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OVERVIEW OF THE MONTH

Happy Holidays from the Murney Team! 2023 was an amazing year, and we are proud of everything we have accomplished in the last twelve months. In 2023, we welcomed 11,600 visitors, had more than 600 special event participants, organized three holiday-themed events and five summer events, delivered four classroom visits, organized ten field trips, and participated in three community events that were attended by over 800 people. 2023 also saw the development of our accessible audio tour, new bilingual informative panels, new displays, and the implementation of the museum's first-ever off-season activities. Looking back, we see how much we've accomplished, all thanks to the ongoing support of our visitors, event participants, and followers and our parent organization, the Kingston Historical Society - we would not have been able to do this without you! Now we're gearing up for the New Year and getting ready for another year of history, site visits and special events, we wish all of you and your loved ones the happiest of holidays and a Happy New Year!





DECK THE HALLS

The museum elves celebrated the holiday season with a special holiday-themed event entitled "Deck the Halls," which brought the Murney Tower Museum, the Great Lakes Museum and the Museum of Healthcare together for a day of tree-mendous fun. The event took place on December 2nd at the Museum of Healthcare at Kingston. Buddy the Elf welcomed the kids and families as the museum elves and event participants got creative with crafts activities, created wreaths, enjoyed holiday songs, discussed history and museums, decorated the Christmas tree, and sipped hot chocolate.

Over 90 visitors filled the Murney booth and the colouring station with joy and laughter and gave us many memories that we will cherish forever. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful families and friends who joined us for this festive day filled with joy, love and holiday spirit and made our event so memorable. We look forward to organizing more holiday-themed events and creating new memories with our incredible visitors in 2024!



FILMING AT THE MUSEUM

We have exciting news! We ended 2023 with a very special engagement. On a cold and snowy day on December 7th, we welcomed the crew and cast of the Ghost Hunters of the Grand River, who interviewed our manager, Simge, about the unique history of the tower and the Kingston Fortification Network and conducted a special paranormal investigation at the tower to explore all three floors to unveil the mysteries of our site. Simge joined the investigation and experienced the tower in an entirely different and quite memorable (and spooky!) way.



The Ghost Hunters of the Grand River follows a group of Six Nations ghost hunters (better known as S.N.I.P.E.) who are dedicated to exploring unique buildings, homes, hotels and museums to gather evidence from the world of ghost stories, paranormal encounters, and the unexplainable. The show has two seasons which previously featured important sites including the Agnes Etherington Art Center in Kingston, SDG Historic Jail in Cornwall and the Peterborough Historic Lift Lock in Peterborough. Our episode will air in the fall of 2024. Stay tuned for updates!



Murney Tower Museum acknowledges with thanks the continued support of the City of Kingston and the Kingston and Area Association of Museums, Art Galleries and Historic Sites.