# MURNEY NEWS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



## **OVERVIEW OF THE MONTH**

Winter is upon us! The fresh, clean snow surely painted a serene picture; one we hope to see many more times this winter. If we get some more snow, maybe we should build a snowman to help watch over Murney Tower?

Due to the cold, Murney Tower is closed up safely for the season with our exhibits having been packed away. Although the museum is closed to the general public, this doesn't mean there won't be fun events to look forward to this winter! We continue to host field trips and welcome curious and enthusiastic students to Murney Tower. We created a brand new special holiday event to spread the holiday cheer and build new memories with our community.

Read on to find out more about these events, and to hear about a special project we hope to introduce to Murney Tower Museum soon!



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#### **Merry Murney**

Would you like to celebrate the holiday season at a Kingston landmark with crafts, music and games? This winter you can look forward to Merry Murney, our brand-new holiday event! On December 17th we will open the doors of the tower from 12 PM through 5:30 PM to celebrate the holiday season with our community. Our event includes holiday-themed art and craft activities, tree decorating, and a treasure hunt. Snacks will be served, the tower will be decorated, and holiday music will be playing to cultivate a merry atmosphere. Tickets are currently on sale on Eventbrite and spots are limited. We hope to see you on the 17th!

### **Audio Tour**

Although the doors of the tower are closed for the season, our staff is very busy behind the scenes, working enthusiastically on a special project which aims to increase the museum's accessibility next season. We are currently developing a new audio tour, which will be available both onsite and online at the tower in the summer of 2023. Thanks to a generous grant by the Community Foundation for Kingston and Area, we have been able to collaborate with an accessibility consultant agency entitled Two Canes Consulting, and a local audio tour company entitled 45 Degrees Latitude to deliver an engaging, accessible and professionally made audio tour next season.





#### **Field Trip**

We love curious minds and questions and we can't have enough of them! On November 18th, the museum opened its doors once again for a group of 29 students from Polson Park Public School for a special tour of the museum, marking our third field trip at Murney this season. It was cold, but that didn't stop these curious kids from exploring all over the tower. They were an inquisitive bunch and took great interest in the history of Murney Tower. Visiting the basement was a chilly venture, but they all bundled up to see our caponiers and storage rooms. The class enjoyed their visit, and they promised to pay us another visit this summer when the museum is back in full swing!





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