

MURNEY NEWS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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OVERVIEW OF THE MONTH

Hello friends! We can't believe spring is finally here. We hope everyone is staying healthy and safe in these unprecedented times. Our thoughts are with our community! As we are getting ready for the summer season, exciting things are happening in your museum. This month we have participated in the virtual *March of the Museums* community event, which took place between April 12-16. Be sure to check out our maker video on our YouTube channel. You can subscribe to our channel to catch all our videos and to leave us comments!

Another highlight for April was the completion of our two latest engineering projects arranged through Queen's University. We have attended final presentations where seven teams working on two projects presented us with the results of their results. We are very pleased with these two projects and will share them with you soon! We are looking forward to incorporating them into our brand new website which will be launched next month. Stay tuned!

Our team has also created an online survey to collect feedback from the community. Participants will be entered in a draw for gift cards! Your feedback will determine the future of the museum! Find the survey on our social media channels or contact us at info@murneytower.com to participate.

WHAT'S ON

Murney Tower participated in the virtual *March of the Museums* initiative, completed Engineering Student projects, and bid a fond farewell to two more team members. Also, read on for two ways you can win gift cards!

SOCIAL MEDIA



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REMOTE

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

info@murneytower.com



BRAND NEW CISTERN EXHIBIT



Over the past two years the museum has worked with a team of Engineering undergraduate students from Queen's University on the creation of a portable, interactive display to educate the public on how the tower's cistern works. What began as a four-month school project turned into a long-term volunteer commitment from these enthusiastic students. The team enjoyed themselves so much they shared videos, photos and wrote a blog post about their experience. These features will be coming to our YouTube channel and new website soon! Murney would like to thank **Morgan Trewin, Naomi Lamothe Kate Theysmeyer and Julia Funk** for their work! Pictured is Naomi working on the project at home.

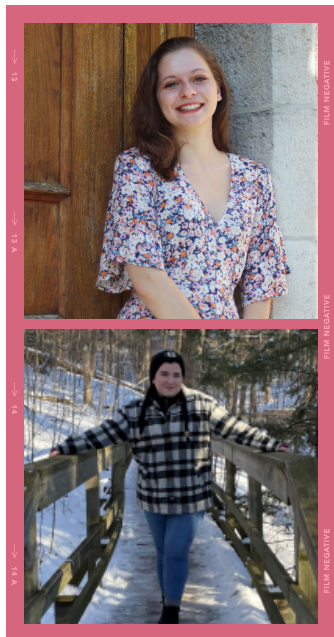
SLOGAN CONTEST

In celebration of our seasonal opening this summer, we have launched the *Finding Murney Slogan Contest*. We invite you to reflect on what Murney Tower means to you and submit some slogan ideas. Murney has been in the background of Kingstonians lives since 1846 and this is a great chance to show this special little landmark some love. The winning entry will become Murney Tower's official slogan and will be incorporated into our new website! The winner will also receive a gift card valued at \$50 from a local Kingston business. You can submit your slogan idea until the end of May. You can submit an unlimited number of slogan ideas. Check out our social media channels or email us at info@murneytower.com to participate. We'll be contacting the winner to arrange delivery of the gift card.



We WILL MISS YOU, OLIVIA AND CHLOE!

In April, we said goodbye to two more teammates. Our Museum Assistant, Olivia Anstess, who has been with us since last May, and our intern, Chloe Fine, who has spent the semester with us. Olivia and Chloe both made valuable contributions during their time here. Olivia successfully completed a major digitization project and assisted with facilitation and data analysis for our strategic planning project. Chloe researched for several ongoing projects and began what will become the Murney Tower Alumni Club. Both students helped develop content for our new website. Olivia, who is set to complete her BAH this month, will be pursuing a law degree at McGill next fall. Chloe is set to enter her final year of her BAH next September, with the hopes pursuing Law or Public History after graduation. We really appreciate all their work and wish them both the best of luck in their future endeavours!



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