



"Tie a red ribbon for Clarkson" Image courtesy of The Booster

Happy Birthday CLARKSON!!!

In 2008, Clarkson Village is celebrating its 200th anniversary – the first land grant was issued in December 1807, and the first actual settlement began on Merigold's Point in 1808.

A group of enthusiastic volunteers from the Friends of the Museums, Clarkson BIA, Rotary Club, Whiteoaks and Park Royal Ratepayer Groups, local media, local churches and other groups have gathered together at the Clarkson 200 Committee to plan a wonderful community celebration.

Join us from 10 am to dusk on Saturday, June 21st in Clarkson Village for our Bicentennial Celebration, with lots of great activities for young and old, including horse and wagon rides, petting zoo, historic fashion show, non-stop entertainment, historic demonstrations and displays, and great food! If you are interested in volunteering to help out with the event, or to get more details go to www.clarkson1808celebration.ca or call 905-615-4860 press 2.

The Museums feature exhibit "Clarkson: 200 Years of History" opens in the Anchorage on June 19th! And the museums are involved all year long, with monthly walking tours of Clarkson Village sponsored by the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga and a free lecture series at the Lorne Park Library exploring various themes in the history of Clarkson. All lectures are at 7pm. The lecture series is a joint venture of Museums of Mississauga, Heritage Mississauga, and the Mississauga Library System.



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Historic Sites and Monuments Board Honours Mazo de la Roche!

An historic event!

Parks Canada and the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada invite you to the unveiling of a plaque commemorating the national historic significance of the

MAZO DE LA ROCHE
NATIONAL HISTORIC PERSON OF CANADA

Un événement historique!

Parcs Canada et la Commission des lieux et monuments historiques du Canada vous invitent au dévoilement d'une plaque commémorant l'importance historique nationale du

MAZO DE LA ROCHE
PERSONNE HISTORIQUE NATIONALE DU CANADA



The ceremony will take place at the Benares Historic House
1507 Clarkson Road North
Mississauga, Ontario
on Saturday, April 12, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.
Reception to follow

La cérémonie aura lieu à la Maison Historique Benares
1507, chemin Clarkson Nord
Mississauga (Ontario)
le samedi 12 avril 2008 à 14 h
Une réception suivra

Friends Update

Fred Durdan, Chair, Friends of the Museums

The past three months have been very active for the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga. We are still basking in the satisfaction and euphoria of the completion of the Log Cabin Project and its successful opening on December 15th. The facility has already been used for several corporate meetings, City meetings, individual rentals for birthday celebrations and sleepovers. The landscaping project will begin in late May to finalize the grounds.

A highly successful Starlight and Candlelight Gala was held in February; tickets were sold out in early November. Many thanks to the event convenors, Committee members as well as Friends and Guests who supported this major fund-raising project to fund Museum programs of education, and artifact conservation, and the opportunity to provide the Museums with items not included in their budget.

Maple Magic was again a huge success, attracting almost 4000 people to the Bradley Museum grounds for the activities.

The Friends Annual General Meeting was held on March 27, coupled with another in the series of lectures, on the occasion of Clarkson 200th anniversary celebration. The latter program attracted a good audience, many of whom became Friends of the Museums. A review of the last year's activities was given along with a forward look into the next three months. The Minutes and Fiscal Report of the year 2007 will be mailed to all members by May 31st.

The Friends received notification of Incorporation as a not-for-profit organization in February and we are currently reviewing an application to become a registered Charitable Organization.

Upcoming activities include Gallery in the Garden and Strawberry Fair at Benares on June 8th. This highly successful event was initiated last year and drew artists from the local community as well as from out-of- province.

The popular 'On the Verandah' Concert Series will begin on Friday nights in mid-June at Benares. Watch the web site for your favourite performers.

Friends of the Museums of Mississauga Board of Directors, 2008-2009!

At the March 27th AGM, the following slate of members was confirmed:

RETURNING MEMBERS:

Jenny Dale; Gerry Dallas; Wendy Davies; Joyce Delves; Fred Durdan; Anne Fabierkiewicz; Don Harrington; John Pegram; Gerry Dallas; Becky Ryder; John Van Camp

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

Anne Byard; June MacPherson; and Dana Bryant-Giguere



Mayor Hazel McCallion enjoying a great evening at Starlight and Candlelight Gala.

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MUSEUMS OF MISSISSAUGA  SHEDDING LIGHT ON THE PAST

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Collections Corner

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Recent Donations

Barbara Larson, one of the donors of Benares and a Harris descendant, continues to be a huge supporter of the Museums especially in terms of donations, and a wonderful source of information. Barbara recently donated a number of interesting artifacts which will make a welcome addition to the Benares collection. Among the items were two purses used by Annie Harris Sayers. One of the purses is blue and tan suede, made by Barbara for her mother in 1937.



