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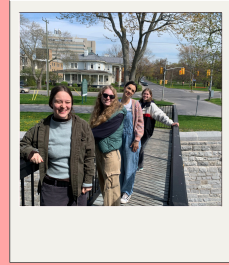
Hello everyone,

May has come and gone, and what a month it's been! We're so happy to be officially open for our 100th Operating Season. Since we opened to the public on May 17th, we've welcomed over 800 visitors! It was great to invite new visitors into the museum and see some familiar faces.

We spent the month training our new summer team members, Mackenzie, AJ, and Tori. Orientation included practicing guided tours, cleaning procedures, and testing their knowledge on Murney's history. We're so excited for you to meet them- make sure you get a guided tour while you're here! Keep reading to find out more about our summer team!

On May 14th, we held our annual soft opening event. We were joined by a representative of MP Mark Gerretsen's office, multiple members of local council, our friends in the arts and heritage sector. At the event, we unveiled our collaborative art exhibition, *Echoes: Reimagining Murney Tower*, our refreshed exhibits, and launched our brand-new children's storybook, *The Time-Travelling Adventures of Mr. Murney*. It was a wonderful evening and we'd like to thank everyone for coming by and showing their support.

We have a busy summer ahead of us, so stay tuned for more details!





Mackenzie Fitzpatrick, Chief Museum Assistant

Mackenzie Fitzpatrick is a writer and curator based in Katarokwi/Kingston, currently completing her MA in Art History at Queen's University. Her work explores provenance, the lives of objects, language, and the poetics of everyday life. In her academic research, she engages with themes of the absurd, the romantic, allegory, myth, and photography as a record of personal and cultural histories. Mackenzie is particularly excited by the rich history and colourful stories that fill the walls of Murney Tower, as well as the opportunity to deepen her connection to the Heritage sector in Katarokwi/Kingston.

AJ Dajka, Museum Assistant

AJ is going into her fourth year as a Queen's Student, majoring in Drama and minoring in French. Her passion for storytelling inspires her interest in both the theatre and heritage sectors. She remembers the excitement of visiting historic sites as a child, the awe of how those places brought history alive. As a Museum Assistant, she hopes to help create that magic for others.



Tori Payne, Museum Assistant

Tori is currently going into her fourth year at Queen's University for English and History. She has worked as an intern for Rise Up! Feminist Archive and as an editor for *Living Histories: A Past Studies Journal* leading her to develop an interest in historical preservation and Canadian History. During her summer at Murney Tower she hopes to further investigate and foster Kingston's vibrant local history.

