



UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 1: Chautauqua Walk, 6 pm
- June 2: Weekend walking tours begin (Sat & Sun @ 11 am, June-Sept)
- June 4: Janet Canochan Day—Performance at 3:30 pm
- June 8: Dock Area Walk, 6 pm
- June 11: Randwood Lecture #2, 7 pm
- June 15: Architecture Walk, 6 pm
- June 17: Famous & Infamous, 2 pm
- June 19: Bus Trip to Guelph, 8:30 am
- June 21: Presentation of Audit, 6:30 pm & Lecture, 7:30 pm
- June 22: Chautauqua Walk, 6 pm
- June 29: Dock Area Walk, 6 pm
- July 1: Canada Day in Simcoe Park; Pop-up Exhibit Launch in St. Davids
- July 8: Museum on Horticultural Society Garden Tour
- July 13: "I Wet My Plants" (succulent workshop), 7 pm
- July 15: Famous & Infamous, 2 pm
- July 16-20: Kid Curators Camp
- July 19: Lecture, 7:30 pm
- August 1: Pop-up Exhibit Launch in Queenston
- August 6: Heritage Festival, 11 - 4
- August 13-17: Kid Curators Camp
- August 16: Lecture, 7:30 pm
- August 19: Famous & Infamous, 2 pm
- Sept 1: Pop-up Exhibit Launch in Virgil

NOTL POP-UP EXHIBITS

Through funding from the **Niagara Region's Niagara Investment in Culture** program the Museum will be "popping up" throughout Niagara-on-the-Lake. The goal is to bring some of our collection out of the museum and into the community. We are highlighting the history of our villages with displays in Queenston, St. Davids and Virgil and we are also sharing unique stories at the Chamber of Commerce and at the Shaw Festival. We hope you can catch these displays while they are up, and better yet, join us at the community launch events in each of the villages.



old town

June 1 - October 31, 2018

First World War display at the Shaw Festival's Jackie Maxwell Studio Theatre.

Fun Facts About Old Town at the Chamber of Commerce (lower level of the Court House).

st. davids

July 1 - 30, 2018

Highlights from the history of St. Davids at Ravine Winery.

Community Launch:
JULY 1 | Time TBA | All Welcome

queenston

August 1 - 30, 2018

Highlights from the history of Queenston at the Laura Secord Homestead.

Community Launch:
AUGUST 1 | Time TBA | All Welcome

virgil

September 1 - 30, 2018

Highlights from the history of Virgil at Meridian Credit Union.

Community Launch:
SEPT 1 | Time TBA | All Welcome

happening at the museum



2018 LECTURE SERIES

This year's series focuses on the unique story of Camp Kosciuszko, the Polish training camp in NOTL during the First World War.

June 21 | Stan Skrzyszewski – *Everyday Life at Camp Kosciuszko with Elizabeth Ascher*

July 19 | Sarah Kaufman
The Spanish Flu and Niagara Camp

August 16 | Roman Baraneicki
Not Only Soldiers: Women's Organizations in Camp Kosciuszko, Niagara-on-the-Lake 1917-1919

September 20 | Anthony Adamsky
Falcons of Freedom

Tickets are \$10 for the general public or free for Niagara Historical Society Members. Reservations required as seating is limited.

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NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE



JANET CARNOCHAN DAY AT THE
NIAGARA HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

THROUGH ANNE'S EYES

BY MAJA BANNERMAN
WITH MUSIC BY VOX VIOLINS

A THEATRICAL READING OF ANNE
SHIRLEY BLYTHE'S MEMORIES

JUNE 4, 2018 | 3:30 PM

ADMISSION BY DONATION



FAMOUS & INFAMOUS

2018 Season | 3rd Sunday at 2 pm

Join us in the gallery each month for a presentation by a local resident, followed by a lively discussion about the life and times of a famous or infamous person from the past. ****FREE****

17 June	Richard Feynman
15 July	Conn Smythe
19 August	Maria Rye
16 September	Frederick Banting
21 October	John Stanislaus Joyce
18 November	Robert Mondavi



WE NEED A NEW TREE!

