



1000 Islands  
HISTORY  
MUSEUM

30<sup>th</sup>

## FALL NEWSLETTER 2025



### Fall Reflections

This year marked our 30th Anniversary and with all of your support, we are wrapping up a successful summer season of excitement! The 1000 Islands History Museum has welcomed over 38,000 visitors so far in 2025. Snapshots of Canada was a huge success, with highlights from the Civic Collection driving engagement and interest in our local history.

Canada Day was celebrated with cake and smiles, bringing in 450 people to enjoy the event!

FestivÎLES celebrated their 4<sup>th</sup> year with another series of music and events with the Museum providing a venue for youth activities, with 550 in attendance!

The Pearl Gala was held at the Museum this year, in and among what that make the Museum great - incredible local history, shoulder to shoulder with the wonderful Museum members.

Thank you again for your continued support in celebrating this milestone year together!

### Volunteer Board of Directors

Layne Larsen -- Chair  
Paul Scott -- Director  
Susie Smith -- Director  
Alice Burton -- Director  
Kathy Karkut -- Director  
Richard Gilbert -- Director  
Peter Van Sickle -- Director  
Patrick Rule-- Director  
Michael Burrows -- Director  
John Beddows -- Council Representative

### From the Front Desk



*Dirk Avé, Museum Coordinator*

*We're falling into fall after a successful summer with the support of our wonderful Museum members, volunteers, staff, and board. Thank you all for the continued collective passion and dedication for this organization!*

## Student & Co-Op Spotlight

We are incredibly grateful to our Summer and Co-Op team members for all their hard work and dedication to the museum this season. We would also like to express our gratitude to the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Foundations for their donations which made these co-op placements possible.

Thank you all for your amazing contributions—you've truly made a difference, and we're so lucky to have had you on board this year!

### Museum Co-Op Placements



**Briar**



**Alan**



**Mollee**

### Summer Students and Interns



**Liam**



**Megan and Tim**



**Molly, Megan, Charlye, Liam,  
William, Brady, Tim, Perry**





# HAND PICKED HISTORY

## A Closer Look at Collecting

This Winter's seasonal exhibit will dig into the why and wherefore of our Civic Collection. Showcasing another stunning round of curious objects from our Civic Collection with personal picks from local Gananoque youth, we will dive into questions like **why** objects are valuable to us and deserving of preservation, and **when** does an object become an artifact? People make these decisions, based on best practices and beliefs - **where** do they come from? Join us this Winter and be a part of it!



**MESCO Telegraph**



**Community  
Outreach Card**

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## 30th Anniversary Gala

### A Perfect Pearlescent Evening

The 30<sup>th</sup> 'Pearl' Anniversary of the 1000 Islands History Museum was a resounding success with over 140 guests, and \$20,000 in donations to toast the long life of this historic organization.

Music was provided by the Trillium Harp Circle, which serenaded the evening and kept the evening bright and lively. Food was prepared and by the Ivy Lea Club, to the delicious delight of guests, and a case of champagne for party-goers was generously donated by Susie Smith.

The silent auction, and called auction by Dennis O'Connor showcased incredible objects, such as Alice Burton's painting, Patty Lalonde's pottery, and Maggie Duval's bespoke Cirque du Soleil jacket.



**Smiling staff!**



**Bubbly**



**Warm welcome**



# Upcoming Summer Exhibit

Mark your calendars and put on your thinking caps - next years summer exhibit is a series on cryptography, ciphers, codes, and cybersecurity and the history, mystery, and technology behind them! Join us for a new interactive traveling exhibit from InGenium, with selected artifacts from the Gananoque Civic Collection, as well as a new interactive puzzle through our Virtual Reality section! Exhibit will run from June - September.

## cipher | decipher



**JUNE - SEPTEMBER  
2026**



Communications  
Security Establishment  
Centre de la sécurité  
des télécommunications



Canada

A traveling exhibit developed by Canada Science and Technology Museum in cooperation with the Communication Security Establishment



# The 1000 Islands History Museum is a Community Hub for engagement and discovery!



**Music Display  
at Town Hall**



**The Museum on  
Canada Day**



**Community  
Groups!**



**Paul Cote's  
Book Launch**



**Snapshots of Canada  
Exhibit Opening**

**Fall decor  
at the Museum!**



**First Nations  
Exhibit Updated**



**Military Display  
at Town Hall**

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## **Update From Collections**

This year with the Snapshots of Canada exhibit, we've had opportunity to showcase the works and Civic Collection artifacts of renowned local photographers Lorne Prosser and Ian Corstien. These objects integrated with the touring exhibit from Canadian Museum of History. Many of these Civic Collection objects will continue to be visible through this winter's Walking Exhibit on photography.

This summer was very successful in getting students and interns museum experience and get elbows-deep in the Civic Collection to photograph, update, and catalogue the information in preparation for the database transition. The new software will enhance accessibility and visibility, and will make our artifacts more discoverable through online tools and eventually, fully accessible for public online viewing.

Thank you for your continued support as we work to preserve and share our community's history!





*A Special Thank You to Our 2025  
Sponsors!*



Clarke & Wright



*Norman Hardie*

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## In Memoriam / Gratitude Peggy Woodcock (1931 – 2021)

The staff and Board of Directors of the 1000 Islands History Museum would like to recognize the life of Peggy Woodcock (née Hutcheon) who grew up in Gananoque. Many stories and highlights of her life were detailed in Thousand Islands Life magazine. Special attention was put towards her love of oil painting, skating, and history. We would like to express thanks to her family for the generous donation to the Museum in her name.

*A special Thank You to Alice & Grant  
Burton, Judy Pilon, and Michel Vulpe  
& Julia Jelenyi for their continued  
support!*

## Best of Kingston & Area!

The 1000 Islands History Museum is extremely proud to have won two Best of Kingston Awards & Area 2025. 1000IHM was awarded BEST MUSEUM and BEST NONPROFIT!

