

A REASON TO CELEBRATE!

You are invited to join in the celebrations at the Official Opening of the Leslie Log House on Saturday, May 14 from 1 to 4 PM, with official ceremonies at 2 PM. After many years of waiting, you will finally get a chance to see inside this lovely 1826 historic log building, now the third Museums of Mississauga site in partnership with the Streetsville Historical Society!

The opening will feature tours of the historic log building, including a chance to see the SHS's archival collection storage upstairs, historic exhibits, children's craft activities, refreshments, and community displays. Harold Leslie, fourth generation descendant of John and Esther Leslie who built the house in 1826, will be a guest speaker.

Originally located on Mississauga Road north of Derry, this building, which has been designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, has now been made fully accessible. There is a research room with office space on the main floor as well as a programming and meeting room that is available for rentals for meetings or social gatherings. The Streetsville Historical Society will provide changing displays of their rich archival collection throughout the main floor; their collection is stored upstairs in a secure, environmentally controlled space.

The Museums of Mississauga will provide curriculum-based educational programming as well as special events and regular "drop



The Leslie Log House opens May 14

in hours" for visitors, the same as at Benares Historic House and Bradley Museum. For hours, rates, events, and booking information, please see the back cover of the newsletter.

Many thanks to our Partners:

- Streetsville Historical Society
- Friends of the Museums of Mississauga
- Streetsville Horticultural Society
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30th Anniversary of the
Twinning of Mississauga and
Kariya, Japan

30th Anniversary Exhibit on display
at the Bradley Museum Anchorage
July 2 to December 21, 2011

A Message from Friends

Fred Durdan, Chair,
Friends of the Museums of Mississauga

As I sit back on a bright, warm sunny day in March, in the middle of Maple Magic week, it is a good time to reflect on the past few months, and look ahead to the spring and early summer Friends activities with the Museums.

The holiday season is a fond memory; it began with a successful volunteer recognition evening in November honouring the myriad of volunteers and Friends who support Museum activities and make events more successful. Special recognition this year was given to local industries and businesses who have provided 'in kind' gifts or monetary support. A big thank you to all those who were recognized.

Home for the Holidays, featuring photos with Santa in the Log Cabin and wagon rides at Benares through the woods, provided holiday spirit to those who participated.

The annual Starlight and Candlelight Gala ably chaired by Barb Smith and her committee was again a huge success. This event will allow the Friends to continue to support Museum activities in artifact restoration, acquisition and provision of program materials. A huge thank you to all who attended and supported our fundraising event held on February 25, 2011 at the Bradley Museum.

Looking forward brings some exciting new activities with the spring season. The long awaited opening of the Leslie Log House is scheduled for Saturday, May 14. This facility will add a third site to the Museums of Mississauga and will house the collections of the Streetsville Historical Society.

**Gallery in the Garden
June 5, 11 am to 4 pm
Benares Historic House**

Free Admission



Dave and Diane Clutchey, winners of the Gala live auction, seen here with Jake Dheer from Rogers Television

Our first summer time event will be Gallery in the Garden at Benares on Sunday June 5. This event coincides with the start of the Friday night 'On the Verandah' series of free outdoor concerts on the front steps of the historic Benares residence.

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga was held on Thursday April 28, 2011 at Chartwell Baptist Church. A short business meeting was held to elect the new board of directors for 2011 to 2012 and was followed with an interesting lecture by local historian and author, Alan Skeoch titled 'Face to Face Encounters: the seeds of history'. If you wish to become a member of the Friends of the Museums, please visit our Friends of the Museums page on www.museumsofmississauga.com.

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Admission to Museums:

Adults \$5.52; Students \$3.52; Children \$2.10; Family \$13.74 (+tax)

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

Free, Monday to Friday 10 am to 4 pm

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The Blue Dragon Inn

By Tracy Oliveira, Collections Assistant

Recently the Museums of Mississauga received a donation of a white and black ceramic bowl that was used at the Blue Dragon Inn in Clarkson. It is marked underneath with the name of 'Mary McCallum'. It was donated by long time residents Bill and Beverly West who purchased the item at a sale held at Christ Church. The bowl is decorated with pink, orange and green floral motif on a black background accented by a painted tree branch along with additional coloured flowers and a bird of paradise.