Unfortunately, we have to cut down the ash tree in the front yard of the Museum this summer and would like to replace it. We're looking for a donation of \$200 to help cover costs of the new tree!

Presentation of 2017 Audited Financial Statements

You are invited to attend an interim membership meeting to find out the financial results of 2017. Join us before our lecture on **June 21st**. Our auditors, Bridgman & Durksen, Chartered Accountants, along with the Treasurer, will present our audited financial statements and the results for the 2017 fiscal year.

Presentation is at **6:30 pm** followed by light refreshments. The lecture starts at **7:30 pm**.

Neighbourhood WALKS

Explore 3 Unique Neighbourhoods in NOTL

Every Friday in June | 6pm
Tickets \$10

Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance. We will provide you with the meeting location upon registration.

Call the Museum to reserve your tickets today!

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| June 1, 2018 | Chautauqua with Rick Meloen |
| June 8, 2018 | Dock Area with Tony Chisholm |
| June 15, 2018 | Prideaux Architecture with Glenn Smith |
| June 22, 2018 | Chautauqua with Rick Meloen |
| June 29, 2018 | Dock Area with Tony Chisholm |



KID CURATORS SUMMER CAMP

Week 1 | July 16-20 | 10am-4pm
Ages 6-12 | Cost \$125/child
AMAZING RACE

Join us for this amazing week of adventure, as campers race through history with a series of challenges and trips around NOTL.

Week 2 | August 13-17 | 10am-4pm
Ages 6-12 | Cost \$125/child
SPY CAMP

Do you have what it takes to be a secret agent? Our super sleuths will learn to develop disguises, make and break codes, go on scavenger hunts and more!



THE NIAGARA HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM PRESENTS

NIAGARA POLO

THE SPORT OF KINGS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2018

THE COMMONS | NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE | 12 - 4 PM

Two 4 Chukker Games | Half-time Entertainment | Traditional Divot Stomp
Food & Drink Vendors | Artisans | VIP & Lounge Packages Available

Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the gate. Children under 12 Free
Gates Open at 11 am. Free Parking. Entrance on John Street.

WWW.NIAGARAPOLO.COM | 905.468.3912



\$50
Includes all materials!
Cash bar.

FRIDAY, JULY 13
7PM
NIAGARA HISTORICAL MUSEUM
43 Castlereagh Street, NOTL

PLANT YOUR OWN TERRARIUM
& ENJOY AN EVENING OF DIY,
WINE & GOOD COMPANY!
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.



For More Information:
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President's Message

Faith Bell, Society President

The summer is full of interesting things to do at the Museum. With lectures about the history of Randwood and the current exhibit, to walks and talks about our neighbourhoods and the general history of the town, and, of course, POLO, Polo, Polo! Head to the Commons on September 8th and enjoy the Sport of Kings complete with ponies and sticks. Niagara Polo is a signature fundraiser for the Niagara Historical Society & Museum and we count on the support of our members and the townspeople of Niagara-in-the-Lake. Our select group of Polo volunteers is working to make this day even better than two years ago and guarantee that this event is one that the whole family can enjoy together. Remember that there are several ways to take in the day with general admittance, an afternoon in the BeauChapeau Lounge or dining in the VIP tent. Tickets are on sale now - General admission is \$15 in advance or \$20 at the gate for adults (children under 12 are free). For more information please go to the website - www.niagarapolo.com. Hope to see you there!



Board Nominations

The Niagara Historical Society is currently seeking nominations for the Board of Directors to serve for a three-year term starting October 11, 2018. If you or someone you know would be a good candidate for the Board, please fill out the slip below and return it to the Museum by August 1, 2018.

