



Museums Receive Grant for Storage Shelving

The Museums of Mississauga are one step closer to our goal! Thanks to Cultural Spaces Canada (now Canada Cultural Spaces Fund) we received a grant to purchase and install mobile high density storage shelves in the Benares Visitor Centre. The grant requirement was that the receiving organization match funding and we were able to do so thanks in part to Community Services, Parks and Recreation, and the Friends of the Museums. Getting compact storage is the first step in improving our storage capacity. The shelving, purchased from Space Savers Ltd., allowed us to expand by up to 85% which means that vulnerable items in storage areas that are less desirable are now able to be properly stored. The funding allowed us to hire two part time staff, Alexandra Benedikt and Lindsay Doren, to work over 200 extra hours each. Along with existing collections staff and our co-op student, Samantha Roswell, we have done a complete inventory of all artifacts in Benares storage as well as updating the database records and taking images of these artifacts. Supplies purchased with the grant also enabled us to re-house the collection so that nearly all artifacts are stored in acid free boxes with acid free tissue or other museological supplies as recommended.



Alexandra Benedikt and Lindsay Doren help to move the artifact collection onto new compact storage at Benares.

The ultimate goal of the Museums, in regards to our collections, is to have a purpose-built collections storage facility. CASS (Collections and Storage Sub-Committee) was formed a few years ago to address our lack of proper storage space. Through this group's initiative we have raised awareness of our growing problem and we will have a feasibility study completed towards this goal by the end of this year. We hope to have the new facility built and running by the end of 2012.

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Friends Update

Fred Durdan, Chair, Friends of the Museums

Yesterday was April Fools day and now I am being fooled into thinking that it is mid-summer though we haven't yet completed our spring season. This is the busiest time of the year for the Friends. I will quickly review some of our recent activities and detail some of our upcoming events.

The Starlight and Candlelight Gala was again a tremendous success. This major fund raiser of the Friends was chaired by Joyce Delves, who with her committee ensured that every detail was in place. Michael's Back Door again provided the catering and Joseph Estate Wines in Niagara-on-the-Lake provided the wine for the reception. Through the valued contributions of local merchants, the silent auction was very successful; I would urge you to review the list of silent auction donors and to let them know how much we as Museum supporters appreciate their contributions.

Many of the Friends participated in Maple Magic, reported on elsewhere, and we appreciate the volunteers and others who participated in this event, either flipping pancakes or by the fire pit.

April brought our Annual General Meeting where our speaker, Miriam Harris of Sir Sandford Fleming College spoke about 'Keeping Artifacts Safe'. Over the last three years, the Friends have contributed \$30,000 to the preservation and restoration of artifacts at both Benares Historic House and Bradley Museum.

Friday June 4 kicks off the 'On the Verandah' music series on the front porch of Benares Historic House. This summer series of evening music concerts is a great place for a picnic dinner and an opportunity for parents to rest, while the kids are exploring the grounds of Benares.

Sunday June 6 is the annual Gallery in the Garden at Benares Historic House, where local artists and artisans display and demonstrate their crafts. The strawberry shortcake is always a hit and a good reason for an early arrival.

The Driftwood Theatre group will return to Bradley Museum on the evenings of July 16 and 17 for a performance of Shakespeare's comedy 'Twelfth Night'.

This season has something for everyone. So check out the Museums website (www.museumsofmississauga.com) and participate.

Museum Hours

Guided Tours for Drop-In Visitors

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

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Collections & Exhibits

Mary Fix – First Lady of Toronto Township

By Tracy Oliveira, Collections Assistant

In the winter of 2009 the Museums of Mississauga were contacted with regards to some artifacts and archival items that belonged to former Reeve Mary Fix. These were saved by Christine Cumberland whose grandparents were close friends to Mary and her husband Albert. The collection included a wooden gavel and commemorative plate as well as files of notes, letters, photographs and newspaper clippings highlighting Mary's unique municipal career and her involvement with the Bradley Museum.

Mary Fix was a very influential figure in Toronto Township and helped shape how Mississauga is today. After her husband Albert's passing in 1945 Mary became interested in local politics; especially when it came to concerns over raising taxes and providing adequate services to new housing developments in the Township.

In 1953 she successfully ran and won the position of Deputy-Reeve becoming Toronto Township's first female politician. Later she became Reeve for another couple of terms and in 1959 became Warden for Peel County.

