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## A Summer Evening in the Islands

On July 18th we held our 17th annual Fundraiser Gala. Jay and Kendal Patry generously hosted the event at the magnificent Eagle Point Estate. Guests enjoyed live music, delicious food, and breathtaking views of the St. Lawrence River and Eagle Point Estate grounds. The 1000 Islands History Museum sincerely thanks the Patrys for their hospitality and support.

The 1000 Islands History Museum would also like to thank everyone who planned, sponsored, supported, and attended the event. Because of your support, the event was a major success. Your generous contributions to the 1000 Islands History Museum mean that we can continue to offer meaningful and engaging programs and services to the public. Thank you, and we hope to see you all again next year!



Photos Courtesy of Lorraine Payette

## A Special Thank You

The 1000 Islands History Museum would like to acknowledge the generous donation from the Estate of Edith Patricia (Garrah) Stephenson.

Patrica was born in Gananoque. She attended Linklater Public School and Gananoque Secondary School. After graduating from GSS, she attended Ottawa Teachers College and spent her teaching career in Scarborough. During her retirement years and while living on Charleston Lake, she volunteered with the Gananoque Horticultural Society, the TLTI Library Board, The Terry Fox Run Organizing Committee and was a proud member of the Gananoque Historical Society.

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



## Hello Winter!

Another busy year is coming to an end at the 1000 Islands History Museum. As we fly through the Fall season and prepare for winter, it is clear that 2024 has been a very successful year. As of December, the 1000 Islands History Museum has welcomed over 41,500 visitors. This not only exceeds our total for 2023 but is also well over pre-COVID-19 averages.

The increase in visitors has a lot to do with the 1000 Islands History Museum's commitment to delivering high-quality and engaging experiences, as well as being an active member of the community. As we prepare to turn the page on 2024, we would like to thank everyone who has visited and supported the Museum this past year. With your continued support, we look forward to an even better 2025!



1000IHM Staff at the Museum and in the Community

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## Laynes's Message



Layne Larsen, Chair

We have come to the end of another successful year at the Museum. I would encourage all our members to visit to see the winter exhibits, including a display on the military history and heritage of Gananoque, and our annual windows exhibit on the theme of music. Bring your friends and any other visitors you may have over the holidays.



## Winter Walk-By Exhibit: Remember the Music!

Music is a huge part of our lives. It inspires great ideas, emotions, and memories. It represents societies, cultures, and identities. It is present in private moments and the major events in our lives. This is true in Gananoque, the 1000 Islands, and beyond. Musical expression, tastes, and technologies are as diverse as the people who create and listen.

Join us this Winter for our annual Walk-By Exhibit. Take a walk around our veranda and peer into the Museum windows for a look at the region's musical past, present, and future!

Do you Remember the Music?

## From the Front Desk

This has been a record-breaking year for the 1000 Islands History Museum. Over 41,500 people visited the museum this year, making it the busiest in over 20 years!

Since the release of the 2024 Spring Newsletter, the Museum has accomplished a lot. We opened three new exhibits, including the updated "Learning to Fly" Link Trainer exhibit, the seasonal "Aquaculture" exhibit, and our new "Gananoque Remembers" military history display. Our Winter exhibit, "Remember the Music," is also opened at the end of November.

We had a very busy tour schedule, delivering guided tours to 18 groups from all over the world. We also started offering walk-in guided tours, allowing us to engage with even more visitors. In addition to tour groups, we welcomed 9 school groups for tours and programming.

The Museum was very active in the community this Summer and Fall. We participated in many community events, including LeFestiVILES, Joel Stone's Birthday Celebration, Canada Day celebrations, Waterfront Festival, and local Pride events. Staff also delivered 11 presentations for community groups and organizations, including the Senior Support Network and the Rotary Club.

As 2024 comes to an end, we are extremely proud of all that we accomplished this year, and are very excited for 2025!



## Thank You Anna!

This Fall was a time of change at the 1000 Islands History Museum. Anna Collett, who served as Museum Coordinator for the past several years, has accepted an exciting new job. We are sad to see her leave the Museum but are very happy for her as she sets out on this new journey. We could not have accomplished nearly as much these past years without Anna's dedication and hard work. Thanks for everything, Anna!



## Welcome Dirk!

The 1000 Islands History Museum would like to introduce Dirk Avé as the new Museum Coordinator! Dirk comes to the Museum with a background in project and event management in both the public and private sectors. In this key position, Dirk will be the first point of contact for the Museum. He will coordinate the day-to-day activities of the Museum and contribute to exceptional visitor experience.

Having lived in Gananoque for the past ten years, Dirk is excited to learn more about his community and its long history. Welcome Dirk!



## Update From Collections

2024 was a great year for the Town of Gananoque Civic Collection. Our excellent interns, seasonal employees, co-op students, and volunteers at the 1000 Islands History Museum continue to work very hard to ensure the Collection is better preserved and more accessible than ever before. Since the Spring, we completed the 1000 Islands History Museum On-Demand Programming project. Six education programs now incorporate educational artifacts, including one new program based on the Link Trainer and one new program specifically about how museums care for artifacts. We are excited to run these programs this school year. We also made significant progress updating the Collections Database, making it easier for us to present artifact information to the public. We continue to feature more Civic Collections artifacts in exhibitions. These include permanent displays at the 1000 Islands History Museum, like the updated "Learning to Fly" Link Trainer exhibit and an all-new Fishing display on our 2nd floor.

As always, the hard work continues, and we are looking forward to new projects in 2025!



Children enjoying all the 1000IHM has to offer!



The wonderful artifacts of the Town of Gananoque Civic Collection