HELLO MEMBERS!

In light of the Provincial Government’s announcement of the mandatory closure of all non-essential services, the Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum will continue its closure to the public until this order has been lifted.

The health and safety of our visitors, staff, and volunteers is of utmost importance in these challenging times.

All planned programs, events, tours, meetings and facility rentals will be rescheduled for a later date.

Please check our website or social media for immediate updates. We will continue our outreach over these services and by email to our members and volunteers.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Museum.

THIS WEEK’S FUN LINKS:
History of Queenston Quiz
History of Virgil Quiz

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follow us on social media @NOTLMuseum
RECREATE HISTORICAL WORKS OF ART

Recently we shared a story on Facebook about the Getty Museum in LA asking people to recreate famous paintings and other pieces of art from their collection with things they can find at home. The results are hilarious and some can be found [HERE](#) (example shown below).

Let’s see if our members can get creative! Try to recreate one of these pieces from our collection below and send us a photo. We will share the results in a future newsletter and on social media (by sending your photo, you grant the Museum permission to share this online and in our communications).

**GETTY MUSEUM EXAMPLE**

**NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE MUSEUM CHOICES**
HOW CAN WE HELP?

We know that many of our members and volunteers are seniors, some are living on their own, and some are in the most vulnerable categories for being affected by COVID-19. Perhaps you are finding it difficult to get essentials and you don’t have family close by to assist. Perhaps you are afraid to go out.

There is one Museum staff member on site each day of the week. If any members or volunteers in NOTL are in need of anything that we can pick up and drop off to you, please call us at 905-468-3912 or email contact@nhsm.ca. We are happy to help you out while we are in Town for the day.

SUPPORTING THE MUSEUM

With the current closure of the Museum, we are not able to generate revenue from admissions, programs and gift shop sales. That being said, if there is anything you may need from the gifts shop, let us know! In need of a good history book to read? Why not send one to a friend? Perhaps you need us to put an Easter basket of toys & books together for a grandchild? We would be happy to process your order over the phone and deliver it to a home in NOTL. We can also arrange for curbside pick up.

The Museum will be going through a difficult period for the next several weeks as we continue to do what is needed to help stop the spread of COVID-19. With operational funding from various governments delayed in some cases and under review in others, we appreciate any support we receive from our members and friends. If you wish to make your annual donation earlier than normal this year, it would go a long way in helping us through this period of uncertainty. To make a donation online please follow this link to our CANADA HELPS page. You can also mail a cheque to the Niagara Historical Society, PO Box 208, NOTL, LOS 1J0.
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE?

Is there anything specific you would like to see us sharing digitally during this time? Email contact@nhsm.ca and let us know!

We are grateful to all of our members for your continued support. Thank you for being a member, for volunteering your time and for spreading the word about our service to the community.

The Board of the Niagara Historical Society and the staff at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum remain dedicated to preserving the history of Niagara-on-the-Lake and educating the community about our unique heritage.

IT’S IN THE CARDS

The Girls at Niagara Camp

This is called a ‘Pennant’ postcard. This publisher would take orders for your town’s name to be put on the pennant and you would sell it in your shop in that town - like St Catharines, Toronto, and so on - in this case, Niagara Camp.

The publisher is not shown but in the early 1900s it would not be surprising if the card were printed in Germany, widely recognized for its superior publishing skills.

The card is sweet, and when labelled for most towns the message would be unexceptional. However, the thought that a bevy of pretty girls might be waiting to greet someone’s husband, son, or boyfriend during his training at Niagara Camp wouldn’t sit too well back home!

Maybe that’s why this card was never mailed. It might have been purchased in a silly moment by a summer trainee who later realized that others ‘back home’ might not find it so funny. Interestingly, Town Court Records for the period 1910 to 1920 show only one case of ‘Soliciting’, so either the Girls at Niagara Camp restricted themselves to just ‘smiles’ or nothing noticeable happened with the thousands of soldiers training at the Camp!

Judith Sayers has a large collection of postcards of Niagara Camp and Niagara-on-the-Lake which will be shared with you in this series.

SURVEY

The first two lectures of our annual series have been cancelled due to closures. Would you consider watching these lectures in an online format? Take the 3-question survey below to let us know your preference for this and for Museum communications.

SURVEY LINK