One of the most interesting items within this archival collection is a rough draft of her memoirs that she personally wrote, in which she recount various tales of her involvement with politics. This memoir is divided into various chapters such as 'So You Think You'd Like to Go into Politics', 'The Unphotogenic Hat' and 'Social Doings and Stomach Trouble'. In one chapter, entitled, '1954 - Industrial Promotion or Great Oaks From Little Acorns Grow', she narrates her involvement with establishing the Dixie Industrial Area which started the 'Industrial Boom' in the Township. Mary felt that in order to provide better sewer and road maintenance service to local residents and to offset rising taxes, industrial development needed to be promoted. With much opposition from Reeve Anthony Adamson, Mary and Industrial Commissioner, William Courtney successfully set out a plan to purchase land from the Standfield family in Dixie and promoted the Township at the Canadian National Exhibition during an Industrial Show.

Mary goes on to write: *"To make the Dixie Industrial Area short and sweet, I may say that in the balance of 1954 and the year 1955, which was my first as Reeve, we sold seven hundred and fifty acres of Industrial land. At present, the roster of names of our Dixie Companies reads like the "Who's Who" of Industry.... By the time I went out of office in 1959, our Industrial Assessment and Commercial Assessment constituted a forty-seven percent fraction of our total assessment, so we had come up on our own boot-straps"*.

Mary also kept her notes and letters with regards to the water agreement between the Toronto Township and A.V. Roe in Malton; a more challenging time in her career when she had to deal with ongoing conflict between herself and Anthony



Mary Fix

Adamson. There are also a handful of photographs documenting the early history of the Bradley Museum as she was a founding member of the Toronto Township Historical Foundation. She kept her appointment diaries throughout the years in which she makes several notes on various meetings and events with the Historical Foundation as well as the Toronto Township Library Board. We even have a copy of her passport from the 1920s as well as her Mississauga Transit bus pass and library card from her later years.

These photographs, letters, files and diaries provided interesting insight to Mary Fix and highlight the personal and political struggles she endured. She was truly the first lady of Toronto Township.

To access other information about Mary Fix please visit the Peel Heritage Complex, Canadiana Room at the Central Library and Heritage Mississauga.

Dream Things and Ask, "Why Not"?

By Joe Zammit, Chair, Collections & Storage Sub-Committee (Cass)

Some see things and ask, "Why?" I choose to dream things and ask, "Why Not?" A fitting quote to encapsulate all that has been happening for the development of our Museum sites in the past three years. Many committed volunteers, members of the advisory council, sub-committees and local citizen groups have been working in earnest and in unison to forward the development of the Museums of Mississauga.

"Why Not", indeed! The realization of all of our dreams seems to grow closer and closer each and every day. We can see it in the developments of increased storage space in our Museum sites. We can witness the construction of our third Museum site based at the Leslie Log House on Mississauga Road. And we know that the culmination of our dream will be manifest in a new Collections and Storage Facility that is now in the feasibility study stage.

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Dream Things and Ask, “Why Not”?

(continued from page 3) Leslie Log House will not only honour the city with its third Museum site but it will also act as the repository for the Streetsville Historical Society’s own collection and archives.

A wonderful pastoral property known as the Pinchin Farm will undergo transformation this summer into a place where citizens and visitors can be reminded of the origins of our municipality and the importance of our agricultural heritage and early land use.

Dreaming and asking, “Why Not?” has led us to the preliminary stages of consideration of a site for a Collections and Storage Facility. Much required by our growing space requirements, we follow in the long shadow of regions and municipalities such as Waterloo and Markham. The City of Mississauga will join our neighbours to the west and north by constructing a facility that will solve our space allocation dilemmas and preserve important aspects of our history. “We have ten-thousand years of history to protect” has been our guiding principle, as we have dreamed the dreams that are quickly coming to fruition.

But our work is far from complete. We require the collective dreams of our staff, volunteers and yes, you the citizens who read publications such as this in order to collectively motivate and support our municipal leaders in the preservation and enhancement of appreciation for our local history. These dreams will serve us well and are necessary for us all to advance and move forward on the many initiatives that lay on the long road ahead. All to be done in the name of those who love and support the Museums of Mississauga. While dreams are usually attributed to our nocturnal and sleep-like state, we are doing everything but sleeping these days in anticipation of all the good that will come to our city in the next few months and years.

Dreams will serve us all well. Born of the hearts and minds of the many individuals who take time, donate their money, make an effort, take an interest and yes, love the rich and diverse history we honour and embody, and that we are determined to ensure will endure for many generations to come.

