

LESLIE LOG HOUSE PROJECT UPDATE

Work is underway at the Leslie Log House at 4415 Mississauga Road. The building will open to the public on May 14, 2011 as the new home of the Streetsville Historical Society, in partnership with the Museums of Mississauga, City of Mississauga. The Leslie Log House will join Bradley Museum and Benares Historic House as the third Museums of Mississauga site. The building will house the SHS's rich archival and artifact collection in appropriate museum-quality storage upstairs. The main floor will feature exhibits of the SHS collection, educational programming by the Museums of Mississauga, and include a lovely meeting room available for business meetings and social occasions.

Project Management: Facilities and Property Management, City of Mississauga
Architects: George Robb, Architect
General Contractor: RBG Inc.



Members of the Leslie Log House Steering Committee. Front row: Iyke Adikankwu, Project Manager, City of Mississauga; Anne Byard, Streetsville Historical Society; Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager, City of Mississauga. Back row: John Pegram and Fred Durdan, Friends of the Museums. Missing from photo: Joe Zammit and Jeremy Harvey, Collections and Artifact Storage Sub-Committee, Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee; Sandra Emerson, Streetsville Historical Society

Discover Benares Historic House DVD!

Officially launched in July 2010, the Benares DVD Project received the prestigious Ontario Museums Association Award of Excellence in October! The project has expanded public access and enhanced the visitor experience of Benares Historic House.

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MUSEUM CALENDAR

March Break Week
March 12 to 20

Maple Magic:
Maple Syrup Festival at
the Bradley Museum

Weekdays 12 to 4 pm
Weekends 10 am to 4 pm

A Message from the Chair

Fred Durdan, Chair,
Friends of the Museums of Mississauga

The pre Christmas season is usually a time to slow down, reflect on past accomplishments and generally recharge ones batteries. This is not the situation for the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga. It has been a steady flow of activities since late-November, when we co-hosted with the Museums our annual volunteer recognition evening on November 24 at Benares Historic House. This year we not only recognized the significant contribution of our multi-talented Museums volunteers, but we also



The Friends of the Museums donated Benares DVDs for all Mississauga Libraries. Darrel Carvalho of the Mississauga Library Board accepts them from Fred Durdan.

recognized many of our sponsors with Certificates of Appreciation for their contributions in kind, or monetary contributions to the Friends in support of Museums programs.

The Home for the Holidays celebrations at both Museum sites were well attended and

**February 21, 1 to 5 pm
Celebrate Family Day at the
Museums of Mississauga**

\$7/Family Pass

Bradley Museum & Benares Historic House



Mark Pantrey of Sheridan Nurseries was one of many supporters who was recognized with a plaque of appreciation at the Friends Christmas Party on Nov. 24.

supported by the Friends, particularly in the Log Cabin for the Santa photo shoots.

During the late fall and pre Christmas season, planning for the 12th Annual Starlight and Candlelight Gala at Bradley Museum has been underway under the able leadership of chair person, Barb Smith. We are looking forward to an outstanding Gala and fund raiser on February 25, 2011.

The Museums are actively planning for Maple Magic week which always requires considerable time contribution from the Friends and volunteers.

Members of the Friends Board of Directors have been very involved in the Leslie Log House project, referenced elsewhere in this Newsletter, and we are looking forward to adding this property to the Museums operations later in the year.

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Museum Hours

Guided Tours for Drop-In Visitors:

Wednesdays and Sundays, 1 pm to 5 pm (Wednesday to Sunday during the Summer)

Admission to both Museums:

Adults \$5.38; Students \$3.43; Children \$2.05; Family \$13.40 (+tax)

Exhibits in the Anchorage at Bradley Museum and Benares Visitor Centre:

Free, Monday to Friday 10 am to 4 pm

Both Museums are also available for pre-booked tours and programs 7 days a week, 14 hours a day

Ask about curriculum-based education programming at 905-615-4860 x 2107
Bookings for meeting room rental and wedding photography, please call 905-615-4100

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Dora Sayers and the USO

By Tracy Oliveira, Collections Assistant

Dora Sayers (1915-2004) one of the donors of Benares Historic House, had a very successful stage career in the United States. Growing up in Clarkson, near Benares, she started acting at the age of 10 in school plays and various local stage productions in the Mississauga and Oakville areas, as well as with children's theatre productions at the University of Toronto's Hart House Theatre. When she was 21 she moved to New York City to pursue her acting career. In 1937 Dora landed a role in 'Stage Door' and later in the Broadway production of 'My Fair Lady'.