Barbara Larson in 1937



Purse made by Barbara in 1937

The purse has a matching pair of gloves and a change purse. The second purse was purchased at Harrod's in England, and sent to Annie as a Christmas gift from her son, Geoffrey Sayers, in 1942 while he was serving overseas during WWII.

Another treasure is a blue Adams Jasperware butter dish that belonged to Edith Draper who was Barbara's grandmother's sister. Edith was the first female Superintendent of Nursing at the Royal Victoria Hospital (Montreal) and had also worked as

an assistant to Dr. Axel Munthe, a famous Swedish doctor and psychiatrist, living on Capri. Among his clients were Elinor Glyn (Mary Harris's cousin) and Crown Princess Victoria, of Baden. He was best known for his love of birds and animals and the sanctuary he made for them. His work was made famous in his book, *The Story of San Michele*, published in 1929. Edith later retired to Erindale where she helped locals with minor health problems, and assisted with childbirth.



Edith Draper

A beautiful embroidered mat was also included in this donation: a wedding gift to Annie when she married Beverley Sayers in 1906. The mat was made by Miss Appelby of Oakville who was known for her embroidery work and even did some for Queen Victoria. The Appelbys were a well known family (Appelby College) and great friends of the Harrises. Cecil Appleby went into partnership with Beverley Sayers in the fruit orchard business just before WW I. Barbara recalls "He was a bachelor and had a room in our home for some time. He was like a second father to me and I adored him. We all called him Mr App. He built the house that was next to Mazo's and lived there after Dad left. He moved to Shanty Bay where he bought a farm and the house changed hands 3-4 times until the infamous Mr Baker, the last owner, was killed while trying to rob a young couple smooching on a side road!"

These items will be used in upcoming exhibits, and will be uploaded to CHIN, Knowledge Ontario, and the City of Mississauga's Historic Image Gallery.

Skyenner Descendants Visit Bradley Museum

Tracy Oliveira, Collections Assistant

Throughout the years the Museums of Mississauga have welcomed visits from people descended from the Jarvis, Bradley and Harris families. It is always an honour to have these people come and visit, and talk about their family histories, because they always share new and interesting information about the people who lived in these buildings.

On November 4th 2007, we were happy to have a visit from John Douglas Trafford and his family. They are descendants of Commander John Skyenner, the gentleman who resided in the Anchorage between the years 1836 and 1846. Mr. Trafford's great-grandfather, John Skyenner was the eldest son of Commander John Skyenner. After a tour of Bradley House and the Anchorage, the family enjoyed tea and cookies while sharing stories of their relatives who recall visiting friends and families such as the Adamsons of the Adamson Estate, as well as the

Harrises from Benares. The family members also had a chance to see a number of artifacts from our collection that relate to Commander John Skyenner, including the 'Skyenner Cup', a silver urn given to the Commander by the people of Malta.



Skyenner descendants beside the Skyenner Cup. Standing on the far left is Mr. John Douglas Trafford, the great-great-grandson of Commander John Skyenner.

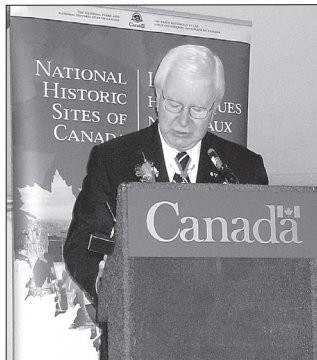
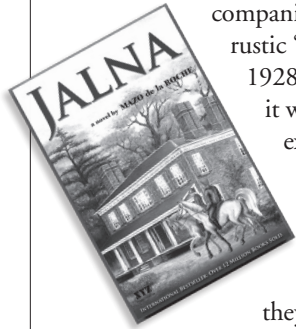
Writer Mazo de la Roche Honoured

Exactly 81 years to the day after it was first announced that Canadian writer Mazo de la Roche had been awarded the prestigious Atlantic Monthly \$10,000 Award for Best Novel, she was recognized by the unveiling of a Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada plaque at Benares Historic House in

Clarkson. Mazo, who with her cousin and companion Caroline Clements summered at their rustic "Trail Cottage" in Clarkson from 1924 to 1928, wrote the award winning JALNA here; it was the first of sixteen best-selling novels exploring the exploits and adventures of the fictional Whiteoaks family and their grand estate, Jalna.

The first four books in the JALNA series have recently been reprinted and they are available at the Benares gift shop.

You can find out more about this intriguing Canadian writer, and the April 12th celebration, at www.mazo.ca, the website of the Mazo de la Roche Society.



Dr. Richard Alway, O.C., O.Ont., Chair of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board, was Master of Ceremonies for the Mazo de la Roche Plaque Unveiling. In her speech, Mayor Hazel McCallion made special note of the important role that Dr. Alway played in the partnership between the Ontario Heritage Foundation (now Trust) and the City of Mississauga, working towards the opening of Benares Historic House in 1995.



