

## FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUMS OF MISSISSAUGA AWARDED GRANT FROM COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF MISSISSAUGA!

The Friends of the Museums of Mississauga is delighted to announce that they have received \$10,000 from the Pendle Fund at the Community Foundation of Mississauga for a new "Mississauga Museums + Art Library Pass" program!

This program, which will include the distribution of free passes to Museums of Mississauga through the Mississauga Public Library System, will also promote other free arts and cultural events around the city. Watch for a public launch in the summer of 2012.



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Many thanks to the Pendle Fund of the Community Foundation of Mississauga, Mississauga Library System and our colleagues in the Culture Division for their support of this initiative

## MULTI-YEAR GRANT FROM SUNCOR ENERGY TO SUPPORT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING AT THE MUSEUMS OF MISSISSAUGA!

The Friends of the Museums of Mississauga are delighted to have received a \$5,000 grant, the first of four year's of funding for a total of \$20,000, from SunCor Energy. The Museums of Mississauga's "High Risk" Engagement Project is aimed at the 48 schools in the Peel District School Board that have been identified as based on a Social Risk Index. Students from these schools are less likely to have the opportunity to visit the Museums as the cost of programs and bussing can be prohibitive.



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The grant from SunCor Energy, combined with funding from Friends of the Museums, will allow up to 1,000 students per year to participate in programs at Bradley Museum. SunCor Energy is a close neighbour of the Bradley Museum, as they own the former Petro Canada Refinery on Southdown Road.

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### MUSEUM CALENDAR

**JALNA Revisited:**  
The 85th Anniversary of  
Mazo de la Roche's Award  
Winning Novel

Exhibit on display until June 29 at  
the Bradley Museum Anchorage

# A Message from Friends

Fred Durdan,  
Chair, Friends of the Museums of Mississauga



**Barb Smith of Holcim (Canada) Inc. accepted a Sponsorship Certificate of Appreciation from Fred Durdan at the Friends party November 30th. Congratulations to Holcim for recently receiving the Mississauga Board of Trade's Corporate Social Responsibility Award for 2011!**

The fall months are behind us and as we prepared for the festive season the Friends and the Museums staff celebrated the efforts of all the volunteers, Friends, partners and sponsors who make our events so successful, at our volunteer recognition evening on November 30, 2011.

This was followed by Home for the Holidays and photos with Santa at all three Museums locations on December 11, 2011.

As we look forward to the New Year, plans are well underway for the 13th Annual Starlight and Candlelight Gala to be held on February 24, 2012 at the Bradley Museum.

Volunteers and Friends are being scheduled for Maple Magic in mid-March. This week-long taste of history has traditionally been the busiest event on the Museums calendar.

**Queen's Jubilee &  
Gallery in the Garden**  
June 3, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Benares Historic House

**Free Admission**

Gallery in the Garden & Strawberry Fair will take place on June 3, 2012 at Benares Historic House. The event, which is free admission, will feature various artists and artisans showcasing and selling their work as well as live entertainment and of course, strawberry shortcake! 'On the Verandah' Summer Concert Series will return to Benares Historic House this year starting in June on Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. For a list of performances, please visit [museumsofmississauga.com](http://museumsofmississauga.com). Admission is Pay-What-You-Can.

If you are interested in participating in any of these events as a sponsor, Friend or volunteer, please contact Kelly Kubik by e-mail at [kelly.kubik@mississauga.ca](mailto:kelly.kubik@mississauga.ca) or 905-615-4860, x2111 P.S. I hope we don't get too much snow.

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## Museum Hours

### Guided Tours for Drop-In Visitors:

Wednesdays and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. (Wednesday to Sunday during the Summer)

### 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 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Ask about curriculum-based educational programming at 905-615-4860 x 2107. For meeting room rental and wedding photography bookings, please call 905-615-4100.

## Museums of Mississauga

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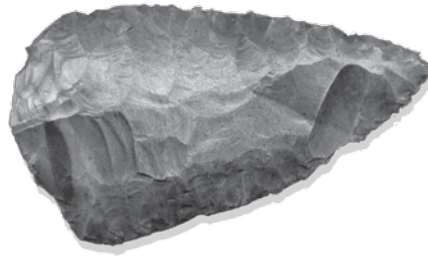
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# Our Ancient Past Identified

Stephanie Meeuwse,  
Collections & Exhibit Supervisor

The Museums of Mississauga have a small collection of artifacts related to the earliest inhabitants in the area. Often the artifacts are found in people's yards or along streams and are difficult to properly date and identify. Dr. Robert J. Pearce, Executive Director of the Museum of Ontario Archaeology in London, Ontario generously identified our small collection and gave us a lot of useful information.

