

MURNEY NEWS

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OVERVIEW OF THE MONTH

Welcome to Murney News!

Despite a global pandemic and being closed to the public for 2020, the Murney Tower Museum had a very busy summer. Our two museum assistants helped with exciting projects in the areas of collection management, digitization, programming, public engagement, strategic planning

and curatorial research. This summer we grew our social media following and shared more stories from our community as our museum assistants researched various artifacts.

September witnessed the beginning of our onsite work, including the cleaning of the Tower and artifact conservation. In addition, our summer staff positions were extended into Fall 2020 and Winter 2021, ensuring the continuity of our ongoing projects.

WHAT'S ON

September has been busy with a visit from CKWS, the start of our onsite work and extended contracts for our summer staff.

COLLECTIONS

This summer, our staff digitized hundreds of artifact files and some archival material. We hope to complete the digitization of our artifact files this year.

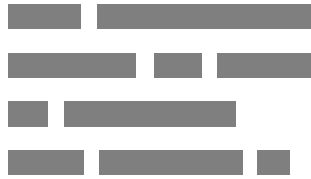
SOCIAL MEDIA

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On Friday, September 17, Mike Postovit of CKWS TV visited Murney Tower. Postovit chatted with museum staff, including Simge Erdogan (Manager), Tabitha Renaud (Director), and Emma Binns (Museum Assistant) about how the museum's operations have been affected by COVID-19. The focus of their conversation was on the important work that staff undertook this summer even as the Tower remained closed to the public. The piece was broadcast on September 18th, but you can still check out the video and article on the CKWS TV website!



STAFF NEWS

Olivia Anstess was hired as museum assistant via the Young Canada Works and Canada Summer Jobs grant programs for May 11th to September 14th. YCW extended her contract for another 280 hours covering Fall 2020 and Winter 2021. Emma Binns opted not to take the extension in order to focus on her studies, completing her position this month. Another museum assistant will be hired via the YCW Program for 280 hours between November and April.

We also have one more Museum Assistant joining the team in Fall and Winter named Amy Abraham. This position is funded by Canada Summer Jobs.

ONSITE WORK

Due to the outbreak of Covid-19 and related public health and safety concerns, we had to postpone our seasonal cleaning and opening. In Fall 2020, the museum staff will be working onsite to make the Tower ready for the winter, cleaning and packing its exhibits.

Here is an image from our onsite work featuring our Museum Director, Tabitha Renaud (right), our Manager, Simge Erdogan (left), and our volunteer, Tanya Scott (middle).