Mary McCallum was one of three women who moved to Clarkson in 1929 in order to fulfill a dream of owning and running a tea room. Mary, along with her sister Margaret and their friend Ida 'Babs' Norman bought 'The Apple House' in Clarkson which was located at the corner of Meadow Wood and Lakeshore Roads, from the Fairbairn family. The name 'Blue Dragon' was taken from a restaurant and inn that had previously been located across the street, owned by Margaret Fairbairn. Visitors to the original Blue Dragon Inn included author Mazo de la Roche and her companion Caroline Clement who stayed there in 1922 while Trail Cottage was being built.

Babs took over cooking responsibilities and managed the kitchen while Mary managed the general daily operations of the business and was hostess to the clients. Margaret was involved with the business but also continued working in Toronto as an executive secretary at the head office of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. The three women were active in the Clarkson community joining the Clarkson United Church, and were generous towards a wide variety of causes in the area.

In 1955 the doors of the Blue Dragon Inn closed for the last time. The ladies were aging and no longer able to deal with the demands of



running a business. Mary passed away in 1963; she left a large portion of her estate to Christ Church (former Clarkson United Church). Babs died in July 1972, and Margaret shortly after that.

This bowl joins other items already in the museum collection that relate to the interpretation of the Blue Dragon Inn. In 2009, museum volunteer Anne Quinn donated a 1920 'World War' magazine that was addressed to Mrs. Fairbairn at the 'Blue Dragon'. Margaret Fairbairn (1857-1928) was the first owner and operator of the Blue Dragon Inn which was built in 1913; she operated the Inn with two of her daughters, Agnes and Grace. Unfortunately the inn burned down in 1923.

Margaret moved to Clarkson after her marriage to J.K. Fairbairn of Brockville, but continued her work in the field of journalism. She was a well known Canadian art critic signing most of her articles with the initials 'M.L.S.'. She also worked with editorial department of the Daily Star and contributed to the Star Weekly. It is highly likely that she, at one time or another contributed articles to this Quebec based magazine.

Upcoming Exhibits

By Stephanie Meeuwse,
Collections & Exhibit Coordinator

Woodland Nurseries: A

Retrospective 1930 to 2009 will continue to be displayed at the Anchorage at Bradley Museum until June 15, 2011. This exhibit explores the 80 year history of the Hancock's Woodland Nurseries which has been purchased by the City of Mississauga with the intent to make it into a public park.

Celebrating Friendship: 30th Anniversary of the Twinning of Mississauga and Kariya, Japan. This display will open on July 2 and will highlight our wonderful collection of kimonos and related memorabilia celebrating the official twinning of

Mississauga and Kariya, Japan. Kariya and Mississauga established a sister city relationship on July 7, 1981. The twinning concept was introduced in the 1950s as a way to develop networks between the cities of the world with the goal of reducing misunderstandings between nations. Friendship is only one of the benefits of sister city relationships. Since the official twinning, both cities have enjoyed a growing exchange of cultural and educational opportunities, and Mississauga now boasts over 80 Japanese companies contributing to our local economy. This exhibit will run until December 21, 2011.

What's New in Old Stuff: Recent Donations 2009-2010 will be on display at the Benares Visitor Centre from March 6 to August 21. The Museums are thrilled with the number of interesting and historically valuable artifacts donated each year. This

display allows us to highlight most of these unique items, and really put a focus on the object or local people that used them. Some treasures include an oriental bowl used at the Blue Dragon Inn in Clarkson, ERICA, an R2D2 look-alike that gave bus route information at Square One, a dress and accessories from Mable Hodge of Cooksville, and ephemera donated by Barbara Larson, one of the original donors of Benares Historic House.

Who is Jerry Love? will continue to be displayed at the Mississauga Civic Centre (in area by Council Elevators off Great Hall) until September 18. Find out how this man helped shape recreation in Mississauga. Jerry continues to spread his passion for sports through the Jerry Love Fund that provides subsidies to children in need so they can participate in recreational activities throughout Mississauga.

MUSEUMS MUSINGS

Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager

The calendar year has a familiar and welcome rhythm at the Museums, with each month having its events and rituals – the Starlight and Candlelight Gala in February, the tapping of trees in March. It's part of what I love about working here. But I also love the fact that at the same time, other things are always changing, so there are always interesting learning opportunities, new reasons to party, and chances to dream big and plan into the future.

