

# MURNEY NEWS

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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## OVERVIEW OF THE MONTH

Happy fall from the Murney team! September was particularly special to us, as it marked the two-year anniversary of our monthly e-newsletter, Murney News. We published our first issue in September 2020, and now, 25 issues and more than 300 subscribers later, we're grateful to have been able to share monthly updates with our community for the past year. Here's to many more!

This month we participated in two special Kingston-wide events: the Kingston Fall Fair and Doors Open 2022. We also welcomed a new museum assistant to our team through Queen's University HIST 212 Experiential Learning in Historical Practice Course. Read on to learn more about these collaborative events and get to know our new team member, Allison.



Now that the days of summer are behind us, Murney Tower Museum is closed for the 2022 season. The museum may be closed for the season, but don't worry - we're not going anywhere! The team is now looking ahead to the fall and winter, and we're excited to share everything the staff will get up to in the coming months. Stay tuned for our special off-season events, educational guided tours, new community projects, and new exhibits - all will be shared here.





## KINGSTON FALL FAIR 2022

This month we participated in the 190th edition of the annual Kingston Fall Fair, which took place between 16-18 September. The event brought together local organizations including the Murney Tower Museum, the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte, the Frontenac Heritage Foundation, and the Genealogical Society with local communities around games, activities, competitions, community presentations, and of course, food. Our director, Dr. Tabitha Renaud got together with the fair visitors on Sunday, September 18th. In her presentation, she introduced the audience to the history and museums of Kingston and talked about a broad range of topics including the Kingston Historical Society, Murney Tower, and Martello Towers of Kingston. We had a fantastic time meeting with our communities and representing the Kingston museum sector in this important annual event. We hope to participate again next year!

## DOORS OPEN KINGSTON & AREA 2022

On September 24th and 25th, the museum opened its doors for Kingston-wide Doors Open event, a free drop-in community event organized by the Kingston Association of Museums, Art Galleries, and Historic Sites (KAM) in partnership with Doors Open Ontario. We had a special opportunity to engage with our communities and show our visitors what is behind the closed doors and limestone walls of our little fortification. Throughout the weekend, we offered guided tours to more than 300 visitors, who got one last chance to explore the magnificent history of the Murney Tower, view this season's hit "Voices of Murney" exhibit, and see our site-specific art installation #hopeandhealingCanada by Métis artist Tracey-Mae Chambers. We would like to thank everyone who visited us last weekend and made the Doors Open 2022 memorable!



## WELCOME TO TEAM, ALLISON!

Hello! I'm Allison and I'm a third-year history major at Queen's University with a strong interest in local histories and curatorial practices. I am passionate about bringing often ignored or unheard stories into the light such as the stories of women working behind the scenes, or the truth behind Indigenous-Settler relations. History is such an important field of study and we always need to ensure that the stories we tell are not dominated by only one perspective. I am a huge appreciator of the arts of all different forms and I love finding ways to incorporate both my love of history and creativity into everything I do. I really look forward to working with the Murney Tower Museum to learn a little more about Kingston's history and to help share some of this knowledge with our community!



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