

MURNEY NEWS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S ON

Murney Tower is getting ready for 2021 with new storage shelves made by our star volunteer Peter Ginn, being selected for a grant by the City of Kingston Heritage Fund, and holding a photo contest!

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OVERVIEW OF THE MONTH

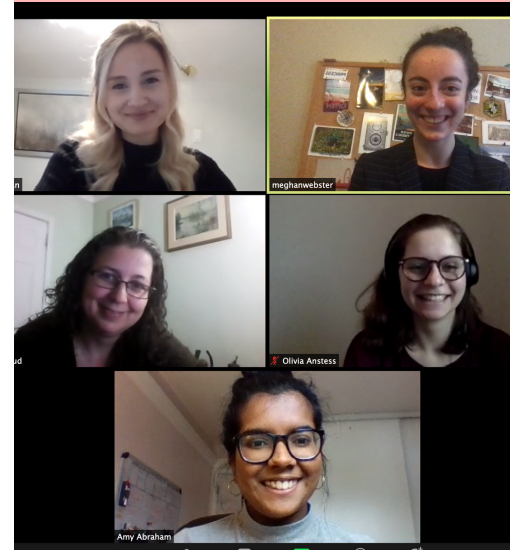
Happy Holidays everyone! We wanted to announce our December issue earlier than usual to wish you happy holidays. Despite the holiday season, the tower is still busy preparing for the New Year and all the wonderful things yet to come.

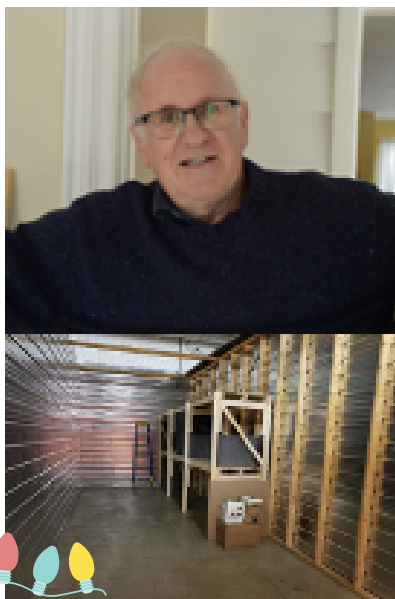
We know that 2020 has been difficult, but Murney Tower Museum accomplished important things despite the pandemic. We have digitized 90% of our collections, packed and organized our exhibits, increased our social media engagement, got two student grants, two bursaries, and an operating grant, built a coherent digital media strategy,

and announced our monthly newsletter. We are all so proud of what we were able to do in 2020, but we are even more excited about what is to come in 2021. This year we are aiming to launch our new website and our next five-year strategic plan, create new online programming for schools and families, organize our new offsite storage, and run collaborative community projects. All to serve our community and make the museum a more accessible and welcoming space for all!

From all of us here at the Tower, we are wishing you and your loved ones Happy Holidays, and a very happy New Year!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE TEAM!





Thank you, Peter!

As we announced last month, Murney Tower Museum has recently acquired a new off-site storage space. We'd like to thank our wonderful treasurer, Peter Ginn, for taking time out of his busy schedule to build us new wooden shelves for the unit. Peter has been a member of KHS for seventeen years and has been on the KHS council since 2011. He has been treasurer of both KHS and MTM for the past five years. These shelves are just one example of Peter's consistent willingness to go above and beyond in order to ensure that both organizations run smoothly. We cannot thank him enough for his hard work and dedication.

City of Kingston Heritage Fund 2021

We are thrilled to announce that our museum applied for and was selected by a community jury to receive a grant from Kingston's Heritage Fund to continue museum operations for the year 2021. Five museums were helped this cycle by the Heritage Fund and it is an absolutely vital support to keep museums alive and accessible in our community to enrich the quality of life of our people and support local tourism. If you are a Kingstonian who appreciates having local museums, please be sure to thank your city councillor for the Heritage Fund!



Photo featuring Mayor of Kingston from a past Heritage Fund Ceremony.

Murney in Retrospect Photo Contest

Murney Tower is having a photo contest! The rules of the contest are to send us a photo of you/family/friends/ancestors in front of or inside Murney Tower Museum! Submit your photo to staff@murneytower.com, or tag us on social media at #RetroMurney. If you tag us, make sure that the privacy settings are on public so we can see! If you want to be certain your photo is submitted, we highly recommend email as the route to take.

Upon submissions, you are entered in a draw to win a gift card from a local Kingston business, such as The Rocking Horse or Cooke's! We look forward to seeing your submissions!



Murney Tower acknowledges with thanks the continued support of the City of Kingston, the Kingston Association of Museums, Art Galleries and Historic Sites, and the Kingston Historical Society.

