# MURNEY NEWS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER





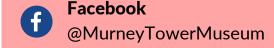
Hi everyone,

Happy Spring! We hope your March was as great as ours! We had a busy month and we're planning for an even busier April. Before you know it, we'll be open again! We've spent most of March hiring our new Murney Tower Museum team. We're excited for you to meet everyone in May when we open our doors to the public for our 100th operating season. We're really proud of the team we've created and we can't wait to introduce you to them! Our new manager-curator and coordinator have started their positions and are excited to be the new caretakers of Murney. You can find out more about them below!

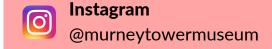
March break was an exciting week for us here and for museums all over Kingston. March of the Museums was back in full swing and it was a huge hit! We spent the week at the Museum of Health Care surrounded by crafts, activities, and plenty of amazing visitors!

Now that March is coming to an end, we're looking forward to all that April holds. We're happy to announce that our Egg-stream Easter Fun at the Museum event is returning for another year! Join us and the Museum of Health Care for scavenger hunts, crafts, and more! The event will run Saturday April 12th from 9-4. For more information and to buy tickets, **click here!** 

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#### March of the Museums

From March 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>, museums and cultural sites across Kingston came together to host another year of March of the Museums! This event is a great opportunity for visitors to explore local heritage and learn more about upcoming summer programming. Thank you to KAM for another successful year with this event!

This year, we were grateful to be hosted by the Museum of Health Care! Visitors could explore the Museum of Health Care and take part in a variety of x-ray themed activities and presentations. While there, visitors helped themselves to our Murney crafts. We saw over 360 visitors at the Museum of Health Care that week- wow! Thanks to the Museum of Health Care for supporting us, and thanks to all the amazing visitors who came out to spend their March Break with us!

#### Meet Alison, our Manager-Curator!

Alison Dringenberg is an emerging museum professional whose journey along the heritage sector career path began with a seasonal position at Murney Tower Museum. She holds an Erasmus Mundus Joint Master of Arts degree in History in the Public Sphere from Central European University (Vienna, Austria) and Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (Tokyo, Japan). She also holds an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree in History from McGill University (Montreal, Quebec). With a background in collections management, curatorial research, and visitor engagement, Alison is thrilled to return to her hometown to contribute to the continued growth and success of Kingston's oldest operating museum.



### Meet Alexa, our Museum Coordinator!

Alexa Grandy is a graduate of Fleming College's Museum Management and Curatorship program who began her professional museum experience at the Murney Tower Museum last summer as an intern. She holds a Honours Bachelor of Art degree in Canadian Studies from Trent University where she had the opportunity to develop skills in public history with a focus on local heritage. Her education in Canadian Studies gives her a unique perspective on Canada and the complex connections between history, politics, art, social justice, and Indigenous studies. While at Murney Tower Museum as the intern Museum Coordinator, she quickly grew to love Kingston, its history, and its passionate community.