One of the new learning opportunities that came our way recently was an invitation from the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation to join them in Hagersville, Ontario for their three day **1st Annual Historical & Cultural Gathering: Wegnesh e'aa waad Mississaugas? Who are the Mississaugas?** I had the privilege of attending this very engaging and informative conference along with other colleagues from Museums, the Canadiana Room, Mississauga Central Library and Heritage Mississauga. It was a great opportunity to

meet people, to build partnerships, and to consider history from different perspectives. Speakers included a number of artists, archaeologists, young people and academics. The latter category included Donald Smith, recently retired University of Calgary History Professor who is currently completing his book "Portraits of the Mississaugas at the Credit Mission."

And, in terms of new ventures, it is truly exciting to be opening our third Museums of Mississauga site, the Leslie Log House, which will be home to the Streetsville Historical Society. The Museums are very proud to have been a part of this innovative partnership between the City of Mississauga and the volunteers of the Streetsville Historical Society to provide a permanent, museum quality home for their rich archival collection and a base for museum educational programming and public access to this wonderful 1826 log house. We hope you can join us for the opening day celebrations on Saturday, May 14th: it is always great to have a reason to party!!

With the recent completion of the Museums of Mississauga Artifact Preservation Centre Feasibility Study by Lundholm and Associates Architects, we have the opportunity to plan ahead for the future growth of our collections. The study recommends the construction of a purpose-built artifact preservation centre meeting recognized professional museum standards, to manage the collections storage needs of the Museums and a number of our partners (including the Art Gallery of Mississauga, Peel Heritage Complex, and other smaller heritage organizations), for the next twenty years. The centre will enable the professional care of existing and future collections, preserve historic materials for future generations, and serve as the base for a future museum that tells the unique stories of the 10,000 years of history here in Mississauga. We are currently working on a report that will go to General Committee of Mississauga City Council in May 2011 and hope to begin to look for a site for the Artifact Preservation Centre and future museum soon after.

One Giant Leap

By Joe Zammit, Chair
Collection and Artifact Storage Sub-Committee

When astronaut Neil Armstrong became the first human being to set foot on the moon he declared that he was making "one small step" for a man and "one giant leap for mankind..." In so doing he changed the world and our perspective forever by accomplishing what so many had for long viewed as unlikely or impossible.

Our efforts to produce an Artifact Preservation Centre are no less noble in the fact that there are some who view our prospects as unlikely or even impossible. But sometimes there must be vision, an effort to strive for improvement, advancement and correction of current ways and practices. We all need to "shoot for the moon". We all need to plan for a future that will not mire us in doubt, but instead raise our level of achievements to a position of hope, betterment for all, and in the end doing what is right and doing what is necessary.

"Houston, we have a problem..." was what I was hearing four years ago when I was appointed to the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee. We were running out of collection and artifact space. We were running out of time and we were running out of facilities to

handle our most precious items, those items that informed and populated our past.

So I and many other worked hard to fix the problem. We formed committees, we solicited reports and studies and we made an effort to inform our citizens and our elected representatives that we were in need, and that this effort was worthy of time and money in order to remedy. Two studies confirmed our problem regarding space, and both studies provided us with a pathway of solutions to these problems.

In the short term we re-allocated and re-configured our current collection space and we were supported with government funds to help us in this endeavor. But for the long term, looking at similar communities in Markham and in Waterloo, the pathway became clear in that in both municipalities and regions a "giant leap" was made in the construction of artifact preservation centres. We knew that in some manner shape or form this may not be the easiest kind of thing to market or sell. In essence we were asking to build the "garage" before we built the "home". We recognized the appeal of asking for monies to first build a museum to add to our current collection of three museum sites (Bradley and Benares as well as the upcoming Leslie Log House). But our requirements dictated that first we need an artifact preservation centre to properly store *(continued on page 5)*

what we have in our collection, and also to solicit what we know lies out in the community, but has never been allocated to us due to our storage issues.

In the final analysis we have to determine what we value as citizens of this great city. A city that grew so quick and robust in new development, that we all but shunned the past. Now we have the opportunity to take that "giant leap" and retain elements of our past in a proper and respectful manner in order for future generations to

learn from our heritage.

