



A Look Back & What's Ahead for 2025

Our final event of 2024, photos with Santa at the Bradley Log Cabin, was a great success! Most attendees—both people and pets—made the “nice list”! A huge thank you to all who joined us. Santa has already reserved time to visit again in late November!

This year is off to a busy start as we reconnect with sponsors, apply for grants, plan our AGM in May, and organize On the Verandah 2025. We're excited for another fantastic year!

The museums are also off to a bustling 2025 with many events and exhibits planned. You'll find information about some of them in this e-news as well as in the Save the Date section. You can also explore activities through [Active Mississauga](#).

On March 1st, several Friends board members attended *More at the Museums: Cooking with Maple*. Led by the talented Lindsay Doren, we made maple syrup tarts, oatmeal griddle cakes, and maple sugar cookies—a truly sweet experience!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this newsletter. Enjoy reading, and don't forget to mark your calendars for some the exciting upcoming events! For more photos, visit our Facebook pages.

@ Membership Reminder: If you haven't renewed your 2025 *Friends* membership, please do so before the AGM. Not a member yet? Join us! Your support makes all the difference.

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RECAP FROM 2024 EVENTS

Santa Photos at Bradley:

What a wonderful turnout we had this year in the Bradley log cabin. Our photos with Santa were sold out both days. We love seeing families dress in their matching sweaters and outfits. Paws N' Mr Claus was very entertaining as usual. In addition to dogs in all shapes and sizes, we had 3 cats and a bird. We truly appreciate seeing families and pets return year after year.

This is our traditional event and it could not take place without the on-going help of our sponsors. Our sincere thank you to Holly Frontier Sinclair, Ashgrove, and Gary Betts Re/Max Realty Specialists Inc.



Friends also appreciate the loot bags that PetValu Clarkson Crossing provides. The dogs and cats love them and it adds to our event.

Santa, thank you for joining us during your very busy schedule. Jorj and Alma, you capture each perfect moments with such talented photography. Photos that will be cherished for years to come.

On Saturday again this year at Paws N' Mr Claus two animals services officers from SCARF helped us stage the animals. Over the years we have add to our collection of funny stories. We always need their help. Thank you to Elizabeth and Kadeejha for smiling through it all! Friends has made a donation to SCARF for their 2024 support.

Who sets up the room, manages the site and all those other behind the scenes jobs? Museums staff of course. Thank you to Lindsey & Meaghan. Tammie, you helped to provide order on both days. It was a cold job!

Save the Date: We are already booked for 2025. Family Photos will be Friday, Nov 28 from 3 - 7pm. Pets will follow on Saturday Nov 29th from 11am to 3pm. Booking will open up early in November on Eventbrite.



2024 Events Recap continued:

Friends of the Museums 2024 Giving Tree

Thank you to everyone that supported the Friends Giving Tree this year by buying ornaments. The tree was decorated and on display in the Benares Visitor Centre from mid-November to early January.



Upcoming Museum Events

A City in Tune: A Celebration of Music in Mississauga Museums of Mississauga

Bradley Museum, Anchorage Galleries

April 24 – August 3, 2025

The Museums of Mississauga are excited to once again partner with the University of Toronto's Master of Museum Studies program to develop a new exhibit on music!

This upcoming exhibition, hosted at the Bradley Museum, will celebrate Mississauga's vibrant musical heritage. Developed by three students—Kexin Han, Julie McIsaac, and Iris Wu—the exhibit will explore the rich history and cultural impact of music in the city, uncovering the stories behind Mississauga's diverse musical scenes.

Stay tuned for this exciting exhibit, set to open on April 24th 2025!

By Amanda Barbosa MMSt

Lead Interpreter, Exhibitions, Museums of Mississauga



Two of the students with Heather Christine, an award-winning vocalist, songwriter, new producer and community advocate from Mississauga.

