

MURNEY NEWS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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OVERVIEW OF THE MONTH

Hello friends! We had a very busy month at the Murney Tower Museum and we have many new projects currently underway. We are very excited to be participating in a virtual March of the Museums event which will bring local museums to your homes! Throughout the week of April 12-16, eight participating sites will be sharing fun activities and videos you can do safely from your home. Free activity kits will be available through Eventbrite and for pick up from Kingston Frontenac Public Library. We are looking forward to sharing with you our fun rock painting activity "Murney Tower Rocks!" which explores the limestone heritage of Kingston. Our video will feature on KAM's and Murney Tower Museum's YouTube channels. Stay tuned!

Our photo contest "Murney in Retrospect" ended on March 22nd. It was such an incredible community project with the museum receiving over 50 submissions from different time periods, collecting visual and oral stories of Murney's past. We would like to thank everyone who participated and shared with us their Murney moments! If you missed submitting your photo and would like to help us build our collection, feel free to send your photos to info@murneytower.com! We would love to see your photos!

WHAT'S ON

Murney Tower has been busy with working with Queen's University Engineers for projects relating to Tower mechanics, and we welcome a new team member and bid a fond farewell to an old team member.

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REMOTE

Our staff is working off-site, but you can reach us via email at:

info@murneytower.com





Welcome to the team, Melina!

Hello everyone! My name is Melina and I am so excited to be a member of the Murney Tower team for the next month where I will be completing my alternative practicum. I am a Consecutive Education student at Queen's University and will be graduating with qualifications in the primary/junior divisions. I am originally from Toronto, and completed my Bachelor of Arts at Ryerson University in Early Childhood Studies. I have been in Kingston for a short time, but I've really loved every minute that I've been here - even though my entire teachers education program has been entirely virtual up until this point! Here's hoping we can all be together in person soon!

Engineering Projects

The Murney Tower team is currently working with the Queen's Engineering course APSC 100: Module 3 on two projects designed to improve the quality of our exhibits. For the first project, engineering students are working to create an interactive model of our Blomefield cannon that demonstrates how the weapon worked. Our hope is that this model will make the display more engaging for young audiences. The second team of students is assessing the caponiers that are located in the Tower's basement to assess options for making the rifle ports into climate-controlled exhibit areas, which would allow more flexibility for future exhibit designs.

In March, representatives from each of these teams visited the Tower to explore their respective areas and take photos and measurements. We captured this great image of the caponier team and their project manager, Leah Claire Bourque, on their visit. We are so excited about these projects and can't wait to see the finished products!



Image showing Queen's Engineering students in the caponiers, taking notes and measurements

Goodbye Meghan!

Hi everyone, Meghan here! I have now reached the end of my time with the Murney Tower Museum. I had a delightful time with Murney Tower Museum and I am thankful for the experience it gave me.

I hope you enjoyed my work! I was involved with the "Murney in Retrospect" photo contest - you might have seen me on TV or in the newspaper being interviewed, which was one of the highlights here at Murney. I filmed and edited YouTube videos, and created the series "Meet the Staff." I also created content for social media, including graphic design. I have some designs and posts prepared for the next couple of months - see if you can find the ones I created!

I'm very proud of my "Murney Tower Rocks!" educational workshop I created for March of the Museums and, lastly, I worked on the newsletters that you are reading right now! I bid a fond farewell to Murney Tower. I won't forget my time here!



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