

Announcing:

**the inaugural edition of E-News -
the brand new electronic newsletter of
Friends of the Museums of Mississauga!**

This new venture is an exciting time for all of us. The Friends Board of Directors has been considering how best to keep in touch with all our members and sponsors for quite some time. A number of media were considered – most of which were either cost or technology prohibitive for us! An electronic magazine seems to fit the bill. It will allow us to publish items quickly, thereby ensuring that the news is actually new. The costs are minimal, in most cases just our volunteer time, thereby avoiding additional overhead expenses, and ensuring funds are directed to enhancing Museums collections, programming and events.

Your comments and suggestions for improvements are most welcome. We also solicit your ideas for information you would like to receive, and your news items for inclusion in future issues. In the meantime, welcome to Volume 1 of E-News!

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CALENDAR

Family Day **Mon, Feb. 17**
1 to 5 p.m.
Bradley Museum, Benares Historic House & Leslie Log House
Activities for children and parents at all locations. For details see www.mississauga.ca/portal/discover/museumactivities.

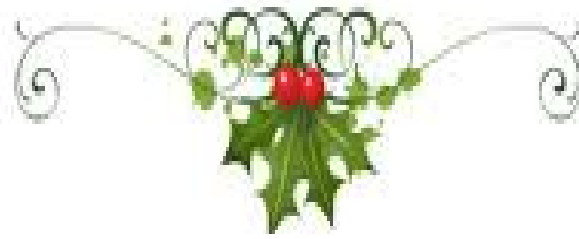
Starlight & Candlelight Gala **Fri, Feb. 21**
SOLD OUT!
To donate items for the Silent Auction contact Lindsay Doren at 905-615-4860.

Friends Board of Directors Meeting **Mon, Mar. 3**
5:45 p.m. at The Anchorage

Maple Magic **Mar 8 to 16**
Weekdays 12 to 4 p.m.
Weekends 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Bradley Museum
For details see www.mississauga.ca/portal/discover/museumactivities.

MOMAC Meeting **Mon, Mar. 17**
6:00 p.m. at Benares Historic House, Visitors Centre

Friends Board of Directors Meeting **Mon, Apr. 7**
5:45 p.m. at The Anchorage



Annual Sponsors Reception and Christmas Party

Wednesday, November 27, 2013 - The Anchorage at Bradley Museum

A Holiday Reception featuring wines from Prince Edward County along with dainties from local bakeries was enjoyed by Friends, Staff and Sponsors. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to our 2013 Sponsors and four Leading Sponsors in recognition of their generous contributions in support of Friends fundraising activities and Museums events, programming and exhibits.

Alice Fahey - State Farm Insurance for Gallery in the Garden

Brenda Kee for the Avro Arrow/ Orenda Engines Exhibit at Doors Open Mississauga

Dr. Tyler Kong for Teddy Bear Picnic

Evergreen Retirement Community for On the Verandah

Fran Goddu for Mazo de la Roche Diary

Holcim (Canada) Inc. for Starlight & Candlelight Gala, Maple Magic, Teddy Bear Picnic, Historic Hallowe'en, and Home for the Holidays, plus Leading Sponsor 2006 to 2013

La Villa Fine Foods & Bakery for Teddy Bear Picnic and Historic Hallowe'en

Meridian Credit Union for Starlight & Candlelight Gala, Teddy Bear Picnic and Home for the Holidays

Michael-Angelo's for Gallery in the Garden 2007 to 2013 and Christmas season events.

Michael's Back Door Restaurant for Leading Sponsor of Starlight & Candlelight Gala 2000 to 2013

Mississauga Community Foundation, Pendle Fund for Maple Magic

Port Credit Foundation for Maple Magic, Teddy Bear Picnic, Fall Fair, Historic Hallowe'en, and Home for the Holidays, plus Leading Sponsor 2011 to 2013

Starbucks Clarkson Corners for Gallery in the Garden

Suncor Energy for Leading Sponsor of Education Programming 2011 to 2013



Becky Ryder with Grace Pastore from Evergreen Retirement Community



Fred Durdan, Barb Smith (Holcim), Becky Ryder and Marius Seglias (Holcim)



Gord Pinard and Corinn Smith (Suncor) with Becky Ryder and Wendy Davies



Fred Durdan and Becky Ryder with Don McVie (Port Credit Community Foundation)



A big THANK YOU! to Michael-Angelo's Erin Mills Parkway location for the generous donation of four beautiful poinsettia plants for the Christmas season. These floral displays added such a lovely aspect to our events beginning with the Friends sponsor recognition reception on November 27, Photos with Santa on November 30 and December 1, Home for the Holidays on December 8, and right through the Christmas teas on Sundays in December.

