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The History Hunt is now well underway and has been off to a great start so far. By mid-February, the History Hunt Mobile Application received 1,293 unique visitors!

Every month, the Museums will award an exciting prize to residents who participate in the History Hunt. Prizes include Mississauga Symphony Orchestra tickets, a Hub Indoor Climbing gift card, tickets to a Raptors 905 game and more. Our grand prize for completing all 10 scavenger hunts is a Nintendo Switch!

In addition to the History Hunt, the Museums of Mississauga is also launching a digital exhibition on the ArcGIS platform, which will allow users to further explore the 50 artifacts featured in the History Hunt. Keep an eye out for this exciting project this spring.

Stay tuned for more updates on the project!

Written by: Amanda Barbosa - Lead Interpreter, Exhibitions, Museums of Mississauga



History Hunt sign at Kariya Park. Keep your eyes out for others like this around the City

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Friends of the Museums of Mississauga, gratefully acknowledges the generous 2023 grant from 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.

The grant has been used to support the History Hunt as part of Mississauga's 50th celebrations this year. We hope that you have been able to hunt for some markers and visit different places in Mississauga.

Ask a Historian

Check out this [YouTube video](#) where Matthew Wilkinson shares more about Mississauga's 50th!



The Wind Phone at the History Hunt

RECAP FROM 2023 EVENTS

Santa Photos at Bradley:

On November 24th and 25th, 2023 an almost 20 years tradition continued. According to Annemarie Hagan, photos with Santa started as a fundraiser to save the Bradley Log Cabin from demolition. So at first, it was held in the cabin at its original Port Credit location. It was unheated and pretty run down. A couple of years, Santa even arrived by Police Boat which was exciting!!



It was a wonderful 2 days of photos with Santa in the Bradley Museum log cabin! There were 130 guests on Family Photos Day and 120 for Paws 'N Mr. Claus. Our photographer Jorj Takacs and his wife Alma captured many amazing memories.

A huge thank you to PetValu Clarkson Crossing for all the cat and dog loot bags and to Rebecca & David, the SCARF officers (Mississauga Animal Services), for their help. Especially when the 6 dogs arrived for one photo!

Santa, thank you for spending 2 awesome days with us. You are the best. Hope that we all are still on your NICE list.

Thank you also to the Museum staff who helped us so much especially Tammie and Lindsay.

We would also like to thank our sponsors: Ash Grove, HollyFrontier Sinclair and Gary Betts REMAX Reality Specialists. You helped to make this traditional event happen.

Save the date: We will return Nov 29th and Nov 30th, 2024 so make your calendars!

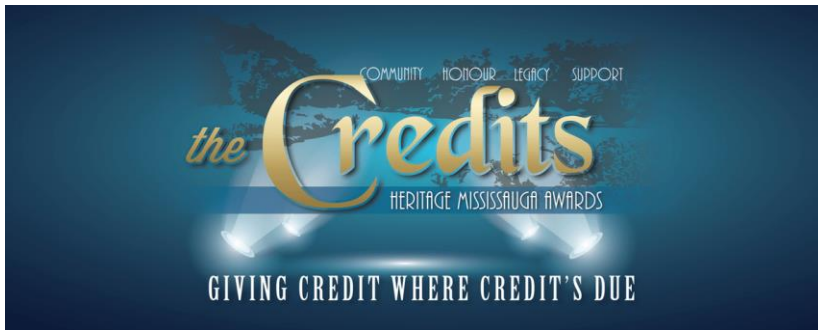


2023 Events Recap continued:

Friends of the Museums 2023 Giving Tree

Friends would like to thank everyone who purchased ornaments in memory or to honour people or pets for our 2023 Friends Giving Tree. The tree was on display in the Benares Visitor Centre from November 16, 2023 to early January 2024.