What few understand about the landing on the moon is that each astronaut carried with them into space and the lunar landing artifacts of their own past. They took items that reflected their personality and childhood and personal and national heritage. So even in the greatest effort and example of striving to improve the future, they took the time to remember and honour their own history. The 'giant leap for mankind' also carried with it remnants of the past.

Kelly's Korner

By Kelly Kubik, Museums Community Program Supervisor

The Museums have had a busy first few months, starting in February with Family Day held at both Museum locations, welcoming 500 guests in attendance. The 12th Annual Starlight and Candlelight Gala also held in February was a successful fundraiser hosted by the Friends of the Museums. Thank you to the organizing Committee; Barb Smith and members of the Friends of the Museums Gala Committee - it was my pleasure to work with you this year! Our annual Maple Syrup Festival: Maple Magic was held during March Break Week. Special thanks to our sponsors, Port Credit Foundation, Holcim Canada Inc., Starbucks Coffee and Friends of the Museums in their significant contributions to this event.

Canvasfest held for the first time at the Bradley Museum this past April, was organized by students from the University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM), Humber College and York University as part of an internship program with the Museums of Mississauga. This outdoor cultural festival aimed at young adults featured several comedians, emerging artists and musicians performing in a unique historical setting. All funds raised were in support of the Friends of the Museums and Museums of Mississauga.

In early May, the gardening volunteers will be digging up the old to plant the new at the Bradley Museum. If you are available Tuesday mornings, please come down to the Bradley Museum and lend a hand - new volunteers are always welcome. As well, we'll be working with the volunteers of the

Streetsville Horticultural Society who will be planting the gardens at the Leslie Log House. If you are interested in getting your hands dirty in our gardens, please contact me at kelly.kubik@mississauga.ca or 905 615-4860, ext 2111.

When looking for a special gift, visit the Benares Gift Shop. Our Gift Shop volunteers have selected some very unique items and are often adding new merchandise. Thank you to Penny McKean for leading this amazing group - everyone's dedication is appreciated. Also, congratulations Penny for receiving the Betty Ross Memorial Award at the Heritage Mississauga Award Night in February!!!

Coming up this summer we are once again jammed packed with activities. Starting on Sunday June 5 with 'Gallery in the Garden & the Strawberry Fair'; an innovative event organized by the Friends of the Museums. Local Artists will be showcasing their work on the Benares front lawn from 11 am to 4 pm. Please come out to support the Friends and also the artists.

June, July and August, the Friends of the Museums will once again be hosting the Summer Concert Series 'On the Verandah' every Friday evening. Please check out our website www.museumsofmississauga.com for a list of performances.

Other events to mark in your calendar are: Saturday July 2, the Bradley Museum hosts 'Tedfest' a BMW Car show. Driftwood Theatre group is at Bradley Museum on July 15 and 16, and will also be performing at the Leslie Log House on Friday August 12. The ever popular Teddy Bear's Picnic will be held on Sunday July 24 from 12 pm to 4 pm at Benares Historic House. We are continuing



Holcim Canada Inc., sponsors of Maple Magic spent an afternoon flipping pancakes in the Log Cabin.



Singer, Songwriter Arlene Paculan performed at Canvasfest on April 2nd.

our partnership with Credit Valley Hospital in making this event the best it can be. Further information on this event can be found on our website.

Please make sure you mark your calendars for Saturday September 17 for our annual Mississauga Fall Festival. Brampton Folk will again be providing two stages of non-stop entertainment. More detailed information will be available in the next newsletter.

Have a great spring and summer. I do hope to see you out at one of the many diverse events or in the garden.

WINTER IN REVIEW



Long-time volunteer Penny McKean was awarded the Betty Ross Memorial Award at the Heritage Mississauga Awards on February 17th. The Leslie Log House Steering Committee, including members of the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee, Friends of the Museums of Mississauga, and the Streetsville Historical Society, were also awarded the MHF Heritage Award for the Leslie Log House project.



Siblings, Marjorie and Don Hancock, with sister-in-law Grace, in attendance at the exhibition opening of Woodland Nurseries: A Retrospective 1930-2009 on January 20th



Sahana, Saira and Nayana B. John all enjoyed the activities at the Museums for Family Day on February 21st.



Barb Smith, Charles Sousa MPP, Jake Dheer, Fred Durdan and Councillor Pat Mullin all had a great time at the Starlight & Candlelight Gala on February 25th. Over \$10,500 was raised by the Friends at this popular event.



