

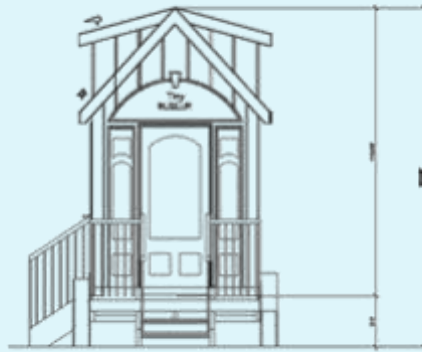


MUSEUM Chronicles

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ **June 1:** Walking tours start, Saturday & Sunday at 11 am
- ◆ **June 4:** Janet Carnochan Day (free admission)
- ◆ **June 7:** Neighbourhood Walks - Queen Street, 6 pm
- ◆ **June 10-14:** Costume Course at Navy Hall, 9:30-11:30 am
- ◆ **June 14:** Neighbourhood Walks - Irish Town, 6 pm
- ◆ **June 20:** Lecture, 7:30 pm
- ◆ **June 21:** Neighbourhood Walks - Queen Street, 6 pm
- ◆ **June 24:** Famous & Infamous, 2 pm
- ◆ **June 28:** Neighbourhood Walks - Irish Town, 6 pm
- ◆ **July 6:** Canada Historic Places Day (free admission); Hort. Society Garden Tour
- ◆ **July 8:** Yoga In the Courtyard, 9:30am
- ◆ **July 9:** Launch of Black History App, 11 am; Scandal & Gossip Tour of NOTL, 7 pm
- ◆ **July 15-19:** Kid Curators Camp, 10 am - 4 pm daily
- ◆ **July 18:** Lecture, 7:30 pm
- ◆ **July 22:** Famous & Infamous, 2 pm; Yoga In the Courtyard, 9:30 am
- ◆ **July 29:** Yoga In the Courtyard, 9:30 am
- ◆ **Aug 5:** Heritage Festival, 11 am - 4 pm
- ◆ **Aug 12-16:** Kid Curators Camp, 10 am - 4 pm daily
- ◆ **Aug 15:** Lecture, 7:30 pm
- ◆ **Aug 19:** Yoga In the Courtyard, 9:30am
- ◆ **Aug 26:** Famous & Infamous, 2 pm; Yoga In the Courtyard, 9:30 am

The Tiny Museum



Many thought this project was going to take a long time but with several private donations and a much-needed infusion of a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the Tiny Museum is set to be built this summer. Construction, done by Drew Chapman, will begin in June. With a completion date of late September 2019, keep your eyes on the fall newsletter for our Grand Opening in fall.

Society Members Get Perks at Ravine!

Ravine Vineyard Estate Winery is pleased to celebrate their friendship with the Niagara Historical Society by extending to our beloved members a series of partner exclusive offers including:

- 10% off all in store wine purchases
- 20% off all in store non-wine purchases
- Online access to wine club member exclusive wines
- A free tasting of the Wine of the Month when dining in the Ravine Restaurant
- A free tasting flight for up to 6 people in the Ravine Boutique Winery



Present your Niagara Historical Society membership card to receive in-store benefits. For more info please contact Cheryl at Cheryl@ravinevineyard.com or by phone at 905 262 8463 x 32.

We sincerely thank Ravine Vineyard Estate Winery for their continued community leadership and support and hope that you take advantage of this offer!

happening at the museum



Outdoor Yoga in the Courtyard

July 8, 22, 29 | August 19, 26 | 9:30 am
\$15 drop-in or \$50 for all 5 sessions

Join Sonya Marie de Lazzer for a gentle morning Hatha yoga practice; a mindful and meditative approach to opening the day, and the body, with softness. 1hr 15min. All levels welcome. Please bring your own mat and props (optional). Weather permitting. Space is limited.



A limited number of tickets on sale for a one-of-a-kind VIP experience.

- Enjoy food stations, refreshments, and music
- Watch the airshow from prime viewing location
- Private meet & greet with Snowbirds post-show

VIP & General Admission
tickets now available at
notlsnowbirds.ca

Presented by



FAMOUS & INFAMOUS

January - November | 2 pm

Our Famous & Infamous biography discussion group has changed to Mondays! Join us in the gallery once a month for a presentation by a local resident, followed by a lively discussion about the life of a famous or infamous person from the past.