PHOTOS with SANTA
at the Log Cabin at
Bradley Museum



Museums of Mississauga Artifact Collection, Greeting Card, 1910

Pet Day
 12 to 4 pm
 Saturday, November 30th

Family Day
 12 to 4 pm
 Sunday, December 1st



Museums Staff favourite of the dogs that came on Saturday.



Volunteers favourite kitty in her white mittens!

Special Thanks to all of you who made this event so much fun, and successful too!

Mississauga Animal Services

Linda, Katie, Andrew, Tracy, Lloyd

Museums Staff

Kelly, Rob, Meaghan

Photographers

Maria, Craig

Santa

Dennis

Volunteers

Becky, Jenny, Wendy, Mira, Don, Josh, Lara, Samantha

Photos with Santa by the Numbers

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| Pets Photos | 89 |
| Families Photos | 70 |
| Volunteers Hours | 35 |
| Total Attendance | 547 |
| Total Revenue | \$2,238.00 |

This Dad and Mom brought their family of Elves to pose with Santa at the Log Cabin.



Home for the Holidays

Home for the Holidays 2013 was a great success. At Leslie Log House visitors enjoyed a scavenger hunt organized by the Streetsville Historical Society. At the Bradley Museum visitors learned about how the pioneers celebrated Christmas while completing crafts, touring the house and tasting a sweet Christmas treat. Visitors at Bradley also enjoyed a traditional Slovakian Christmas in the Log Cabin

courtesy of the Slovak Museum. Also available at Bradley was the chance to warm up and relax at the Christmas Tea Room in the festive Anchorage. At Benares Historic House visitors got a chance to chat with Santa, take a Horse and Carriage ride and learn about how the Edwardians celebrated Christmas with crafts, tours of the house and the sampling of some traditional British Christmas favourites. Great fun was had by all the 477 visitors who stopped by and by the staff and volunteers who worked at the event.

Lindsay Doren

Lead Historic Interpreter

A new opportunity to get involved and make a difference!

Friends Committees 2014

At the March Board of Directors meeting four working committees will be initiated to conduct a review, develop recommendations for improvements, and initiate their implementation for:

- Communications/ Membership (traditional, E-News and social media),
- Governance (constitution and bylaws),
- Processes and Procedures, and
- Sponsorship.

These Committees will each consist of at least two Directors, and any Members at large who are willing to assist. Your participation will help to ensure that these important areas are effective going forward. Please email becky.ryder@sympatico.ca to confirm your areas of interest. Many thanks for your support to this important behind-the-scenes work of Friends!



It is with great disappointment we announce that we have decided to discontinue the Gallery in the Garden. This was a fun event that we hosted on the lawns of Benares Historic House for the past seven years. Unfortunately due to several years of inclement weather and a declining interest by the participants we shall no longer be holding this event. Originally when we first enquired through the Mississauga Arts Council and Visual Arts there was great interest in a

place for local artists and artisans to show and sell their work, however over the years there seem to be many more art shows with which to compete.

I want to thank my faithful volunteers: Sheila Northover, Diane Guille-Stevens, Anne Quinn, Marcia Bird and Diane Timperly who came out year after year and made the strawberry shortcake. In addition I would like to thank the many Friends of the Museums Board of Directors members who got up early to help pitch tents and assist with the cash and serving food. Another very special thank you to Kelly Kubik's daughter Samantha who showed up every year with one of her friends to run up and down the stairs with the strawberry shortcake, and made sure the orders were filled before the cream melted.

This event could not have been achieved without the assistance of my Co-Chair Anne Fabierkiewicz.

We hope to initiate another interesting fundraising event. If anyone has any ideas for an outdoor event that would appeal to the general public please call the museums and let us know.

Jenny Dale

Co-Chair, Gallery in the Garden



150 Years
Science For A
Better Life

Friends of the Museums of Mississauga has received a grant from the Bayer Cares Foundation in celebration of Bayer's 150th anniversary in 2013, to fund the creation of a community stewardship vegetable garden on the disused archeological trench at the rear of Benares Historic House, for the benefit of The Compass.