Jean Lindsay, a long-time resident of Clarkson, donated some items that she had found as a child near her family home on Sheridan Creek. The most interesting item was identified as a Lamoka or Normanskill type spearhead, Late Archaic period ca. 2500 B.C. According to the Southwestern Ontario: The First 12,000 Years Glossary (<http://diggingontario.uwo.ca/Glossary.htm>) a spearhead is the stone (or more rarely bone or copper) weapon tip attached to the end of a spear shaft; also referred to as a projectile point." Lamoka projectile points are manufactured by First Nations people living in north eastern North America, generally from 3500-2500 B.C.



**Brewerton style projectile point from Meadowvale, 2010.5.1**

The name derives from an archaeological site in Schuyler County, New York. This spear head actually predates the invention of the bow and arrow.

Donated in 2010 was a projectile point found in a garden on Willow Lane in Meadowvale Village. Projectile points are identified by the changes in the base. This one is not complete but Dr. Pearce thought it was corner-notched and may be a "Brewerton" type from the Late Archaic period c. 3000 B.C.

In 2008, Museums staff were able to salvage a large collection of items from Hugh O'Neil's farm on Mississauga Road.

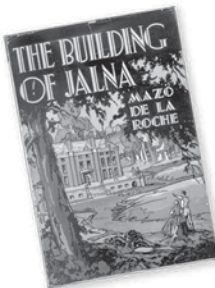
On the window sill in the kitchen of his old farmhouse was a box of Native artifacts, fossils and interesting looking rocks that he had found over the years on his property. Among the treasures was an "Innes" style spearhead dating from the Late Archaic period ca. 2500 B.C. Innes refers to a style of coarsely flaked, medium-sized spearhead commonly found near Brantford and the Grand River in Ontario. Also some stone "celts" which are defined as "a polished stone woodworking implement, more rarely of chipped stone, which includes adzes with asymmetrical bits and axes with symmetrical cutting bits." There were also a number of "bifaces" which is basically an unfinished blank that could be shaped into a projectile point or knife at a later time.

A big thank-you to Dr. Pearce who identified these objects and gave us a better understanding of their time period and their use as well as insight into the activities of the people living in this area in our ancient past.

## Upcoming Exhibits

Stephanie Meeuwse,  
Collections & Exhibit Supervisor

**JALNA Revisited:**  
The 85th Anniversary of  
Mazo de la Roche's  
Award Winning Novel  
opened on January 20  
and will continue until  
June 29 in the Anchorage  
at Bradley Museum. Mazo



de la Roche wrote her ground-breaking novel, Jalna, while living in Clarkson in 1927. The novel was considered "risqué" but won the Atlantic Monthly Prize award and propelled Mazo de la Roche into the spotlight changing her life forever. It was an international best seller with more than 12 million copies sold and it is still in print. The saga of the Whiteoaks family continued on with 15 installments.

There is a soon to be released documentary about Mazo de la Roche shot partially at Benares Historic House. This display celebrates this milestone anniversary discussing the success of her writings, how her fame affected her life and her close ties to Mississauga.

### Oriental Influence

will be exhibited at Benares Visitor Centre until mid-April 2012. The Harris family of Benares, and in particular Annie Harris Sayers, had an interest in the "Far East".

This interest may have been fostered by the many gifts received from her cousin and Chinese art collector, Percy Sutherland, who worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway for their ocean-going service



**Mazo & Bunty** Image courtesy of Bianca de la Roche, circa 1927

between Vancouver, Hong Kong, Japan and China. This exhibition will highlight many of the oriental artifacts in the collection cherished by the Harris family as well as information on a Korean orphanage supported by Annie Harris Sayers.



# When in Rome...When in Mississauga...

Joe Zammit,  
Chair, Collection and Artifact Storage Sub-Committee (CASS)



Joe Zammit and Greg Carraro - Haunted Mississauga 2011.

Joshua Pollard Senior lived in the 1800's and resided in Toronto Township, now known as the City of Mississauga. Originally born in Boston, Mass he settled here when he gained possession of land. He also applied for and gained a permit to open an inn and eventually was appointed as a tax collector for this area. He was married three times and fathered twelve children, some of whom did not live for long. In the War of 1812 Pollard joined Loyalist forces, aimed his gun at his own fellow Americans and fought alongside Sir Isaac Brock. When Brock was fatally shot on the battlefield, it was reportedly Pollard who held "the great man's hat". Joshua Pollard, a citizen from this part of the country, was therefore present at a key moment of our nation's history. If you visit the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa today, the uniform that Brock wore when he died, with the fatal bullet hole evident, is on display for all to see.

Recently at an event held at the Bradley House Museum and sponsored by Heritage Mississauga, we were able to honour the memory of Pollard and other fascinating individuals. In a role-playing exercise, groups of people toured the site and were "engaged" in discussions with people from our historical past. Bringing to life those from the past, we relived the stories and people that are the composite of our local and national history.

