



Museums As Anchors of Our Communities

If you have ever travelled to a foreign land you might have talked to the locals to get a sense for the place. If you really want to get to know a far off place and understand the culture, history and struggles of a people walk into one of their museums. In that museum, you will begin to understand the growth and development they have experienced as a people. Museums will help you get a vibrant sense of where that country emerged from and where it may also be headed. The museum is the anchor of all communities.

Similarly, if you want to understand your own country, your own birthplace, and the land you reside in then you need to visit a local museum. You will find the history, cultural epicenter and heart of your community.

In Mississauga, one need only visit one or all our museum sites to truly understand and appreciate the great land we live in. The journey, story, struggles and victories our forebearers faced and endured give you an idea of the land you currently stand on.

The City of Mississauga emerged, from tiny towns to larger collective communities, and continued to grow. You see museums are really the anchor to our community. Change may move and sway us, however we all come back to the start. We are tied to that anchor.

Friends of the Museums of Mississauga are committed to encouraging you to visit our various historic sites so that you can explore, understand and breathe in the knowledge of our great history. Consider attending an event, a tour, an exhibit a concert or walk the stunning properties at Benares Historic House, The Bradley Museum, The Leslie Log House or the Small Arms Inspection Building. We are all interconnected. We are all anchored to a common base. Though we may have emerged from near and far, we now proudly call Mississauga our home.

Joe Zammit, Chair of the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga

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Friends Harvest Cooking Experience with Lindsay Doren

THANKSGIVING 2022



On a beautiful fall Thanksgiving weekend day, with the leaves falling at the Bradley, 5 members of Friends were treated to an outdoor cooking activity presented by Lindsay Doren, Coordinator Education & Engagement, Museums of Mississauga.

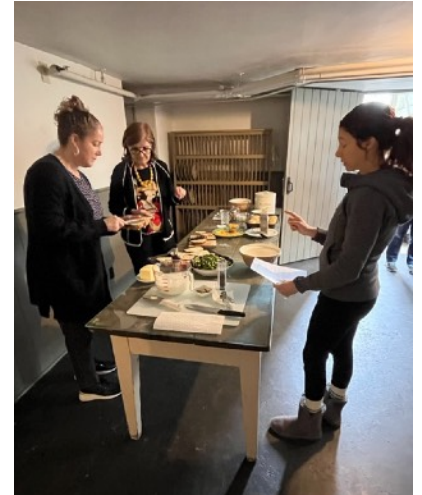
This scrumptious meal had a Harvest theme. Using the fire pit, Lindsay cooked a turkey breast, apple fritters, squash, potato croquettes, and a cranberry pie.

We also tasted fresh cabbage just picked from the Bradley garden and sampled warm cider.

It was a time to be thankful for the beautiful property, the bounty of fall foods and friends that we have met along the way. A huge thank you to Lindsay for creating this incredible meal and for the knowledge that you shared with us.



CONT.: ...FRIENDS COOKING EXPERIENCE



In early April 2023, Lindsay helped a small group of Friends supporters create asparagus soup, hot crossed buns, maple cinnamon rolls and cheese toasties in the winter kitchen at Benares Historic House. It was a wonderful, tasty, aromatic afternoon. Thank you Lindsay for such a memorable, engaging experience.



Halloween Harvest



Here is a recap of the Halloween Harvest Festival October 2022 through pictures.

October 22nd and 23rd there were Historic Halloween Crafts and Halloween Cooking classes at Benares Historic House. Here are just a few examples of the activities: black cat pumpkin decorating, mulling cider, popping and making caramel popcorn on the wood burning stove, and making delicious maple walnut cookies.



October 27th members of The New Youth Council, Friends of the Museums and museum staff Lindsay Doren and Elizabeth Underhill carved pumpkins for the scarecrows in the barn at the Bradley.





The Halloween Harvest Festival continued Oct 29 and 30th at the Bradley Museum. Over 600 people participated over the two days.

There were wonderful costumes, live entertainment by Wilson & The Cast Aways, tasty apple fritters, cider, baked potatoes with toppings, craft areas, games, and a candy themed scavenger hunt.



Elder Mark Sault (Migizi Gikino'amaagew Inini) of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and his team demonstrated Indigenous Harvest Knowledge. There were samples of tea, bannock, rice, moose & deer meat, freshly caught pike and much more.



November 1st was the annual Park Your Pumpkin Event at the Bradley Museums.



Friends of the Museums members enjoyed greeting guests from their information table on the 2 beautiful fall days.



Roxy came dressed as a red lobster and with Tanya's help was very busy posing for photos with guests.



