



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **March 20:** St. Andrew's Lecture, 10 am
- **March 21:** Art & Fashion Lecture, 7:30 pm
- **March 25:** Famous & Infamous, 2 pm
- **April 10:** St. Andrew's Lecture, 10 am
- **April 18:** Art & Fashion Lecture, 7:30 pm
- **April 22:** Famous & Infamous, 2 pm
- **April 11:** Volunteer Appreciation Lunch
- **May 8:** St. Andrew's Lecture, 10 am
- **May 16:** Art & Fashion Lecture, 7:30 pm
- **May 18:** International Museums Day—Free admission
- **May 27:** Famous & Infamous, 2 pm

**CURATOR'S CORNER** *with Shawna Butts, Acting Curator*

In late 2018, we received some exciting news, Niagara Lodge No. 2 would be donating some of their organization's collection to NHSM! For those of you who haven't had a chance to go into the Lodge on days like Doors Open Ontario, they have their own Museum that showcases their organization's rich history. It contains many documents and artefacts related to freemasonry in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Masonry in NOTL is older than our Town. When the land board met in 1791 to layout the town of Newark, they wanted a tavern (public house) to be built and a Masonic Lodge, both to be constructed beside each other. At this time there were two lodges in the area, Old Town and Queenston, but their origin story, like much of Masonry in southern Ontario, originates from Fort Niagara and the Lodges that were established there.

The document featured belongs to one such Lodge established at Fort Niagara. The Kings 8th Regiment of Foot met as Lodge No. 156 from 1773-1785, but it was not exclusive to members of the Kings 8th Regiment. In 1780, Joseph Clement and Lt. Daniel Servos were initiated into the Lodge; both were members of the British Indian Department based at Fort Niagara. This document certifies that Daniel Service (Servos) had entered an apprentice as a fellow craft mason and was raised to the degree of Master Mason while with Lodge No. 156. It is dated 1784, and is most likely the Niagara Regions oldest Masonic document—it now resides in our collection.



We look forward to working more with Niagara Lodge No. 2 in the coming months and I encourage all of our members to visit the Lodge the next time they open their doors to the public!

# happening at the museum



## 2019 LECTURE SERIES ART & FASHION

**21 Mar | Gary Parker**  
*Regalia*

**18 Apr | David Aurandt**  
*Back to the Future-the Museum and  
Deaccessioning*

**16 May | Rita Brown**  
*"Exposed" - A Brief History of Underwear*

**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: title and speaker TBC**

**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

## 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.

- 25 Mar David Sydor: Lloyd Dennis
- 22 Apr Betsy Masson: Hannah Peters Jarvis
- 27 May Michael Clark: Theodore Roosevelt
- 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

## Trip to 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 13-18 and will include  
tours, sightseeing, museum visits and more! The  
cost will include a tax deductible donation to the  
Society. More information will be available soon,  
Please contact Amy Klassen at the Museum if you  
are interested in this great experience!



Volunteers in the 2018 Santa Claus Parade



NIAGARA HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM &  
ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

present

# ST. ANDREW'S: 225 YEARS

Historical lectures held in the church sanctuary, Wednesday mornings at 10 am. Refreshments to follow in the Kirk Hall.

**FEBRUARY 20: RICHARD MERRITT**  
*THE SCOTS PRESBYTERIANS' WITNESS TO THE LIGHT: COMPLETION OF THE FIRST CHURCH IN THE NEW CAPITAL*

*PERPETRATED OUTRAGE IN ST. ANDREW'S CEMETERY: THE CURIOUS CASE OF THE LATE WILLY BLAIN*

**MARCH 20: DAVID HEMMINGS**  
*THE MCFARLANDS OF ST. ANDREW'S*

**APRIL 10: RICK MELOEN**  
*THE CROOKS FAMILY: MOVERS AND SHAKERS IN UPPER CANADA*

**MAY 8: RON DALE**  
*TOMMY, OWS YER SOUL? - CHURCH PARADES OF THE NIAGARA GARRISON*

323 Simcoe Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake | 905.468.3363  
Free Admission. Donations Welcome.



## Raffle winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Society's annual wine hamper raffle, held Dec.1, 2018. First prize went to Sheila Tierney and second prize went to Frank Coster. The raffle raised over \$1,500 for the Society!