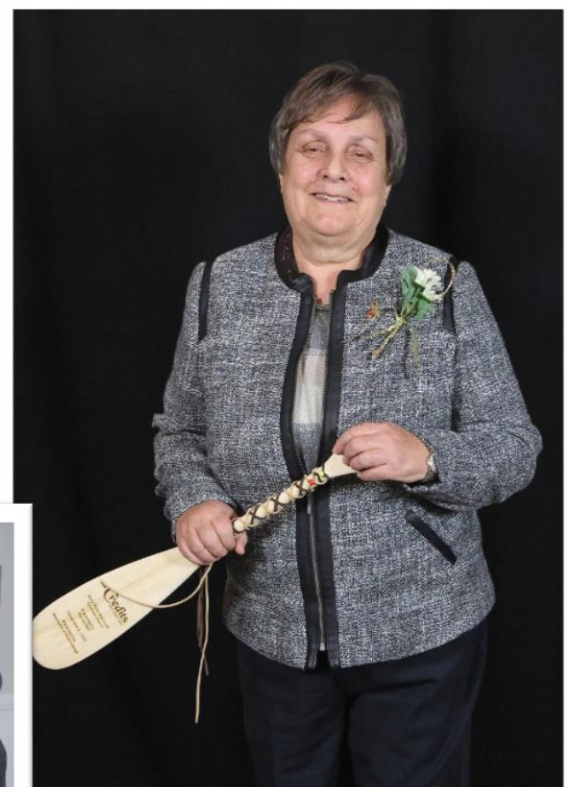
Check out our [video](#) of the tree



Thursday, November 2, 2023, one of our enthusiastic FOMM board members, Wanda Hall, received the Betty Ross Memorial Award at the Credits hosted by Heritage Mississauga. This volunteer Appreciation award is named in honour of Betty Ross who was a long-serving, dedicated, and well - loved volunteer with both Heritage Mississauga and the Museums of Mississauga.

The 2023 Credits Award is very unique. The made in Mississauga award is a paddle made from poplar and white pine trees that have fallen due to disease or storms by Sidney Gendron, a Metis artist and owner of Sawmill Syd. Their urban wood initiative program repurposes trees in the GTA, within the Traditional Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Congratulations to Wanda. Thank you to the staff members of the Museums of Mississauga for their nomination.



“Meet me at the Park” Exhibit

Bradley Museum, Anchorage Galleries
April 25, 2024 – July 21, 2024

Most of us would agree that parks and green spaces are a place that we enjoy. It may be a place of comfort, coming together or a place to escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life. This is what the exhibit, “Meet Me at the Park,” curated by Master of Museum Studies students, Daochun Li, Felicity Brassard, Lauren Willoughby and Mary Watson, is about. Mississauga’s parks and greenspaces are places that foster our health and well-being, and it is up to all of us to keep them thriving. The exhibit will explore the mutually beneficial and cyclical relationship between community and parks and greenspaces of Mississauga, emphasizing the nurturing role parks play for people and the stewardship of role people play for parks. This is the fourth year the Museums of Mississauga is collaborating with the Faculty of Information at the University of Toronto to bring this exhibit at Bradley Museum from April 25 to July 21, 2024.



Community engagement is a large component of this exhibition and some examples include:

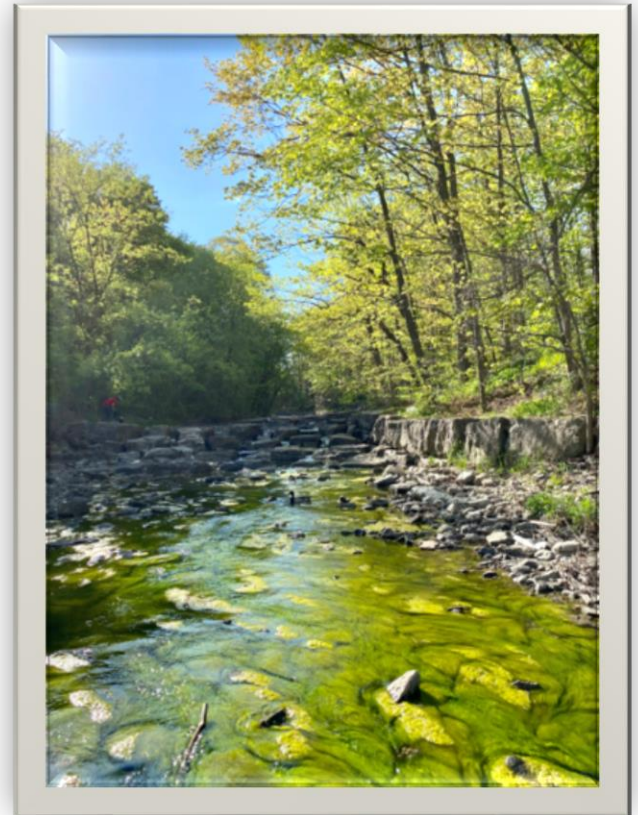
1. An online and in person survey sent out to residents inviting them to share their perspectives, memories and stories about parks and green spaces in Mississauga. These stories will then be incorporated into the exhibit.
2. A draw and tell activity hosted with some of the overnight Scouts and Guides groups at the Museums, where the children are invited to draw their favourite park activity or depict how they feel in green spaces. These drawing will be displayed throughout the exhibit.
3. Asking students in a children’s photography course run by the City to document some of their favourite elements of local parks as part of their curriculum.
4. They are also partnering with the City’s Resident Artist program to create some of the interactives and graphics for the exhibit:
 - a. Postcards featuring some of the different parks in Mississauga.
 - b. A community tree that will act as an interactive in the exhibit.

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“Meet me at the Park” Continued:

To launch the “Meet me at the Park” exhibit opening, the Museums of Mississauga is hosting an event at Bradley Museum from 4pm-7pm on April 25th! The Museums are joining the City’s Earth Day Campaign to showcase the One Million Trees project and do a tree giveaway. There will also be different crafts, food samples cooked in the historic kitchen and demonstrations by local community partners and businesses. You’ll also get to meet the curators! Mark your calendars!

