfer of items from the Living Arts Centre. A guitar signed by the members of Triumph, concept drawings and memorabilia with the original logo will be used to celebrate LAC's 25th anniversary in 2022.

Al Betts (1924-2017) moved with his family to Streetsville in 1956 to work for A.V.Roe Ltd (Avro Arrow) in Malton. After its closure in 1959, Al started doing freelance and commercial photography running his own business until 1983. He was the primary photographer for the Streetsville Booster and Streetsville Review. We acquired his photography equipment which is a nice complement to PAMA's 6000 archival images created by Betts over his career.



The collections team have been working for over a year to acquire a Lee Enfield rifle made by Small Arms Division, Canadian Arsenals Limited. It belonged to Lloyd MacDonald, a long-time resident, who did two tours of duty during the Korean War. The gun was later given to his daughter Anita Bridges who sadly passed away in March 2020. Related donations from other donors include an ammunition box and a hand-made handkerchief kept in an envelope that reads "Help the Guild- to help the boys-who help Canada, Small Arms War Guild". We hope that one day soon these items will be on display at SAIB as renovations plans develop.



We engaged in some contemporary collecting by accepting a vial and syringe from the first COVID-19 vaccine administered in Peel Region on December 21, 2020. Trillium Health Partners (THP) was among the first hospitals in Ontario to administer the vaccine and we are so thankful they saved these items for us.

Thank you to all our donors past and present. To enquire about donating, please fill out the form found at <https://culture.mississauga.ca/collection/collections> or email us at museums.collections@mississauga.ca

What is This?

This building is a Drive Shed and was used for storing farm equipment, tools and vehicles. It is a long storage building with multiple bays, which allowed many pieces of equipment to be accessible and organized at all times.

Fanning Mills (circa 1880s)

Mississauga was once a huge farming area, especially for soft fruit and grains. A key piece of equipment was the fanning mill that removed straw, chaff, stones, dirt and seeds from wheat, oats, rye and barley. The machine worked by using a series of mesh trays, one on top of the other, that moved back and forth with a fan blowing across them. Grain was fed through the top and passed through these trays trapping unwanted material. Also known as winnowing machines, many fanning mills were hand-cranked, but it was common to convert them to run by an electric motor in later years.

The yellow fanning mill dates to 1889 and was donated by Alan Skeoch in 2001.

Volunteers collected the red machine in the 1960s.

WORKING HARD



Drive Shed Update

Recently we updated the display in the Drive Shed at Bradley Museum. We removed some of the items, created interpretive text specific to key artifacts and also removed some plexiglass to make the display more visible. We plan to continue with the improvements by adding a barrier at the bottom to stop leaves from collecting inside.

Drop by the Bradley Museum to see the Piano Box Buggy and the Cutter Sleigh.

By Stephanie Meeuwse, Collections Supervisor, Museums of Mississauga

RECAP FROM: Sept - Nov 2021



The **Open Museum Series** continued with virtual programs such as:

- Canadian Food : Taste of Home
- Wrapped With Love which was about historic textiles eg. a log cabin design quilt pictured here from the Museums of Mississauga.
- In November, the topic was Mississauga Remembers.
- In December, the topic will be Festive Foods.

Virtual museum events can be booked through Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/museums-of-mississauga-8105593743>



As outlined in our previous E-News, Friends is very grateful for the generous 2021 grant from the Community Foundation of Mississauga
<https://www.cfofm.org>.



The grant has allowed for funding of Halloween Harvest at the Museums of Mississauga. This was an inclusive, family-friendly celebration of Mississauga's agricultural heritage and the diverse communities that historically farmed here. It included online, interactive virtual programs, on-site "activations" on the Bradley Museum grounds, and limited attendance in-person tours.

<https://culture.mississauga.ca/event/halloween-harvest>

Groups travelled around the site visiting activity stations where they enjoyed heritage demonstrations (eg. all about herbs), physically distanced games, a scavenger hunt, carved pumpkins, scarecrows, warm apple cider and treats.