In 1945 Dora toured with the comedy production 'The Man Who Came to Dinner' as part of the USO tour in the South Pacific. Some of the recent archival items donated to the Museums of Mississauga by Dora's sister Barbara Sayers Larson include original photographs taken on the set of this tour. Franklin Heller, the head of the United Services Organization Dramatic Department convinced its writer/director Moss Hart to have his play part of the USO tour. The United Service Organization or 'USO'

provided health and recreational facilities for soldiers of war and administered church services, but was best known for the travelling vaudeville reviews that entertained Allied troops in Europe and the Pacific during WWII. Moss not only directed the show but also starred in it along with Dora Sayers, whom he courted. It took a bit of persuasion from both Heller and Hart to allow Dora to travel with the USO as she was a Canadian and considered an 'alien'.

Rehearsals for the show began in early February and the company had two weeks for rehearsals before some trial performances at Camp Kilmer in New Jersey. Dora and the rest of the cast and crew travelled out of Seattle to perform in Hawaii and then later in the Marshall and Mariana Islands with stopovers in Guam, Saipan and various other airfields and submarine bases. The show was successful, however when the tour ended so did the Moss and Dora romance. Moss went on to marry actress Kitty Carlisle in 1946, and that same year Dora married British screen and stage actor Ralph Forbes.

For a more inside look into the happenings of this USO tour, and more on Dora's acting career in the 1940s check out Steven Bach's book 'Dazzler: The Life and Time of Moss Hart', published by Da Capo Press in 2001.



Moss Hart and Dora Sayers on set of 'The Man Who Came to Dinner', 1945.



U.S.O. Camp Shows, Honolulu, 1945

Upcoming Exhibits

By Stephanie Meeuwse,
Collections & Exhibit Coordinator

Home Child Quilt: A Patchwork of Memories will be on display at the Benares Visitor Centre until February 27, 2011. 2010 was Canada's Year of the British Home Child and many activities were held to commemorate the incredible tales of these children. Between 1869 and 1948, it is estimated that 100,000 children were brought to Canada by British charities seeking ways to alleviate the poverty in England's urban centres. Many of the children were orphaned or abandoned with few options. According to the Library and Archives of Canada, "families welcomed them as a source of cheap farm labour and domestic help". The children that immigrated to Canada had varying stories.

Some were treated poorly and others were treated well, but most agree their life in Canada was better and afforded them more opportunities than if they had remained in the slums of England. Gail Collins, a member of an Internet message board for Home Children has organized the Home Child Quilt and made most of the 56 squares that each tell a home child's story. This exhibit will share those stories as well as that of Carrie Furze, Benares domestic servant, who was also a home child.

Woodland Nurseries originally owned by the Hancock Family, will be the focus of a two dimensional exhibition at Bradley Museum to be displayed until June 15. This exhibit showcases the work of our UTM intern, Stephanie Bellissimo, who collaborated with Marjorie Hancock to organize, document and scan over 70 years

of the nurseries' history. Modern and historic photographs as well comments from Marjorie Hancock bring the history of this magical place alive. Woodland Nurseries located on Camilla Road in Cooksville, has recently been purchased by the City of Mississauga to become one of its newest public parks.

Who is Jerry Love? Find out how this man helped shape recreation in Mississauga through a display in The Great Hall at Mississauga Civic Centre. Jerry continues to spread his passion for sports through the Jerry Love Fund that provides subsidies to under-privileged children so they can participate in recreational activities throughout Mississauga.