Here are some excerpts from the grant application.

This project was first identified in the summer of 2012, and has been pending since then for lack of funding. (The Compass is a food bank and community drop-in center created several years ago by more than 10 local churches, to provide food items to those facing economic challenges along with other supports such as employment and life-skills counselling.)

The Compass and Benares partnership is well-established; non-perishable foods collected at no admission charge events have been donated to Compass for some years. The garden will be planted and maintained by community youth volunteers

under the direction of more mature volunteers. The garden will provide experiential learning opportunities for the young volunteers, and nutritional improvement for clients of Compass. The garden will enhance the Benares site for all visitors while making good use of an under-utilized plot of ground.

There are currently 4 successful community gardens in Mississauga; this will be the first in the local area, and the first whose purpose is entirely in support of experiential learning for young people and nutritional enhancement for less-fortunate citizens.

Progress to date:

The site at the east end of Benares property was cleaned up by Parks and Recreation staff in the fall. Steps have been taken to obtain the required City permit to establish a community stewardship garden at Benares.

Communications with Compass and to coordinate volunteers have also begun.

What's Next?

- February – April identify volunteers, outline schedules, official opening, garden design plan
- May – June procure and install fencing, procure tools, seeds, seedlings, planting
- June – July maintenance
- July – October maintenance, harvest, transport to Compass, season closing

You Can Get Involved:

Volunteers are needed for each activity from planning and procurement, to installation, maintenance, harvesting and transportation. **This project has something for everyone, the young, the mature, the green thumbs, the brown thumbs, and the all thumbs!** To join in, contact Kelly or Becky.

Kelly Kubik, Museums Community Program Supervisor (905-615-4860 X 2111 or kelly.kubik@mississauga.ca)

Becky Ryder, Friends Member and Bayer Retiree (becky.ryder@sympatico.ca)

| Friends of the Museums of Mississauga Board of Directors 2013 - 2014 | | The mission of the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga is to engage volunteers and enhance community awareness through promotion, participation and fundraising; and to ensure the integrity of the Museums. |
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Many Happy Returns of your Birthday to Barbara Sayers Larson, one of the original donors of Benares Historic House, who celebrated her 94th birthday on January 27th.



What's Happening at the Museums?



Check out www.museumsofmississauga.com for details on drop-in tour hours, sleepover programs for children's groups, birthday parties, room rentals, Downton Abbey Teas, curriculum-based educational programming and more!

Please Note: Benares Historic House will be closed to tours from February 28 to April 10 for restoration of the floors.

Two New Exhibits Created by the Museums of Mississauga

At Mississauga Civic Center until February 18th:

See the Museums of Mississauga's new exhibit "The City of Mississauga, 1974-2014: 40 years, 40 sagas" in the Great Hall, Mississauga Civic Centre, daily until February 18th. Special activities for Family Day on February 17.

Check out the website www.40years40sagas.com for future venues thru' 2014. This exhibit is proudly sponsored by the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga.

At The Anchorage, 1620 Orr Road, beginning February 26th:



Presented in partnership with the Sikh Heritage Museum of Canada and with the support of the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga and Tilda Basmati Rice.





invite you to become a member...

What do Friends do?

We fulfill our **MISSION** "to engage volunteers to enhance community awareness through promotion, participation, and fund-raising; and to ensure the integrity of the Museums" in these activities:

- Host annual Starlight & Candlelight Gala
- Sponsor educational programs on-site and in-school
- Fund artifact acquisition, cataloguing, conservation and preservation
- Sponsor artifact exhibits throughout Mississauga
- Host "On the Verandah" at Benares Historic House
- Fund busing for students to all Museums sites
- Support Holiday Season Gift Shops
- Host annual Sponsors Reception and Christmas Party
- Host Photos with Santa for Pets and Families

Benefits of Friends Membership:

- Friends *E-News* beginning Q1 2014
- Programs and activities exclusive to Members
- Enjoy learning at the Museums in unique volunteer opportunities
- 20% discount at Museums gift shops: Holiday Season and Maple Magic
- One vote per member at AGM

To become a Member of Friends of the Museums of Mississauga, just complete the form and make your donation!

Friends of the Museums of Mississauga Membership

Individual (\$10) Family (\$30) Donation \$ _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

'phone: _____

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