Elder Mark Sault (Gikinoo'amaagew inini) of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation showed how to prepare seasonal Anishinaabe foods, including corn soup and moose.

Here is the event through pictures:



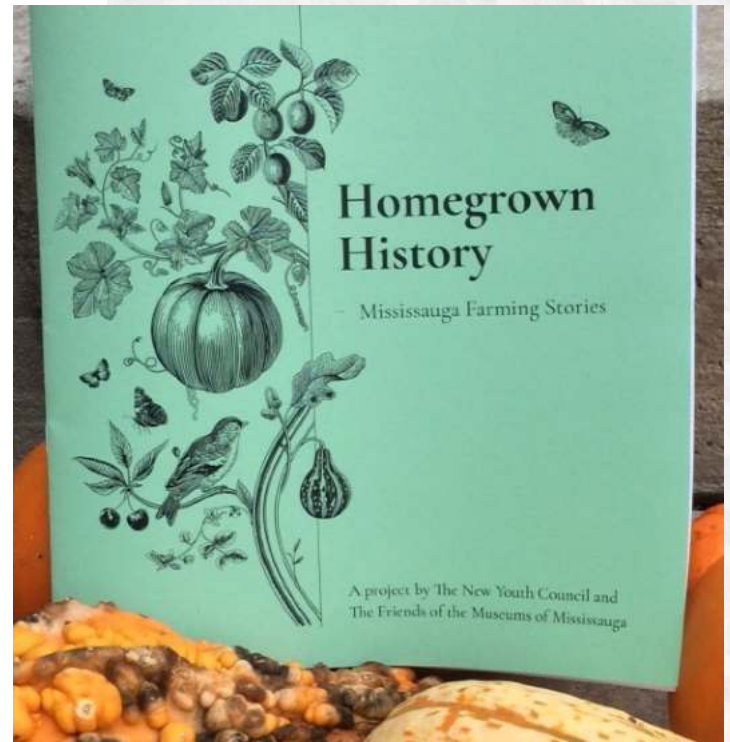
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As part of the Community Foundation of Mississauga grant, members of the New Youth Council in the summer of 2021 interviewed people with direct connections to Mississauga's agricultural history. Check out what they had to say and discover some amazing stories about the past, present and future of growing food.

To read the new booklet Homegrown History: Mississauga Farming Stories on-line go to:

<http://ow.ly/sojB50GysuS>



THE SPOOKY & HALLOWEEN CRAFT MAKING WORKSHOPS

WERE COMPLETELY BOOKED AT BENARES IN OCTOBER

pine cone spiders, leaf monster garland, eye ball necklaces and more!



PARK YOUR PUMPKIN

November 1, 2021, 6 - 8pm

Over 200 pumpkins lined the path at the Bradley. At the end of the evening, they were recycled. Thank you to everyone who helped make this annual event a success. See you in 2022!



GOING FORWARD INTO DECEMBER 2021 AND 2022

As you are aware, programming for the museums has been very challenging during covid. It has also been a challenge for schools. Friends of the Museums continued to offer to sponsor virtual school programs through 2021. We will continue to help in anyway possible as we move into 2022.

Find out more about the Museums Virtual School Programs at:

<https://culture.mississauga.ca/content/virtual-school-programs>

A huge congratulations to all the museum staff and volunteers who have continued to adapt and develop creative programming this year!

For future museum programs and events please visit:

<https://culture.mississauga.ca>

NOW OPEN near Hudson's Bay on the lower level - on Erin Mills Mall, Hazel 100 Years of Memories exhibit. The commemorative exhibit showcases the life of Hazel McCallion, entry is free, open until February.

<https://culture.mississauga.ca/Hazel100>

We regret that we have had to cancel our traditional photos with Santa event again this year.

The Friends Board is continuing to work on membership, sponsorships and programming for 2022.

We wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful, healthy New Year.



Photo: Cutter Sleigh circa 1900, at the Bradley Museum in the Drive Shed

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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REMINDER: it is time to kindly renew your 2022 membership



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What do Friends do?

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- 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,
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