Bianca de la Roche, Mazo's daughter-in-law, shown with the newly unveiled plaque.



Mayor Hazel McCallion, Mike Wallace, MP, Burlington, and Esmee Rees, Mazo de la Roche's daughter chat with Renny Whiteoaks who just happened to be strolling the grounds of Benares that afternoon and, acting in character, came barging in to see what was going on!

On Verandah Summer Concert Series

Becky Ryder, Friends of the Museums

The Friends of the Museums will host our third season of outdoor summer concerts On the Verandah from June to August this year. The program at Benares Historic House begins promptly at 7:30pm on Friday evenings. Seating is on the lawn, so bring a comfortable chair or blanket to spread under the trees. Admission is Pay-What-You-Can with proceeds shared between the performers and the Friends.

At press time our schedule includes:

- June 13 Downtown Freddy Brown
- June 27 Playford Players
- July 4 Riverbend
- July 11 Moira Nelson & Elena Jubinville of Willowmyst
- July 25 Laura Thomas
- August 8 Gayle Ackroyd
- August 15 Folkers

With the enthusiasm of our musical partners, we expect to have a fully-booked schedule this year! Please check The Booster newspaper each week for up-to-date information. The full schedule with additional details on each performance will be posted at www.museumsofmississauga.com.

Upcoming Exhibits

The Collections Team is super busy with a number of up-coming exhibits. With our new expanded out-reach program we will have a very busy month in May. There is a large display case to fill at Churchill Meadows Library and two recent donations displays at Lorne Park Library and Frank McKechnie Library, in celebration of May is Museums Month. We are also changing the large Courtney Park display to install *Kariya, Japan: Mississauga's Twin City* recently displayed at the Benares Visitor Centre.

June will be an equally busy month with new displays at both Museums sites celebrating the 200th anniversary of Clarkson. *200 Years of Clarkson History* will run from June 19th to Dec. 31st at the Anchorage, Bradley Museum. It will feature 16, 20" x 30" posters on various topics from Clarkson's past including the Gooderham Family, Clarkson's Women Institute and the Rattray Marsh. This exhibit will also include artifacts from both Petro-Canada and St. Lawrence Cement as well as a prop fruit stand and general store. The research for the posters was conducted by our UTM intern, Lauren Barclay, who will also present her findings in an upcoming lecture. A second related exhibit will be installed at the Benares Visitor Centre: *The Harris Family in Clarkson History*. It will highlight events and people over the 173 years that Benares and the Harris family have helped to shape Clarkson.



Kelly's Korner – Spring 2008

Kelly Kubik, Museums Community Program Supervisor

Where has the time gone? Spring is in the air! From Bob 'The Maple Man' Gemmill's week at the fire pit over, maple buckets going back into storage, the bulbs making their way through the snow, to planning new gardens at the Bradley location, we are all waiting for the snow to totally melt. Is there a time that the Museums slow down? Not really - with follow up from yet another successful Starlight Gala, Maple Magic and not that long ago the official opening of the Log Cabin. With the dedication of all of our supporters, volunteers and sponsors we are growing faster and broader throughout Mississauga. All staff are getting ready to jump into our truly busy time with plans for the second annual Gallery in the Garden – Art Show and Strawberry Fair, Clarkson 200 Celebrations, Teddy Bears Picnic, On the Verandah Concert Series, and new this year our Fall Fair is going Environmental!

The year started off with the 9th Annual Starlight and Candlelight Gala. Thanks to Co-Chairs Joyce Delves and Anne Fabierkiewicz and their amazing Committee, the event raised over \$10,000 to support the Museums. New this year guests were greeted in the Log Cabin by the members of the Log Cabin Task Force and a display of samples of what the funds from previous Galas have allowed the Museums staff to purchase and also conserve. It was a great evening for all who attended and also for the staff who look forward to volunteering their time for the evening. It is our special opportunity to say "thank-you" for all the support we get throughout the year.

Maple Magic started out in a bang and a snow storm, so numbers were slow the first few days while people dug out, but once the roads and driveways were cleared we had record numbers throughout the week. The addition of the Log Cabin made a

huge difference not only serving pancakes on the weekends, but also for an indoor craft area during the week. Trying to get into the Cabin and seeing all the happy families just confirmed what an



Maple syrup demonstrations

amazing addition it is to the site. Many people commented on how nice it was that we had the cabin, and thanked the Task Force and Contractors for all the work they did to make this project happen. Thank-you to everyone who came out to help us both on the Site and also in the Cabin making pancakes for our visitors. (I hope it was warmer this year).