## CANADIAN FORCES SNOWBIRDS

As our major fundraiser this year, the Niagara Historical Society welcomes the Snowbirds on Sept. 11, 2019 at the Niagara District Airport. Come and be spellbound by the world-famous Snowbirds as they perform amazing aerobatics.

Details can be found at [www.notlsnowbirds.ca](http://www.notlsnowbirds.ca)



# Painting

## Niagara-on-the-Lake

On display at the Niagara Historical Museum

**NOVEMBER 27, 2018  
to MAY 4, 2019**

# 2018 Donors

## Phoenix Circle

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## Capital Fund

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Cole, Barbara  
Coyne, Joan  
Davie, George  
Dell, George  
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Dritsacos, Rick  
Eaton, Evelyn  
Ellis, Jan  
Erasmus, Chris  
Forsyth, Joanne & Bill  
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Kudrats, Howard  
Lauge, Rai & Jo Holden  
Lavery, Robert  
Legallais, Randall  
Lopinski, John  
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Mackie, Mackie  
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Scott, OC, Donna  
Sherlock, Heather  
Solomatenko, Victor & Anne  
Steele, Rita  
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Tallman, Craig & Sue  
Taylor, Dr. Andrew  
Torrance, Margaret  
Vickerman, Jamie  
Waller, David & Barbara  
Weld, Harriet Bunting  
Whitelaw, Tom

## New Life Members

Beak, Rhys  
Boot, John & Frances  
Ram, Leila  
Stark, Chris & Eileen

## Memoriam

**IN MEMORY OF KELLY JAMES**  
James, Janet

**IN MEMORY OF DR. NANCY SMITH  
MERRITT**  
Merritt, Dr. Richard

## Planned Giving Pledge

Thornton, Judy

## In Kind

2 Moon Cottage B&B  
Allen, Chris  
Aquabella Bed & Breakfast  
Arterra Wines  
Ascenzo, Denise  
Babin, Mona  
Bader, Irene  
Barberian, Helen  
Bars by Brenda  
Beads by Connie Paul  
Beak, Rhys  
Bell, Faith & David  
Bella Grace Boutique  
Bella Vita Ristorante  
Betts, Jewell  
Bloom & Co.  
Butts, Shawna  
B-Y's Honey Farm  
Casa Mia Ristorante  
Cecile's Home & Gift  
Collins, Briar

Dawna's Designs  
Denyer, Ruth  
Drum, David  
Finora, Brian & Monique  
First Ontario Performing Arts Centre  
Framing Art Centre  
Fraser, Luba & Warren  
Hanson, Mary Alice  
Harber, Paul  
Hebert, Suzanne  
Hemmings, David & Dianne  
Howe, Michael  
Joyner, Geoffrey & Lorraine  
Kaufman, Sarah  
Kayla Marie Ceramics  
Klassen, Amy  
Klesh, Hether  
Klotz, Pat  
Knight, Bob & Sabina  
Likavec, Maggie  
Lincoln Appliance Service  
Lulu's Wisteria B&B  
Mactaggart, Terry  
Marynissen Estates  
Masson, Betsy  
McArthur, Jim  
Misiak, Zig  
Morgan, Cecilia  
Murray, David & Elizabeth Surtees  
Music Niagara

