



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Saturdays & Sundays in September:** Historic Walking tours, 11 am
- ◆ **Sept 3:** Black History Walk with Jan King-Watson, 11 am (from Voices of Freedom Park)
- ◆ **Sept 14:** Anne: Older and Wiser performance, 7 pm
- ◆ **Sept 21:** Lecture, 7:30 pm
- ◆ **Sept 25:** Famous & Infamous, 2 pm
- ◆ **Oct 6:** Doc Club, 10 am
- ◆ **Oct 12:** Annual General Meeting, 6 pm
- ◆ **Oct 13 & 14:** Museum closed for a private rental - For event info visit wineriesofniagaraonthelake.com
- ◆ **Oct 21:** Doors Open Niagara-on-the-Lake, 10 am - 4 pm
- ◆ **Oct 23:** Famous & Infamous, 2 pm
- ◆ **Oct 28:** Ghost Hunting Course with the Niagara Area Paranormal Society, 4 pm
- ◆ **Nov 1:** Poppy displays installed
- ◆ **Nov 3:** Doc Club, 10 am
- ◆ **Nov 13:** Bound & Determined Exhibit closes; Poppies come down
- ◆ **Nov 27:** Famous & Infamous, 2 pm
- ◆ **Dec 1:** Doc Club, 10 am



TINY MUSEUM, BIG IMPACT

It has been an exciting season for the Tiny Museum, which has been touring for the second summer in a row. We've attended almost every fruit festival that Niagara-on-the-Lake has to offer, Canada Day in Simcoe Park, and even collaborated with the Library for their Popup events, which meant we could take the Tiny Museum out of Old Town and as far as the Outlet Collection at Niagara, St. Davids Lion's Park, and the Virgil Splashpad.

This year we debuted some exciting new exhibitions, encompassing the history of Indigenous Peoples in Niagara, and some early settlement history of St. Davids and Virgil. Thus far we have greeted over 2,600 people through our 'tiny' doors this summer, and while we had to cancel a few events due to unprecedented rainstorms, we've had a very successful season and we are excited to welcome more guests throughout the fall.

The Tiny Museum wouldn't be possible without our dedicated team of staff and volunteers, including Peter Wright who could park the museum on a dime without issue, our Summer Students, Alison Kocsis and Robyn Weishar who assisted with setup and takedown, Barbara Worthy who helped kick off the season, and our talented volunteers who were always eager to meet guests and talk local history. We are also thankful to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for funding the 2023 tour.

We have some exciting events planned for the remainder of our 2023 season, including a weekend in St. Catharines for the Celebration of Nations at the PAC! Visit our website for more information and upcoming events.

Karlene Ouellette,
Tiny Museum Coordinator



happening at the museum

FAMOUS & INFAMOUS:

Biography Discussion Group | 2 pm | Free for all

DATE	PRESENTER	SUBJECT
Sept 25	Michael Clark	George McCullagh
Oct 23	Paulette Kennedy	Alex Humboldt
Nov 27	Julian Rance	Dame Cicely Saunders



DOORS OPEN NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

Saturday, October 21, 2023

VISIT SEVERAL SITES OF HISTORICAL, ARCHITECTURAL OR CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR FREE IN NOTL

Visit doorsopenontario.on.ca for hours and information.

2023 LECTURE SERIES - FINAL LECTURE:

Thursday, September 21 | 7:30 pm
Black Music History in Canada by Carlos Morgan; M.A.

THIS IS

Anne

Older & Wiser

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 | 7 PM

Created, compiled and performed by Maja Bannerman
with accompanying music by Rusty McCarthy

Tickets \$20 | \$15 for NOTL Museum Members

"What is it to look back on a life?"

Anne Shirley Blythe, now in her 60s, delves into her journals and letters to reminisce and reflect on her past – the very difficult moments and those of great joy.

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MUSEUM

43 Castlereagh Street

www.notlmuseum.ca

Doc Club



Our popular Doc Club returns for its Fall series beginning in October.

Watch the videos in your own time and join the Zoom discussions on Friday mornings.