Many people worked long hours to ensure that all who attended had a great time. We want to acknowledge not only our Friends of the Museums and volunteers, but also companies such as: The Mississauga News and Booster, St. Lawrence Cement, Touch the Past Horse & Wagons, The Mississauga Forestry Department, Rubicon Grill, Stefan and his family, Sunrise Retirement Residence, FRAM, Rotary Club of South Mississauga, Liv Barba, Clarkson Community Centre, South Parks Department and The City of Mississauga Facilities and Property Management staff.

Pattie Bonesteel might look after bookings and paying the bills at the Museums, but her favourite time of year is Maple Magic when the horses are here everyday!!

On March 27 the Friends of the Museums hosted their Annual General Meeting and a Lecture at Clarkson Community Center. Over 50 people were in attendance and Mark Warrack and Paula Wubbenhorst's lecture about heritage architecture was very interesting and informative. Please check out our web site for more Clarkson 200 Lecture Series events each month. It is a great evening out to learn about your community and its history!



Pat Bonesteel with Lad.

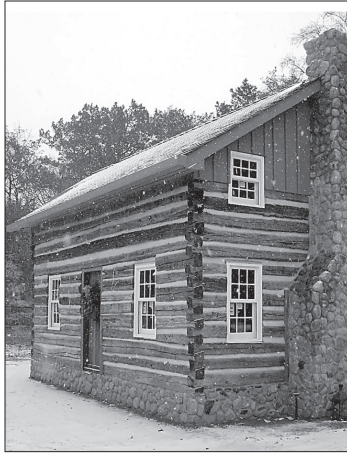
Summer is just around the corner and the events are coming up fast. Artists are signing up very quickly for the Gallery in the Garden Fine Art Show and Strawberry Fair at Benares on Sunday June 8, 2008 from 11am to 4pm. Clarkson 200 Celebration is on Saturday June 21 so please join us for an amazing day full of celebrating 200 years of Clarkson history. The Teddy Bears Picnic is on Sunday July 28 from 1– 4pm at Benares. We are again partnering with Credit Valley Hospital to have a great afternoon, plus new shows by Soul Drums, Apple Fun Puppetry, and returning this year is the rock climbing wall. Do bring the family for a great afternoon.

Please check our web site for dates and performers for the On the Verandah Concert Series continuing mid-June, July and August at Benares, Friday nights starting at 7:30pm. Both the Gallery in the Garden and the Verandah Series are brought to you by the Friends of the Museums. There is a lot of work put into these events; please come out to support their efforts.

Have a great spring and hope to see you all around the Museum sites.

Log Cabin Adventures

By Fiona Ryder, Programming Supervisor



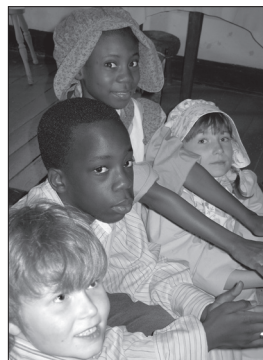
Not long ago on the morning after one of the worst snowstorms of one of snowiest winters ever, a group of girls nestled snugly inside a warm cabin were gazing through the window at all the snow that had blown in overnight. Walking nearby through the fluffy, newly fallen snow was a deer. The girls rushed to put on their coats to see if they could get a closer

glimpse of this wonderful animal, but by the time they had donned their winter gear, all that was left were tracks in the snow. The deer had silently and swiftly disappeared. The girls followed the tracks for a while enjoying a brand new adventure.

This may sound like a wintry morning in Northern Ontario – but, it really happened right in the midst of urban Mississauga. The girls were a group of Sparks who enjoyed one of our educational overnight bookings at the Log Cabin at Bradley Museum. An overnight or sleepover booking includes a one hour introductory interactive tour and the group's choice from a menu of half hour program components. The programs all link to the historical theme of the Museum site and encourage the participants to experience life in early settler times. These programs were largely designed with groups of Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides, Brownies and Sparks in mind and cover a great deal of badge-related material.

Our “menu” includes the following brand new programs to choose from:

Fire & Light: Participants explore the importance of fire for the First Nations peoples and the Early



Settlers. We look at how a fire was lit, what it was used for, how it was kept up, and fire safety. Activities could include making a beeswax candle, use of flint and steel, and making a fire spill (a simple homemade paper tool for transferring flame).

Fleece to Fibre: Participants discover the importance of sheep and their fleece to the early settler. We explore the process and art of turning fleece into fibre and look at the many ways in which wool was used. Activities could include carding (brushing) the fleece, using drop spindles, spinning wheel demonstration, weaving demonstration, and dyeing wool.

Weaving: Participants learn about the craft of weaving and its importance in the early settler period. Activities could include weaving using paddle shuttles and a cardboard frame loom.

First Nations: Participants will learn about the history of the First Nations people in Upper Canada focusing on the early 1900s. Activities could include an interactive game or a craft.