- 24 Jun David Aurandt: Col Sam McLaughlin
- 22 Jul Julian Rance: Francesco Franco
- 26 Aug Ted Rumble: Dusko Popov
- 23 Sep Richard Merritt: William Claus
- 28 Oct Linda Fritz: Vanessa Bell
- 25 Nov Craig Tallman: Clementine Churchill

2019 LECTURE SERIES ART & FASHION

20 Jun | Norma Shepherd

Canadian Crowns: An Exhibition of Vintage & Contemporary Millinery by Canadian Designers

18 Jul | Jonathan Walford

Collecting Fashion: What and Why the Fashion History Museum Collects

15 Aug | Angela DeMontigny

An Indigenous Canadian fashion designer of Cree-Métis heritage.. Presented in partnership with Kakekalanicks Indigenous Consulting Company.

19 Sep | Sonya de Lazzer

Bring me back a t-shirt: the history of the t-shirt and its role in fashioning the tourist landscape

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

GEOFFREY & LORRAINE JOYNER
NIAGARA - ON - THE - LAKE



Explore Historic Bermuda

We are planning a trip to Bermuda in November 2019! Find out about the history of this beautiful island, including its ties to the War of 1812. The trip will run November 14-19 and will include tours, sightseeing, museum visits and more! The cost will include a tax deductible donation to the Society. For more information and to book your spot, please contact Amy Klassen at the Museum. **The deadline to reserve is June 30, 2019.**



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 start July 1st. 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.

Neighbourhood WALKS

Explore 2 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 7, 2019 | Queen Street Estates with Denise Ascenzo |
| June 14, 2019 | Irish Town/Rye Park with Judy Thornton |
| June 21, 2019 | Queen Street Estates with Denise Ascenzo |
| June 28, 2019 | Irish Town/Rye Park with Judy Thornton |



THE PAST is PRESENT

a heritage festival



Monday, August 5, 2019
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



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



- free admission -



Curator's Corner with Acting Curator, Shawna Butts

Our latest exhibition, *From Head to Toe*, features numerous garments, hats, shoes and accessories from our collection. The Niagara Historical Society is very fortunate to have such a wonderful collection to allow us to display these dresses; all but three are ours! This is the largest exhibition of this kind to be displayed at the Museum and it was such a fun exhibit to be able to prepare. The process first started by selecting, from the many fabulous pieces, the items to be displayed. Their condition, period and overall “prettiness” were a factor. During this process it was very hard not to try on all the beautiful dresses!

Next, each garment was custom fit to a mannequin by either shaving the styrofoam body or by adding padding (sometimes both) in order to achieve the desired period figure. I think the other staff and our regular volunteers were cursing me during this preparation. The styrofoam was everywhere and it stuck to everyone and everything. Some of the dresses needed a bit of work to make them perfect for display, so of course we called in Rita Brown to do her handy-work! What really makes each dress stand out are the underpinnings (crinolines, petticoats and bustles) that help give the period dress their shape. This could not have been achieved without the help of the Shaw Festival's wardrobe department. Finally to give them that added “wow” factor, they needed to be fluffed, puffed and steamed! I hope that you enjoy this exhibition as much as I did bringing it to you.

Her Side of Hi(s)tory Community Exhibit

We are pleased to announce that the museum will be participating in the Ontario Legislative Assembly's “Community Exhibits Program” from August to December 2019. Our small exhibit will explore the lives of women in the Niagara region during the War of 1812 by focusing on the additional responsibilities they took on while their male family members left for service. It will also provide insight into the individual stories of five courageous Niagara women whose heroic actions, that often go untold, aided in the fight against the Americans. Be sure to check out this pop-up exhibit in Toronto and learn about the heroines of the War of 1812.

- Rebecca Rizzo

From the Acting Managing Director

Another busy summer is on the horizon and we are looking for more volunteer gardeners to help keep the Museum grounds looking beautiful. If you would like to help with weeding and watering, please contact us!

And with the summer comes a lot of great programs and events at the Museum and around the community. Check out the list of upcoming events on the front page of your newsletter. From Neighbourhood Walks, to Yoga in the Courtyard to our annual Heritage Festival, there is something for everyone! Our new exhibition is open and we have had so much wonderful feedback already. Don't miss your chance over the summer to take a look at this display!



One of our new outreach initiatives is happening at the end of May and beginning of June. With funding from the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors program, Barbara Worthy has put together an adapted show from past theatrical cemetery tours. Some of our volunteer actors have gone out to the Legion, Pleasant Manor, Upper Canada Lodge and Chartwell to bring history alive for seniors who can't always attend our cemetery program. From June 10-14th, Pam Mundy is also presenting a mini course on historic costuming geared to educate seniors. Contact us if you would like one of the limited spaces in this morning course.

