



FoMM Annual General Meeting Recap

Friends held their AGM in early May. Last year was very successful. Museum visitor numbers continue to rise. Friends enjoy supporting museum programs with your help.

Our On the Verandah 2026 concerts began June 5, 2026. We are looking forward to an excellent rain free season. For a copy of our program please visit our website or our Facebook page.

We also post photos and videos from each concert on our Facebook page.

Several of our board members have lost family in the past few weeks. Our condolences to Christine Batiuk on the passing of her husband Eugene. We also would like to convey condolences to Tanya Caruana on the passing of her father Andrew.

June 13 and 14th Friends welcomed visitors to Bloom and Berries at Benares Historic House. We collected food donations for the Compass Food Bank.

Hope to see you at the museums.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this E News.

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FoMM AGM May 11th 2026

Friends held their annual general meeting at Benares Visitor Centre on May 11th. For a copy of our draft minutes please visit our [website](#).

Our 20th anniversary in 2025 was a very successful year for Friends. We supported museum events including Maple Magic, Blooms and Berries and Halloween Harvest, held 11 entertaining On the Verandah Concerts as well as our traditional photos with Santa event.

Friends produced three E-Newsletters.

In 2025, the Mississauga Foundation kindly provided a generous grant to support A History Exposed at the Adamson Estate.

Don Harrington presented our financial statement for 2025.

Thank you to Kathryn Garland, Stephanie Meeuwse and Elizabeth Underhill for presenting at our meeting. It was a very busy year for the museums. Friends are very pleased to support the Museums of Mississauga.

A sincere thank you to all our 2025 & 2026 sponsors.

All of our directors agreed to remain on the board. We are very happy that Hamza Zuberi has also joined the board



Don Harrington, Treasurer



2026/2027 FoMMBoard of Directors

Back row left to right:

Wanda Hall, Sue Shanly, June Newhouse, Don Harrington, Hamza Zuberi, Sadaf Zuberi, Gail Clark

Front row left to right:

Tanya Caruana, Liz Durdan, Anne Fabierkiewicz, Joyce Delves, Rosemarie Bowman, Mary Jane Johne

* Christine Batiuk also remains as a director

Thank-you to our 2025 Sponsors



On the Verandah



This year we will offer 11 Friday night concerts, weather permitting. There are 3 new groups scheduled to entertain us. For a copy of our program, please visit our website. We are extremely grateful to our sponsors. You will find them listed on the program.

<https://fommississauga.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/OTV-2026.pdf>

Thank you to the performers who will entertain us this season. Thank you to Liz Durdan who books the groups.

We could not run these concerts without our volunteers and our very helpful museum staff. Thank you to Nataliaia, Carter and Cole for volunteering. Lindsay Doren, thank you for organizing the museum staff for each concert. They are there long before and after each concert. Our board members work hard to make each concert a success.

Thank you to all of you who attend the concerts and donate so generously.

For additional pictures as well as videos please visit our [Facebook page](#).





Bloom and Berries 2026 took place at Benares on the weekend of June 13 -14. This was a free event with a food donation.

Friends enjoyed greeting people and collecting donations for the Compass Food Bank. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Saturday was very well attended. Sunday the weather was inclement. Some came dressed for the weather and some did not.

There were a large variety of talented vendors. Lots of game and craft activities for the kids. There was face painting and a photo stop on the verandah.



Congratulations to all the museum staff who worked so hard to make Blooms and Berries a success.



Museums Events

A League of Our Own: Sports and Belonging in Mississauga University of Toronto, Master of Museums Studies Capstone Project Now - September 6, 2026



Figure 1 – A League of Our Own on display at the Adamson Estate

Sport plays a vital role in connecting people and communities in Mississauga, turning play into a shared sense of belonging across the city's diverse population. A League of Our Own celebrates team sports and shares stories of local athletes, coaches, organizations, and the networks of support that make participation possible. This exhibition highlights how sports bring people together at every level, from recreational leagues to professional teams, while creating spaces where newcomers find community, young people build confidence, and families connect through shared experiences.

On display at the Museums of Mississauga's Adamson Estate from April 23 to September 6, A League of Our Own features a variety of artifacts connected to Mississauga's sporting history, including uniforms, memorabilia, and Rikén:á - Little Brother, a unique artwork exploring the lived experiences of a Mohawk lacrosse athlete. Visitors can also take part in interactive experiences that invite them to step into the action, reflect on their own memories of sport, and consider the many people who help create a sense of belonging through play.