The Early Settler Experience: Participants explore the experience of the early settlers and their immigration. Activities could include an interactive game.

Immigration: Participants learn about the early settler and their immigration experience. Activities include an interactive game.

Letters Back Home: A letter was an important tool for communication for the early settlers – even if the receiver never read the letter! Activities include writing a letter with a quill pen.

While we can't promise a deer with every booking (!), each group can be promised a fun and educational time coupled with a host of new experiences. Culminating with a sleepover, the program makes for a valuable time away, while still being close by.

Check out our Website, www.museumsofmississauga.com for program listings – we will be adding new ones periodically.

Log Cabin Feedback
Hello,

Just want to follow up on our sleepover at Log Cabin. It was wonderful and all the people who helped us were very friendly and helpful. The cabin is beautiful. The location is terrific. We saw a deer out of the window in the morning, and the girls wanted to 'track the deer' in the new snow when we went outside. Friday night's snow may have made many of us late to arrive, but we went out and played in the snow for a long time and had a terrific time. Thank you for all your help. I hope to visit you again next year.

Beth.

TIMELINE OF CLARKSON

1927 Mazo de la Roche's novel, *Jalna*, wins \$10,000 award

1929 Clarkson farmers hired to grade route of new QEW

1936 Major John Barnett restores Warren Clarkson's historic house

1938 Clarkson left without bank when Merchants Bank (1913) closes

1939 Local men enlist for military duty with Lorne Scot Regiment

1943 British-American Oil opens petroleum refinery

1948 Township's first "plaza" opens on Lorne Park Road at railway tracks

1955 Construction of St. Lawrence Cement, Canada's largest cement plant

1957 Don Cavan opens roadside fruit stand, Clarkson Road North

1958 Lord Mayor of London, Denis Truscott, opens Park Royal community

1966 Ontario Hydro begins disposing of flyash at Birchwood Park

1967 Toronto Township Historical Society opens Lewis Bradley Pioneer Museum

1968 Prince Philip cuts the ribbon at Sheridan Park Research Centre

1969 Sheridan Mall opens

1970 Shoreline Park is renamed Jack Darling Park

1973 Go Transit moves "Clarkson" from Clarkson Rd. to Southdown Rd.

1975 CVCA purchases the Rattray marshlands

1982 Gairdner Estate becomes home of Fusion Fuels technology project

1987 Poet, Dorothy Livesay awarded the Order of Canada

1995 Cpt. James Harris' great-grandchildren open Benares Historic House

2001 Official opening of the centre of the Islamic Centre of Canada

Museums Musings

Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager

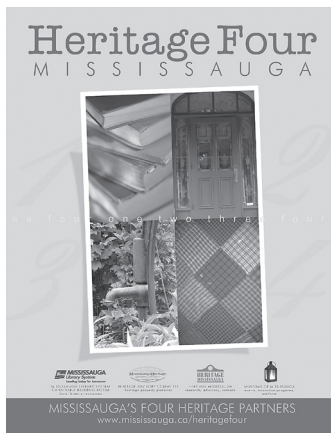
As I write this, I'm astonished to realize that May is upon us after a very snowy and busy winter here at the Museums! I thought I'd use my column this issue to update you on just a few recent and upcoming projects around and about the Museums!

"Self + Surroundings: A Student's Perspective" – this exhibit in the Anchorage at Bradley Museum features work by Stephen Lewis Secondary School art students expressing their exploration and personal sense of Mississauga landmarks. If you haven't had a chance to explore the unique and diverse perspectives offered by these talented young people, please do try to before it closes on June 8th to make way for our special feature exhibit about 200 years of Clarkson's history!

Red Ribbons are everywhere marking this communities celebration of its 200th anniversary – the Museums have been very involved in this, with monthly lectures and walking tours throughout the year, and working with the **Clarkson 1808 Committee** in the plans for the big celebration in Clarkson Village on Saturday, June 21st from 10am to dusk! It has been a wonderful experience to be a part of this amazing community building – under the very steady leadership of Roxanne McKenzie!

We've been working with members of the **Streetsville Historical Society** to help them find an appropriate storage space for their rich archival and artifact collection. It's looking like the **Leslie Log Cabin**, which is located on Mississauga Road just North of the 403, will be the perfect home for the group! We're currently developing an innovative plan which will provide this volunteer group with a permanent home and an opportunity for the Museum to develop related educational programs and events on the site. Robert Leslie, who built the cabin for his own family in 1826, also helped build Benares in 1857!

Speaking of **Log Cabins**, our's has been busy kept busy with meeting and social bookings, not to mention the **Badge Program Sleepovers** for Children's Community Groups. I dropped by on a recent Saturday morning to find out how they were going and not only did the leader assure me they'd had a wonderful time, one of the Brownies asked me if she could "stay for a week"! The landscape work around the cabin will be underway at the



end of April, with new pathways, split rail fence, heritage apple trees, and gardens adjacent to the cabin. Lights and some interpretive signage will be installed later in the summer.