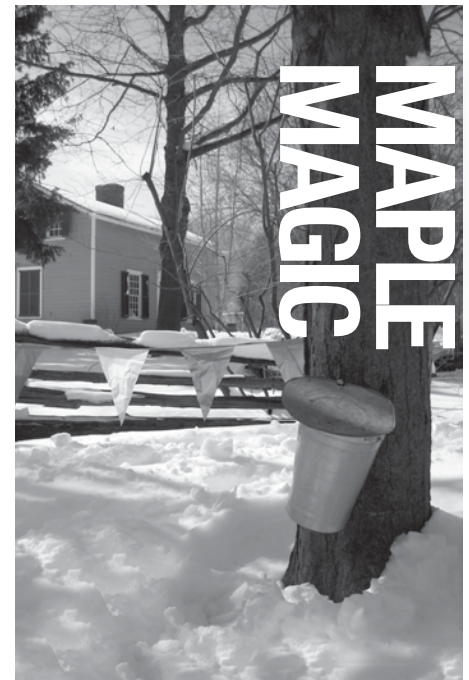
Over the summer I had the great opportunity to travel extensively over Italy, Greece and my own land of heritage, the island of Malta. I took special time and great care to visit key historic and World Heritage designated sites. In one twenty-four hour period I stood in the shadow of Rome's Coliseum and next

to the Acropolis on the Parthenon in Athens. Also, during my trip with great pride I walked amongst what is known as the oldest free standing temple in the world- the Ggantija (Giants) Temple in Gozo, Malta which happens to be in the hometown and birthplace of my parents. In a matter of a few short weeks I soaked in the history that extended from the Neolithic times, to the Ancient Greeks and the Roman Empire and also saw the great works of architecture and art from the Renaissance period of our world history.

Coming back to Mississauga I could not help but be just as enthralled with our own local history. We may not have the distinction of being the stewards of ancient monuments but our past and our story are equally as fascinating and no less important. When we take the time and effort to "rub the dust" off of the past, we meet interesting people like Joshua Pollard. We get an understanding of the hardships they faced. We understand that our commonality is that we are all in a continual and universal struggle to survive economically in our respective times and to confer upon our children better futures and good fortune.

If we consider the great maxim of the environmental movement, they tell us to "think globally by acting locally..." then

certainly in the context of museums and heritage we can say that to understand our collective world history we should also become strong patrons of our own local history. After my recent experiences, I certainly would say that before you go to Rome visit Benares Historic House. Before you climb the Parthenon walk the lawns of Bradley Museum and Leslie Log House. Know where you come from locally before you board the airplane to explore other lands. Get to know people like Pollard before you walk past the destroyed palaces of the Roman Emperors. In the final analysis it is all about a love and understanding of history. Knowing where you come from and who walked on this soil before you is an important aspect of living in the City of Mississauga.



**MAPLE MAGIC:**  
**MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL**  
March 10 to 18 & 24 to 25  
Weekdays 12 to 4 p.m.  
Weekends 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Family Admission \$17.17 (+tax)  
[www.museumsofmississauga.com](http://www.museumsofmississauga.com)

# FALL IN REVIEW



**Itzel Morales and Santa at Home for the Holidays. Pictures with Santa were a huge success raising \$1,800 for the Friends of the Museums.**



**Alena and Elena Markoska enjoyed the rope making demonstration at the Mississauga Fall Festival on September 17.**



**Historic Hallowe'en Fun at Benares was a howling success with more than 800 visitors.**



**Barb Smith, Councillor Pat Mullin, John Van Camp and Wendy Davies at the Friends Christmas party on November 30.**



**Norm and Jenny Dale having fun selling memberships at the Friends party.**



**The Dubé family enjoying the Celebrating Friendship Exhibit at Home for the Holidays on December 11.**



**Volunteers from Streetsville Historical Society helped to animate Leslie Log House for Doors Open on October 1.**



## Kelly's Korner

Kelly Kubik,  
Museums Community Program Supervisor

It has been a lively year at the Museums of Mississauga and 2012 promises to be just as exciting. We have many events that you and your family will find educational and entertaining.

Our annual Mississauga Fall Festival was held at the Bradley Museum on September 17 and thanks to our amazing part-time staff and volunteers for their input and expertise, this year's event was a great success. We hosted more than 500 people and collected 12 large boxes full of non-perishable food for our local food bank, in lieu of admission.

Historic Hallowe'en Fun had a record number of visitors this year with more than 800 people visiting Benares Historic House on October 30 and we had 30 new Youth Volunteers help us on site. Thank you to our sponsors including Port Credit Foundation, Holcim (Canada) Inc., Friends of the Museums, Meridian Credit Union, La Villa Bakery and McDonalds for the free coffee.