Rose Craig (VCR Active), Marie Lalonde (OMA), Lawrence Cook (MOMAC Chair), Merri Ferguson (Museums staff), Bill Thompson (VCR Active) & Jamie Yeo (VCR Active)

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- **“Welcome to Benares”** is a 13 minute introduction to Benares Historic House, which has been restored to reflect daily life in the World War One era. The introduction provides background on the Harris family of Benares and the local historical context. It is shown to visitors prior to their personal tour of the home with a costumed interpreter. The introduction is available in English and French, with subtitles in English, Traditional Chinese Characters, Urdu, Polish and Japanese. (Also available on “Discover Benares Historic House” DVD for purchase in the gift shops)

- **Five thematic features** provide additional background information related to curriculum-based educational programs or for special interest groups. (Also included on DVD). The five themes are: Benares and the Great War; Dora Sayers, Benares Own Star; Mazo de la Roche: The Clarkson Connection; Highlights of the History of Clarkson; The Museums of Mississauga Today.
- **“Benares Virtual Tour”** is an online, interactive tour of Benares Historic House that allows in-depth exploration of each room of the house, with a chance to discover the rich original artifact collection, letters, photographs and memories of the Harris family of Benares.

The tour is “hosted” by Barbara Sayers Larson (born 1920), with some footage of her brother, Geoffrey Harris Sayers (1907-1998). (Also included on DVD)

- **“Upstairs and Downstairs at Benares”** a film of a guided tour by a costumed interpreter, of the basement and second floor of the house. It is available for visitors to the house who have limited mobility – they take a guided personal tour of the main floor, then can watch this filmed tour to personally experience the rest of the house.
- **Original filming, digitalization, and indexing of 14 hours of in-depth interviews** with Benares donor Barbara Sayers Larson as well as digitalizing and indexing of a 1994 video tour of Benares by her brother Geoffrey Harris Sayers. This provided the raw material for the rest of the project, and will be a rich source for future Benares projects as well.
- **As a corollary to this project, the Museums refurbished the Summer Kitchen** at the back of Benares Historic House, to create a more welcoming entrance to Benares Historic House and to provide a comfortable place for visitors to watch “Welcome to Benares”.

The project was funded by the Benares Endowment Fund, through the support of the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee and the former Benares Advisory Board, as well as the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga.

MUSEUMS MUSINGS

Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager

As I write this the year 2010 is drawing to a close. It was a year of milestones and important steps forward for the Museums of Mississauga.

We celebrated several significant anniversaries in 2010, some with a big party such as Benares Donor Barbara Larson’s 90th birthday celebration, which could also be called “Singing in the Rain”; and Port Credit’s 175 Anniversary that we were pleased to be a part of with monthly walking tours and a feature exhibit at the Anchorage among many other activities.

However, there were also anniversaries that passed quietly, without fanfare, but still deserve some note. Benares Historic House, which opened to the public in 1995 marked 15 years of growth and success as a community museum. The Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee (MOMAC) and the Friends of the Museums were both started in 2005, so have now completed five years of successful work in support of the Museums.

MOMAC meets quarterly and has a high-level focus, its main purpose being to provide leadership, vision, advocacy, and continuity of purpose for the Museums, reporting to Mississauga City Council. The current members’ term of office is ending, and new members will be appointed in the new year. Friends of the Museums Mission is to

engage volunteers to enhance community awareness through promotion, participation, and fundraising; and to ensure the integrity of the Museums. I'd like to express my sincere gratitude for the excellent work that the members of the Friends Board of Directors and MOMAC do in support of the Museums, through their hard work, leadership and dedication.

With support from both MOMAC and the Friends, one important milestone in 2010 was the completion of the Benares DVD Project. This project has received the prestigious "Ontario Museums Association Award of Excellence"!!

The Museums of Mississauga were also awarded the Cultural Spaces Canada Grant from the Department of Canadian Heritage to allow for improved compact storage space within our artifact collections area. Over 5,000 artifacts are now stored within this newly designed storage space at the Benares Visitor Centre. Thanks to Alexandra Benedikt, Lindsay Doren and Samantha Roswell who worked with full-time

Collections staff Stephanie Meeuwse and Tracy Oliveira to complete this project.

