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OVERVIEW OF THE MONTH

Happy Spring from the Murney Tower team!

March was a special month for us here at the Murney Tower Museum. This month we had many in-person engagements with different groups of audiences. First, we participated in the March of the Museums, a special March Break event organized by the Kingston and Area Association of Museums, Art Galleries and Historic Sites (KAM). Later in March, we hosted Queen's Engineering students. They toured the tower and explored its architecture. Finally, on March 27th, our Manager/Curator visited the Loughborough Public School school to deliver a special collections program.

We are now getting ready for our special Easter event which will take place on Saturday, 1 April. We will open our doors specifically to family groups to celebrate Easter with our community. Co-organized with the Museum of Healthcare at Kingston, our Easter event entitled "Eggstream Easter Fun" will offer a unique Easter egg hunt and art and craft activities on both sites!



**Murney Tower
Museum is
opening to the
public on
21 MAY 2023**

***We are now offering a special
collection workshop to schools***





March of the Museums

Kingston-wide "March of the Museums" was quite the event this year! During the week of the 13th, we had a station at the Military Communications and Electronics Museum, celebrating the March break and getting creative with approximately 600 kids and families. For this family-friendly, collaborative, and drop-in event, we created a new arts and crafts activity entitled "Military Medals," which was inspired by the Army Long Service and Good Conduct medals awarded to British soldiers in the nineteenth century. We had a wonderful time getting together with other Kingston museums and cultural heritage sites and we are already looking forward to the March Break event next year.

ASPC 100 Course Visit

Murney Tower had special visitors this month. Students of the Queen's University Engineering Department's ASPC 100 course visited our site on March 22nd to see the Tower to better understand its architectural and engineering aspects. Four student teams are currently working on developing a small, three-dimensional version of the Murney Tower for visually impaired individuals. The goal of this creation is to help visually impaired visitors to experience the tower and understand its overall structure and systems. We are looking forward to sharing the final products with you in the next issue.



Collection Workshop at Loughborough Public School

Since December 2022, we have been partnering with the Kingston Regional Heritage Fair to offer special educational programs to schools. On March 27th our Manager/Curator visited a grade 7 class at the Loughborough Public School to give a presentation about the history of Kingston Fortifications and Murney Tower and deliver a special collection handling workshop. Students got a unique chance to examine a selection of artifacts from the Murney Tower Museum's collection and talk to Simge about her museum work and curatorial practice. We had a wonderful time answering curious questions and engaging students with the history of Kingston and we look forward to organizing more visits this year.