Thanks to all of you that visited us on Sunday December 11 at all three Museums



The Gradinaru family at Benares Home for the Holidays.

locations. More than 1,000 people enjoyed our Home for the Holidays event. The Bradley Museum hosted Santa and Mrs. Claus with professional photographer Maria Bell, horse and wagon rides, tours of Bradley House, crafts for the kids and a holiday tea room at the Anchorage. Visitors to Benares Historic House were entertained with the sounds of holiday music and carolling by the player piano. The historic house was decorated for the holiday season as lived in 1918 and seasonal crafts were available for the kids. Activities at Leslie Log House were hosted by the Streetsville Historical Society and included seasonal refreshments, a special exhibit entitled 'Christmas Memories' and crafts for the kids. Admission was free with donations of non-perishable food items collected for the local community food banks. Thank you to our sponsors including The Port Credit Foundation, Holcim (Canada) Inc., Meridian Credit Union and Friends of the Museums.

**Please mark your calendars for our 2012 events hosted by the Museums of Mississauga and the Friends of the Museums.**

### **FAMILY DAY AT THE MUSEUMS OF MISSISSAUGA**

**February 20, 2012, 1 to 5 p.m.**

Celebrate Family Day at Bradley Museum, Benares Historic House and Leslie Log House. Enjoy guided tours, historic demonstrations, fresh pancakes served in our Log Cabin, crafts and more! Purchase a Family Day Pass for \$8.10 (+tax) and enjoy a variety of drop-in activities across the City of Mississauga.

### **The Friends of the Museums Present THE 13TH STARLIGHT AND CANDLELIGHT FUNDRAISING GALA**

**February 24, 2012 \*sold out\***

### **MAPLE MAGIC: MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL AT BRADLEY MUSEUM**

**March 10 to 18 & 24 to 25, 2012**

**Weekends 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and**

**Weekdays 12 to 4 p.m.**

Enjoy horse drawn wagon rides and fresh pancakes served daily in our Log Cabin, along with guided tours of the sap line, kids' crafts and games, free samples and more! Family Admission is just \$17.17 (+ tax).



Museums staff, Tammy and Lindsay, helped to bring the Bradley House to life at the Mississauga Fall Festival.

### **MAY IS MUSEUM MONTH AT THE MUSEUMS OF MISSISSAUGA**

**Sunday May 20, 2012, 1 to 5 p.m.**

Enjoy free guided tours and historic demonstrations at Bradley Museum, Benares Historic House and Leslie Log House.

### **The Friends of the Museums Present THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE & GALLERY IN THE GARDEN**

**June 3, 2012, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Enjoy the beautiful grounds of Benares Historic House while wandering the lawns and tasting some of our fabulous strawberry shortcake. Various artisans will be showcasing and selling their work including art, jewellery, pottery, blown glass, wood carving, wrought iron, mosaics and more. Musical entertainment will also be on site for your enjoyment. Free Admission!

### **The Friends of the Museums Present ON THE VERANDAH OUTDOOR SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

**June 1 to August 31, 2012, Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m.**

Join us for a summer-long program of outdoor musical concerts. Bring your lawn chairs and/or blankets and best sing-along voices to enjoy these outdoor performances.

**If you are interested in volunteering with the Museums of Mississauga, please contact me directly at [kelly.kubik@mississauga.ca](mailto:kelly.kubik@mississauga.ca) or 905-615-4860 X 2111.**

# FRIENDS & PARTNERS

Mary Ann Stokke,  
Chair, Sponsorship Committee

We are thankful to all of our generous event sponsors over the past year and were delighted to have had the opportunity to thank each of them in person at our Volunteer and Sponsor Recognition evening at Benares Historic House on November 30.

Special congratulations go out to Holcim (Canada) Inc., one of our key sponsors, for their Mississauga Board of Trade Award 2011 for Corporate Social Responsibility of the Year!

Large or small, local or international, we have lots of options and ideas for your company to support and benefit from being a Friend and Partner to the Museums in 2012!

*Call us anytime.*



ALICE R. FAHEY, AGENT



## Thank You, Friends

The Museums of Mississauga sincerely thank the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga for their financial support of the following projects in 2011:

- Planning and implementation of our first-ever youth event, "Canvasfest" which was held in April 2011;
- Design and production of four vertical banners and a brochure stand for use at off-site promotions and community events;
- Support for the ongoing appraisal of the Museums rich artifact collection;
- Hands-on reproductions and artifacts for two new "Discovery Boxes" to be used off-site by teachers and group leaders;
- More than \$5,000 towards the conservation of significant artifacts;
- "Giant Garden Games" such as chess and checkers for use at our family special events and;
- More than \$12,000 in sponsorship raised by the Friends and Partners Committee from local businesses and foundations in support of our family special events.

At their December 2011 meeting, the Board

of the Friends of the Museums approved funding of more than \$11,000 in 2012 for their ongoing support of bus costs for schools visiting the Museums and for the following projects:

- Commercial grade griddle for pancakes in the Log Cabin at Maple Magic and at other events;
- Conservation and preservation of a woman's side saddle from the artifact collection as well as the ongoing appraisal of the artifact collection;
- Support for 2nd Annual Canvasfest Youth Event at the Museums;
- Sponsorship support for the Heritage Partners 2012 Lecture Series;
- Support for promotion of educational programs and;
- Sponsorship support for a pilot project to try adding an additional Maple Magic weekend the week after March Break.