A League of Our Own was developed by Randa Bustami, Emily Owen, Portia Piasentin, and Ankush Sood as part of the Faculty of Information's Museum Studies Capstone Projects course, in consultation with Dr. Irina D. Mihalache.

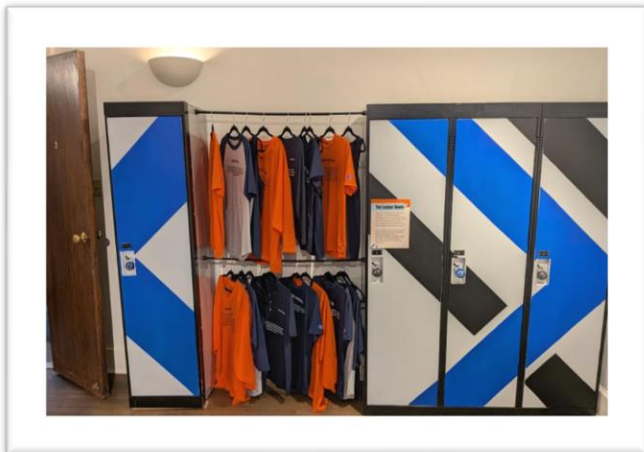


Figure 2 – An interactive featured in A League of Our Own.

Image – Museums of Mississauga

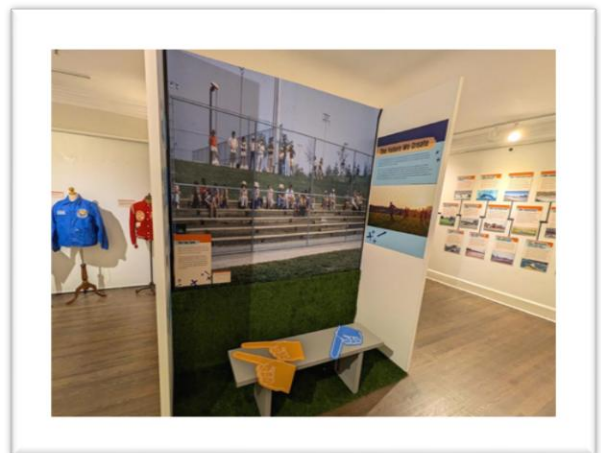


Figure 3 – A League of Our Own on display at the Adamson Estate

Museums Events Continued...

Emergency Preparedness **OEM + Museums of Mississauga**

Courtneypark Library
May 4, 2026 – August 2026

This exhibition, on display at Courtneypark Library, is a collaboration between the Museums of Mississauga and the Office of Emergency Management. The display brings together stories of local emergencies in the city across different eras. Each event offers a window into the experiences of residents, first responders, and decision-makers, as well as the systems designed to protect them. Among the emergencies explored in the exhibit are the 1979 train derailment, the 2013 ice storm, and the COVID-19 pandemic.



Figure 4 – Emergency Preparedness exhibit on display at Courtneypark Library

Coming Soon!

A City in Tune

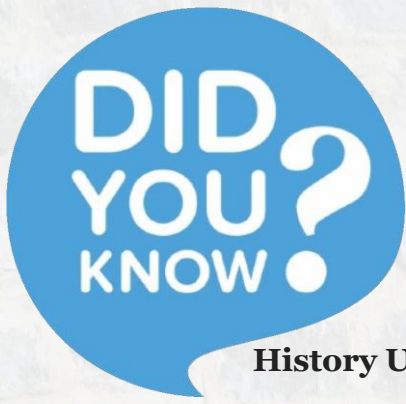
Museums of Mississauga
September 2026- December 2026

Building off the success of the Museums' first music exhibit, *A City in Tune*, which celebrated Mississauga's grassroots and emerging musicians in 2025, this new installment at the Adamson Estate turns its focus to Mississauga's biggest music legends. Featuring phenomenal artifacts, instruments and archival materials, this exhibition will explore the knockout names in music who called Mississauga home and the key places where music lives, from the 1960s to present day. *A City in Tune* will tell the story of how Mississauga became a powerhouse for global music that covers nearly 70 years of hits.