Historian and Author Alan Skeoch gave an animated reading during Maple Magic, March 12th to 20th.



An Educator's Open House was held at Benares on Feb. 9th. Teacher, Lorraine Fiset, learned how to make butter.



James Young, Supervisor from Clifford Restoration Limited, worked on the installation of new accessible ramps at Bradley House and the Anchorage, during the winter and spring.



*Starlight
& Candlelight*

12th ANNUAL STARLIGHT & CANDLELIGHT GALA

Many thanks to the generosity of community-minded people and businesses in supporting the 12th Annual Starlight and Candlelight Gala. Proceeds from this year's Gala will support the enrichment of the many educational programmes and exhibits held at the Museums throughout the year. The conservation and acquisition of significant artifacts will also continue to be funded through these proceeds.

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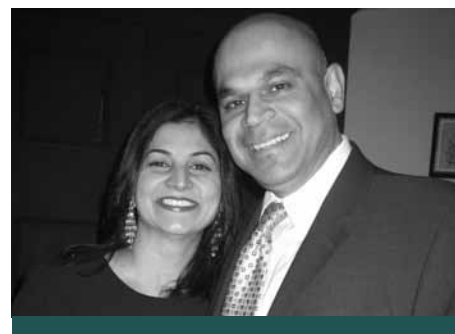
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Jake and Geeta Dheer among the 52 guests supporting the Friends of the Museums Gala.



Past and present chairs of the Friends of the Museums Gala, Barb Smith and Wendy Davies.

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Special thanks to Maria Bell Photography for providing Gala portraits.

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Special thanks to the Friends of the Museums Board Members for their continued support of the 12th Annual Starlight and Candlelight Gala

SPRING AND SUMMER PROGRAMMING

By Fiona Ryder, Education Program Supervisor

Spring is here and summer's not far off!! The Museums of Mississauga has programs for everyone!

Are you a teacher or group leader? Don't forget to book an end of the year field trip. As the weather warms up we can enjoy more outdoor programming activity. Call us at 905-615-4860, ext. 2110 to book your spot soon.

Looking for a fun and educational weekend workshop? Try our popular **Mother and Daughter Tea workshop**. A session is taking place May 7, the Saturday before Mother's Day. During this program, mothers and daughters of all ages will create a lovely spring basket, enjoy a tour of Benares Historic House and finish the afternoon with a Tea.

We are also offering **Old Fashioned Spa Day** for adults again this year right on Mother's Day Sunday, May 8, and then again on June 12. In this program we tap into the movement towards more natural lotions and potions by exploring how our ancestors created their own beauty concoctions. During the program, the participants will make a body lotion, body scrub and a lip balm; all adapted from 19th Century recipes.

Cooking Sweets and Sours for the Pantry Shelf, also an adult cooking workshop, will be June 26. Sweets and Sours invites participants to discover what early settlers grew, and how they preserved their produce as "sweets" - jams and jellies and "sours" - pickles and savouries. Participants will make one sweet and one sour from locally grown seasonal fruits and vegetables.

Parents – book early for your child's spot in summer camp at Bradley Museum or Benares!

Hands-on History Day Camp for 7 – 12 year olds will be at Bradley Museum this coming summer. Camp weeks start on July 4, with the final week beginning August 29. During the camp children learn about history in a fun hands-on way with theme days and



Hands on History Day Camp runs in July and August at the Bradley Museum.

activities such as cooking in the historic house, gardening, First Nations lore and crafts, a hike to Rattray Marsh and children's games and crafts.

We also offer **Camp Extended Hours** 7:30am – 9am and 4:00pm – 6:00pm.

Clarkson Community Centre will be offering an additional two camps at Bradley Museum and one at Benares.

- **Discovery Camp** is a nature themed camp for 5 to 8 year olds that runs for 2 weeks this year, July 18 and August 15.
- New onsite is **Eco Kids**. This camp for 6 – 10 year olds in the weeks of July 25 and August 8 is an environmental themed camp.
- **Benares Blasters** is a sports themed camp running out of Benares for 4 -5 year olds, and 6 – 8 year olds. Week one starts on July 11 and the last week begins on August 29.

To register for the above programs and camps, please go to www.connect2rec.ca or call 905-615-4100 ext 3.