The year also saw the establishment of a permanent Museums of Mississauga display area at the Civic Centre, as well as continued work on the Leslie Log House in partnership with the Streetsville Historical Society. This will open as the third Museums of Mississauga site on May 14, 2011! We've completed the Feasibility Study on the Artifact Preservation and Collection Storage Facility, which brings us a step closer to solving our ongoing shortage of museum-quality collection space.

And finally, the Museums have been a part of the new Culture Division, Community Services for a year now and it has proven to be an excellent home for us as we head into an exciting time of growth and change in the future, and look forward to new milestones and successes.

Heaven and Earth

By Joe Zammit

"There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy." (Hamlet, Act 1. Scene 5)

This quote best sums up my own feelings in reaction to the recent focus groups that participated in an exciting opportunity to frame the context of the stories that our Museums should be representing in the future. My own thinking on the matter has admittedly proven to be limited in comparison to the valuable input that resulted from the collective thoughts of many of those who have had a part in portraying our history, and being a part of our civic heritage.

This past fall, the Collections Artifact and Storage Committee had the unique honour and privilege to work with Museums staff on the Artifact Preservation Centre Feasibility Study. With our encouragement, the consultants spearheading the study began a broad based discussion with a select group of historians, heritage volunteers, and others with a keen interest in our history to determine their perceptions of how best to protect and preserve our municipal, social, political and artifact "story". That process included the distillation of exactly what "stories" of our long history should be celebrated, exemplified and told.

A cross-section of individuals and groups that have previously demonstrated their interest and role in documenting our history, and those who have been long term stakeholders and founders of our municipal heritage sat in discussion groups. They put in words their emotions and collective thoughts on the next steps in our museum development projects, and how to continue on in our good and vital work. The results of these discussions provided us with interesting and intriguing concepts of how best to represent our municipal history. The discussion will provide us with the necessary context for development and construction of a collections facility, and will provide us with the focus of what "story" we should portray with the collections.

Five priority themes emerged from these focus groups:

The Credit River and Lake Ontario - a key geographical aspect of the development of settlement patterns that brought people to this region for trade and commerce.

Local First Nations: Pre-Contact to Present - which of course honours and respects the aboriginal foundation of settlement, pays homage to our municipal name and heritage that extends over thousands of years, and recognizes that this is a living history continuing into the present and future.

Former Villages/Agricultural History (1800-1939) – depicting the original village structure of settlement and the rich agrarian history and development process of the region.

Business, Science, and Industry (1939 to present) which accounts for our prosperous economic base and the reason for our growth and development into the modern age.

City and Community Building (1939 to present)- demonstrating the development of farm to suburban to urban development and the contributions this dynamic has made in the context of community development.

Each of these priority themes provides us the opportunity to tell our story. We are a city with a diverse and valuable story to tell. With this framework in mind, we can begin to contextualize the philosophy behind our artifacts collections. This process has been valuable in helping us to determine our next steps. In the next few months more findings of the study will be revealed and certainly all of us will be proud of, and inspired by its findings.

After all, anyone can build a building with bricks and mortar to house our collections, but it is a far more noble effort to provide the rationale for what we intend to do, and where we intend to take our museums in the future, in order to best serve those who will come after we are long gone.

Museum News Updates from Heritage Mississauga

By Matthew Wilkinson, Historian

1. "Journey to the Past: The Lost Villages of Mississauga"

On Sunday, December 5, 2010, Heritage Mississauga launched its newest publication: Journey to the Past: The Lost Villages of Mississauga. The book is comprised of 23 full length articles which appeared in the Heritage News from 2002 to 2010. Publication of this book was made possible by a gracious donation from the Halton-Peel Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society.

The book covers the stories of 23 "lost villages" which were once recognized place names within historic Toronto Township (Mississauga). Some of these villages are remembered today in road names, park names, churches, schools and cemeteries, while others have vanished completely – villages such as Barberton, Britannia, the Catholic Swamp, Elmbank, Hanlan, Mount Charles, Palestine and Summerville, amongst many others.

