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# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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## OVERVIEW OF THE MONTH

Happy Halloween everyone! We had an incredible month at the museum. On Saturday, October 21st, we had a special Halloween-themed event, "Escape the Museum" and welcomed ghosts and ghouls to visit a decorated Murney Tower. Spiderwebs and skeletons could be found all over the tower alongside fun costumes, fright, and laughter. Visitors participated in a two-part Halloween-themed treasure hunt that took them all over the Murney Tower and the Museum of Healthcare at Kingston. We had a great turnout — both sites were filled with over 250 guests searching high and low for their treasures. We had a spooktacular time celebrating Halloween with our visitors and we look forward to more events in the coming years!

This month also witnessed our annual collection management and care work. Our curator packed all exhibits, moved them to offsite storage, and successfully put Murney to sleep for the colder months! While the museum is closed for the remaining part of the season, we will continue organizing special events and hosting school groups.



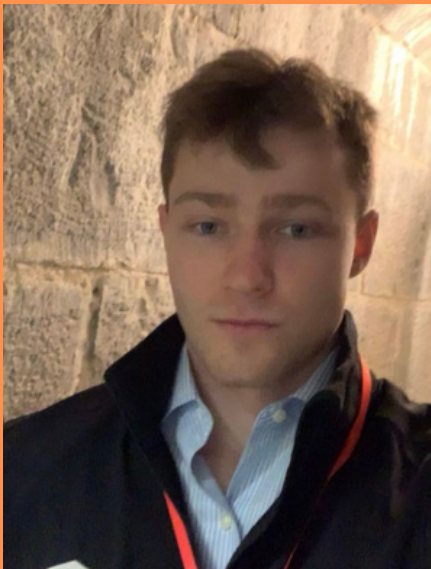


### Phantoms of Yore

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. Following the briefing, 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. The event was a huge success and will be back in 2024!

### Welcome to team, George!

George Hocking is a second-year BAH history student at Queen's University interning as a museum assistant at Murney Tower Museum. This semester, George will work on ongoing research and curatorial projects and assist with collection management and care efforts. George has previously worked as a historical interpreter at Fanshawe Pioneer Village, an editorial board member for Queens Living Histories undergraduate academic journal, and volunteered at living history and education events at historic sites and museums across Ontario with the Upper Thames Military Reenactment Society. George's interests primarily lie in British North American history, specifically North American military conflicts, Indigenous colonial relations, and the fur trade.



### Welcome to team, Michelle!

Michelle Zhao is a student in the Concurrent Education program at Queen's University. She joined our team through the Queen's University HIST 212 Experiential Learning Course. Her hometown is in Vancouver, and she misses the mountains most days, but the lake is not bad either. She is working on an arts degree in political science and history. Her teachables for her Bachelor of Education are history and geography. Because she is not from Kingston, Michelle is interested in learning more about how the city of Kingston developed through the years. She is also excited to work in the archives this semester to explore women's role in the 19th century.

