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"Spooky Murney" event, 29 October 2022
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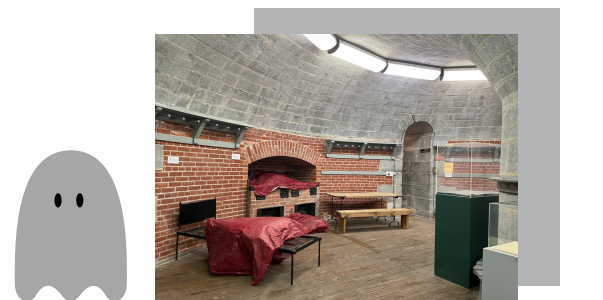
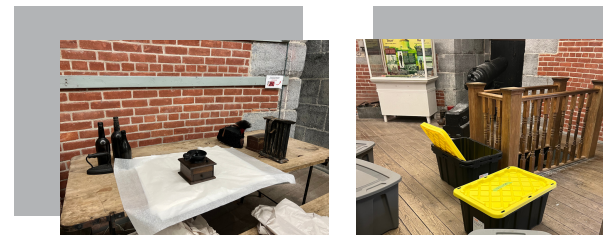
OVERVIEW OF THE MONTH



Happy Halloween everyone! The museum may be closed, but our team remains busy. This month was very special for us as we had several engaging events that welcomed more than 250 people to the tower. This month we welcomed courageous groups of ghost hunters on October 7-8-9 who completed a Paranormal Investigation Challenge at our historic site using all the latest ghost-hunting technology. The event began with a briefing on the haunted history of the site, the equipment to be used, and the best ghost-hunting practices to follow when collecting and analyzing evidence. The brave groups then ventured inside our little tower (in the dark!) to see if they could discover any traces of the paranormal and communicate with the spirits of Kingston's past.

We also put Murney to bed for the winter. Our Curator was busy packing the exhibits and cleaning the tower, successfully putting Murney to sleep for the colder months! All packed artifacts and exhibits have been moved to the museum's new offsite storage where they will be stored and organized in the coming months.

While the museum is closed for the remaining part of the season, we will continue organizing special events and hosting school groups. Read on to learn more about our fall activities and stay tuned for future events!





FIELD TRIP

This month we invited 40 students from École Polson Park Public School to join us for an off-season tour of the museum. On October 26, the students ranging from grades 3-5 marched in through our doors despite the cold to see Murney Tower. Many exhibits had been packed away for the season, but that didn't stop their curiosity from being sparked as they toured the museum.

They were an interested and enthusiastic group with many questions for our Curator as she took them through each floor of the tower. It wasn't Halloween yet, but there was still a reluctance to visit the "spooky" caponiers, with their jail-like windows and large iron doors. The gun platform, however, was a different story. The 32-pounder Blomefield cannon adorning the tower really captured the attention of the students.

The kids enjoyed their visit, and a few familiar faces even showed up at our Halloween event that same weekend. Read on to hear more about our event, "Spooky Murney" !

SPOOKY MURNEY

The month ended with a bang with our special Halloween event, Spooky Murney. On the evening of October 29, we opened our doors to ghosts and ghouls to visit a decorated Murney Tower. Spiderwebs, skeletons, and ghosts could be found all over the tower, and eerie music filled the air.

Kids and adults alike took part in our challenging Halloween themed treasure hunt that took them all over the tower. It wasn't easy, but all of our participants managed to solve the Murney puzzle, winning a full-size chocolate bar and a beautiful Murney Tower postcard.

There was a great turnout—the tower was filled with 100 guests dressed up in costume, searching high and low for their treasures. There was laughter and frights all around, and this event will hopefully become an annual tradition.



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.