Heritage Mississauga would like to thank the individual contributing authors and researchers who have helped to bring the memory of Mississauga's Lost Villages to life: Ashley Crump Bachrynowski, Meaghan FitzGibbon, Zofia Krivdova, Nicole Mair and Matthew Wilkinson. The book is available for purchase at Heritage Mississauga or at the Museums of Mississauga Gift Shops.

2. Heritage Mississauga Celebrates 50 Years of Community Service

Founded on December 6, 1960, as the Township of Toronto Historical Foundation, Heritage Mississauga celebrated its 50th Anniversary with an Open House reception at The Grange on December 5th,

featuring a book launch and unveiling of the Distinguished Patrons Wall. Founded to restore and operate the Bradley Museum, Heritage Mississauga's mandate and purpose has changed over the years, but the organization continues to have strong ties with, and supports the work of the Museums of Mississauga.

Heritage Mississauga would like to thank all of the volunteer members of the Board of Directors, members of Staff and Students of Heritage Mississauga (Township of Toronto Historical Foundation, Mississauga Heritage Foundation) for 50 years of dedicated service, and we look forward to continuing to serve Mississauga into the future!

3. Heritage Speakers Series 2011 Update

After a very successful 2010 speakers series, the Heritage Speakers Series will be returning with a new slate of speakers and topics in 2011. Presented by collaboration of the Canadiana Room of the Mississauga Central Library, Museums of Mississauga, Heritage Mississauga and the Mississauga Heritage Advisory Committee, planning for the 2011 series is underway and the speakers series is guaranteed to have topics and speakers of interest. Please see www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/heritageplanning for up to date information.

4. February Brings Heritage Month to Mississauga, and the Annual Heritage Awards

Join Mississauga's Heritage Partners as we celebrate Heritage in February, culminating in the Annual Heritage Awards evening on Thursday, February 24th. Please contact Heritage Mississauga at 905-828-8411 ext.0 or visit www.heritagemississauga.com for more information on heritage happenings in February and on the Heritage Awards evening.

Kelly's Korner

By Kelly Kubik, Museums Community Program Supervisor

It has been a great year! I have to thank our amazing volunteers for your endless hours of hard work, and the sponsors of our events for your generous support.

Home for the Holidays was hosted at both Museums locations; Santa and Mrs. Claus made the trip from the North Pole to greet all the kids. Thank you to Holcim (Canada) Inc., Alice Fahey - State Farm Insurance, Mary Ann Stokke - Royal Le Page, Fred Durdan, and Leo Ferreira plus Kirran Iveson and Zoriana Kilyk from Cawthra Park Secondary for their performances at both locations, Winnie Czulinski for playing the Dulcimer (always a great addition to any event) and La Villa Bakery for Santa treats.

Thank you all for making this year's event a great success.

Coming up in the New Year we are starting off in February with Family Day. Come out to both Museums locations to enjoy a great afternoon visiting each home. Our staff will be preparing traditional family meals, and kids can try their hand at a traditional craft.

Next up is our annual Friends of the Museums Starlight and Candlelight Gala. Thanks to Chair Barb Smith and everyone on the Friends of the Museums Board the Gala was sold out early and planning is running seamlessly. It is a highlight of the season and all the staff look forward to volunteering at this event.

Coming up in March is Maple Magic – from March 12 to 20 at the Bradley Museum. We annually host over 5,000 people during this



Richard Collins, historic interpreter seen here providing tours of the sap line during Maple Magic event.

week long event. Volunteers help us out by greeting our visitors at the gate, and finding out where they are coming from, flipping pancakes in the Log Cabin (which is so much warmer than the barn!) and making maple popcorn in Bradley House. Please give me a call or send an email if you are

interested in volunteering. A highlight each weekday will be a unique presentation by a special visitor to the Museums. The line up includes: Meet the Author, Wild Bird Demo, and Earth Hour early Celebrations. On the weekends the Forestry department offers bucket rides. For a one-of-a-kind garden chair or decorative item, visit the Forestry crew - all proceeds support Friends of the Museums initiatives. And of course the Horse & Wagon will be on site each day for your riding enjoyment.

