



MURNEY TOWER MUSEUM
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Murney News



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Welcome to the newest edition of the Murney News! We've decided to revamp our monthly newsletters to make it easier for you to learn more about our upcoming events, find out what we're up to, and stay connected! We'd love to hear what you think of it, so let us know!

We're have some exciting events coming up in July that we're excited to share with you. We're hosting a **lecture by Dr. Tim Cook** on July 12th and a **Centennial Celebration Cruise** in partnership with 1000 Islands Cruises on July 27th.

Be sure to stop by the museum on Canada Day we're going to be joined by Kingston Portrait and Figure Artists Live Painting (weather permitting!) to celebrate the holiday.

Keep reading to learn more!

Upcoming Events



GOOD ALLIES OR HEMISPHERIC ENEMIES?
CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR

a lecture presented by
Dr. Tim Cook

JULY 12, 2025
MURNEY TOWER
5:00 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 4:45 PM

\$10 PER PERSON

HEROES
Canada's National Historic Sites

A Lecture by Dr. Tim Cook

Join us on **Saturday, July 12th** for an exciting lecture from historian Dr. Tim Cook on the complex relationships between Canada and the U.S. during the Second World War. Afterwards, there will be books to purchase courtesy of Novel Idea.

For more information and for tickets, click the link below!

[Get Tickets Here!](#)



EVENING CRUISE
on the Island Queen

Join us for a sunset cruise celebrating 100 years of Murney Tower Museum and 50 years of the Island Queen!

Sunday, July 27th, 2025

ONLY \$ 25 **BOOK NOW** **7pm - 9:30pm**
Free Drink Included! [www.murneytower.com/events](#) Sunset Views!

Centennial Celebration Cruise

On **Sunday, July 27th**, we'll be commemorating 100 years of Murney Tower Museum and 50 years of the Island Queen. In partnership with Kingston 1000 Islands Cruises, join us for a sunset cruise to promote our unique history within Kingston!

For more information and for tickets, click the link below!

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We Want To Hear From You!



Community Focus Groups

You're invited to join a focus group discussion at Murney Tower Museum! We're developing our 2026-2031 Strategic Plan to guide the museum's programs and priorities for the future. As a valued member of the Kingston community, you're invited to share your ideas in a community focus group this July.

In-Person Community Session: This session will be held on **Sunday, July 6 at 3:00 PM**. It is open to all members of the general community.

Virtual Accessibility-Focused Session: This session will be held on **Monday, July 7 at 5:30 PM on Zoom**. This online session will focus on accessibility, and we especially encourage individuals with lived experience of accessibility barriers to participate and share their insights. Link provided upon registration.

Please RSVP for either session by Tuesday, July 1 to info@murneytower.com



Fill Out Our Survey!

Have you visited Murney Tower Museum? Attended our events? Met us in the community? Now's your chance to share your thoughts and help shape our future!

We're collecting feedback to improve our services, create new programs, and guide our next 5-year Strategic Plan. Your input is invaluable to us as we continue to serve our community and preserve history.

Take the **7-minute survey** today and enter to win! As a thank you, ten respondents will win a gift card to a local downtown business!

[Complete Our Survey Here!](#)

Looking Back on June

June marked our first full month in operation for the 2025 season and we spent our time getting back into the community. We were so pleased to host special tours and attend community events to share more about Murney's history and connect with Kingstonians of all ages.



Special Tours and Groups

Throughout June, we welcomed staff from Bellevue House, the PumpHouse Museum, and the Museum of Health Care for familiarization tours throughout May and June. In return, our summer staff members visited historic sites and museums around the city to deepen their knowledge of Kingston's local heritage!



Princess Street Promenade

On June 21st, Alison and AJ attended Princess Street Promenade to reach out to visitors with activities, information, and our mobile gift shop! Throughout the day, the museum booth engaged with over 50 people, locals and tourists alike, to talk all about the Murney Tower Museum.



Highway of Heroes Kickoff Event

June 22nd marked the official kickoff event of Highway of Heroes, an organization that connects military museums along Highway 401. Tori and Alison brought along some crafts and activities to the Military Communications and Electronics Museum to inspire military enthusiasts to stop by Murney Tower Museum!

What's New!

An exciting change at the Murney Tower Museum is our new and improved gift shop! We now have brand new displays that let you see all of our new products. We have great products from Martello Alley, the Kingston Association of Museums, Art Galleries, and Historic Sites, and the Kingston Historical Society for you to purchase. Below are just some of the new offerings at the museum- stop by to see the rest of our new items! Make sure you hurry, a lot of our items are limited edition and selling fast! What's your favourite thing to pick up at gift shops?



Martello Pin: \$5

Martello Alley Postcards: \$3

Murney Sticker: \$1



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Murney Tower Museum acknowledges it is situated on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe. We recognize that this is shared land through the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Covenant with Anishinaabe, Huron-Wendat, and Haudenosaunee nations hundreds of years ago. We are grateful to continue to share this land to teach, learn, celebrate, and live.



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.

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