



SPRING NEWSLETTER 2025

Springing Into Action!

This year marks our 30th Anniversary, and we're off to an incredible start. The 1000 Islands History Museum has welcomed over 1000 visitors so far in 2025. So far, the museum has put on 3 temporary exhibits, ran 15 weekly kids programs, and hosted 2 special events! Our annual Family Day event was a hit, drawing over 120 visitors, despite the snow storm! Families enjoyed crafts, face painting, and Museum activities. March of the Museums was another success (see inside), and the Museum was also thrilled to host the NTS Dramafest students in March. The multiday workshops brought almost 100 students to learn from entertainment professionals about Stage Fighting, Auditioning, and collaboration sessions. We are happy to continue to provide space for our community partners and welcome all new audiences to the museum.

Thank you for your continued support. We can't wait to welcome you back soon and celebrate this milestone year together!



The 1000IHM Staff and Volunteers Hard at Work!

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From the Front Desk



Dirk Ave, Museum Coordinator

Spring has sprung, and we are excited to welcome everyone to experience the new seasonal exhibits, programming, and events here at the 1000 Islands History Museum. We are also preparing the festivities for our 30th anniversary gala, hope to see you there!



2025 Annual General Meeting

Thursday June 12 @ 5:00pm

Volunteer & Coop Spotlight

We are incredibly grateful to our volunteer Christian and coop student Keiren for all their hard work and dedication to the museum this season.

Christian, a graduate student from Queen's University, brought invaluable support to our team. From evaluating our permanent exhibit displays to assisting with Family Day and March Break programs, as well as various collections management projects, Christian's efforts have been outstanding.

Keiren, a student at Gananoque Secondary School, impressed us with creativity and enthusiasm. Keiren played a vital role in researching and setting up our seasonal exhibit and added a wonderful musical element to Family Day. Keiren also supported several events, making each one even more special.

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



Christian



Keiren

March of the Museums: A Resounding Success!



The Museum is thrilled to share the success of this year's March of the Museums programming! As part of the larger Kingston and Area Association of Museums initiative, this week-long event brought 17 museums across the region together to engage and inspire our community, especially the kids.

Highlights included exciting scavenger hunts that invited participants to explore multiple museums, uncover hidden treasures, and learn fascinating stories along the way. Here at our museum, we engaged visitors with our original programming featuring hands-on crafts and new artifact displays, all centered around our Seasons of Discovery program. The Museum capped the week off with a special performance by the Paddling Puppeteers!

In all, the Museum welcomed over 200 visitors during the March Break week. We're so grateful for everyone who joined us to celebrate this collaborative effort and make it such a memorable experience. Stay tuned for more events that bring history and creativity to life!



Enjoying the 1000IHM March of the Museums programs and performances!





SNAPSHOTS OF CANADA

May 8, 1945
John P. Bayly/City of Toronto Archives/Fonds 2266, Item 9681



GANANOQUE Canada

Seasonal Exhibition
June - September 2025

A travelling exhibition developed by the Canadian Museum of History and Canada's History Society.

CANADA'S
HISTORY
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Exploring unforgettable moments in our history, the travelling exhibition Snapshots of Canada pairs compelling images with texts by well-known authors, journalists and historians. Images ranging from high drama to simple joy are tangible reminders of the triumphs, failures and sacrifices that have shaped our country. This travelling exhibition was developed by the Canadian Museum of History in partnership with Canada's History Society. The 1000 Islands History Museum acknowledges the support of the Government of Canada in bringing this quality bilingual exhibition to Gananoque.

The Seasonal Exhibit will also feature a local supplement with artifacts from the Town of Gananoque Civic Collection and the 1000 Islands History Museum's Prosser Collection.

**SAVE
THE DATE**

**Join Us for Our Seasonal Exhibit Opening
Thursday June 12 @ 5:30pm
Following the Annual General Meeting**

You're Invited to a Summer Evening in the Islands

1000 Islands History Museum Annual Fundraiser

July 17, 2025 5pm to 8pm

125 Water Street, Arthur J.E. Child Building, Gananoque

Join us as we mark our "Pearl" Anniversary, celebrating 30 incredible years of history and community. This year, we invite you to where the magic happens: The 1000 Islands History Museum.

Set against the spectacular Gananoque waterfront, indulge in an evening of elegance, joy, and purpose. Take in the breathtaking views, unwind on our picturesque verandas, and immerse yourself in the timeless beauty of the 1000 Islands.

Enjoy delicious food and beverages courtesy of the Ivy, captivating live music, and the thrill of both silent and live auctions—all while supporting an important cause.

Your support is vital in preserving the stories and heritage of the 1000 Islands.
Don't miss this milestone celebration!

Tickets \$150 per person

Book in person at the 1000 Islands History Museum,
by phone at 613-382-2535,
or online at 1000islandshistorymuseum.com



The 1000IHM is a Community Hub for engagement and discovery!



Family Day Activities



Remember The Music Display



Family Day Activities



NTS Dramafest



Family Day Activities



Family Day Crafts



Weekend Crafts



Family Day Crafts

Update From Collections



The year is off to an incredible start for the Town of Gananoque Civic Collection. We're thrilled to celebrate the success of our recent exhibits at the Museum, including the Gananoque Remembers military exhibit, the Remember the Music window exhibit, and the recent March break program displays—all featuring remarkable artifacts from the Civic Collection. These displays were a hit with visitors and a wonderful showcase of the Collection's rich treasures. Selections of these exhibits will also soon be featured in the Civic Collection display cases at the Town Hall.

Looking ahead, we're embarking on a significant Artifact Photography Project aimed at modernizing our records. This initiative will produce high-quality images of our artifacts, enhancing their accessibility and visibility. In addition, we're excited to move forward the long-awaited transition of our collections database to an online platform. This upgrade will make our artifacts more discoverable 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!



The wonderful artifacts of the Town of Gananoque Civic Collection



**A Special Thank You to Our 2024
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Norman Hardie



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In Memoriam / Gratitude Helen Taylor (1940 – 2025)

The staff and Board of Directors of the 1000 Islands History Museum extend their deepest condolences to the family and friends of Helen Taylor, who passed away on February 18, 2025. Helen, alongside her husband Jim, was a longstanding supporter of the Museum, contributing to the Museum's growth and the preservation of our shared history. Her contributions have left a lasting legacy that we will always cherish. Our thoughts and sympathies are with Helen's loved ones.

***A special Thank You to Alice and
Grant Burton for their continued
support!***

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extremely proud to have won two
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