Once a month we are also offering **Teas and Tours** at Bradley Museum. Spring and summer dates are: May 29, June 19, July 17 and August 28. Come spend an afternoon



The Museums have a variety of pre-registered programs led by our historic interpreters.

enjoying a tour of the Bradley Museum followed by a traditional afternoon tea in the cozy Log Cabin. The menu includes, tea, scones with jam and cream, and a seasonal treat. Call the Museums at 905-615-4860, ext. 2110 to reserve a spot.

And most importantly, opening on May 14th is Mississauga's newest Museum site, the Leslie Log House!!

This wonderful log house, situated on Mississauga road, just north of the 403, will be integrated into our programming roster. We're looking forward to offering a number of new programs based out of this unique site. Check out our website for upcoming programs.

FRIENDS & PARTNERS

By Mary Ann Stokke
Committee Chair

Now more than ever, private and corporate sponsorship will determine the quality of our public events. Funding cuts by the City, directed specifically at event costs such as the popular horse and wagon rides so integral to Maple Magic and Fall Fair, have left a shortfall that we are anxious to make up. Our partnership approach allows us to offer something in return to our supporters by providing them with promotional opportunities at these events. We hope 2011 will see many strong partnerships formed with friends new and old.

Our sincere thanks to those who have been excellent friends and partners over the past year.



**Driftwood Theatre Group Presents
Shakespeare under the Stars
'Macbeth'**

**July 15 & 16, 7:30 pm at the Bradley
Museum & August 12, 7:30 pm at the
Leslie Log House**

Admission: Pay-What-You-Can
(Suggested \$15/person)

www.driftwoodtheatre.com



17th Annual Teddy Bear's Picnic

July 24, 12 pm to 4 pm at Benares Historic House

Admission: \$13.74 (+tax) per family

Bring your favourite stuffed animal for a check up at The Credit Valley Hospital Teddy Bear Clinic, and enjoy an afternoon of games, stories, crafts, scavenger hunts, great music and of course the Teddy Bear's Parade!



Afternoon Tea

May 29, June 19, July 17 & August 28

Come and spend an afternoon enjoying a tour of the Bradley Museum followed by a traditional afternoon tea in our cozy Log Cabin.

\$14.90 (+tax) per person

Reservations are required and can be made by calling 905-615-4860, ext. 2110

Gift Certificates also available for purchase.

For more information on these and other events, please visit www.museumsofmississauga.com

Heritage Happenings from Heritage Mississauga

By Matthew Wilkinson, Historian

Things never slow down in the “past” lane. “The Grange”, the office of Heritage Mississauga, continues to be a beehive of activity as we roll into 2011. Planning is well underway on a series of heritage-themed and community events, including our AGM on May 25, and Grangestock on August 27. We are also participating as planning partners on a multitude of events and “heritage happenings”, including Jane’s Walk, led by the Culture Division, on May 8, Meadowvale’s Village’s 175th Anniversary, Carassauga, Doors Open, and others. We also continue to work collaboratively with our heritage partners in Mississauga and Peel, not only on events, exhibits, promotions and awareness, but also as part of the popular Heritage Speakers Series.

At the Heritage Resource Centre at The Grange, we are fresh off the launch of Heritage Mississauga’s newest book, *Journey to the Past: The Lost Villages of*

Mississauga, and our organization’s 50th Anniversary. We are working on several ongoing research projects, including a series on the “Darker Side” of Mississauga history, the War of 1812, and the early development history of Malton. Also continuing are: redevelopment of self-guided Heritage Tour Brochures, with Old Port Credit, Meadowvale Village, Streetsville (North & South), Clarkson, and Erindale now completed. Malton and Port Credit East are currently underway. Please visit our Facebook page and website, to check out the redeveloping of content and communications; the feedback has been fantastic so far. If you have any heritage-themed events, “happenings”, or news of interest, please let us know.

A host of new exhibits will be showcased at The Grange in the early months of 2011. In the Discovery Centre and Gallery from April 5 to May 6, we welcome back senior art

students from Rick Hansen Secondary School. In the Lower Meeting Hall at The Grange, we are delighted that ALFEW (Artists Looking For Empty Walls) will continue to exhibit their collective works. Ongoing is “Aggregation 3”. “Aggregation 4”, the next in ALFEW’s series of exhibitions at The Grange will run from March 8 to May 27. Special thanks to Louise Peacock for organizing these exhibits. For more information on ALFEW please visit: www.wezel.com/art/alfew.htm.