Don't miss the **13th Annual Benares Teddy Bear's Picnic** on Sunday, July 27th – this year we have a special added feature with Andrew Gooderham, the grandson of **Barbara Sayers Larson**, telling the story of one of their family member's adventures with a tame bear! Rumour has it that Barbara, a descendant of the Harris family of Benares, and one of the original donors of the house, will be in attendance.

The **Office of Arts and Culture** is about to commence work on a comprehensive Master Plan for Art and Culture for the City in the 21st Century. The plan includes a Cultural Inventory, Audience Assessment, Public Art Policy Development, Cultural Attractions Study, and the development of a new business model for service delivery. It is expected that the draft report will be completed by the end of the year.

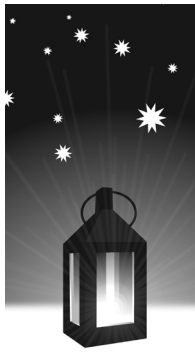
The Museums of Mississauga and Friends of the Museums were pleased to be partners in the **3rd Annual Peel Region Historical Fair**, held at Mississauga Civic Centre. The day started with greetings from Mayor Hazel McCallion and Historical Foundation Chair Avie Bennett, as well as a 'smudging' by Metis Elder, Joe Paquette of the Peel Aboriginal Network. Over sixty grade 6, 7 and 8 students from Peel District Schools across the region participated in the various programs, activities, and judging.

We're pleased to have recently received word that our application for **Young Canada Works** funding for two summer positions, one in Collections and one in Programming, has been approved. This grant covers 75% of the cost of each position.

At its April meeting, the Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee (MOMAC) formally adopted the **Canadian Museums Association Ethics Guidelines**. The Museums have operated under these guidelines since they were first introduced in 1999, but this formal confirmation formalizes this commitment to ethical practice, as outlined in our Museum Policies and Practices under the Ministry of Culture's Standards for Community Museums.



THE VISION of the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga is to promote, strengthen and support the Museums of Mississauga. THE MISSION of the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga is to engage volunteers and enhance community awareness through promotion, participation and fundraising to ensure the integrity of the Museums.



*Starlight
& Candlelight*

Another Successful Gala!

Joyce Delves, Gala Chair

The Museums of Mississauga, Ninth Annual Starlight and Candlelight Gala was held in the beautifully decorated Anchorage, on Friday, February 22nd, 2008. As always guests enjoyed a wonderful evening of excellent food and companionship in an elegant historic setting. An added delight on this evening was the opportunity to visit the newly opened Log Cabin with its interesting display of artifacts recently conserved, and items yet to be conserved, with funds raised. The staff of the Museums donated many hours of personal time dressed in their historic costumes, to add to the charm of the evening as they welcomed and served guests. Thanks to the generosity and support of our many donors, the Friends of the Museums raised over \$10,000. This will be used to enhance our educational programmes and to conserve artifacts as needed. To our donors, guests, Museums staff, Gala Committee and volunteers we offer our deepest gratitude.

THANK YOU

To our Many Friends for Their Generous Support of the Gala Evening

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Kathy Munkley
Museums of Mississauga Log Cabin

Log Cabin at Bradley Museum

John Pegram, Chair of Log Cabin Task Force

The Pancake Breakfast the second weekend of Maple Magic, enabled those who received during the Port Credit to Bradley Log Cabin project, to thank more of those who gave. Commemorative plaques were given personally to representatives of the approximately forty contributors from the Mississauga construction trades. They and their families were then invited to participate in the activities of Maple Magic.

As we have reported previously, support for this project came from many directions; however the vast majority of support was from us, the community, helping ourselves. Clear focus on the desired end result and a defined, realistic and controlled route to the end-point, allowed everyone who was approached directly or indirectly to help, to have confidence that the planned result would be achieved.

When you have taken some minutes to visit the Log Cabin, the Bradley House, the Anchorage and the other exhibits, or the incredible displays in the Anchorage and at Benares, you will have made a step forward in understanding the need to



John Pegram, Annemarie Hagan, Fred Durdan & Ron Lenyk thanking donors.

look forward and the need to keep the best of what our community is.

Enjoy the "Museums" including the newly opened Bradley Log Cabin. You will have an enjoyable learning experience.



(picture of staff in costume) caption: left to right, Tracy Oliveira, Annemarie Hagan, Pat Bonesteel, Joyce Delves (Gala Chair) and Amanda McCully taking a quick photo break during this busy and enjoyable night.