Upcoming Exhibits

By Stephanie Meeuwse,
Collections & Exhibit Coordinator



John McCrae c. 1914

The Museums of Mississauga have borrowed Remembering John McCrae 1872-1915 from the Guelph Museums from March 15th to June 1st. This exhibit will be on display in the newly renovated summer kitchen of Benares Historic House. John McCrae is the author of “In Flanders Fields”, a poem that came to symbolize the sacrifice of WWI. The popularity of his poem also led to the poppy becoming the symbol

of remembrance of those who died in war for Britain, France, Canada and the United States. McCrae was born in Guelph in 1872; his home still stands as part of the Guelph Museums. This display explores McCrae’s life as a soldier, doctor and poet/artist as well as the lasting legacy of his work.

Port Credit 175 will be one of many activities and events happening this summer to celebrate this milestone anniversary. The exhibit will run from July 1st until December 30th at the Bradley Museum. It will feature items from our collection related to Port Credit including artifacts from St. Lawrence Starch Works, Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church and local families such as Naish and Maybee.

At Benares Historic House Visitor Centre an exhibit entitled *For the Birds* will feature the work of local ornithologists Roy Ivor and Bernice Inman. Roy Ivor’s life work was the study of birds. He founded Winding Lane Bird Sanctuary at his home on

Mississauga Road. In his later years, he was assisted by friend and fellow bird enthusiast Bernice Inman. Bernice continued to run the sanctuary up until her death in 2009. The property has recently been sold and a large collection of their belongings has been donated to the Museums for future generations to enjoy. This display will be on view from May 1st until August 15th.

Museums Create New Exhibitions at the Civic Centre

As part of an initiative from the Space Planning and Accommodation Committee, Museums of Mississauga staff (with help from FPM) installed framed historic images in the public spaces and boardrooms in the Councillors’ and Mayor’s office area. The images were selected to represent all wards as well as a cross-section of themes and eras. They come from originals in the Museums of Mississauga, Mississauga Library System, Heritage Mississauga, and Streetsville Historical Society collections.

The project also included the refurbishment of the built-in exhibit cases at the entrance from the Great Hall to the Council Chamber escalator; this work has been completed with the first exhibit featuring highlights of recent artifact donations to the Museums. As well, two new display cases have been placed in the Council Reception area which will also feature changing exhibits.

We welcome this opportunity to share a representation of Mississauga’s rich heritage with visitors to the Civic Centre.



Collections staff and Bob Marsh hung 25 images of historic Mississauga on January 25th in the Council Reception and offices area.

The Museums in Film

By Stephanie Meeuwse, Collections & Exhibit Coordinator



Mazo de la Roche

The Museums have always been a popular place for filming. We recently had a small independent film production called the *A Friend of the Devil* shot at the Bradley Museum Log Cabin. Recent graduate, Conall Pendergast wrote and directed this short film which is a comic retelling of Canadian folktales of the 18th and 19th centuries. The producer, Carl Elster is also a recent graduate who has worked on many other short films. They hope to enter their work into film festivals and to eventually license it to television.

The *Mystery of Mazo de la Roche* is a feature-length documentary being produced by Red Queen Productions Inc. for Bravo TV. The producers, Maya Gallus and Justine Pimlott, already filmed the unveiling of the Parks Canada Mazo de la Roche plaque at Benares in April 2008, and plan to return to Benares again this summer. As they write in their film synopsis:

“The *Mystery of Mazo de la Roche* will explore the many ‘myths’ and ‘truths’ about the author’s life, raising questions about perspective and point of view in a biography, and giving contemporary relevance to her life and work by reframing then in a bold, new way.

Structurally, this film will be told in vignettes, with titled chapters, a la 32 Short Films About Glenn Gould. Each vignette will provide a piece of the puzzle, establishing a particular perspective or point of view. As the film progresses, we will peel back yet another onion skin in the unfolding larger story to reveal layer upon layer of ‘truths’ from different perspectives.”

Maya Gallus is an award-winning filmmaker, most recently honoured with a 2008 Gemini Award for Best Direction in a Documentary film for her work *Girl Inside*, and nominated for the prestigious Donald Brittain Award for best social political documentary.

Mazo was one of the most successful Canadian writers of the 20th century with over 11 million copies of her books sold world wide. The Museums have always been proud of the connection with Benares Historic House and Mazo de la Roche so we are pleased to be a part of this initiative.