These ongoing contributions to the Museums by the Friends of the Museums make a significant difference to the day to day operation and success of the Museums of Mississauga. Thank-you Friends!



**Michael's Back Door Restaurant received recognition for their generous annual support of the Starlight and Candlelight Gala, on November 30th. Congratulations to Michael's on their 30th anniversary in business!**

# MUSEUM PROGRAMMING

Merri Fergusson,  
Acting Museums Education  
& Program Supervisor

**Winter and spring are always busy at the Museums!** Our education programs are certainly growing in popularity. In the fall of 2011 we had double the number of visiting groups then during the same time period of the previous year!

We will once again be hosting an Educator's Open House on March 7th for teachers and group leaders. Drop by between 3 and 7 p.m. at Benares Historic House to get an in-depth look at the variety of programming offered at our three sites: Bradley Museum, Benares Historic House and Leslie Log House. Enter our draw to win a free educational program for your class or group. Also, teachers and group leaders attending the open house will receive a pass to our annual Maple Magic event.

We're also looking forward to March which has definitely become our busiest time of year. Teachers and Group Leaders are encouraged to book early for the Maple Sap to Syrup program at Bradley Museum in order to secure a spot on the sap line.

Review all our programs at [www.museumsofmississauga.com](http://www.museumsofmississauga.com) and choose the Teachers and Group Leaders link. To book a program, call us at 905-615-4860, x2110.

## PRE-REGISTERED PROGRAMS AT THE MUSEUMS OF MISSISSAUGA

Coming this spring we're also offering a line-up of pre-registered programs.

## Staff Changes

This past fall we welcomed new Museum Interpreters to our team in order to meet our busy schedule of programs. Congratulations to our new interpreters Peter Monahan, Melissa Beynon, Meaghan FitzGibbon and Olga Kalynowsh. We're open for programming seven days a week and can accommodate groups morning

You can register for the following programs by visiting [www.connect2rec.ca](http://www.connect2rec.ca) or calling 905-615-4100, x3. Online registration begins February 25th followed by in-person registration beginning March 3rd.

## WORKSHOP MOTHER AND DAUGHTER TEA

**May 5 and 12, 2012**

Mothers and Daughters of all ages will delight in each others' company while enjoying a traditional afternoon tea and tour of Benares Historic House. Each pair will create a floral spring basket.

## OLD FASHIONED SPA DAY

**May 13 and June 24, 2012**

With the move towards more natural lotions and potions, the Museums are offering participants a chance to explore how our ancestors created their own concoctions. Join our group and make a body lotion, body scrub and lip balm adapted from 19th Century recipes. We'll be drawing from simple and easy to find natural ingredients. Light refreshments will be served.

## COOKING SWEETS AND SOURS FOR THE PANTRY

**June 17, 2012**

Participants are invited to discover what early settlers grew and how they preserved their produce as "sweets" – jams and jellies and "sours" – pickles and savouries. Make one of each type from locally grown seasonal fruits and vegetables using modern canning methods. This session will feature rhubarb and asparagus.

Don't forget to register early for our children's summer camp held July and August 2012 "Step back in Time". Extended hours are available for this fun-filled and highly interactive camp.

## AFTERNOON TEA

Back again for 2012 is our monthly Afternoon Tea and Tour program. The following dates will be held at the **Leslie Log House** and will include a behind-the-scenes tour of Streetsville Historical Society's rich archival collection followed by traditional afternoon tea.

**February 11  
March 3**

The following dates will be held at the **Bradley Museum** and will include a tour of historic Bradley house followed by a traditional tea in our cozy Log Cabin.

<b>April 8 May 27 June 10 July 15 August 12</b>	<b>September 23 October 14 November 18 December 16</b>
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In order to reserve a spot, please call 905-615-4860 x2110.



Participants help to create "Sweets & Sours" at a recent workshop.

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# Heritage Happenings from Heritage Mississauga

Matthew Wilkinson,  
Historian

First and foremost, thank you to the dedicated staff and volunteers at the Museums of Mississauga and Heritage Mississauga for partnering with us to present our 10th annual Haunted Mississauga heritage tour, which this year took place at the Bradley Museum on October 21st. Our story theme this year was a highly interactive and entertaining look at local history, set in October of 1811, on the eve of the War of 1812. Thank you to our "spirit team" which included: Greg Carraro; Yvonne Carraro; Richard Collins; Lindsay Doren; Elaine Eigl; John Eigl; Paul Eigl; Suzanna Elmazi; Mary Finley; Meaghan FitzGibbon; Evan Gaspar, Jayme Gaspar, Les Gaspar; Annemarie Hagan; Bryan Ho; Olga Kalynowysch; Rose Langley; Lynn Liu; Alex MacKay; Denise Mahoney; Nicole Mair; Arlene Manning; Kiki Redmond vanRees; Jenny Walker; Jane Watt; Matthew Wilkinson; Mavis Wilson; Paula Wubbenhorst; Joe Zammit; Heritage Mississauga; Museums of Mississauga and costumes provided by Theatre Unlimited.