Join us for the grand opening of the Leslie Log House, our third Museum site and the new home of the Streetsville Historical Society from 2 to 4 pm on Saturday, May 14th. For more details closer to the event, please check our website!

Visit Bradley Museum, Benares Historic House, or the Leslie Log House on Sunday May 22, 2011 from 1 pm to 5 pm for guided tours and historic demonstrations Free of Charge, as part of 'May is Museum Month'.

For all of you who have a 'Green Thumb' or just like puttering in the garden; the Garden Group at Bradley Museum are looking for a few more members. This group gardens for a couple of hours on Tuesday mornings from May until October. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact me directly at kelly.kubik@mississauga.ca. All the food gathered from the garden supports the programming at the Museums and the local women's shelter.

FRIENDS & PARTNERS

A New Spin on Fundraising

By Mary Ann Stokke

As Friends of the Museums of Mississauga, we are working hard to make sponsorship as beneficial for our supporters as it is for us. Using our public events, website and city wide promotions we are able to offer all kinds of creative marketing and promotional opportunities for businesses. In light of recent public funding cuts, sponsorship will

become even more critical in the new year to maintain and improve the quality of our events. Check out all the details of our Friends & Partners program on the website (www.museumsofmississauga.com) and pass it on to anyone that might make a good partner!

In 2010 we formed a number of successful partnerships that we are so pleased to be a part of. As a fellow Friend of the Museums we hope you'll join us in extending our sincere thanks and patronage to these sponsors.

Many thanks to the following supporters:



Alice R. Fahey, Agent



FALL IN REVIEW



Holcim Canada Inc. sponsored the horse and wagon rides during our Home for the Holidays event on December 12th at Benares Historic House. Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager and Kelly Kubik, Museums Community Program Supervisor are seen holding the banner in this photo.



Jessica and Megan Dorcich help this witch brew up fun at Benares Historic Halloween Tricks or Treats event on October 24th.



Heritage was well represented at the Culture Days Kick Off on September 24th at City Hall. Tracy Oliveira and Stephanie Meeuwse from Museums of Mississauga, Jayme Gaspar and Matthew Wilkinson from Heritage Mississauga and Elaine Eigl and Penny Young from Heritage Planning all enjoyed this great event.



Lisa Myatt, Mary Witty and Kathy Lytle were a few of the "Friends" in attendance at the Friends of the Museums Christmas Party on Nov. 24th.



The Museums activity at the Mississauga Tree Lighting Ceremony on November 19th was super busy!



A fond farewell to Christine Diggle, long time interpreter, and LeeAnne Dorcich, Administrative Coordinator completing a maternity leave for Isabel Palferro who returned December 14th.



Fall Festival and Doors Open were a big success at the Museums on September 18. 140 people attended at Benares Historic House where the highlight was our new award winning DVD. 563 were in attendance at Bradley enjoying the demonstrators, music, crafts and more.



Actresses Severn Thompson and Deb Hays strike a pose while filming The Mystery of Mazo de la Roche at Benares October 26th to 30th.



Home for the Holidays at the Bradley Museum on December 12th.

Top left: Lee Anne Dorcich, Acting Administrative Coordinator, Wendy Davies and Anne Fabierkiewicz, Friends of the Museums

Middle: Mary Ann Stokke, Friends of the Museums, Santa & Mrs. Claus

Bottom: Emmett Doherty, State Farm Insurance and Natasha Gerschon, Sheridan College Photography

PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE!

There's lots to do for everyone at Museums of Mississauga!

By Fiona Ryder, Education Program Supervisor

Maple Programming: Maple Sap to Syrup!