John van Camp, Fred Durdan & John Pegram



Silent Auction

2008 Gala Committee

Co-Chairs: Joyce Delves and Anne Fabierkiewicz

Committee: Dana Bryant-Giguere,
Jenny Dale,
Betty Ross,
June MacPherson,
Becky Ryder and
Fred Durdan

With support from other Friends and the Staff of the Museums of Mississauga

Watershed Moment

Joe Zammit, Collections Sub-Committee Chair

At our winter Collections and Storage Subcommittee meeting those in attendance experienced the sensation of having an outside expert confirm our worst fears. We are running out of space. This outsider was not someone who was uninvited. He certainly was not a critic or a bystander by any means. He was a person with a great deal of experience and accreditation that took a look at our current storage facilities and determined that we need to properly address the challenges of space and storage of the many artifacts in our collections.

In a report titled "Museums of Mississauga - Collection Storage Analysis" W. John McIntyre, PhD, a Museums Consultant and Member of the Canadian Association of Professional Heritage Consultants indicated in no uncertain terms that from



Anchorage quilt storage

his experienced and unbiased perspective, the Museums of Mississauga have an emerging and indeed present problem of space requirements for the proper storage of our artifacts and collections. Mr. McIntyre did not however leave us totally in the dark as to what we could about

the problem. His glum assessment was accompanied by many options that would mitigate and resolve our space dilemmas in the coming years. The options of utilizing a large storage facility versus the use of many small spaces is but one example. All options will require further exploration, consideration and detail over the coming months. But all of the options discussed at that meeting had the effect of energizing and focussing



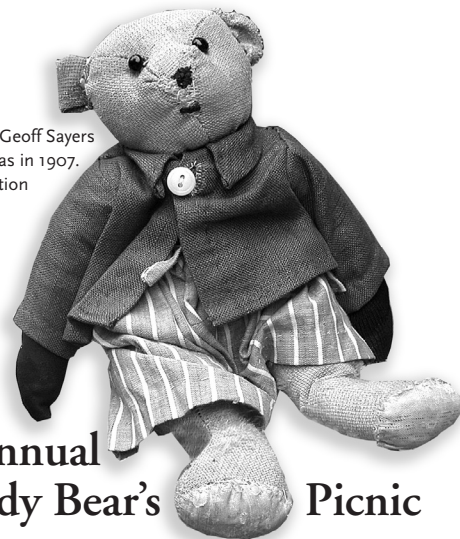
Benares archives

Committee members to not only dream the solutions but act in accordance of answering to the call of the many challenges that have been placed before us as a Committee, and City.

Mr. McIntyre's report was received by the Collections Subcommittee and resulted in drafting a recommendation that city staff be directed to develop terms of reference and identify funding opportunities for a feasibility study. Subsequently, our recommendation was adopted by City Council on February 27, 2008.

Setting the stage for a feasibility study represents an exciting watershed moment in our organizational and civic history. In turn, we have made history in our efforts to preserve our history. The energy, work and efforts of individuals, who clearly care for our heritage, moved us to an important juncture. This is an exciting time to be involved and informed. Your continuing interest and support will certainly help us to yield progress and achievement in all of our collective efforts.

Teddy was given to Geoff Sayers on his first Christmas in 1907. Teddy is the inspiration for this picnic!



14th Annual Teddy Bear's Picnic Sunday July 27th, 2008

12 to 4pm at Benares Historic House

Just \$12 a family

Bring your favourite stuffed animal and enjoy....

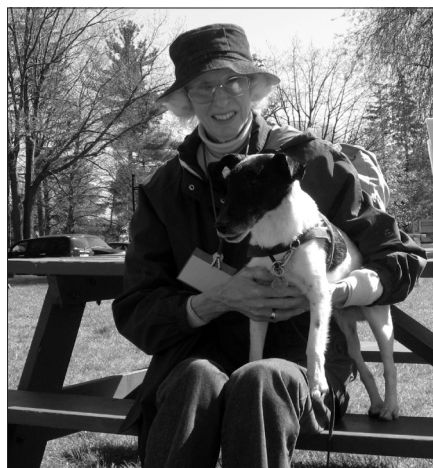
- Teddy Bear Clinic in partnership with The Credit Valley Hospital
- Rock Climbing
- Puppet Shows by Applefun Puppetry
- Parade led by Soul Drums
- Loot Bags for the first 100 kids on site

... And much MORE!

Food sold on site

An Extraordinary Volunteer

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the April 24th, 2008 passing of Elizabeth "Betty" Ross. Betty was a truly extraordinary and hard-working board member and volunteer with many heritage organizations in Mississauga over her lifetime: Museums of Mississauga,



Friends of the Museums, Heritage Mississauga, Mississauga South Historical Society among others. She had a willingness to pitch in wherever needed, a great depth of knowledge and passion for local history and antiques, and a strong belief in the importance of preserving our heritage. She will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege to work with her.