In other filming news, the *Welcome to Benares* DVD is finally complete and will be launched during “May is Museums Month”. Produced by VCR Active, the DVD features a 13 minutes introduction to Benares that will be shown to all visitors to the historic house. It has been translated into

French, with sub-titles in Chinese (Cantonese & Mandarin), Urdu, Polish and Japanese. Visitors who have mobility issues and are unable to go upstairs or downstairs in the house will be able to enjoy a “video tour” hosted by Historic Interpreter Sonia Basu.

The production of the *Welcome to Benares* DVD and the upgrading of the Summer Kitchen to be a welcoming place to view it, has been funded by the Benares Endowment Fund, with additional support by the Friends of the Museums.



Dora Sayers

The DVD, which will also feature the Benares Virtual Tour with Barbara Sayers Larson and Geoffrey Harris Sayers as well as five thematic “extras” such as “Dora Sayers: Benares Own Star” and “The Mazo Connection”, will be distributed to schools and libraries in Mississauga, and will also be available in the Museum gift shop.

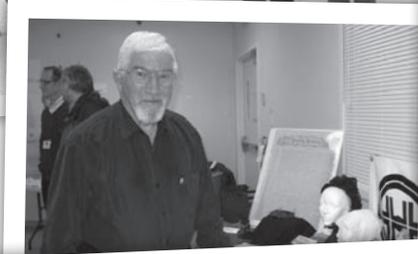
Thanks to Carmen Ford, the Film Liaison for the City of Mississauga. She provides a lot of guidance and insight that help these film productions to run smoothly with as little impact on the Museums as possible.

Winter & Spring in review

Members of CASS (Collections & Storage Sub-Committee) visited the Markham Museum in January to get ideas for our future collections storage facility.



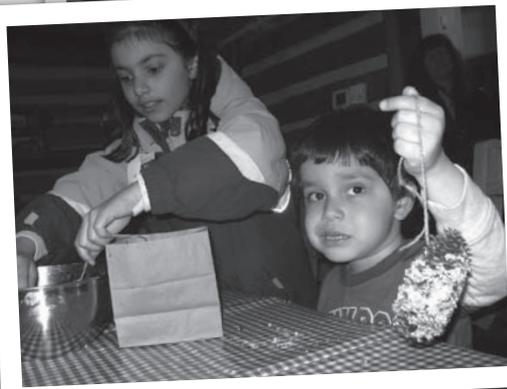
Jenny Dale, Fran and Carol Goddu enjoyed another great dinner from Michael's Back Door at the Starlight and Candlelight Gala on February 19.



Long-time resident of Streetsville, Bill Evans was one of over 60 people in attendance at the Leslie Log House Information Session held February 11.



Amie Totlon (middle) with a few of her student artists at the opening of D-constructed on January 21.



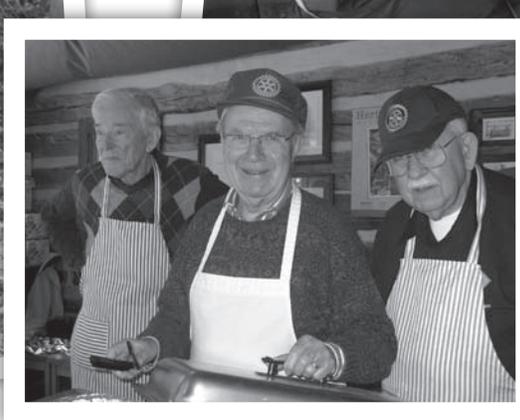
Naren & Anjali Covill were two of 280 people that attended Family Day on February 15.



Lauren & Sarah Brenzavich 'letter boxing' at Family Day.



Johnny Palferro loved maple popcorn and learning about wood carving at Maple Magic.



Rotary Members; Allan Pleasance, Jim Rae and Bob Reedy helped support Maple Magic with their pancake cooking skills.

11th Annual Starlight & Candlelight Gala

Many thanks to the generosity of community-minded people and businesses in supporting the 11th 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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Museums of Mississauga

Kelly's Korner

A Big Thank You!

By Kelly Kubik,
Community Programs Supervisor



Kristy Elik and Mary Anne Stokke at Gala

The year has started off like a rocket; beginning with the 11th Annual Starlight & Candlelight Gala. This event is run by the Friends of the Museums each year. The 2010 Gala Committee was chaired by Joyce Delves with

the dedicated support of: Barb Smith, Alice Fahey, Jenny Dale, Anne Fabierkiewicz, Mary Anne Stokke, Fred Durdan and all the Friends of the Museums. A special thank you goes to Kristy Elik for donating her time and expertise to offer each guest a memory photo of the evening, taken in the Log Cabin. The event was a huge success and I know personally the staff enjoys donating their time for the evening as much as the guests enjoy theirs.