Photos with Santa

Nov 2022



What a great time Friends had with the return of our traditional Santa photos to the Bradley Museum log cabin. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Family photos and Paws 'N Mr. Claus events. About 100 people attend each event.

Thank you to the Museum staff for your help and support.



Elizabeth and Kenton from S.C.A.R.F, thank you for helping wrangle the pets. Friends has sent a donation to S.C.A.R.F.

A huge thank you to Tim Ader from PetValu Clarkson Crossing for providing the stuffed loot bags for the lucky dogs.

Thank you to HF Sinclair for your continued sponsorship.

We could not hold this event without generous sponsors.





Thank you to our wonderful photographer Jorj Takac and his lovely wife Alma for taking such great photos.

For additional photos visit the Friends Facebook album: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1519776391861803&type=3>

Santa, thank you for taking time from your very busy schedule to join us.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

Photos with Santa will return to the Bradley Log Cabin in November of 2023
Family Photos will take place on Friday, Nov 24th from 3pm - 7pm
Paws 'N Mr. Claus will be held on Saturday, November 25th from 11am - 3pm.

To avoid line-ups, we will be asking people to book on Eventbrite again in 2023.



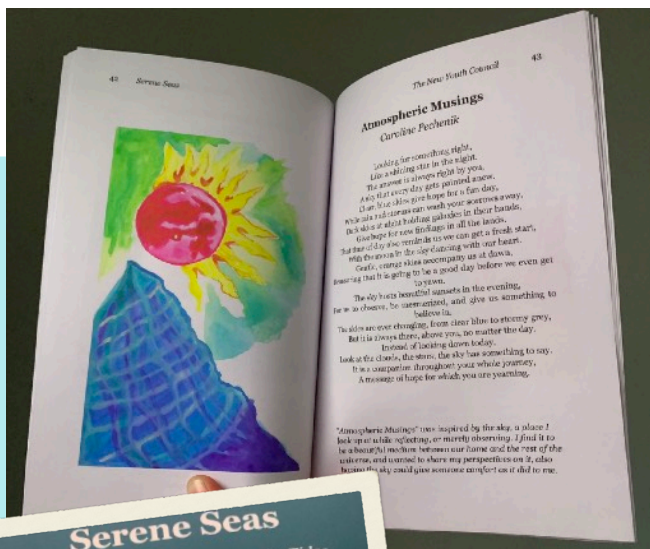


Friends of the Museums 2022 Giving Tree

New in 2022, we were able to raise \$670 by selling ornaments for the Friends Giving Tree. The tree was on display in the Benares Visitor Centre from November 17, 2022 - January 12, 2023. Thank you to everyone who purchased bulbs in memory or to honour people & pets.

Video of the tree:

<https://www.facebook.com/FOMMississauga/videos/673814287639576>

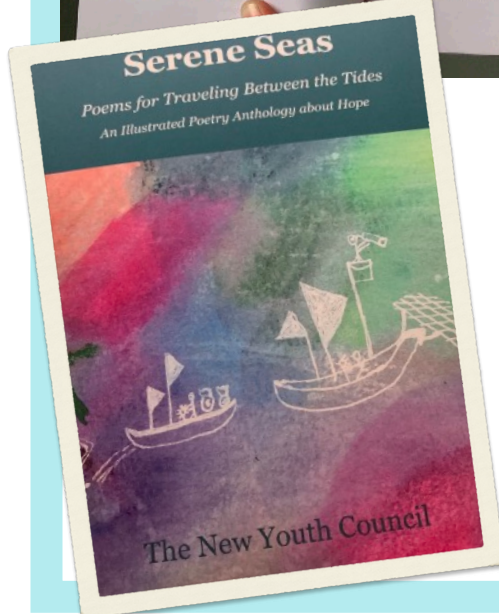


SERENE SEAS Has Been Published

Serene Seas: Poems for Traveling Between the Tides is an illustrated poetry anthology created collaboratively by the Museums of Mississauga, The New Youth Council and Friends of the Museums of Mississauga.

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the financial support for this intriguing book from The Smart and Caring Children and Youth Fund at the Community Foundation of Mississauga.

We are pleased to announce the Anthology has been published. Copies have been placed in local Mississauga Libraries.



