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MURNEY NEWS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

C&C: Curator and Collections Series, 3rd session at 1-2 pm on September 16, 2021. Register <u>today</u>. Murney Tower Cooking Channel second episode is now available on <u>YouTube</u>. "How About Hat?!" Challenge online arts and crafts activity is now available on <u>YouTube</u>. Check out our newest stories and blog posts <u>here</u>.

OVERVIEW OF THE MONTH

What a MONTH! The Murney Team has had a great, sunny August of welcoming visitors into our museum every weekend. We've had tourists and locals alike touring our space, and we've loved how interested and engaged everyone has been with the history of our little tower. We are so grateful for every donation and continued curiosity and interest in our museum. Last but not least, we would like to give a special shoutout to Felix, Theo, and Rowan (bottom picture!) for providing us with a real-life demonstration of how children would have slept in the tower in the 1800s!





SOCIAL MEDIA



VISITOR INFORMATION

Open on Saturdays and Sundays, 12 PM to 6 PM (last tour at 5 PM)

Self-guided tours are available

WEBSITE

You can now find us at www.murneytower.com



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PAINT NIGHT WITH THE MARINE MUSEUM

On August 12, the Marine Museum of the Great Lakes at Kingston hosted Part 2 of their Paint Night art series at Murney Tower. With the week's theme of "History and Fortifications," our Tower was the perfect place to host this segment of Paint Night. Sam and Alison met Marine Museum staff down at the Tower and were able to participate in the night's activities while promoting all the great aspects of our museum. The turnout consisted of ten eager painters who spent two hours painting (what we consider to be) the iconic view of our national historic site. Overall, the night was a huge success. We look forward to the possibility of collaborating with the Marine Museum (and other Kingston museums) in the future!

KYLE MAYNE, VERANDA POST AND MORE!

Kyle Mayne and his family visited Murney Tower one weekend while they were visiting Kingston from Prince Edward County. Kyle, who owns *Veranda Post and More*, is a woodturning specialist who noticed during his tour that one of the basement stair railings needed some repairs. He told us that he specializes in restoring wood-turned details for century homes, as well as antique chairs, and other designer wood-turned items. As a donation to the museum, he carefully recreated the wooden knob from our railing that needed replacing! We are deeply grateful for his generosity and willingness to share his skills with us! If you need any restorations for wood-turned details of your home or any antique items, Kyle Mayne is the *mayne* man for the job! You can reach him at his business *Veranda Post and More*, (613)-920-6422, or email him at themayneman@hotmail.com. Thank you, Kyle - Murney Tower loves its makeover!





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2021-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN

On _ August, 2021, Murney Tower Museum officially launched its 2021-2026 Strategic Plan. This plan was the product of an extensive one-year planning and data collection process, which was co-developed with a broad range of internal and external stakeholders. As part of the research process, the museum held five focus group conversations, which were attended by 49 participants, and launched a comprehensive online survey, which received 262 responses. We spent this summer completing our full report, which is now available on our website and can be read at the link <u>here</u>. At the heart of this plan is a commitment to strengthening the museum's relationship with the community and making its services more accessible and appealing to a diverse group of audiences. We are so grateful for every participant whose voice has helped shape our community-oriented strategic plan that will guide us toward our 100th anniversary in 2025 and beyond.



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.