We have survived another year of Maple Magic! A huge thank you goes out to the over 120 volunteers who helped during the week long event and completed 650 over hours. Without the dedication of our Friends of the Museums and also our high school students the Museums could not offer such great events.

This year we had record warm temperatures some days and cold rainy windy weather other days; that is March in Canada. Despite the fluctuating conditions, over 3500 people enjoyed the event. New this year we offered Corporate and Community

Groups the opportunity to support the event through sponsorships and also donating their time in our pancake area. Thank you to Holcim for sponsoring the Horse and Wagon and also your support on Holcim Day at the Museums. I hope the Holcim staff enjoyed their time flipping pancakes - they sounded like they were having a blast. Also thank you to The Friends of the Museums volunteers who assisted throughout the week and also on 'Friends of the Museums Day', and Rotary Club of South Mississauga for their expert flipping and mixing. A new sponsor this year was Tutor Doctor; they sponsored the Sno Cone machine which gave us the opportunity to offer free Maple Sno Cones to the people at the event. On some days during the week this was the most popular area. We are grateful for all who support the Museums and what we do at our events.



Jennifer, Robert, Joey and Samantha are just a few of the high school volunteers who helped to make Maple Magic a success.

Maple Magic is a great time to catch up with long time annual supporters/volunteers like Bob Gemmill (aka - Maple Bob) who donates his time each year before the event tapping our trees, and also during Maple Magic manning the main fire. And also to Fred Durdan and

John Pegram who braved the elements to ensure that the main fire was going strong throughout the weekend hours and our crazy weather. To Edna and Mavis who come in historic costume to interpret the house and the Bradley family, thank you so much.

Thank you to all our volunteers; long time and newer supporters of the Museums. I hope you realize how much I personally appreciate your help.

Upcoming Events

Spring is in the air and we currently have our thinking caps on for the summer events coming to the Museums this summer.

We start off the summer with the **Gallery in the Garden** event organized by the Friends of the Museums. This is an annual event to celebrate local artists, and also to commemorate that Clarkson was once the Strawberry capital of Canada. Come enjoy a relaxing afternoon on Sunday June 6, at Benares Historic House.

The Museums of Mississauga will be involved throughout the year celebrating **Port Credit's 175 Birthday** so please keep an eye out for us and drop by to say Hi. Check out the website of all the exciting events in Port Credit this year at www.portcredit175.ca.

June, July and August the Friends of the Museums are again hosting '**On the Verandah**' at Benares each Friday night starting at 7:30 pm. Please try to join us this summer to support the Friends of the Museums and local musicians and singers.

July is a busy month, starting with **Tedfest - BMW Car show** at Benares Historic house on Saturday July 3 from 11 am to - 4 pm. Come out to see the over 75 BMW owners from around North

America who come to Benares each year to show their beloved 'beemers' old and new.

Driftwood Theatre comes to the Bradley Museum on July 16 and 17 starting at 7:30 pm each night; admission is pay-what-you-can. This show is always an outstanding evening with professional performers in an extraordinary location.

And we end off the month of July with the annual **Teddy Bear Picnic** at Benares Historic House on Sunday July 25. This ever popular event is from 12 pm - 4 pm and we are again partnering with The Credit Valley Hospital and their nurses to ensure that each Teddy gets a proper check up when they come on the site.

There's lots going on during the summer at both the Museums sites. Please drop by anytime to check out the beautiful gardens which are taken care of by: Friends of the Museums, garden volunteers, and City of Mississauga Parks staff. For guided tours, our summer public hours are Wednesday through Sunday 1 pm to 5 pm.

From the Heritage Mississauga Resource Centre at The Grange

By Matthew Wilkinson

2010 continues to be busy in both the Resource Centre and the Discovery Centre. Our inquiries have continued on a wide array of subjects, ranging from early settling families in North Mississauga, to the origins of the surveys of Port Credit; and from the search for an old family home (which still stands) to the search for the history of a heritage house currently for sale. Our outreach programs also continue to keep us busy, with multiple presentations ranging from retirement homes and clubs to corporate meetings.

At the moment, we are undertaking a reorganization of our Heritage Resource Library as we attempt to find more room for our resources while keeping the library easy to use and accessible: a special thank you to Evelyn Dodds for graciously volunteering her time and effort to help us in this endeavor.