For more information about any of these exhibits and events, please contact Heritage Mississauga at www.heritagemississauga.com, on Facebook, phone 905-828-8411, email info@heritagemississauga.org, pick up the latest copy of The Heritage News, or visit us at The Grange at 1921 Dundas Street West. The coffee is always ready.

Doors Open Mississauga

By Paola Poletto, Supervisor
Arts & Culture Programs

Save The Date! Saturday, October 1, 10 am to 4 pm: Discover Mississauga as some of our city’s most spectacular sites open their doors for a behind-the-scenes look at what they do and how they look today. Doors Open Mississauga includes places of interest for everyone – visit heritage properties like the Leslie Log House and the Small Arms Building, or choose to visit buildings with new sustainable practices such as the AeroCentre V and The Hilton Garden Inn. Visit www.doorsopenontario.on.ca for a complete listing of buildings opening their doors in Mississauga this fall, or contact Mississauga’s Culture Division for further details about our event at www.mississauga.ca/culture.

Celebrating Salmon in 2011

By Stephanie Myhal, Supervisor
Arts

The premiere event will be The Salmon Run Project: The Exhibition. This is a collaborative undertaking between the Culture Division and the Art Gallery of Mississauga (AGM). During January and February 2011, AGM looked for artists from Mississauga and the surrounding area to create a unique piece of art using a form of a Coho/Silver salmon. Participating artists will transform these salmon forms in original ways. When complete, the salmon creations will be exhibited at businesses along the Credit River in Port Credit and Streetsville, from June to October 2011. The Salmon Run Project: The Exhibition opening reception will be held on Thursday, June 9, 2011 at 6 pm in the Great Hall at the Civic Centre. For more information on this part of the project visit www.artgalleryofmississauga.com.

In addition to The Exhibition, the Culture Division’s Salmon Run Project will host a number of creative and cultural events and programs celebrating the Salmon and the great Credit River in Mississauga. The Exhibition and the Salmon Run Project programs and events will promote a whole summer of unique artistic and salmon-related activities. Watch for the informative promotional flyer and web sites from June to October 2011. For more information call Stephanie Myhal, Supervisor, Arts and Culture Programs, 905 615-3200 ex 5355 or visit www.mississauga.ca/culture or www.artgalleryofmississauga.com. This is a special opportunity for everyone to get involved in this community event celebrating the Salmon, the Credit River and the thriving creative spirit of this City.

Putting Culture on the Map

By John Ariyo, Supervisor,
Research & Projects

Do you know how many culture businesses like antique stores, photographers, recording studios, bookstores, publishers, art dealers, designers, dance companies, theatres, etcetera, that we have in Mississauga? And where are they? What about public art, historical sites and heritage properties? What are the names of our art, heritage, aboriginal and ethno-cultural organizations and where are they located in the city? What are the events and festivals that typically happen in Mississauga in a given year and where do they take place? Who are our visual, literary, performing and media artists? What and where are the places and facilities where our cultural activities take place? How many of these cultural resources are in your ward or area? Before we try to answer these questions, wouldn't it be nice to have a one-stop-shop source where we can all conveniently search and display all this information at a click of a mouse on an interactive map? Yes for sure. That is what putting culture on the map literally means – having an interactive Cultural Resource Map where residents, artists, visitors, tourists and culture stakeholders will be able to easily browse and display Mississauga cultural resources, assets and related cultural information.

The City of Mississauga is developing its first Cultural Resource Map. There are so many



At the Culture Master Plan Public Consultation in October 2008, culture stakeholders identify Mississauga cultural resources on a map.

advantages to developing this resource map. For example, it can support local arts and culture businesses because tourists and visitors will be able to easily find these businesses when they visit. Various organizations can use the map to target specific audiences. The map can be a great tool for artists and other creative individuals to identify new cultural facilities and opportunities. New residents of Mississauga can also use the map to be informed of the city's cultural inventory. The Culture Division at the City can even use the map as a planning tool to develop new programs, initiatives and policies needed to support the

growth of culture in Mississauga. The list is endless. This map is expected to be launched late 2011. There will be opportunities for Mississauga culture stakeholders to provide feedback on the map – its concept, functionality and usability – through focus groups and an Open House before the map goes live. The Cultural Resource Map will be a dynamic tool that will allow users to view Mississauga through a culture lens. For more information on this project, contact John Ariyo at 905-615-3200 x 4065 or john.ariyo@mississauga.ca. Alternatively, visit www.mississauga.ca/culturalmapping.