Zoom links are sent for each discussion.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6:

Rumble: The Indians Who Rocked the World (Executive Producer and NOTL Museum Board Director, Tim Johnson)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3:

Music In Nazi Germany: The Maestro and Cellist of Auschwitz

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1:

Frank Capra's American Dream

To join the Doc Club, and for more information and links to videos, please email Babs Worthy: bworthy@nhsm.ca. Or call the museum at 905 468 3912.

Good viewing!

NEW ACQUISITION

This summer we were very fortunate to receive a donation of artwork by brothers, Tom and Frank Goldspink, owners of the former TAG Art Gallery in St. Catharines. Their passion for art and local history led them to build a collection of historical prints, watercolours, and pencil drawings that showcase much of the Niagara Region in the 19th century. After amassing a collection of almost 200 pieces, the Goldspink brothers, like many collectors, contemplated what to do with their collection once it reached its pinnacle. Rather than returning these items to the auction block, they sought out several museums and institutions in the Region and donated their collection in the hopes that our organization and the public will continue to benefit from these historically significant pieces.



One of the pieces that I am most excited to add to the collection is a pencil sketch titled *Brock's Monument at Queenstown, Canada* by James Pattison Cockburn (pictured below). Cockburn was a British Military officer who sketched Queenston during one of his visits to Niagara. Another is a pastel drawing of the Niagara Gorge by Owen Staples (pictured above). Staples has been recognized as a master painter, pastelist, and etcher of architectural views and landscapes of Ontario.



Our organization is very fortunate to have an already well-established historical print collection. The Goldspink's very generously agreed that any duplications could be sold to help raise funds for our organization. We are incredibly grateful to Tom and Frank for their kindness and generosity. This donation not only benefits our organization but inspires the staff to continue caring for and preserving the history of our community.

- Shawna Butts, Assistant Curator

ORANGE SHIRT PINS



Orange Shirt Day is Sept 30. If you don't have a shirt, these lovely pins are available at the Museum for \$10. All proceeds will be donated to the Niagara Regional Native Centre.

RAVINE VINEYARD ESTATE WINERY

Special thanks to our Corporate Sponsor **RAVINE VINEYARD ESTATE WINERY**. Their

generous sponsorship allows their wine club members to visit the Museum for free!

If you are a tourism business that would like to offer your clients or guests a Museum experience, while at the same time supporting our operations, call us and we can see what would work best for your business.

THANK YOU TO OUR STUDENTS!

This summer we had two students join us to help with both collections and programming. Both positions were generously funded by the Government of Canada's **Young Canada Works/Jeunesse Canada au travail** program.



ROBYN:

My name is **Robyn Weishar**, I am a history student enrolled in Concurrent Education at Brock University, where I will be returning in the fall. I have had the pleasure of working at the museum as their Programming Assistant throughout the summer months. My position has given me the ability to work closely with our staff and volunteers, as well as share my joy for history with visitors and the public. I am grateful for the opportunity this position has given me to expand upon my knowledge of local and broader Canadian history, and how it relates on a global level. Coming from a small village near Lake Huron, my scope of Niagara Region's history was limited. However, I have expanded upon my understanding and have become much more confident with the content. During my time at the museum, I assumed many responsibilities ranging from interactive social media posts, blog entries, planning and co-leading Kid Curator Camps, assisting with the Tiny Museum, and occasional auxiliary research for museum staff.

Working at the museum has aided me in expanding upon my interpersonal skills and critical thinking skills. Being able to work so closely with objects and archival materials has allowed my appreciation and proficiency in the field of history to mature. I have had the pleasure of dressing up in costume alongside

some of my co-workers, thanks to the help of volunteer, Pam Mundy, at this year's The Past is Present Heritage Festival 2023. The intimacy and passion displayed by locals and tourists alike has brought me a sense of comfort and familiarity with the area, and I am so appreciative of the kindness staff, visitors, volunteers, and members have shown me over the past four months. I want to extend a big 'thank you' to those who have made my time at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum a memorable learning experience.