Looking ahead to the summer, we are hoping, once again, to have several summer student research programs underway, but as of the time of writing we are still awaiting confirmation on funding. We have tentative plans to undertake several property research projects; a research project documenting past Reeves of Mississauga (and Toronto Township) and creating personal profiles; and an oral history interviewer, amongst other projects. On that note, if anyone can help us, we are looking for information regarding Mississauga's historical Chain of Office.

Mayor McCallion wears a Chain of Office that was unveiled with the opening of the Civic Centre, replacing the Chain of Office that her predecessors, Ron Searle and Dr. Martin Dobkin, wore. That Chain of Office is now with the Museums of Mississauga. However, from what we can discern from photographs, the Chain of Office worn by Dr. Dobkin, who was the first Mayor of the City of Mississauga, is different from the Chain of Office worn by Robert Speck and "Chic" Murray, who served as Mayors of the Town of Mississauga. The Chain for the Town appears to be the same Chain worn by the Reeves of the Township, and we are curious to learn what happened to this Chain of Office. Also, if anyone has information or portraits of any of the past Reeves of Toronto Township, from 1851 to 1965, we would welcome an opportunity to connect with you.



In regards to the Debbie Hatch Discovery Centre and exhibit gallery at The Grange, we have opened our doors (and walls) to two very successful and vibrant art exhibits so far in 2010, and we look forward to three more. May will see a return of art students from Erindale Secondary School with "Events That Shaped Mississauga" and in June and

July will feature an exhibit from a Mississauga group of artists, Artists Looking for Empty Walls. See our website or visit us on Facebook for more details on dates and openings.

Finally, speaking of Facebook, in addition to our newly redesigned and re-launched website, you can now find Heritage Mississauga on Facebook: become a fan and keep in touch with the heritage happenings and events in Mississauga, and visit us as we celebrate Heritage Mississauga's 50th Anniversary throughout 2010!



Gemma, Annemarie and Alice

The 14th annual Heritage Mississauga Awards were held in Port Credit on February 18th at the Port Credit Legion. Museums Manager, Annemarie Hagan was given a special recognition award. She is pictured here with her proud daughters, Alice and Gemma. Annemarie also helped present Elaine Eigl with the first Betty Ross Memorial Award. The Betty Ross Memorial Award is presented in partnership between the

Museums of Mississauga and Heritage Mississauga. It is a special award as it celebrates the life of Betty Ross, a long time volunteer of both organizations. Her brother and his family were on hand to present this award.



From right to left, Jayme Gaspar, Elaine Eigl, Annemarie Hagan, Cassidy and Sandra Halford and David and Barbara Ross.

Are you looking for something fun to try as a family-friendly outdoor activity? As part of your admission to Bradley Museum try GEOCACHING - a Treasure Hunt for all ages using a handheld GPS receiver to find hidden 'caches' on site. There are 3 routes - Easy/Accessible, Medium and Difficult.

Each route will take you around the site locating 5 clues and will take about 30 minutes. For additional information about this popular worldwide pastime, how to get started and where caches are hidden in your own neighbourhood visit www.geocaching.com.



Up Coming Programs at the Museums

Fiona Ryder, Education Programs Supervisor

We're offering a number of exciting pre-registered programs this spring and summer!

Coming back to Bradley Museum is Afternoon Tea! We have packaged a tasty afternoon tea with a tour of Bradley Museum. Participants are invited to step back in time to enjoy an engaging tour of historic Bradley House and grounds, and visit the changing exhibit gallery. Following the tour we'll sit down for scones, sweets and tea.

Afternoon Tea will be initially offered on a monthly basis. Dates and course codes through the end of the summer are:

May 16	505823
June 20	505825
July 18	505826
August 22	505828

New this year is an Old Fashioned Spa program. With the move to more natural lotions and potions, the Museums are offering participants a chance to explore how our ancestors created their own concoctions. Participants are invited to make a body lotion, body scrub and a lip balm adapted from 19th Century recipes. We'll be drawing from simple and easy to find natural ingredients. Light refreshments will also be served. Supplies can be purchased from the instructor at an additional cost of \$15.00.

Dates and course codes are:

May 9	494445
June 10	494446

We are also holding our annual Mother and Daughter Tea sessions again this year. This program can be found under the title: Workshop Mother and Daughter Tea.

Mothers and Daughters of all ages will enjoy a May afternoon creating a lovely spring basket and a tea. For this program only one of the mother/daughter set needs to register. Supplies can be purchased from the instructor for an approximate cost of \$35.00.