Maple Magic 2011 will mark the beginning of our spring programming season! Although we may still be blanketed in snow, the Bradley Museum site will come alive with visiting school groups. We offer a highly interactive indoor and outdoor program for all grade levels that traces both the history and the process of maple syrup making. Part history, part environmental science and all fun, this program has been growing in popularity for years. We are open for Maple bookings from February 28 to April 1, save for the 9 Day Special Event during March Break. Teachers and group leaders are advised to book early to reserve a spot.

Education Programs and Group Tours

Do you have a group of children or adults that would be interested in a program or a lively Museum tour? Do check out our website, www.museumsofmississauga.com. We have programs for all levels and interests. If you don't see something you might be interested in, just ask!

Overnights at the Log Cabin

A very unique program has been offered to Guiding and Scouting organizations that ensures exclusive use of the Log cabin at Bradley Museum for an overnight stay. Included in the package is badge-related programming and all meals and snacks. We've been offering our overnights with great reviews for two full years now! Again, take a look at our website noted above for our programs, and do ask us if you don't see something.

Afternoon Tea & Tour

Afternoon Teas at Bradley Museum were brought back in 2010. Our Teas are held on a Sunday afternoon once a month. The tour of Bradley House begins at 2:30 pm and is followed by Tea in the Log Cabin. We offer a sumptuous tea including scones with Devonshire cream and jam as well as a baked sweet. Reservation is required. Please reserve your spot by calling 905-615-4860 extension 2110. A Visa or Mastercard deposit is required for reservation.

Upcoming Tea Dates:

February 20, 2011
March 27, 2011
April 17, 2011
May 29, 2011
June 19, 2011

Pre-Registered Programs:

To book the programs listed below please register online @ www.connect2rec.ca or call the Customer Service Centre at 905-615-4100, ext. 3.

Book early for our popular Mother and Daughter Tea Programs at Benares Historic House. Mothers and daughters of all ages are invited to register for this popular annual program. As part of the afternoon we create a spring floral basket (made with silk flowers), have a tour of the elegant Benares Historic House and enjoy a tasty relaxing tea. We're holding two sessions on the two Saturdays leading up to Mothers Day. (Please note that for this program, only one of the Mother/Daughter pair needs to register.) When registering for this course, please refer to the full course title:

Workshop Mother and Daughter Tea or the course codes,

- April 30 521529
- May 7 521530

Also coming up is Old Fashioned Spa Day on May 8 at Bradley Museum. This session is held on Mothers Day Sunday and was very



well received in 2010! Learn about the lotions and potions of yesteryear and create a body lotion, body scrub and lip balm all made of natural ingredients to take home with you. When registering for this course, please refer to the course code 521527.

For more information about any of our programs, please call Fiona Ryder, Museums Education Program Supervisor @ 905-615-4860 extension 2113 or email fiona.ryder@mississauga.ca

To book a program or enquire about date availability, please call Isabel Palferro, Museums Administrative Coordinator @ 905-615-4860 extension, 2107 or email isabel.palferro@mississauga.ca

Giving for the Living

By Don Harrington, Friends of the Museums

A few years ago I had the sad duty of organizing my mother's funeral. As always with such ceremonies, some people wish to send flowers and others to make donations in lieu thereof. Mum had lived a long and full life. I suppose we could have suggested donations to some medical charity. Instead, I suggested that such gifts be made to the Museums of Mississauga. Flowers are appreciated for a brief time during a memorial service. Donations, however, have the power to create lasting value. Museums are all about memories. Our Museums document the history of our community, provide ongoing enjoyment to us all, and help teach our children. It seemed to me this would be an ideal use for donations in memory of a former active community member.

The Friends of the Museums of Mississauga includes in its mandate the raising of funds to support projects outside the normal museum operating budget provided by the City. This has included, for example, moving the Log Cabin to the Bradley property, restoring or acquiring certain artifacts, funding the purchase of equipment for educational programs, and subsidizing the cost of transporting school children to the Museums. The Friends is a registered charity and able to issue charitable donation receipts for monetary gifts. So if you like the idea of memorial donations creating a lasting benefit in the community, consider directing donors to The Friends of the Museums of Mississauga. Go to www.mississauga.ca/portal/discover/friendsofthemuseum for more information

News from the Library

Researching Your Family Tree

Have you ever wondered about that mysterious person in your family's past? Or have you always wanted to work on your family history, but have no idea how to start? If you answered yes to either of these questions and have family roots in Ontario, we can help. Consult a family history librarian in the Canadiana Room at Mississauga Central Library on Thursdays from 9 to 11 am or call Karen Black at 905-615-3200, ext. 3590.