IN MEMORIAM

Liam Neumann: The beloved son of our Outreach Coordinator, Babs Worthy, died in a tragic accident on Sunday June 25th at the age of 34. Liam was a graduate of Parliament Oak Elementary School and Niagara District Secondary School, University of Guelph (Bachelor of Arts, Honours, International Development), and University of Waterloo (Master of Development Practice).

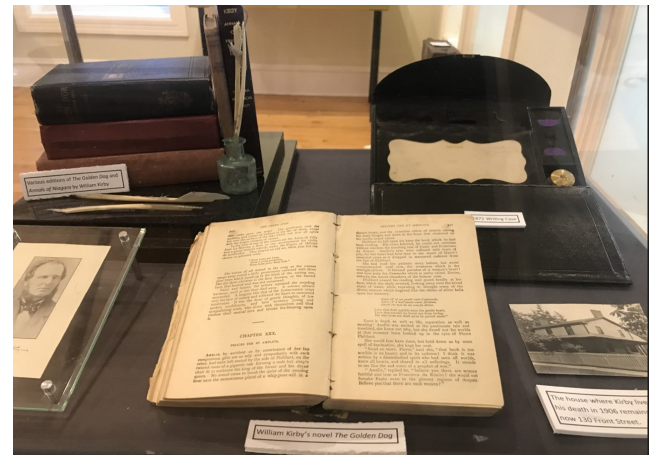
A citizen of the world, Liam travelled the globe his entire life. As a young professional his career took him to four continents, working in project management and external relations, with a specialty in humanitarian affairs, gender equality, food security, and sustainable socioeconomic development. His travels with his beloved dog, Brody, were legendary.



Babs has set up a foundation in Liam's name. Visit www.liamswatersafetyfund.com for more information.

ALISON: My name is **Alison Kocsis**, and I am entering my second year studying English and Creative Writing at Carleton University. I am incredibly grateful that I had the opportunity to work as the Collections Assistant with the Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum. I learned so much about Niagara-on-the-Lake's rich history and got to see first-hand how dedicated and closely-knit the community is. During my time with the Museum, I have worked on a number of interesting projects including the digitization of the museum's newspaper collection and research requests. Not only did I have the chance to work in the Museum, but I also got the opportunity to travel off-site to assist with various Tiny Museum popups and the bus-trip to Dundurn Castle and the Royal Botanical Gardens.

This experience has really highlighted the importance of community. I have met many wonderful individuals who volunteer their time and share their expertise with the community. In addition, I was lucky enough to work with the brilliant team at the NOTL Museum: Sarah, Shawna, Amy, Babs, Doreen, Robyn and Karlene. Their passion, knowledge, dedication and enthusiasm for their work is truly inspiring. I am especially grateful for their support during the curation of my exhibit "Turning the Page," which showcases literature and storytelling in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Thank you for a fantastic summer!



Turning the Page

Niagara-on-the-Lake history has been the source of inspiration for writers and storytellers for thousands of years. Letters addressed to loved ones, newspapers chronicling daily life and manuscripts drawing from local history reveal the town's unique connection to the past. These stories have preserved the past in a way that engages, educates and inspires us today. "Turning the Page," showcases the people and institutions that were instrumental in the sharing of history through literature. They helped turn the page so that we can write our future.

Pictured right are images of Alison's exhibit, which can be found in the Upper Level of Memorial Hall.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Hello Everyone,

One of the highlights of my summer was spending mornings enjoying a maccha tea latte with friends and colleagues on the NOTL Museum’s courtyard under the tent. If you haven’t had the opportunity to visit yet, you still have the entire month of September to do so. Hope to see you there. And don’t forget that we offer FREE WI-FI!

As you know, we hire students to work with us every summer to help us execute our summer programs. Thank you Alison and Robyn for being a great part of our team. This fall, while you visit the museum, attend our lectures, or participate in one of our events, say hi to one of full-time staff members: Sarah Kaufman (Managing Director/Curator), Amy Klassen (Director of

Finance and Marketing), Shawna Butts (Assistant Curator & Educational Programmer) and Barbara Worthy (Community Outreach Coordinator).