May 1	474998
May 8	474999

At the end of June we'll be hosting our Cooking Sweets and Sours for the Pantry Program. During this program, you can discover what early settlers grew and how they preserved their produce as "sweets" – jams and jellies, and "sours" – pickles and savouries. Participants can make one of each type from locally grown seasonal fruits and vegetables. Materials can be purchased from the instructor at an approximate cost of \$10.00.

June 27	474997
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Camps

This summer we'll be offering our popular summer camp at Bradley Museum: the Hands-on History Day Camp. This camp is a week long camp for children age 7 to 12 years. Sessions run throughout the summer starting on July 12. Participants are encouraged to learn about history in an interactive, fun way through theme days, crafts, activities, historic cooking, First Nations lore and a hike to the nearby Rattray Marsh. In addition, we offer extended hours with this program - you can drop your child off as early as 7:30 am or pick up as late as 6:00 pm.

Home base for the Hands-on History Camp is the rustic Bradley Museum barn. The camp also makes use of the 3 acre Museum grounds. Outside, the children are involved with playing historic active games as well as helping out with the heritage gardens. Almost daily visits to the restored Bradley House encourage the campers to become immersed in 1830's life through historic hand-skills and cooking experiences.

A hike through the nearby Rattray Marsh is the highlight of the week as campers get an idea of what the land may have been like when the first settlers arrived in this area, and learn about the plants and animals that are native to this area. Another highlight is a day spent at Benares Historic House.

Hands on History Day Camp

July 12	475002
July 19	475003
July 26	475004
August 3	475005
August 9	475006
August 16	475007
August 23	475008
August 30	475009

Hands on History Day Camp with extended Hours

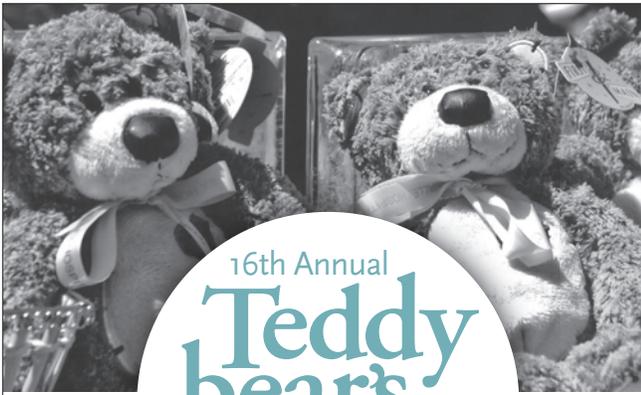
July 12	475011
July 19	475012
July 26	475013
August 3	475014
August 9	475015
August 16	475016
August 23	475017
August 30	475018

Also at Bradley Museum is a half day Discovery Camp for younger participants (5 to 8 years). This recreation themed camp is run by Clarkson Community Centre. This camp explores nature through the use of arts, crafts, discovery activities and games.

July 12	475169
July 19	475170
July 26	475171
August 9	475168
August 16	475167

You can register for these programs:

- Online at www.connect2rec.ca
- By touchtone registration at 905-615-4000 or
- In person at any Community Centre or Customer Service Centre, Ground floor, Central Library.

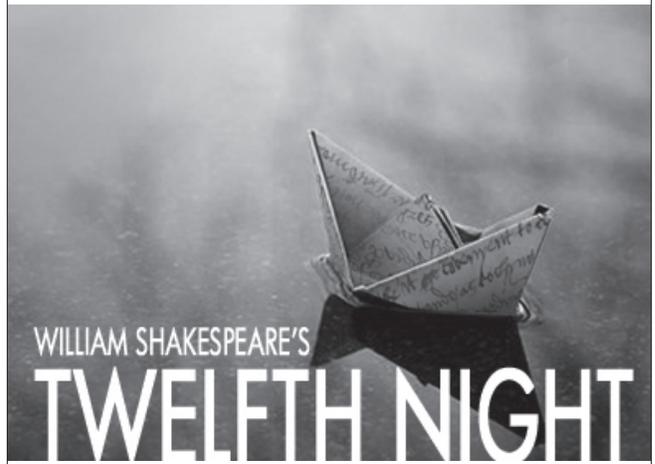


16th Annual Teddy bear's picnic

Sunday, July 25, 12 to 4 pm
at Benares Historic House
Just \$13.40(+tax) per family

- Join us for: Credit Valley Hospital Teddy Bear Clinic • Crafts & games • Entertainment
• Refreshments on site • Tours of the House
• Teddy Parade • and much more...