Can you hear the Buzz?

The City of Mississauga is an official International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Buzz location.

Buzz events will be happening in Mississauga throughout May and June. Mark June 24 to 26 on your calendar for major IIFA celebrations.

Learn more at www.mississauga.ca/iifabuzz

Spread the Buzz.

WHAT'S HAPPENING at the Museums of Mississauga!

MAY

Woodland Nurseries: A Retrospective
On display until June
Bradley Museum Anchorage

Who is Jerry Love?
On display until September
Mississauga Civic Centre, Great Hall

**What's New in Old Stuff:
Recent Donations**
On display until August
Benares Visitor Centre

Jane's Walk
May 8, 12:30 to 2:30 pm
www.janeswalk.net

History Minds @your library
May 12, 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Lecture: Understanding Slavery
Past and Present
Mississauga Central Library,
Classroom 3, 2nd Floor

Leslie Log House Official Opening
May 14, 1 pm to 4 pm
Leslie Log House

'May is Museum Month'
May 22, 1 pm to 5 pm
Bradley Museum,
Benares Historic House
& Leslie Log House

Afternoon Tea
May 29, 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Reservations 905-615-4860, x2110

JUNE

'On the Verandah' Summer Concert Series
Ablett & Cooper on June 3, 7:30 pm
Benares Historic House

Gallery in the Garden & Strawberry Fair
June 5, 11 am to 4 pm
Benares Historic House

**The Salmon Run Project: The Exhibition
Opening Reception**
June 9, 6 pm
Mississauga Civic Centre, Great Hall
www.artgalleryofmississauga.com

'On the Verandah' Summer Concert Series
Selabration on June 10, 7:30 pm
Benares Historic House

**'On the Verandah' Summer Concert
Series**
Carlos Bastidas on June 17, 7:30 pm
Benares Historic House

Afternoon Tea
June 19, 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Reservations 905-615-4860, x2110

'On the Verandah' Summer Concert Series
Mississauga Children's Choir on June 24,
7:30 pm
Benares Historic House

JULY

**Celebrating Friendship:
30th Anniversary of the Twinning of
Mississauga and Kariya, Japan**
On display until December 21
Bradley Museum Anchorage

'On the Verandah' Summer Concert Series
Moir Nelson on July 1, 7:30 pm
Benares Historic House

'On the Verandah' Summer Concert Series
Subhadra Vijaykumar on July 8,
7:30 pm, Benares Historic House

**Driftwood Theatre Group Presents
'Shakespeare under the Stars'**
'Macbeth' on July 15 & 16, 7:30 pm
Bradley Museum

Afternoon Tea
July 17, 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Reservations 905-615-4860, x2110

'On the Verandah' Summer Concert Series
Rob Tardik on July 22, 7:30 pm
Benares Historic House

17th Annual Teddy Bear's Picnic
July 24, 12 pm to 4 pm
Benares Historic House

'On the Verandah' Summer Concert Series
Mississauga Chamber Music Players on
July 29, 7:30 pm, Benares Historic House

AUGUST

'On the Verandah' Summer Concert Series
Abeena Samm on August 5, 7:30 pm
Benares Historic House

'On the Verandah' Summer Concert Series
Denise Leslie on August 12, 7:30 pm
Benares Historic House

**Driftwood Theatre Group Presents
'Shakespeare under the Stars'**
'Macbeth' August 12, 7:30 pm
Leslie Log House

'On the Verandah' Summer Concert Series
Age of Reason on August 19, 7:30 pm
Benares Historic House

'On the Verandah' Summer Concert Series
Sandi Marie Porter & Guy Breau on
August 26, 7:30 pm
Benares Historic House

Grangestock - Music & Art Festival
August 27, 11 am to 5 pm
The Robinson-Adamson House
'The Grange'
www.heritagemississauga.com

Afternoon Tea
August 28, 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Reservations 905-615-4860, x2110

**Please Be Seated: Chairs from our
Collection**
On display until November
Benares Visitor Centre

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