NOMINATION FORM FOR SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Name of Nominee: _____ Address: _____

Name of Nominator: _____ Address: _____

Seconded _____ Address: _____

I, _____, agree to stand for election to the Board of Directors at the Annual General meeting, October 11, 2018. If elected to the position for which I am nominated, I agree to serve for the term elected.
NOMINEES SHOULD INCLUDE A SHORT BIO OR CV WITH THEIR NOMINATION FORM.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Niagara Historical Museum
presents
THE PAST
is
PRESENT
a heritage festival



Monday, August 6, 2018
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Historic demonstrations,
heritage bake sale,
children's activities,
treasures table,
live music and more!



- free admission -



43 Castlereagh Street,
Niagara-on-the-Lake

Curator's Corner

RECENT ACQUISITIONS: Servos Artefacts found by Indiana Allen in the Trade House of Doom



At the April collections meeting several artefacts including a spigot, iron axe heads, and parts of a strongbox, found on the Servos property, were accepted into the Museum's collection.

This property, located on the Four Mile Creek near Lakeshore Road, was the site of one of the first King's Mills in Niagara. In 1785, Daniel Servos took over the mills' operation from Peter Secord, and he began offering flour, grain and other services to local settlers.

The padlock (pictured) is just one of the interesting items found on this property. At first glance one might look over the worn-out stamp on the key hole cover which has the Royal cypher followed by "GR Patent". It is not known who made the lock but the fact that it has a Royal Patent for George III helps us to date the lock!

The significance of this collection to our history is that they offer a unique insight into the early years of Niagara and they serve as enduring remnants of a loyalist family.

- Shawna Butts, Assistant Curator

DONATIONS NEEDED

In preparation for our annual heritage festival, we are looking for your treasures. If you have some old china, antiques, collectables or other gems collecting dust, why not donate them to the Museum for our **Treasures Sale!** Donations can be dropped off at the Museum during the **last two weeks of July**, or we can make other arrangements if needed.

Our annual **wine raffle** will also start at the heritage festival on August 6. If you would like to donate a bottle of wine to our raffle, please bring it by anytime! A tax receipt can be given for donations accompanied by a sales receipt.

We Love Our Volunteers!

On April 26th, we held our annual Volunteer Appreciation Lunch as a thank you for the work that our dedicated volunteers do year-round. We have over 100 volunteers who help us in all aspects of running the Historical Society and Museum. Everything they do, whether it's every week or just a couple times a year, helps to fulfill our mission of preserving this community's history for future generations.

Each year we can nominate 5 volunteers for the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards, beginning with 5 years of service. The following volunteers received certificates and pins at a ceremony in Niagara Falls:

Margaret Teare - 5 years **John Sayers** - 5 years
Sue West - 5 years **David Hemmings** - 10 years
Victor Packard - 10 years **Neil Rumble** - 10 years

Congratulations to this year's recipients! Pictured below are volunteers David Hemmings, Margaret Teare and Victor Packard.

The Museum is currently looking for more volunteers for gardens, maintenance and Niagara Polo on September 8, 2018. Please give us a call if you want to get involved!



The Phoenix Circle enjoyed a behind-the-scenes tour of the St. Catharines Museum with Curator Kathleen Powell in May, followed by lunch at a restaurant. Pictured from left to right are: Front Row - Kathleen Powell, John Sayers, Judith Sayers, Molly Enns, Lorraine Joyner, Faith Bell, Janet James and Sandra Lawrence. Back Row - Chuck Jackson, Steve Hinchliffe, Geoffrey Joyner and David Bell.