2nd Annual Gallery in the Garden Fine Art Show and Sale, & Strawberry Fair

Jenny Dale, Co-Chair, Gallery in the Garden

The Friends of the Museums are thrilled to announce that once again they are hosting their Strawberry Fair along with a Fine Art Show and Sale. This event is a fund-raiser for the Friends.

Come out and join us on Sunday, June 8th from 11am to 4pm. Wander the beautiful lawns of Benares Historic House, feast on strawberry shortcake and perhaps you will even find some piece of art, pottery or jewellery to take home with you.

This day is one of the many events that the Museums are hosting to celebrate Clarkson's 200th Anniversary



Driftwood Theatre presents
"Shakespeare under the Stars" at Bradley Museum



"In the 400+ years since it was first written, no story has even come close to capturing the overwhelming tragedy of two young people engaged in forbidden love. Long before the "invention" of psycho-analytic theory or the study of adolescent behaviour, Shakespeare captured the true essence of the adolescent experience as no one has before or since, framed on one side by the intensity of burgeoning sexuality, and on the other by the explosive nature of hatred and violence. Together these raw elements of the human condition form the basis of a story whose popularity only increases with each new age. For its 14th season of Outdoor Summer Theatre, The Driftwood Theatre Group is proud to present Romeo + Juliet."

This production will be performed at Bradley Museum on July 18 & 19th with a late night chat following the July 18 performance. PAY WHAT YOU CAN ADMISSION (suggested \$15/person)



The Log Cabin at Bradley Museum has a new future at the Bradley Museum thanks to the volunteer efforts of the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga!!

The Museums of Mississauga would like to sincerely thank the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga, as well as the many other individuals and groups throughout the community, who volunteer their time and energy to preserving, sharing, and celebrating Mississauga's rich heritage!!



What's Happening at the Museums!

June 2008

Gallery in the Garden & Strawberry Fair (Benares)
2nd Annual Fine Art Show and Sale
June 8th, 2008 from 11am to 4pm

On the Verandah Concert at Benares Historic House
Downtown Freddy Brown, June 13th, 2008
Playford Players, June 27th, 2008

Clarkson Village Historic Walking Tour
June 21st, 2008 at 2pm
Wowy Zowy Toys, 1764 Lakeshore Road West
Sponsored by the Friends of the Museums for Clarkson's 200th Anniversary

Clarkson Village: 200 Years of History
Exhibit at Anchorage, Bradley Museum
June 19th to December 31st, 2008

Celebrate Clarkson's 200th Anniversary!
Saturday June 21st, 2008, 10am to DUSK
Visit www.clarkson1808celebration.ca

Illustrated Lecture: 'Over 200 Years of History: the Mississaugas, Native Treaties and Early Settlement Land Grants, by Matthew Wilkinson
June 26th, 2008 at 7pm
Lorne Park Library located at 1474 Truscott Drive

Historic Streetsville Walking Tour
June 28th, 2008, 10am to 1pm
Visit www.villageofstreetsville.com

July 2008

On the Verandah Concert at Benares Historic House
Riverbend, July 4th, 2008
Maira Nelson & Elena Jubinville, July 11th, 2008
Laura Thomas, July 25th, 2008

Historic Streetsville Walking Tour
July 13th, 2008, 1 to 4pm
Visit www.villageofstreetsville.com

Driftwood Theatres Presents: "Shakespeare under the Stars"
Romeo & Juliet
July 18th and 19th, 2008
Bradley Museum
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July 27th, 2008 from 12 to 4pm

August 2008

On the Verandah Concert at Benares Historic House
Gayle Ackroyd, August 8th, 2008
Folkers, August 15th, 2008

Historic Streetsville Walking Tour
August 22nd, 2008, 7:30 to 10:30pm – Candlelight Walk
Visit www.villageofstreetsville.com

Clarkson Village Historic Walking Tour
August 30th, 2008 at 2pm
Wowy Zowy Toys, 1764 Lakeshore Road West
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Museum Hours

Guided Tours for Drop-In Visitors
Wednesdays and Sundays, 1 to 5pm
(Wednesday to Sunday during the Summer)

Admission to both Museums: Adults \$5; Students and Seniors \$3; Children \$1.50; Family \$12

Exhibits in the Anchorage at Bradley Museum and Benares Visitor Centre: Free,
Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm

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

Ask about curriculum-based educational programming, meeting rooms, and wedding photography!
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Museums of Mississauga

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Benares Historic House

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Benares Historic House was donated to and restored by the Ontario Heritage Foundation by the descendants of Captain James Harris – Geoffrey Harris Sayers, Dora Sayers Caro, and Barbara Sayers Larson. Bradley House was preserved, restored, and first operated by the Mississauga Heritage Foundation. The Museums are now owned and operated by Recreation and Parks, Community Services, City of Mississauga. The Museums are grateful to the Ontario Ministry of Culture for operating funding under the Community Museums Operating Grant Program.