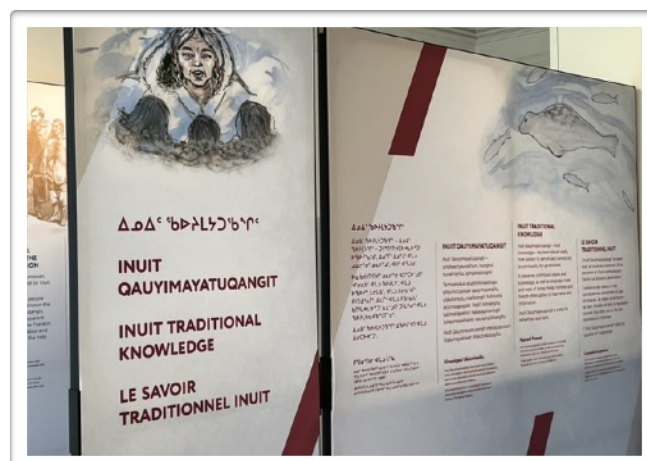
The Ones We Met: Inuit Traditional Knowledge and the Franklin Expedition

This travelling exhibit opened January 19th. It was developed by the Canadian Museum of History, in collaboration with the Inuit Heritage Trust. It will be on display at Bradley Museum Anchorage Galleries until April 16, 2023. It is presented in Inuktitut, Inuinnaqtun, English and French - the four official languages of Nunavut.

Above Image credit: Watercolour illustrations by Heather Campbell, an Inuit artist from Nunatsiavut (Labrador)

This is an interactive exhibit, with an audio-visual station and animated map, displays the retellings of Inuit traditional knowledge (Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit), and the modern archaeological research that assisted in locating the wrecks of ships from the Franklin Expedition (Sir John Franklin's 1845 attempt to locate the Northwest Passage).

<https://www.mississauga.ca/arts-and-culture/events/the-ones-we-met?>



UPCOMING
EXHIBITS

An exhibition exploring
locally sourced meals in
Southern Ontario.

April 27 - July 30
Bradley Museum
Anchorage Gallery

Learn more at:

mississauga.ca/dinner

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“What’s For Dinner: Exploring Locally Sourced Meals in Southern Ontario”

Bradley Museum, Anchorage Galleries | April 27 2023 – July 30, 2023

Calling all foodies! The Museums of Mississauga has once again collaborated with the Faculty of Information at the University of Toronto to bring you “What’s For Dinner: Exploring Locally Sourced Meals in Southern Ontario.” This exhibit, curated by Master of Museum Studies (MMSt) students, Romina Campanella, Hannah Berney and Dahlia Bishop-Cotner, will be opening April 27th at Bradley Museum in the anchorage galleries.

In this exhibit, visitors will discover the many ways food is grown, shared and eaten in the City of Mississauga. They will also hear stories from community members, learn about seasonal crops, and discover the diversity of dishes enjoyed by local residents. Food is more than sustenance – it fosters community, reflects identity and represents the land and people it comes from.

- On-site activities for all ages will be available including:
- Seasonal 'guess the crop' flip-up panels
- Corkboard Wall for Visitor Recipe Cards
- Flip-through Binder for Community Recipes
- Plush Planting Game for Kids

The exhibition includes free entry, however there is an opportunity to give back to those who need it in the community! Visitors are asked to bring in two or more non-perishable food donations. The Compass Food Bank will have a collection bin on-site, with preference for the following items: Tuna, Peanut Butter, Breakfast Cereal, Canned Meats (Turkey/Chicken/Ham), and Canned Pasta.

“What’s For Dinner” Exhibit Launch April 27, 2023

To launch the “What’s For Dinner” exhibit opening, the Museums of Mississauga is hosting an event at Bradley Museum from 4pm-8pm. You will be able to engage in activities from different partners, such as the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Shade of Miti and the Mississauga Youth Seed Library.

There will be vegan food options, food samples cooked in the historic kitchen and you’ll get to meet the curators!

Browse the sustainable goods, learn from Indigenous Elders, and then sit down and enjoy the cozy sounds of the custom foodie playlist on the porch while indulging in delicious local cuisine.



Rav (she/her) is a young and new farmer from Mississauga. She runs Shade of Miti, an ecological farm in Caledon where she specializes in growing South Asian vegetables, such as okra, bitter melon, gourd, eggplants and fenugreek. Rav uses farming as a tool for climate action and political change.

Rav will be present at the exhibit launch on April 27th.

Amanda Barbosa, Lead Interpreter, Exhibitions, Museums of Mississauga.



LOOKING AHEAD

UPCOMING
EXHIBITS

In the fall of 2024, there will be a physical exhibition featuring 50 Museums of Mississauga artifacts rarely seen in the public. Curriculum school based programs will be developed.

Please stay tuned for more information including at the Friends AGM May 8, 2023.

Here are a few examples of artifacts that are the property of the Museums of Mississauga: “50 years, 50 artifacts, 50 stories”



Did you know Carol Cline Brayman, a Guider in the 1st Clarkson Girl Guide Group, represented Canada at the Western Hemisphere Camp in Trinidad and Tobago in 1964 where she met Lady Baden-Powell?