Join us this fall to see this exhibition come to life!



All museum events write up by: Maysoon Sheikh, PhD
Lead Interpreter, Exhibitions & Research Museums of Mississauga



History Uncovered – Major General John Harris

When one enters the grand rooms of the Benares House, one of the key artifacts that catches the eye is the portrait of the man who stands above the fireplace mantel. A mysterious figure who looks down at you from over 200 years ago, a man who we've come to know as Major General John Harris, the father of Captain James Harris. We did not know much surrounding his life other than oral stories passed down from the family members,



including one such story claiming he participated in the famous Battle of Waterloo. But luckily, due to the advancement of digitization amongst historical records, we have found a document that highlights some key details of his life and service from the British Royal Archives. And behold in that document states Sir Harris's own words:

"Although it has not been my good fortune to be present at any battle or siege."

An interesting statement to contradict the claim of Waterloo heroism dating to the obituary of Arthur Harris. In another instance, we have learned that Captain Harris had a sister we never knew about named Mary Anne, who most likely passed away at a young age since she is never mentioned by family.

Lastly, we have learnt about the birthday and birthplace of the Major General, which has cemented details of his life that were left to mere guesses from our researchers in the past.

By Julian Mierzejewski, Summer Collections Assistant

New Collections Database

The Museums of Mississauga are excited to introduce our new Collections Management System (CMS), Argus by Lucidea. This Canadian, web-based platform supports the management of our artifact and archival collection, while enhancing public access through a searchable online catalogue. Collections staff went through a rigorous procurement process as well as extensive training to use the new system. Search our records after July 10th at <https://www.mississauga.ca/arts-and-culture/museums/collections/> This project was supported by a Museums Assistance Program (MAP) grant, funded by the Government of Canada.

By Tracy Oliveira, Collections Coordinator

Funded by the Government of Canada



Recent Donations

The Collections team has accepted several interesting artifacts into the collection, including a sari that belonged to Nirmala Devi Lal Monga. Nirmala and her husband, Kashmiri, opened one of the first Indian restaurants in Mississauga, Sangam Fine Indian Cuisine, in 1989. It was located at 3085 Hurontario St. and operated until the early 2000s. The sari was purchased in India and was worn for Karva Chauth, a Hindu festival celebrated by married women, primarily in Northern India. It was a 25th wedding anniversary gift for Nirmala from Kashmiri in 1995.

Another interesting addition is a police badge (45) that had been issued to Rod Gilmour while he worked for the Toronto Township Police. Gilmour continued his police career through the transition to the Town of Mississauga and later Peel Regional Police in 1974.

By Stephanie Meeuwse,
Collections Supervisor



Save the Date!



Halloween Fun at Bradley and Cawthra-Elliot Estate!



Bradley Museum Events:

Halloween Harvest:

Saturday, October 17th and Sunday, October 18th
From 12:00pm-4:00pm

Park Your Pumpkin: November 1st 6pm-8pm

Cawthra – Elliot Estate Events:

Creepy Cawthra Boo Bash: Oct 24th -25th
12pm-4pm



Pet and Family Photos with Santa return to the Bradley Log Cabin



Location: 1620 Orr Rd. Bradley Log Cabin

Family Photos: Friday, Nov 27th 3pm - 7pm

This traditional event goes to support as the proceeds will go towards supporting programmes at the Museums of Mississauga.

Our professional photographer will take a great photo while Santa listens to your Christmas wish list

Paws 'N Mr. Claus*: Saturday, Nov 28th 11am- 3pm

*Proceeds from our photo sales will be shared between Friends of the Museums of Mississauga and Mississauga Animal Services Special Care & Resource Fund (S.C.A.R.F)

Tickets go on sale in Eventbrite Nov 1st. Be sure to get them early, they go fast!

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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We gratefully acknowledge the **Oakville Community Foundation Fund in Memory of Ted, Joyce, and Greg Gittings**, for the generous multi-year grant supporting education programming through the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga.

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Tanya Caruana	Mary Jane Johnne

One Opening Available!

WE NEED YOU!

Please consider becoming a member of FOMM, volunteering, attending one of our events, becoming a sponsor or donating through Canada Helps.

REMINDER: Please renew your 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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