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.

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 DeMontigney

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.
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!

June 7, 2019
June 14, 2019
June 21, 2019
June 28, 2019

Queen Street Estates with Denise Ascenzo
Irish Town/Rye Park with Judy Thornton
Queen Street Estates with Denise Ascenzo
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
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: ___________________
## REVENUE

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## EXPENSES

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## EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

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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

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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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