THE NIAGARA HISTORICAL SOCIETY &
MUSEUM PRESENTS A

BUS TRIP TO GUELPH

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

- Tour of the Art Gallery of Guelph
- Lunch at Borealis Grille & Bar
- 2 special presentations at the University of Guelph Archives:

1. Shaw Festival Archives with Leonard Conolly

2. RANDWOOD Landscape Architectural plans with Brendan Stewart

CALL THE MUSEUM AT
905.468.3912 TO RESERVE

Cost: \$90 for historical society members; \$100 for non-members (includes bus, tours, lunch, taxes and gratuities)

Bus departs NOTL at 8:30 am and returns by 6:00 pm



From the Managing Director

In the winter of 2018 we're planning an exhibition titled "Painting Niagara-on-the-Lake" which will feature artwork that focuses specifically on local scenery. Collections to be highlighted include the newly acquired Betty Lane collection, the Francis H. Grainger collection, and the RJR Pottery collection. We're also planning a small section for contemporary artists who focus on Niagara-on-the-Lake (NOTL) landscapes. Let us know if you or some one you know has painted landscapes or built heritage in our communities!

If you have a passion for preserving NOTL's history and our unique collection, and appreciate the several engaging programs and exhibitions we do here, consider joining the Phoenix Circle. These dedicated members help to ensure the future of the Museum by providing an annual, tax-deductible donation of \$500 per individual. Among other perks, Phoenix members receive pre-opening tours of new exhibitions with the Curator, specialized heritage site tours and exposure to rarely seen museum collections with the experts. This group has been amazing in their support of the Society & Museum! I'm happy to sit and chat with any member who may be interested in joining!

July 9, 2018 marks the 225th of the Chloe Cooley incident and the Act to Limit Slavery. On March 14, 1793, Queenston farmer, William Vrooman, bound and forcibly transported his young slave, Chloe Cooley, across the Niagara River. A week after, Lieutenant Governor John Graves Simcoe and the Executive Council, heard eyewitness accounts which stated that Chloe was taken against her will, was violently screaming and was resisting the transfer across the river. The shock and violence of Vrooman's actions were seen by many as disgraceful, especially when it was learned that Vrooman had not broken the law. This motivated the legislative council to take immediate action to prevent other slave owners from doing the same. Chloe was never heard from again; however, this incident served as the catalyst for the passing of the Act to Limit Slavery in Upper Canada. This far pre-dated the abolishment of slavery in the rest of the British Empire (1833) and America (1865). The Act did not free existing slaves; however, it forbade the importation of new slaves, granted freedom to the children born from slaves upon 25 years of age and the children of these newly freed slaves would also be free. It allowed for the gradual abolition of slavery and set the stage for the Underground Railroad. NOTL is the site where the first anti-slavery legislation was introduced in the British Empire. The Museum is part of the Voices of Freedom Committee that is developing a park to commemorate black history in NOTL. We're also working on a self-guided black history walking tour app and a school program to commemorate this significant local history.

- Sarah Kaufman

Obituaries: We sadly lost three wonderful members since our last newsletter

Geoff Martin passed away in March and was well-known in Town for his interest in history and his singing. Geoff did some great military research which he shared with us and was often seen at lectures and other events. Most recently he sang at our 2017 Christmas event.

Bill Plumer also passed away in March and was one of the few remaining local veterans from WWII. The Museum conducted oral histories with Bill over the last few years and incorporated his memories into our Remembrance Day performance. Bill attended many of our lectures and events and will be greatly missed.

Larry Cooper was a member for many years and sadly passed away in May. He volunteered with the local committee during the 1812 Bicentennial and was always supportive of the Society's activities. He was involved with many of NOTL's cultural institutions and was a champion for preserving our built heritage.

Niagara Historical Society & Museum

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MUSEUM HOURS

The Museum is open daily year-round .

May-October: 10 am to 5 pm | November-April: 1 pm to 5 pm

The Museum is closed: New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving, NEW** Closed December 18 - 31



NHS MISSION STATEMENT

We are a team of staff & volunteers which passionately collects, preserves, researches, educates and promotes the history of Niagara-on-the-lake and its communities. We inspire an appreciation of local history through engaging programs and exhibitions.

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