Finally, our annual audit has been completed and our financial statements are ready. There is some information in your newsletter and in our annual report, but if you would like to see a full copy of the audited financial statements, please contact the Museum.

- Amy Klassen

VOICES OF FREEDOM EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Voices of Freedom programs are well underway! The research for both the education program and the walking tour has been completed by Natasha Henry and Nancy Butler, allowing both programs to move forward to the next steps of development. The education program has been written and a teacher overview has been created to advertise and bring awareness to our new program. We have been in contact with both local school boards and we are working to arrange professional development sessions for teachers in the fall. The education program is well on its way to being in schools during the next school year.

The walking tour is in the middle of its production. Barbra Worthy has created scripts for the audio tour, which has now been recorded. The final stages involve uploading the content for the app, which will be ready for the launch on July 9th at 11 am. The Voices of Freedom Education Committee has been hard at work and we are well on our way to completing our programs.

We hope to see you at the park on July 9th, the anniversary of the Act to Limit Slavery.

- Hillary Kerr

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

David Hemmings, Society President

PROGRESS! We are making good progress with our expansion plans and summer 2019 events. The completed museum expansion drawings from Lynch+Comisso, our architect, have now been received and the final costing work will be completed in May this year. We are now in a position to start our capital fund-raising for the construction project, which will provide significant expansion to our presentation, exhibit and archive storage space, and satisfy the 2025 goal of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Act (AODA) by providing a multi-purpose elevator.

The Museum has now initiated a new Business Plan with Lord Cultural Resources, which will be used to apply for capital funding associated with the museum expansion project. If you know someone qualified to be on the capital fundraising committee, please pass along their name and contact details to committee chair, Faith Bell. Additionally, the Museum's current Strategic Plan is reaching its end-date with almost everything accomplished; the Board is planning to develop a new Strategic Plan starting in 2020. In conjunction with these important upcoming business improvements, our Nominations Committee is seeking dedicated Board candidates for three years starting October 2019; a nominations form can be found in this Newsletter.

Planning for an outstanding Snowbirds event on Wednesday 11 September 2019 at the Niagara District Airport is proceeding very well under the leadership of Mona Babin. If you have suggestions for further fundraising for this event, please contact Mona through the Museum.

The Town Historian (alias the Niagara Historical Society) has now completed two projects for the Town - (i) a list of NOTL cemeteries and their significance, and (ii) notes on Parliament Oak School for prospective designation. Summer is coming fast, and so are our events. I hope you enjoy them as much as I will.

Board Nominations: *The Niagara Historical Society is currently seeking nominations for the Board of Directors to serve for a three-year term starting October 10, 2019. 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.*

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 10, 2019. 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: _____

STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

Society & Museum Combined | Year ended December 31, 2018

REVENUE	2018	2017
Municipal Grant	158,535	154,645
Federal and Provincial Grants	144,889	180,361
Fundraising—Polo	98,647	0
Donations	26,018	54,389
Gift Shop Sales	24,449	23,467
Harmonized sales tax refunds	20,027	21,405
Admissions and Tours	19,896	15,853
Programs and Events	12,406	12,489
Memberships	10,650	15,853
Fundraising	10,146	21,872
Miscellaneous	3,951	4,278
Interest Revenue	883	602
	530,497	503,676
EXPENSES		
Staff Salaries and Benefits (permanent and contract)	162,127	154,002
Capital Assets Purchased with Designated Revenues	99,124	163,488
Polo Fundraising Expense	58,693	471
Maintenance and Utilities	34,196	28,448
Administration	29,998	26,977
HST/GST	18,676	12,787
Programs and Events	13,713	32,703
Gift Shop Merchandise	11,994	15,797
Niagara Community Foundation Endowment	10,000	0
Advertising and Website	9,721	12,194
Exhibition	8,971	16,495
Curatorial	7,958	976
Special Project Expense	3,079	810
Feasibility Study and Other	2,348	1,289
Publishing and Education	1,076	3,092
	471,674	469,529
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	58,823	34,147
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS		
Net Assets - Beginning of the Year	137,310	103,163
Excess (deficiency) of Revenue over Expenses	58,823	34,147
Net Assets - End of Year	196,133	137,310

Niagara Historical Society & Museum

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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, 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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