In the office we continue to work on several research projects. In partnership with the University of Toronto Mississauga internship program, we have an ongoing research project documenting the historical connections between Mississauga (formerly Toronto Township) and the War of 1812. We also have a project in consultation with Professor Donald Smith, documenting the Credit Mission

Village site between 1847 and 1900.

Another project is focused on documenting some of our more modern history in terms of Mississauga's suburban development, primarily focused on the emergence of the Hiawatha-on-the-Lake and Park Royal subdivisions. Work is also ongoing on the "Remember Our Fallen" research project, which is focusing on the documentation of Mississauga's fallen soldiers. Lastly, we are in the early stages of engaging residents of Lorne Park Estates in documenting the heritage buildings and history of this unique and special part of Mississauga. Please visit our website over the coming months for more information as our research and documentation continues: [www.heritagemississauga.com](http://www.heritagemississauga.com).

Looking ahead to 2012, we start the New Year focused on the bicentennial of the War of 1812. In partnership with the Region of Peel Heritage Complex, Heritage Mississauga is delighted to host the War of 1812 travelling exhibit from the Archives of Ontario from January 10th until February 24th, 2012. This free exhibit will open on Tuesday, January 10th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Archives of Ontario's War of 1812 travelling exhibit sheds light on formative events in the history of Ontario. The War of 1812 had long-term effects on the economic, social and political life of the province. This exhibit is a history resource that showcases some of the personalities and locations that played a role in the war,

and explores the events of that conflict using the correspondence and diaries of those who lived it. Their words are illustrated with artwork, maps and photographs from the holdings of the Archives, many being made widely available for the first time. We invite you to explore this exhibit and learn about the War of 1812 in Upper Canada.

The 2012 Heritage Speakers Series, presented by Mississauga's Heritage Partners (the Heritage Advisory Committee, Heritage Mississauga, Mississauga Library System and the Museums of Mississauga) is focused on the theme of Anniversaries, including the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812 and the 175th Anniversary of the Rebellion of 1837. Stay tuned for more information as the speakers schedule evolves. For up-to-date information please call 905-615-4860 x2110. All lectures start promptly at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Lastly, February 23rd, 2012, marks the Annual Heritage Awards evening. Please visit our website for more information on the evening and for awards nominations or contact **Heritage Mississauga** at [www.heritagemississauga.com](http://www.heritagemississauga.com), on Facebook and Twitter, phone 905-828-8411, email [info@heritagemississauga.org](mailto: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.

## Mississauga Heritage Speaker Series 2012

Free Admission

**Lecture: Mazo de la Roche's *Jalna* Turns 85: A Celebration of Ontario's Rural (and Loyalist) Roots**

by Daniel Bratton

Thursday, April 12, 2012, 7 p.m.  
Noel Ryan Auditorium, Mississauga Central Library

**Lecture: "The War of 1812 on the Niagara Frontier"**

by Ron Dale, War of 1812 Bicentennial Project Manager, Parks Canada

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**Lecture: "In Their Own Words: Contemporary Accounts of the Battle of York", War of 1812**

by Richard Gerrard, Historian, Bicentennial of the War of 1812, Museum Services, City of Toronto

Tuesday, June 5, 2012, 7 p.m.  
Noel Ryan Auditorium, Mississauga Central Library



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# Museums Musings

Annemarie Hagan,  
Museums Manager

This is certainly an interesting time of contrasts to be working in the museum world! Sadly, in nearby municipalities there has been talk of closing down long-established museums both as a cost-cutting measure and because there seems to be a diminished appreciation of the value and sense of place that museums can offer to a community. At the same time, we delight in another community's successes in truly celebrating their history with the November opening of the vibrant, new Region of Waterloo Museum!

We're somewhere in between, with the Museums of Mississauga growing in profile and community engagement, opening a third site - Leslie Log House last year. We have solid plans in place to grow our collections and to plan and build an Artifact Preservation Centre and we are looking ahead to a future museum that celebrates our more than 10,000 year history. We are inspired by the excellent support, hard work and commitment of the members of the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee, the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga Board of Directors and our active volunteers.

At the same time, like everyone else, we do deal with the daily reality of budget pressures and limited staff resources, trying to do more with less.

It is within this context that the Museums and the larger Culture Division that we are a part of, recently underwent a reorganization with the intent of improving efficiencies, creating strong synchronicities among the various areas in the Division and re-inspiring all of us to take a fresh look at how best to grow in the future.