My Motif  
Natasha Bradley Home  
Niagara Parks Commission  
Niagara Pumphouse Arts Centre  
Niagara Pumphouse Arts Centre  
Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club  
Nogas, Val & Fred  
Penner Building Centre  
Ram, Leila  
Rance, Julian  
Ravine Vineyard  
Reif Estate Winery  
Robertson-Woods, Dr. Kimberlee  
Sayers, John & Judith  
Sentineal Carriages  
Serendipity, the Little French Shoppe  
Shaw Festival Theatre  
Spencer, Gwen  
Starbucks Coffee Co.  
Steele, Stephen & Dee  
Taylor, Marnie  
The Brass Bell Bed & Breakfast  
The Old Winery Rest. & Wine Bar  
Thornton, Judy  
Tierney, Sheila  
Time-Out Dolls  
Vieni Estates  
Vintage Hotels  
Walker, Dorothy  
White, Jack

## Collection

Allen, Chris  
Butts, Shawna  
Chamberlain, Mary Jane  
Claus, Graham  
Combe, Donald  
Dobson, Lyndsay  
Harley, Laurie  
Hemmings, David  
Hutchinson, Jack  
Kelly, Dan  
Mazur-Jack, Linda  
McKenzie, Diane  
Meloan, Rick  
Merritt, Dr. Richard  
Neuhauser, Brenda  
Quinn, Blanche  
Sayers, John  
Simpson, James  
Smith, Glenn  
Taylor, Richard (Estate of)  
Windeyer, David  
Zalewa, Joanna  
Brockville Museum  
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Historical Studies  
Town of NOTL--Canada 150  
Committee

## VOICES OF FREEDOM EDUCATION COORDINATOR

My name is Hillary Kerr and I was recently hired as the Voices of Freedom Educational Coordinator, working at the Museum on behalf of the Town's Voices of Freedom Park project. I am excited to step into this role and to work with the Voices of Freedom Education Committee!

I received my Honours Bachelor of Arts degree in History and a Bachelor of Education degree from Brock University. I am certified to teach at the Primary and Junior levels as well as for the Intermediate/Senior level. I worked in the heritage field for about six years as a historical interpreter at McFarland House in Niagara-on-the-Lake and I am currently working as an occasional teacher at the high school level for the District School Board of Niagara. I hope to use my experiences in heritage and education to assist in the creation of meaningful educational content about Black History in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Over the next few months, the Voices of Freedom Education Committee and I will be working on the development of a walking tour app, which will allow the public to interact with the Voices of Freedom Park and explore the significant sites in the area. Users will be able to hear the voices and the stories of Black Canadians who impacted the history of Niagara.

Along with the app, we are developing an in-school education program, which will allow students to critically examine primary sources to piece together the stories of the Black community in Niagara-on-the-Lake from the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. To support the in-school program, I also plan to develop a study guide for teachers to continue the discussion and education beyond the program.

If you have a question or would like to contact me you can email me at [hkerr@nhsm.ca](mailto:hkerr@nhsm.ca).

- Hillary Kerr

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

David Hemmings, Society President

CLIMATE CHANGE! As life reawakens from winter in Niagara-on-the-Lake, we all know that climate change has not been fake news. There was plenty of opportunity to pick ice wine grapes and the Museum continues to hum with research requests, new exhibits and plans for the summertime. Our hard-working team of three, Amy, Shawna and Rebecca will be taking us into a busy year.

During the latter days of 2018, new Councillors and Lord Mayor Betty Disero toured our Museum facilities to get a first-hand view of our day-to-day operations. Their attention to activities of the Society's fund-raising and research and the Museum's operations and community events has been rewarding. In February, we were delighted to receive the news that the Council accepted our line-item request for Museum operating funds. This infusion of funds is important to the conservation and indexing of extensive Town archives and property instruments, and the preservation of documents and artefacts from important heritage organizations in the municipality. It also supports community events in the town, and it enables the Museum to respond to over 200 research requests annually.

The Society continues to pursue expansion plans for the Museum, using the property on which our former barn stood. Our requirements are now well developed and our architects, Lynch+Comisso, will shortly deliver the final building design and drawings in order for the Society to start its funding campaign. Our planned giving effort is also gaining traction.

