



FoMM Annual General Meeting Recap

On May 8th, the AGM for the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga was held in person at the Benares Visitor Centre. Joe Zammit, Chair of FoMM's Board of Directors, greeted everyone and gave a quick review of our involvement in various events during the past year. The Board of Directors was elected (a list of the elected Board can be found at the end of this newsletter).

Lisa Abbott, Manager, Museums of Mississauga and SAIB, summarized the events, projects and displays of 2022. Lisa gave a preview of what is planned including Mississauga's 50th Anniversary in 2024.

Our guest speaker, John Dunlop, Manager, Heritage Planning and Indigenous Relations, spoke regarding the City of Mississauga's Efforts on Truth and Reconciliation. He outlined with examples the many complex issues, such as repatriation and erasure that need to be addressed. This included the past, present and future. What is significant is to "Tell the Whole Story".

A copy of the draft minutes may found on our [website](http://www.fommississauga.com)

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On the Verandah



On the Verandah has kicked off the 2023 season at the beautiful historic Benares house. If you haven't had a chance to come out and enjoy the music in an idyllic location, you still have a chance! Concerts take place every Friday evening starting at 7PM through to August 11th. Attendance is free, however, we kindly ask for a donation to help support the museums in a variety of educational student activities as well as to help support the performers for coming out to entertain us. Upcoming performances can be found on our [website](#). Check out our [Facebook](#) page for more pictures and videos.

Thank-you to our 2023 performers, volunteers and sponsors:





The Outdoor Market this year on June 17th was another very successful event at Benares Historic House. Over 530 people attended.

There were a variety of vendors and live entertainment. The homemade strawberry ice cream was so tasty! Student volunteers were helping to make it.

The Museums waved an admission fee, taking food donations to The Compass Food Bank instead.



Friends members Christine and June greeting attendees



Friends greeted visitors and collected 200 pounds of food as well as cash donations. We also started selling bulbs again this year for our 2023 Friends Giving Christmas Tree.

Thank-you to everyone who participated.



Friends of the Museums of Mississauga, gratefully acknowledges the generous 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 grant is for the development of programs to celebrate Mississauga's 50th in 2024.



This project begins with the curation of 75 artifacts chosen from the Museums artifact collection that are not often on display or have little known, engaging stories associated with them. Residents will get to vote on their favourites until there are 50 representing Mississauga's 50 years since incorporation.

Images of the 50 selected artifacts will be used on a series of Artifact Markers placed in neighbourhoods throughout the city and will provide the basis for a series of self-guided scavenger hunts, providing a learning opportunity with a gamified experience. Content at each marker will include an artifact image and description, the significance of the location, additional media such as a video or short podcast and a clue to find the next marker. People can participate with or without technology making it accessible to all. Participants can win prizes including gift cards, souvenirs, tickets to events and more.



The project will promote and highlight the Museums Collection, bring attention to the importance of preserving our diverse heritage, engage the community to share histories from Indigenous Peoples and other diverse perspectives and experiences, tell little known stories and share hidden gems that are unique to the city and overall, raise awareness and provide greater access to our heritage.

Please stay tuned for more developments later in the year. Happy 50th Mississauga 2024!

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Benares Historic House had a rare donation of over 120 items from a descendant of the Harris family. Christine Abougoush inherited a number of artifacts from her mother (one of the original donors), Barbara Larson. Christine shipped the items from her home in Kelowna B.C. so they could return to Benares. The donation includes numerous photo albums and some never seen before original photos of the family, as well as Annie Harris Sayers' bed that she slept in as a girl at Benares and four of her childhood dolls. A few showstopper artifacts are Annie's writing desk, now in Naomi's room, a portrait of Mary Harris, created by Caroline Farncomb, now located in her former bedroom, and a painted sewing table with musical instruments in the Drawing Room.

It's hard to say which artifact is my favourite, but I'm enchanted with a 200-year-old ivory sewing box in the shape of a house. Although I would never condone the use of ivory, as a historic item, it's exquisite. The design is of an English cottage that uses lac, a resin secreted from the lac bug, to create the black-drawn details. Inside, other ivory/bone sewing tools are stored in little compartments including crochet hooks, sewing clamps, and a shuttle.

If you haven't been to Benares House in a while, [book a tour](#) to see the new additions. A big thank you to Christine for her generosity in donating these precious artifacts to Benares.

Article by: Stephanie Meeuwse, Collections Supervisor, Museums of Mississauga



Now this is Cool!

Check out the latest edition of the Toronto Journal that features an article about Mazo de al Roche and includes information about the Benares collections!

<https://torontojournal.com/2023summer-mazo/>

Herridge's Farm Fresh Market



Herridge's Farm Fresh Market on Southdown Road, a third-generation family business closed permanently on Dec. 24, 2022.

The Herridge Family farmed in the area for over 101 years. This amazing community market was open for over 50 years!

Friends have been working with the Museums to move the historic sign from the market to the Bradley Museum to retain a little piece of Clarkson's History.

We are so excited to announce that this sign will be installed on the barn at the Bradley.

Stay tuned for photos of the installation at Bradley in our next e-news.

Save the Date!



Halloween Harvest and Park your Pumpkin return to the Bradley!



Halloween Harvest : October 28th and 29th

Park Your Pumpkin: Evening of November 1st
Friends members will be at both events.

Photos with Santa will return to the Bradley Log Cabin



Family Photos: Friday, Nov 24th from 3pm - 7pm.

Paws 'N Mr. Claus: November 25th from 11am - 3pm

We will be using Eventbrite again this year to manage bookings and help avoid line-ups. Stay tuned for further details.

You can find information about museum events at: <https://www.mississauga.ca/arts-and-culture/museums/>

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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Three Openings Available!

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REMINDER: Please renew your 2023 membership if you have not done so already.

Stay Tuned

for information on future interesting fundraising events.

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

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