DRIFTWOOD THEATRE PRESENTS



WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S TWELFTH NIGHT

SHAKESPEARE UNDER THE STARS
AT BRADLEY MUSEUM

JULY 16 & 17, 7:30 PM

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On the Verandah Concerts at Benares Historic House

Hosted by the Friends of the Museums

Friday Nights, June, July & August
PWYC – Admission, 7:30pm to 8:30pm,
rain or shine

Bring a lawn chair and insect repellent.
Light refreshments available for purchase.

For a complete list of performers please
see the Calendar of Events in this newsletter
(back page) or visit us on our web site.



4th Annual Gallery in the Garden & Strawberry Fair

Hosted by the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga

June 6, 11am to 4pm,
Benares Historic House
Free Admission

- Join us for:** art sale • student art show
• strawberry shortcake • tours of Benares
• musical entertainment • and much more...

What's Happening at the Museums of Mississauga!

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

MAY

Heritage Four Mississauga Lecture Series
Kathleen Hicks, In Celebration of Port Credit's 175th Anniversary
May 19, 7pm, Free, First United Church, Peter Jones Room,
151 Lakeshore Road West, www.mississauga.ca/heritagefour

Heritage Mississauga AGM - May 26, 7pm, Free
Info: www.heritagemississauga.com or 905-828-8411

For the Birds: Roy Ivor and Bernice Inman Exhibition
May 10 to August 30, Benares Historic House

175th Anniversary Walking Tours of Historic Port Credit
May 29, 2pm, Free, Meet in front of Impressionable Gifts
at 74 Lakeshore Road East, www.portcredit175.ca

JUNE

On the Verandah Concert at Benares
June 4, 7:30pm (Playford Players), PWYC - Admission

Gallery in the Garden & Strawberry Fair
June 6, 11am to 4pm, Benares, Free Admission

On the Verandah Concert at Benares
June 11, 7:30pm (Cassandra Sommers), PWYC - Admission

On the Verandah Concert at Benares
June 18, 7:30pm (Ablett & Cooper), PWYC - Admission

On the Verandah Concert at Benares
June 25, 7:30pm (Carlos Bastidas), PWYC - Admission

175th Anniversary Walking Tours of Historic Port Credit
June 26, 2pm, Free, Meet in front of Impressionable Gifts
at 74 Lakeshore Road East, www.portcredit175.ca

JULY

Port Credit Canada Day Celebration
July 1, www.portcredit175.ca

Port Credit 175 Exhibition at Bradley Museum – July 1 to Dec. 30

On the Verandah Concert at Benares
July 2, 7:30pm (Periwinkle Rose), PWYC - Admission

On the Verandah Concert at Benares
July 9, 7:30pm (Moiria Nelson), PWYC - Admission

Driftwood Presents "Shakespeare under the Stars"
Shakespeare's comedy, *Twelfth Night*, July 16 & 17, 7:30pm,
Bradley Museum, PWYC - Admission, www.driftwoodtheatre.com

Maanjidowin Native Pow Wow and Metis Rendezvous
July 17 & 18, Saddington Park, Port Credit, www.portcredit175.ca
or www.heritagemississauga.com 905-828-8411

On the Verandah Concert at Benares – July 23, 7:30pm
(Players from Village Music Festival), PWYC - Admission

16th Annual Teddy Bear's Picnic – July 25, 12pm to 4pm,
Benares Museum Admission: \$13.40 (+tax) per family

On the Verandah Concert at Benares
July 30, 7:30pm (Subhadra Vijaykumar), PWYC – Admission

175th Anniversary Walking Tours of Historic Port Credit
July 31, 2pm, Free, Meet in front of Impressionable Gifts
at 74 Lakeshore Road East, www.portcredit175.ca

AUGUST

On the Verandah Concert at Benares
August 6, 7:30pm (Performance TBA), PWYC - Admission

On the Verandah Concert at Benares
August 13, 7:30pm (Sandi Marie Porter & Guy Breau), PWYC - Admission

On the Verandah Concert at Benares
August 20, 7:30pm (Age of Reason), PWYC - Admission

On the Verandah Concert at Benares
August 27, 7:30pm (Performance TBA), PWYC – Admission

2nd Annual Grangestock: Art & Music Festival
August 28, 11am to 5pm
Info: www.heritagemississauga.com or 905-828-8411

175th Anniversary Walking Tours of Historic Port Credit
August 28, 2pm, Free, Meet in front of Impressionable Gifts
at 74 Lakeshore Road East, www.portcredit175.ca

Boat Show – August 27 & 29, www.portcredit175.ca

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