

# MURNEY NEWS

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

We Have New Team Members! Read Their Bios [Here](#).

The New Episode of Our Staff Interview Series is Available on YouTube. Watch It [Here](#).

Submit Your Nomination for the Kingston Historical Society Award [Here](#).



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## OVERVIEW OF THE MONTH

Happy December! The museum may be closed, but our team remains busy behind the scenes. The staff have been continuing their collections management work, organizing, and storing all our artifacts, and we even have a new Museum Assistant on our team (introduced below!). We've also been busy compiling our first-ever Annual Report, which provides a comprehensive overview of all the projects, initiatives, programs, events, collaborations, and outreach for the 2020-2021 operating season — stay tuned for the final product! As well, alongside other Kingston museums and heritage sites, the Murney team has been taking part in planning the annual Kingston-wide March Break programming event, March of the Museums, which will return in 2022. We'll keep you posted!

## VISITOR INFORMATION

Murney Tower is now  
CLOSED for the season.

Stay tuned for  
announcements regarding  
our opening next spring.

## WEBSITE

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





## MURNEY TOWER'S COLLECTION RESEARCH: THE LETTER OPENER

Sometimes it's the smallest artifacts with the most fascinating stories to tell. Take this little letter opener, for example. Research into this little tool reveals a world in which letter-writing was considered a work of art, with guidebooks on the proper conventions of letter-writing from structure to punctuation. Likewise, letter openers themselves, now simple, simple, sleek, and silver devices, used to sport an array of artistic designs. This one in our General Collection (pictured left) came from a department store in Edinburgh in the early 1900s. For the complete story on the lost art of letter-writing and letter openers, check out "The Knife on the Desk and the Art of Correspondence, written by our Museum Assistant Alison Dringenberg and available on our website [here](#)!

## KINGSTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY AWARD

Do you know someone who should be recognized for their contribution to the preservation and interpretation of Kingston's history? It's that time of year again - the Kingston Historical Society is accepting nominations for their annual KHS Award. The KHS award was created in 1993 to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Kingston Historical Society. It is presented to individuals, groups, or institutions in recognition of outstanding contributions to the preservation and interpretation of local history. You can submit a nomination at the link [here](#), where you will be asked to explain how the nominee has contributed to heritage in our community.



## WELCOME TO THE TEAM, MADISON!

Hello everyone! My name is Madison Hall, and I am one of Murney Tower's Museum Assistants for the Fall-Winter season. I moved to Kingston with my family at the end of May from my hometown, Hawkesbury. I am a third-year English major at the University of Ottawa who has been studying remotely since March 2020 and I'm interested in pursuing graduate studies in Archives Management and/or Library Sciences in the near future. I owe my interest in history to my grandmother, who was a member of the Brownsburg-Chatham Cultural Society and always took me to local museums and historical sites when I was a child. I am very excited to be working with such an amazing team and to be learning more about Kingston's rich history!



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