The Spring Literary Festival will be taking place April 15 & 16. Local authors will be invited to a round table discussion on April 15 in CL3 from 7 to 9 pm and to display and/or sell their books in the Atrium at Mississauga Central Library on April 16 in the afternoon. For more details, please contact Karen Black at 905-615-3200, ext. 3590.

Arts and Culture In Our Neighbourhoods and Across the City

By Paola Poletto, Supervisor,
Arts & Culture Programs

The Culture Division in Community Services, City of Mississauga, was created in 2007 to foster growth and sustainability of culture in Mississauga. It includes the Museums of Mississauga, Heritage Planning, Location Filming, Arts Programming, Public Art Program and the Cultural Mapping Project among other activities.

Join us on Sunday, May 8, 2011 for Jane's Walk (www.janeswalk.net/walk). Jane's Walk celebrates the ideas and legacy of urbanist Jane Jacobs with free, guided walking tours of neighbourhoods led by local residents. In Mississauga this year, Jane's Walk will bring together hockey history and hockey moms to celebrate both Mother's Day and the Memorial Cup hockey tournament. Let us know if you would like to organize a Jane's Walk in your neighbourhood this year.

Culture Days (www.culturedays.ca) is a Canadian volunteer movement to raise the awareness, accessibility, participation and engagement of all Canadians in the arts and cultural life of their communities. Mississauga artists, performers and cultural organizations are encouraged to offer a behind-the-scenes look at what they do on September 30 - October 2 weekend.

Planning is also underway for the 8th annual Doors Open event in Mississauga, on Saturday, October 1. Doors Open will be one of the signature events during Culture Days, providing glimpses into spectacular buildings and sites and offering potential venues for artists and performers. This year's program will focus on the industrial heritage of Mississauga, with a particular interest in post-war architecture. If you have a site of architectural, social, heritage or cultural significance and would like to participate in Doors Open, contact Paola Poletto (paola.poletto@mississauga.ca).

Visit www.mississauga.ca/culture for more information on these and other arts and culture programs.

WHAT'S HAPPENING at the Museums of Mississauga!

FEBRUARY

British Home Children Remembered

On display until February 27
Benares Historic House Visitor Centre

Woodland Nurseries: A Retrospective

On display until June
Bradley Museum Anchorage

Who is Jerry Love?

On display until June
Mississauga Civic Centre, Great Hall

Educator's Open House

Feb 9, 3 to 7 pm
Benares Historic House

Family Day at the Museums of Mississauga

February 21, 1 to 5 pm
Bradley Museum & Benares Historic House

Annual Heritage Awards

February 24
For tickets, call 905-828-8411 ext.0

MARCH

Maple Magic: Maple Syrup Festival at the Bradley Museum

March Break Week, March 12 to 20
Weekdays 12 to 4 pm & Weekends 10 am to 4 pm
Bradley Museum

APRIL

Mazo de la Roche Anniversary Dinner

Celebrate the 84th anniversary of Mazo
de la Roche receiving the prestigious
Atlantic Monthly Prize for Best Novel
Michael's Back Door Restaurant, cost TBC
Must reserve by April 9th to info@mazo.ca
or 905-823.2333. www.mazo.ca

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MAY

Jane's Walk

May 8
Free neighbourhood walking tours
www.janeswalk.net/walk

Opening of Leslie Log House

May 14, 2 pm
4415 Mississauga Road

'May is Museum Month' at the Museums of Mississauga

May 22, 1 to 5 pm, FREE
Bradley Museum, Benares Historic House
& Leslie Log House

Unless noted, please call 905-615-4860,
ext. 2110 or visit our website at
www.museumsofmississauga.com for
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