The Council has given the Society the privilege of being its Town Historian, 2018-2022; and the Society has established a Research Advisory Panel to support responses to significant research requests, including property records, house and local family histories.

Before I conclude this message, I would like to say a few words about contributions by our Society volunteers and Museum staff. A taste for our unparalleled collection of early Canadian artefacts and archives can be seen in the following:

<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/niagara-historical-society-museum>

<https://www.facebook.com/NHSMuseum/posts/1616011251840360>

<https://www.niagarahistorical.museum/collection/index.html>

The first of these sites is a little-known array of local photographs and their descriptions, collated by our Museum staff; the second is one element of our social media which continues to inform visitors about heritage and events in Niagara-on-the-Lake; and the third site has 5 subsections that cover comprehensive listings of social, military and land use records for Niagara-on-the-Lake over a period spanning 240 years. The most recent additions to this website are a listing of all the Mayors for NOTL as well as the local war dead for both WWI and WWII.

We are always in need of active volunteers to assist us with research – your help is needed. If you would like to be considered for our Research Advisory Panel based on your experience or knowledge of a particular part of Niagara-on-the-Lake's history, please contact Museum staff.

I look forward to seeing you all during the coming year of activities around the Museum.



## From the Acting Managing Director

First off, I would like to say a huge thank you to our new Town Council. We are extremely grateful to the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake who have shown, through increased funding to the Museum, that heritage is important to this community. We will be receiving \$209,790 from the Town this year, the second phase of our three-phase plan for more sustainable support.

2018 proved to be a great year for both the Society and Museum. The Society was very successful in raising funds to support Museum operations and to put towards our capital plans. We have made significant progress on our architectural plans for the expansion. This work is being funded 50% by the Government of Canada's "Canada Cultural Spaces" fund. The other 50% we need to match, so much of the Society's accumulated surpluses are being put towards this important work. Niagara Polo allowed us to add \$40,000 more to the project. In total, the Society is contributing approximately \$100,000 for the architectural work. By the end of March 2019, we will be ready with construction documents and will have all the estimates done so that we can then start our capital fundraising campaign.

In 2019, many of our popular programs will return with some new initiatives as well. We are helping St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church to celebrate their history for their 225th Anniversary. We hope to see you at the historical lecture series at the church from February to May.

We recently received funding from the Government of Canada's "New Horizons for Seniors" program. We will be developing an outreach program for seniors' homes based on our theatrical cemetery tours and conducting a series of 5 lecture/workshops for seniors on historic costuming with Pam Mundy. Watch for more information in your June newsletter as these workshops will take place from June 10-14.

We are also excited to announce major funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation for our Tiny Museum! A grant of \$124,900 has been awarded to build the structure of our mobile museum and purchase a vehicle to tow it. Once built, we will be bringing the Tiny Museum to schools and community events in order to provide better outreach and bring our collection outside the Museum. An additional \$30,000 has been donated from private sources for this wonderful project as well. Look for the Tiny Museum around town in the fall!



- Amy Klassen

Rendering of museum expansion

## Kid Curators (and Rebecca) Are Back for Another Summer

Hey everyone! My name is Rebecca, and I will be fulfilling the role as Assistant Curator until the end of September. This will be my second contract with the Niagara Historical Society & Museum and I'm thankful and excited to be back. Aside from assisting with the Collections Review Project and research, I will also be planning, organizing and implementing the Kid's Curator Camp for the 2019 summer season. We will be running two weeks of camp this year. The first week will take place from July 15<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> and the second will take place August 12<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup>. Both weeks will be based on popular fictional novels that are sure to transport our campers beyond their imaginations. In July, campers will travel through the wardrobe and experience the adventures from C.S Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia; in August, campers will climb aboard the Hogwarts Express as they enter J.K Rowling's magical world of Harry Potter. More details will be released within the coming months and we hope that your children and grandchildren can join us! - Rebecca Rizzo

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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.

[www.niagarahistorical.museum](http://www.niagarahistorical.museum)