Upcoming Museum Events: Continued

“Together for Tomorrow: Earth Days in Action”

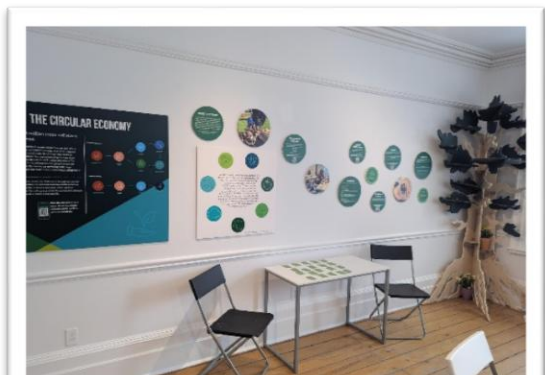
Bradley Museum, Anchorage Galleries
February 6th, 2025 – April 13th 2025

Climate change is real, and it's already affecting our community. From scorching heatwaves to severe storms, Mississauga is experiencing the impact of rising temperatures, flooding, and shifting weather patterns. The exhibit now on at Bradley Museum explores these challenges and how they are shaping our world today.

But there is hope! The City of Mississauga is taking significant steps to combat climate change by reducing carbon emissions and promoting sustainability through various local initiatives. However, everyone has a role to play. Simple actions, like conserving energy and supporting green projects, can have a huge impact on creating a sustainable future.

As you explore the exhibit, don't miss the interactive displays! Get hands-on with activities like the storm water drain demo, the cyclone glitter jar, and the heat pump demonstration. These engaging features offer a fun and informative way to learn how we can all contribute to tackling climate change.

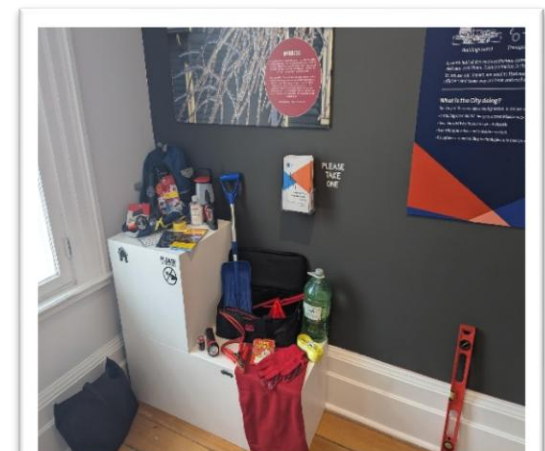
Make sure to visit the exhibit before it closes! Join the conversation and discover how we can work together to protect our planet for future generations.



Learn about the circular economy!



Did you know that Amphibians are essential to our ecosystems and serve as critical indicators of environmental health? Find all of the frogs hidden throughout the exhibit! A fun interactive for children and families!



A home and car emergency kit on display.

Upcoming Museum Events: Continued

“Spirit Seeds”

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Immerse yourself in the intricate and stunning world of Indigenous beadwork at *Spirit Seeds*. Curated by Indigenous artist Naomi Smith, this exhibition offers a vibrant visual journey through beadwork from the Woodlands and Great Lakes Regions, highlighting both historical and contemporary examples of this art form.

Known as "Little Spirits" in some Indigenous languages, tiny glass seed beads are carefully hand-sewn onto a range of items, from functional pieces to decorative works. *Spirit Seeds* features beads from the post-contact trade era, historical beadwork, and contemporary pieces, showcasing the ongoing significance of beadwork in personal expression and Indigenous culture today. The exhibition also highlights the work of local Indigenous artists, emphasizing the continued importance of beadwork in the present day.

Stay tuned for a special Strawberry Emery workshop, led by Naomi Smith herself, coming this May! Strawberries, revered as a medicinal plant, are the first berry to nourish us after the long winter. This sacred fruit inspired the creation of the Victorian-era sewing emery or pincushion. Traditionally, emeries were crafted from various fabrics and filled with sand or sawdust. In the 1800s, sewing needles were valuable and not always easily obtained, so the purpose of the emery was to keep needles protected, sharp, and free from rust. In this workshop, Naomi will guide you through the art of creating your own Strawberry Emery while sharing its cultural significance and connection to Indigenous traditions.