I am excited to confirm our museum expansion project is SHOVEL READY!!! You can expect to hear more about this project in the fall in our newsletters, at the museum, and on social media.

...BREAKING NEWS...The Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum’s Managing Director Sarah Kaufman has been appointed Treasurer on the Board of Directors of the NOTL Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations Sarah!

Our regular programming continues this fall. I look forward to seeing you there.

Take care,
Mona Babin
President of the Niagara Historical Society

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: October 12 at 6:00 pm

Learn about our accomplishments from 2023 and our plans for next year! We will also be voting in new board members. For a copy of the minutes from the 2022 AGM, please visit our website under the “Membership” tab or call to request a paper copy.

The Niagara Historical Society is currently seeking nominations for the Board of Directors. If you or someone you know would be a good candidate, please send in the nomination form below by October 1.

NOMINATION FORM: NIAGARA HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Name of Nominee: _____ phone: _____

Name of Nominator: _____ phone: _____

Seconded: _____ phone: _____

I agree to stand for election to the Board of Directors at the Annual General meeting, October 12, 2023. If elected to the position for which I am nominated, I agree to serve for the term elected.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

NOMINEES SHOULD INCLUDE A SHORT BIO OR CV WITH THEIR NOMINATION FORM.

FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

Thank you all for joining us at the Band in the Barn fundraiser! It was such a fun event in NOTL for those who enjoy a little rock and a little soul. I want to say thank you so much to the committee members who planned this event for the NOTL Museum: Stewart Hall (Board Member), Diana Hall, Lyle Hall, Peter Wilkie, Joey Rigg, Ben Taylor, Ginny Lovelace, and Amanda Binnie, A special thank you to Niagara's own Dark House for their amazing music and to the owners of the historic Freel Farm for hosting us. The event raised over \$15,000!



Volunteers tending bar at Band in the Barn.

We are so fortunate to have wonderful volunteers who hold the NOTL Museum so dear to their heart and dedicate their time to ensuring our museum has the support it needs to maintain our buildings and services.

Have you heard?? The building permit for the expansion project has been received! Our project is officially shovel-ready! All we need is the wonderful support from our members to help us meet our fundraising goals so we can see this museum flourish! We have the history, we have the objects and now we need the facilities to really engage our community and its visitors! If you would like to support the [Building History, Strengthening Community campaign](#), please contact me to learn more about the new space!!

- Sarah Kaufman

The NOTL Poppy Project

The Poppy Brigade is well on its way to creating more powerful and moving displays of commemoration this fall, with its team of creative, hard-working, participants. Knitters, crocheters, and sewers are already busy with poppy-making; wreath-makers have been harvesting, drying, and twisting vines; store owners have once again agreed to hang poppy wreaths; and this year, adding to the poppy displays at the Museum and the Courthouse on Queen Street, the Brigade will be decorating two trees on the exterior grounds of the Legion on King Street.

Plus, Sentineal Carriages will be using specially created purple poppy blankets this year, to honour the role that horses played in the First World War.

The Poppy Committee, consisting of Dee Steele, Margaret Teare, Nancy Macri, Janet Guy, Yvonne Causer, and Sue Henry, invite all past, present and new participants to join up for the 3rd year of work, fun, conviviality and satisfaction of being part of the Museum's now legendary Poppy Brigade. The first meeting of the season is Friday September 15th at 11am at the Museum. The crew is always looking for help, whether you can sew, knit, lift, or simply like to glue and play with zip ties. All are welcome. For more information, please email Babs Worthy: bworthy@nhsm.ca.



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New rates as of January 1, 2022

Individual: \$35
Individual Enhanced: \$50
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Dual Enhanced: \$85
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Individual Life: \$300
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NHS MISSION STATEMENT

We are a team of staff & volunteers that 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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MUSEUM HOURS

MAY TO OCTOBER: 10 AM TO 5 PM DAILY
NOVEMBER TO APRIL: 1 PM TO 5 PM DAILY

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

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