Written by: Amanda Barbosa - Lead Interpreter, Exhibitions, Museums of Mississauga



Note: The photos used in this article were submitted by residents to include in the “Meet Me in the Park” exhibit.

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George Hunter (1921-2013) was a noted Canadian photographer who called Mississauga home. He was a documentary, portrait, corporate, aerial, and art photographer of regional, national, and international significance. Hunter's career had many highlights including being elected to the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts and having his photograph of Toronto's Pearson Airport Terminal 1 selected by NASA to be included in a time capsule on the Voyage II spacecraft. Two of his

images were chosen to be on the \$5 and \$10 bills in the 1972-1988 banknote series and five of his images were used on stamps by Canada Post. On top of that, he traveled to over 80 countries taking photographs for airlines and travel agencies.

Hunter was also one of the founding members of the Canadian Heritage Photography Foundation (CHPF). He donated 100,000 negatives, slides, and photos which made up the bulk of the collection. Unfortunately, after being in operation for over 20 years, CHPF had to close due to financial difficulties. COVID was particularly tough and they were not able to recover. After several attempts to find a home for the collection, the Museums of Mississauga, with the help of Peel Archives (part of PAMA), were able to facilitate the transfer of the collection to the City of Mississauga. The Museums will temporarily store and work to disburse the collection to other institutions across Canada and the world.

Did you know? Continued

Local archival material will be transferred to Peel Archives. The collections team has selected some artifacts for our collection including a vest he wore in the Northwest Territories, his well-used winter jacket, and some framed portraits. The Museums' collecting mandate focuses on artifacts rather than archives so we appreciate Peel Archives' assistance and expertise.

Ensuring his legacy is preserved and saved is an important endeavor and will be something we can look back on with pride. A big thank you to everyone who made it happen!

Article by: Stephanie Meeuwse
Collections Supervisor, Museums of Mississauga



George Hunter's aerial photos of Saskatchewan that was used on a 1980 Canadian postage stamp. When domestic stamps were 17 cents!



Photo of the team that moved the collection in early March

MARCH WAS MAGICAL AT MAPLE!



Mississauga’s annual maple syrup festival, which took place over the weekends of March 9-10 and 16-17 at the Bradley Museum, was another success. It always draws a lot of visitors and this year was no exception with just over 2000 people attending over the 4 days. There were also over 20 enthusiastic student volunteers helping out each day with the variety of maple-themed activities for all ages.

Weekend Activities

Guests experienced the process of making maple syrup through guided tours conducted by knowledgeable Museum interpreters and indulged in pancakes with real maple syrup, tasted taffy and enjoyed crafts, games and guided tours of the Bradley Museum. And if that weren’t enough, there were cooking demonstrations, historic toys to try in the Bradley, a puppet show, “Pin Pin the Eggsplorer”, which is always very popular with the kids, and live music by the very talented Alana & Leigh Cline.



See more pictures from Maple Magic 2024 on our [Facebook](#) page.



Maple Continued...



On the second weekend, Elder Mark Sault of the Mississauga's of the Credit First Nation, taught visitors about the Indigenous origins of the maple harvest and served up some Indigenous food including moose, buffalo and bannock (fried bread) as well as cedar, pine and labrador teas.



But wait! There's more...

The Maple Gift shop in the Anchorage Gallery contained numerous products, supplied by Ontario maple syrup producers, to satisfy any maple fan.

Pama was also there with unique crafts and information about their suitcase project.



Friends members were pleased to meet many of the visitors. It gives us a chance to communicate our role as a charitable organization in support of the
Congratulations to all who were involved. Hope to see you next year!

Check out this [Ask a Historian video](#), with Matthew Wilkinson from Heritage Mississauga and Lindsay Doren, Coordinator for Education and Engagement with the Museums of Mississauga, to learn more about Maple Magic.



Save the Date

FoMM AGM

When: Monday May 13th, 2024 at 7pm

Where: Benares Visitor Centre 1507 Clarkson Rd N.

Guest Speaker: Matthew Wilkinson, Historian at Heritage Mississauga, on Mississauga's 50th

On the Verandah

2024 Tentative Schedule:

- June 7 Mississauga Temple Band
- 14 Age of Reason
- 21 Burlington Welsh Ladies Chorus
- 28 Liquid Jazz
- July 5 Peter Banting Swingtet
- 12 Dixieland Plus
- 19 Octokats
- 26 Mississauga Pops
- Aug. 2 Midnight Hour
- 9 Subourbon Street
- 16 Riddim Riders - Reggae Band

OTV returns for another season starting June 7th and every Friday thereafter. Concerts start at 7pm at the Historic Benares House



Returns at the historic Benares House on Saturday June 15th. Mark your calendar for this fun annual event!

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 visit: <https://culture.mississauga.ca/museum> s



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REMINDER: it is time to kindly renew your annual membership

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for information on future
interesting fundraising
events.

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

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

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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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