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



One of the stunning beadworks on display



Museum staff installing Spirit Seeds

“Spirit Seeds” Continued



One of the stunning beadworks on display



Strawberry emeries

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It's the 30th anniversary of Benares Historic House opening as a museum and we have a lot to celebrate. The museum has become a cherished place in the community to gather for concerts or teas and is also playing an important role in educating young and old alike with wonderful educational programs, guided tours, and exhibitions.

In 1968, Naomi Harris died leaving the house and contents to Barbara Larson, Dora Caro, and Geoffrey Sayers, her nieces and nephew. Barbara recalls, "All three of us were loath to see it torn down or turned into a chintzy restaurant." They didn't want it made into apartments and selling meant it wasn't protected and could be destroyed. They decided to donate it so it could become a museum. "It seemed like the obvious thing to us" said Barbara. It was donated

to the newly formed Ontario Heritage Foundation (OHF) and became their first property. The OHF agreed to make the house "museum ready" in the 1990s if the City of Mississauga would take it over and run it. After extensive renovations, the house opened on June 25, 1995. It officially transferred ownership to the City of Mississauga in 2000.

Happy Anniversary Benares!

By Stephanie Meeuwse

Collections Supervisor, Museums of Mississauga

MARCH WAS MAGICAL AT MAPLE!



Another successful Maple Magic took place March 8, 9, 15 and 16th at the Bradley Museum through a variety of weather. Approximately 1700 visitors over the 4 days. Friends were happy to greet many visitors at reception in the Anchorage. Enthusiastic student volunteers helped at every station throughout the site.

Guests learned about the Indigenous origins of the maple harvest, experienced the process of making maple syrup, indulged in pancakes with real maple syrup, and enjoyed crafts, games and guided tours of the site.

Weekend Activities included:

- Tasty pancakes hot off the grill with real maple syrup , taffy and candy in the Barn
- Outdoor guided tours of the maple sap line with Museum interpreters
- Museum interpreters re-enacted the seasonal activities of the Bradley Family in the Bradley House. There were tasty treats for attendees to enjoy including corn bread, maple drop scones, maple oatmeal raisin cookies and bannock.
- On the first weekend, Elder Mark Sault of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and his team members taught guests about Indigenous seasonal food traditions. They provided samples of: moose, deer, fish, corn soup and teas including Labrador & Cedar.



Maple Continued...



- There were puppet making activities with Crane Creations Theatre Company in the log cabin
- A community string activity was led by Naomi Smith on Sunday March 9 and 16th
- Alana and Leigh Cline provided live music March 9 from 1 to 3 pm in the Anchorage
- On March 15th there was face painting



More weekend activities...

- Crafts and games including an outside Bootcamp Course, magnet making and much more
- The maple gift shop returned this year in the Anchorage Gallery, with maple syrup and treats by Canadian producers



Thank you to all the talented Museum staff who work so hard to make events such as Maple Magic a success.

For additional photos please visit the Friends Facebook page.





Save the Date

FoMM AGM

Our AGM will take place at **Benares Visitor Centre at 7 pm on Monday May 12th**. There will be a short Meet and Greet starting at 6:45pm.

Please visit our website closer to the date for the agenda.
Just a reminder that 2025 memberships are due before the meeting.

On the Verandah

2025 Schedule:

June 6 Ambiance Singers
13 Temple Band
20 Peter Banting Swingtet
27 Burlington Welsh Ladies Choir
July 4 Jazz Plazma
11 Dixieland Plus
18 Mississauga Pops
25 Liquid Jazz
Aug. 1 Octokats Midnight Hour
8 Subourbon Street
15 That Band

OTV returns for another season starting June 6th and every Friday thereafter. Concerts start at 7pm at the Historic Benares House



Two days this year! Saturday June 14th and Sunday June 15th.

Mark your calendar for this fun annual event!

ABOUT FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUMS OF MISSISSAUGA

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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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Stay Tuned

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

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