Summer Records, located in Malton, was one of Canada's first Black-owned record labels. Blue Suede Sue's, formerly located at 75 Watline Avenue, was Mississauga's oldest nightclub operating for over 30 years.



Charles Patterson of Cooksville created the first rigid hockey helmet marketed in North America.

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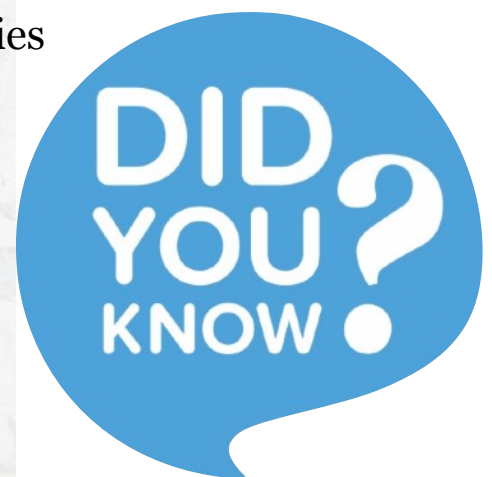
Collections Supervisor, Museums of Mississauga





In an earlier E-News, we mentioned filming at Benares Historic House in Nov. 2021.

Cabinet of Curiosities, the Guillermo del Toro series on Netflix, went live in Nov. 2022. Episode 6, Dreams in the Witch House featured Benares Historic House transformed. The first 5-10 minutes were all filmed on-site a year earlier. Here are some behind the scenes pictures courtesy of the Museums of Mississauga.





What a wonderful success!

There were 2,325 visitors at Maple Magic at the Bradley Museum over the 2 March Break weekends.

Approximately 25 -30 enthusiastic students volunteered each day.



A gift shop at the Anchorage, with products supplied by Ontario maple syrup producer Voisin's.





Museums interpreters conducted sap line tours every 20 minutes.



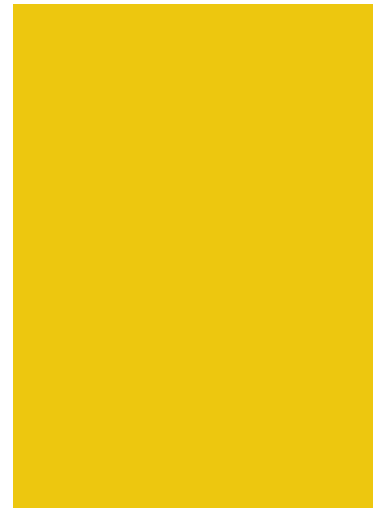
A visit to the historic Bradley House, included Museum interpreters re-enacting seasonal activities of the Bradley Family, including making maple taffy from syrup fresh off the fire.

There were crafts and games including a scavenger hunt.

Alana & Leigh Cline entertained visitors in the Anchorage.



Members of Friends enjoyed meeting visitors in the Anchorage. Thank you to Lisa Abbott for taking the 2 pictures on the right.



A very popular stop was in the log cabin. “The Great Maple Syrup Slurp Up” was a puppet show by Crane Creations.

Russell tried to save the world’s precious maple syrup from an extraterrestrial with a serious sweet tooth.



March 11 -12th visitors learned about Indigenous maple sugaring traditions from Elder Mark Sault of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation through storytelling and traditional Anishinaabe teachings over an outdoor fire pit.



AGM:

Please save the date for the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga's 2023 AGM scheduled for Monday, May 8th at 7:00pm. This year we will be hosting the AGM at the Visitor Centre at Benares Historic House located at 1507 Clarkson Road North.

We will provide an agenda and details on our guest speakers on our website.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you to renew your annual 2023 FOMM membership. You can make your contribution through CanadaHelps or mail the form attached. Your support in helping preserve our museum collections and to raise awareness of the historical and cultural significance of the museums of Mississauga is greatly appreciated.

Save the Date!

On The Verandah:

On the Verandah 2023, proudly sponsored by Friends of the Museums of Mississauga, returns to Benares Historic House this summer from 7 to 8:30pm.

We look forward to seeing familiar and new faces.

Here is the schedule:

June	2	Mississauga Temple Band
	9	George Kairys - Shades of Blue
	16	Mississauga Pops Concert Band
	23	Peter Banting Swing Sextet
	30	No concert - Canada Day Weekend
July	7	Dixieland Plus
	14	Rob Tardik
	21	The Octokats
	28	Liquid Jazz Project
August	4	Riddim Riders - Reggae Group
	11	Midnight Hour



Please visit our website to view the final brochure closer to the summer: <http://fommississauga.com/upcoming-events/>

ABOUT FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUMS OF MISSISSAUGA

VISION

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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 will soon be time to renew your 2023 membership.

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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

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