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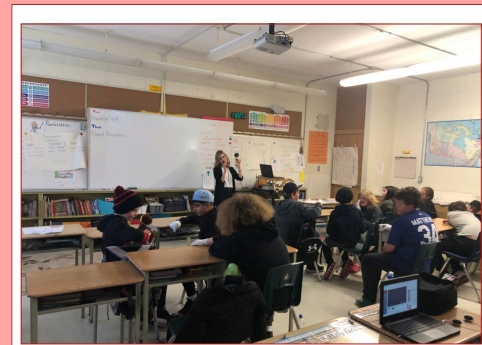
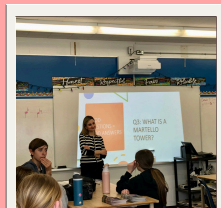
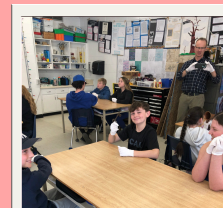
MurneyTower

Hello everyone,

The sun is shining, birds are chirping and spring is finally here, which means that Murney Tower Museum is getting ready for its 99th operating season! We can't wait to open our doors to our audiences on May 18th and engage everyone with the history of Kingston this summer. This year our visitors will have a unique opportunity to use our brand-new iPad stations to explore our new interactive exhibits, which include a Murney-themed game and 3D virtual audio tour and use our bilingual audio tours to gain further insights into the unique history of Murney Tower.

April was quite busy at the museum. Our team moved all artifacts back to Murney Tower and set up display cases and exhibits. Holarch Design Inc. offered their volunteer services to assist our team with the move and prepare the museum for its opening. On April 11th, our Manager and Curator, Simge Erdogan-O'Connor, participated in a panel entitled "Small Museums/Big Topics" at the Canadian Museums Association National Conference. In her presentation, she discussed the Murney Tower Museum's accessibility initiatives.

As we are gearing up for our operating season, we'd like to thank all our audiences, visitors, and followers for your continued support. Thank you for being on this journey with us!





Museum Setup

This month, our team moved all artifacts back to the Murney Tower Museum and prepared the space for its opening season. Holarch Design Inc., a local construction and restoration company, offered their volunteer services to assist our team with the move and transported all exhibits safely to the museum. Our Summer Assistants, George and Emma, unpacked and cleaned all artifacts while our Manager/Curator, Simge put all exhibits back on display for all visitors to enjoy this summer. In addition to museum collections, we also installed our new interactive exhibits and iPad stations, which will be available for use this summer and offer new interactive opportunities for our visitors to engage with the history of Murney Tower.

Solar Eclipse Event

Did you have a chance to watch the Solar Eclipse on April 8th? To celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime event, the Murney Tower Museum opened its doors to the public on Sunday, April 7th. Our interns, Alexa, Eva and Roxanne, and our Manager, Simge were present onsite to give guided tours, answer questions and carry out special solar-themed arts and crafts activities. We had approximately 250 visitors from all across Canada and around the world who had a unique chance to explore Murney Tower. We are delighted to have collaborated with Tourism Kingston and other museums and heritage sites to celebrate this unique event and offer a memorable cultural experience to all.



Classroom Visits

Since 2022, we have been collaborating with the Kingston Regional Heritage Fair to bring history to life in classrooms. This month, our manager/curator visited two classrooms to discuss the history of Kingston and deliver a special collection handling workshop. First, we visited a grade 7 class at the Loughborough Public School. Later, on April 22nd, our manager visited a grade 5/6 classroom at the Amherstview Public School to give a presentation about the history of Kingston and deliver a special collection handling workshop. These engagements offered a unique opportunity for students to learn more about Kingston's history and engage in interactive artifact handling workshops.