

# MURNEY NEWS

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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C&C: Curator and Collections Series, 2nd session at 1-2 pm on July 7th, 2021. Register [today](#). Murney Tower Cooking Channel is now available on YouTube. Click [here](#) to watch the first video.

Submit your slogan idea and win a \$50 gift card. Click [here](#) to participate.

"High Tea with Murney Tower" online arts and crafts activity is now available on [YouTube](#).

Kingstonist featured our Manager, who talked about our C&C Series. Read [here](#).

## SUMMER EDITION



## OVERVIEW OF THE MONTH

Hello everyone, Tabitha and Simge here. For those of you who don't know us, we are the Director and Manager of this little museum. We are very pleased to present you with a special summer issue focused on the people behind the keyboard, our fantastic museum team who work enthusiastically every day to keep the museum hopping. Since you will get acquainted with our summer staff - Alison, Annabeth, and Sam - on the next page, we also wanted to tell you a little bit about the museum's leadership team: Tabitha and Simge have ten years of experience in the cultural heritage sector and work in close collaboration to oversee all the museum's projects, manage its daily operations, and supervise its staff and volunteers. We also work with our passionate steering committee (Peter, Liz, Tanya, Don and Vincent) and the Kingston Historical Society to govern the museum.

We have welcomed the summer with the first session of our virtual collection program, the C&C: Curator and Collections. This was a huge success and was attended by 44 people! We also participated in two virtual events co-organized by The Phantoms of Yore and The Haunted Walk that were live-streamed on our Facebook page. We developed three new blog posts and one new interactive exhibit (available on our new website) and launched the Murney Tower Cooking Channel on our YouTube. You can also still enter our Slogan Contest to win a gift card! Stay tuned for more programs and initiatives as it is going to be a busy summer at the Murney Tower!

## SOCIAL MEDIA



**Facebook**

@MurneyTowerMuseum



**Twitter**

@MurneyTower



**Instagram**

@Murneytower



**YouTube**

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## REMOTE

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

[info@murneytower.com](mailto:info@murneytower.com)

## WEBSITE

You can now find us at [www.murneytower.com](http://www.murneytower.com)





## Meet Alison!

Hi everyone! My name is Alison Dringenberg, and I am one of three Historical Interpreters at Murney Tower Museum this summer. I am entering my fourth and final year of my B.A. in History with a minor in German Language at McGill University in Montreal. I joined the team at the beginning of May, and the past two months have been filled with learning, researching, writing, and collaborating with my amazing coworkers. This summer I am tackling some very exciting projects, including strategic planning, researching and writing about the artifacts in our collections, collaborating with my coworkers on grant writing and event planning, and much more! Two stories written by me, one about stereographs and the other about an 1838 drawing of Kingston, are available to read on our new website under "Stories" – and many more stories by me are forthcoming! As well, a virtual, interactive exhibit created by me is available under "Online Activities." I am so excited to return to my hometown of Kingston for July and August, where I will be able to work on collection digitization, collaborate with my coworkers in person, and finally set foot in the Tower!



## Meet Annabeth!

Hi! I'm Annabeth. I am a Historical Interpreter here at Murney Tower! This past school year I have done my first year of my master's degree here at Queen's in the Classics Department, focusing on Roman Archaeology. I always try to find ways to study history in an interdisciplinary manner. My research at Queen's focuses on ancient Roman ceramic lamp production and distribution methods. As a part of my research I am trying to recreate my own Roman lamps based on the evidence I find! I am taking these same initiatives from school to my work here at Murney Tower. I have been creating hands-on crafts and presentations that speak about Murney Tower's social history and the local history of Kingston. One of my current projects is adapting 19th-century recipes and recreating them for the modern kitchen! This cooking series will follow the daily food schedule of the soldiers who lived in the tower as well as some other delicious recipes from the era. I am looking forward to you all testing these recipes for yourself or following our craft demonstrations on our YouTube Channel, and our Website!



## Meet Sam!

Hi folks! My name is Sam, one of the Historical Interpreters here at Murney Tower Museum for the summer. After spending four years studying history at Queen's University, I realized that several of my passions lie within museums and heritage sites. Therefore, starting in the Fall, I will be attending Carleton University for my Masters of Arts Degree in Public History, where I hope to research the impacts of Heritage sites in Kingston and Ottawa on national and regional identity. Throughout my time at Queen's, I had the opportunity to volunteer at the Marine Museum of the Great Lakes and the South Frontenac Museum. So far, my time at Murney Tower has been incredibly rewarding. I have had the opportunity to work on several projects, such as the Strategic Plan, an Oral History Project, and other research of collections. I have also had the opportunity to explore my creative side by designing social media posts and captions (check our Instagram!). Although all my work has been remote, connecting with this year's team has been super fun, and we've been able to work on some creative initiatives together. I can't wait to see what the rest of summer has in store!



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