The specific impacts on the Museums include the following changes:

- Creation of a more **formalized contract position** of "Lead Historic Interpreter". The goal is to provide more cohesive support and engagement of our very important team of front-line historic interpreters. **Lindsay Doren** has been appointed Acting Lead Historic Interpreter;
- **Stephanie Meeuwse**, Museums Collections and Exhibit Supervisor and **Alexandra Benedikt**, Acting Collections Assistant have moved to the office at Benares Visitor Centre, a quieter location close to the Benares Collection Storage space. **Tracy Oliveira** will be returning from her Maternity Leave in April to resume her position as Collections Assistant;
- **Kelly Kubik**, Museums Community Program Supervisor and **Merri Fergusson**, Acting Museums Education Program Supervisor have moved to the Anchorage, Bradley Museum to be closer

to the administrative and customer service centre of the Museums;

- **Lobna Thakib**, who has been responsible for the great improvements in the quality and impact of our promotional materials (hence the doubling of our group bookings this fall) is sadly leaving the Museums to take on a similar task for the Culture Division as a whole. Thankfully, she'll continue to manage our Museums promotions from her new position within the Culture office at the Central Library;
- The Museums are now part of the new Cultural Operations Section of the Culture Division, along with our colleagues in Arts and Culture Programs, the Film and TV Office and Meadowvale Theatre; reporting to the new Manager of Cultural Operations, **Andrew Whittemore** and;
- We have confirmed our commitment to increasing both community engagement and revenue generation through creative and innovative approaches to being Mississauga's Museums. Our top priority will be working with the Friends of the Museums on the two new audience development initiatives supported by grants received through the Community Foundation of Mississauga (Museums + Art Library Pass Program) and SUNCOR Museums of Mississauga "High Risk" Engagement Project

It is an exciting time of changes and challenges, both good things for any individual or organization!

## Afternoon Tea & Tour

Leslie Log House  
February 11 & March 3  
Bradley Museum  
April 8, May 27 & June 10

Reservations required: 905-615-4860, x2110.

## On the Verandah Summer Concert Series

June 1 to August 31, Friday's 7:30 p.m.

Benares Historic House

Admission is Pay-What-You-Can

For a list of performances,

visit [www.museumsofmississauga.com](http://www.museumsofmississauga.com)

## REBEL ART AND IDEAS

Paola Poletto,  
Supervisor, Arts & Culture Programs

In 2007, a proclamation was made for a National Youth Week on May 1 to 7 each year. Following this thinking, a new National Youth Arts Week initiative was recently launched by the Arts Network [www.artsnetwork.ca](http://www.artsnetwork.ca), and it will be taking place for the first time on May 1 to 7, 2012. The City of Mississauga's Culture Division is supporting youth and partner organizations to present unique events for National Youth Arts Week in Mississauga.

Heritage Mississauga and the Culture Division are highlighting a route that cuts across the city to provide a diverse view of cultures, lifestyles and urban densities. The route travels along Dundas, Burnhamthorpe, Mississauga and Lakeshore Roads and up Winston Churchill Boulevard, passing many key nodes including the Hurontario and Dundas intersection, Mississauga Celebration Square, Riverwood Park, University of Toronto Mississauga campus and the lake shore. This route marks a heritage celebration, as it was used in 1837 by William Lyon Mackenzie to escape the failed Rebellion that took place 175 years ago. Mackenzie's flight from authorities took him through historic Mississauga following a rebel uprising, and the Rebellion of 1837 has become a famed part of Canada's history. Themed "Rebel" in Mississauga, youth arts week events will be focused along this route.



Recital Dance students perform at the Living Arts Centre during the annual spring show

National Youth Arts Week falls around the same dates as the nationally successful Jane's Walk (May 5, 6) [www.janeswalk.net](http://www.janeswalk.net) and Music Monday (May 7) [musicmakesus.ca/musicmonday](http://musicmakesus.ca/musicmonday) events. All programs share a unique vision of civic engagement, cultural activism and mentorship and seek volunteers to engage youth and adults alike across all of our communities and neighbourhoods in the city.

The week promises music, heritage discussions, inspiring words, art and dance. For instance, the Culture Division will be having an annual Dance Recital at the Living Arts Centre on Tuesday, May 15th. A sneak preview performance will be held during National Youth Arts Week. The

dancers in this event range from as young as five years old (Recital Little Ballerina Program) to adult (Recital Tap), and is suitable to wide audiences.

Plans are also underway for the Queen's Jubilee and the Summer Olympics. Visit the Culture Division website for updates: [www.mississauga.ca/culture](http://www.mississauga.ca/culture)

All events during National Youth Arts Week are free to participate in and to enjoy. For tickets to the Dance Recital, visit the Living Arts Centre box office ([www.livingartscentre.ca](http://www.livingartscentre.ca)).

**To get involved in National Youth Arts Week, contact Paola Poletto**  
([paola.poletto@mississauga.ca](mailto:paola.poletto@mississauga.ca))

## Library News: Black History Month

### Marooned in Nova Scotia

Join us for a reading by Jamaican-born Canadian author of eight novels, Horane Smith. Learn the story of the Jamaican Maroons in Canada. **Mississauga Central Library, Board Room February 8, 7 to 9 p.m.**

### Freedom, Slavery and the Roots of American Music

Join us in a celebration of the roots of American music, as Ray Kamalay, a professional musician and lecturer, traces the international history of slavery, how it changed in the United States, and how American popular music formed in it.

### Mississauga Central Library, Noel Ryan Auditorium February 12, 2 to 4 p.m.

Free Admission & Free Parking.  
For more information: 905-615-3500 x3660

## Congratulations!

Dorothy Kew, local history librarian at Mississauga Central Library, was recently the recipient of an Ontario Senior Achievement Award



for the Preservation of History. Dorothy's nomination was strongly supported by the heritage community as her initiative, knowledge, professionalism and passion for history are truly remarkable. The award is sponsored by the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration. Many thanks and congratulations to Dorothy for her unstinting support of local history and genealogy!



# WHAT'S HAPPENING at the Museums of Mississauga!

## JANUARY

**JALNA Revisited:  
The 85th Anniversary of  
Mazo de la Roche's Award  
Winning Novel**

On display until June 29  
Bradley Museum Anchorage

**Oriental Influence**

On display until April 20  
Benares Visitor Centre

## FEBRUARY

**Afternoon Tea**

February 11, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
Leslie Log House.  
Reservations required  
905-615-4860, x2110

**Family Day**

February 20, 1 to 5 p.m.  
Bradley Museum, Benares  
Historic House & Leslie Log  
House

**Annual Heritage Awards**

February 23 For tickets, call  
905-828-8411 x0

**Starlight and Candlelight  
Fundraising Gala**

February 24 \*sold out\*  
Bradley Museum

## MARCH

**Afternoon Tea**

March 3, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
Leslie Log House.  
Reservations required  
905-615-4860, x2110

**Educator's Open House**

March 7, 3 to 7 p.m.  
Benares Historic House

**Maple Magic: Maple  
Syrup Festival**

March 10 to 18 & 24 to 25  
Weekends 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Weekdays 12 to 4 p.m.  
Bradley Museum

## APRIL

**Afternoon Tea**

April 8, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
Bradley Museum  
Reservations required  
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**Heritage Four Speaker  
Series**

Lecture: Jalna Turns 85:  
A Celebration of Ontario's  
Rural (and Loyalist) Roots  
by Daniel Bratton  
**April 12, 7 p.m.**  
Mississauga Central Library,  
Noel Ryan Auditorium

## MAY

**The History of Butter  
Making**

On display until August 17  
Benares Visitor Centre

**National Youth Arts Week**

May 1 to 7  
[www.mississauga.ca/culture](http://www.mississauga.ca/culture)

**Jane's Walk**

May 5  
[www.mississauga.ca/culture](http://www.mississauga.ca/culture)

**Music Monday**

May 7  
[www.mississauga.ca/culture](http://www.mississauga.ca/culture)

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Series**

Lecture: "The War of 1812 on  
the Niagara Frontier"  
by Ron Dale  
**May 10, 7 p.m.**  
Noel Ryan Auditorium,  
Mississauga Central Library

**May is Museum Month**

May 20, 1 to 5 p.m.  
Bradley Museum, Benares  
Historic House & Leslie Log  
House

**Afternoon Tea**

May 27, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
Bradley Museum  
Reservations required  
905-615-4860, x2110

## JUNE

**'On the Verandah' Summer  
Concert Series**

June 1, 7:30 p.m.  
Last Night of the Proms

**Gallery in the Garden &  
Queen's Jubilee**

June 3, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Benares Historic House

**Heritage Four Speaker  
Series**

Lecture: "In Their Own  
Words: Contemporary  
Accounts of the Battle of  
York", War of 1812  
by Richard Gerrard  
**June 5, 7 p.m.**  
Noel Ryan Auditorium,  
Mississauga Central Library

**'On the Verandah' Summer  
Concert Series**

June 8, 7:30 p.m.  
Performance TBC

**Afternoon Tea**

June 10, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
Bradley Museum  
Reservations required  
905-615-4860, x2110

**'On the Verandah' Summer  
Concert Series**

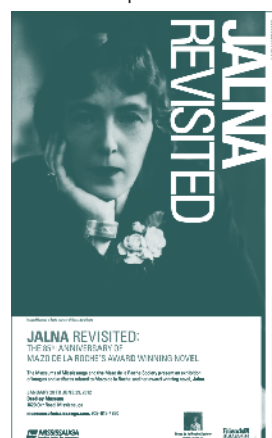
June 15, 7:30 p.m.  
Mississauga Children's Choir

**'On the Verandah' Summer  
Concert Series**

June 22, 7:30 p.m.  
Quantum Brass

**'On the Verandah' Summer  
Concert Series**

June 29, 7:30 p.m.  
Ablett & Cooper



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## Join Us!

Everyone needs friends and the Museums of Mississauga is looking for folks like you to assist us in reaching our goals.

**Yes! I/We want to become Friends!**

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