



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ June 1: Weekend walking tours begin - Sat & Sun at 11 am
- ◆ June 20: Lecture, 7:30 pm
- ◆ June 24: Famous & Infamous, 2 pm
- ◆ July 3: Yoga in the Courtyard, 9 am
- ◆ July 10: Yoga in the Courtyard, 9 am
- ◆ June 15-19: Kid Curator Camp
- ◆ June 18: Lecture, 7:30 pm
- ◆ June 19: Shaw Society Event, 5 pm
- ◆ June 22: Famous & Infamous, 2 pm
- ◆ July 31: Yoga in the Courtyard, 9 am
- ◆ Aug 5: Past is Present Heritage Festival, 11 am - 3 pm
- ◆ Aug 7: Yoga in the Courtyard, 9 am
- ◆ Aug 14: Yoga in the Courtyard, 9 am
- ◆ Aug 15: Lecture, 7:30 pm
- ◆ Aug 19-23: Kid Curator Camp
- ◆ Aug 26: Famous & Infamous, 2 pm
- ◆ Aug 28: Yoga in the Courtyard, 9 am

Niagara Polo Returns to the Commons

Join us Saturday, September 14th on the historic Commons for the Museum's signature fundraiser, Niagara Polo!

Tickets for the event went on sale May 14th, with an early access date for Museum subscribers of May 13th. Rotary Lounge and VIP tables sold out in a record four days!

Our plans are shaping up nicely and we hope to have a successful day with the support of our amazing sponsors:

Niagara Polo will include:

- Two 4-chukkar games with international players from the Toronto Polo Club
- Opening parade featuring the Niagara British Car Club, performance cars and entertainment
- Divot Stomp between games with a complimentary sample of bubbly
- Half-time musical entertainment
- Pony Rides for kids
- VIP dining tent for sponsors and guests
- Rotary Lounge tables for picnicking
- General admission areas to bring your own chair
- Food and drink vendors, including a bar
- A curated selection of artisans
- Best Hat Contest and Awards for Polo players and ponies

- Elaine & Donald Triggs Foundation
- NOTL Rotary Club
- Toronto Polo Club
- Platinum Medicine
- Performance BMW
- Mini St. Catharines
- Bella Terra Vineyards
- Konzelmann Estate Winery
- Ravine Vineyard Estate Winery
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- Travis Cairns, Dejardins Insurance
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- Beau Chapeau



We hope to see you on the Commons on September 14th! For more information and to purchase general admission tickets, visit www.niagrapolo.com.



RAVINE VINEYARD
ESTATE WINERY

happening at the museum



THE PAST IS PRESENT
**HERITAGE
FESTIVAL**
MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2024
11AM - 3PM | FREE ADMISSION
TREASURES SALE, HISTORIC
DEMONSTRATIONS, BAKE SALE,
PIG ROAST, LIVE MUSIC AND MORE!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

In preparation for our annual heritage festival, we are looking for your treasures! If you have some old china, books, antiques, collectables, or other gems collecting dust, why not donate them to the Museum for our **Treasures Sale**? Donations can be dropped off at the Museum during the **last two weeks of July**, or we can make other arrangements if needed.

We are also looking for bakers to contribute to our bake sale. If you are interested in helping out with baking or you have a donation to the treasures sale, email Amy at aklassen@nhsn.ca.

FAMOUS & INFAMOUS:

Biography Discussion | 2 pm | \$10 or Free for members

Date	Speaker	Subject
Jun 24	Victoria Wisdom	Cleopatra
Jul 22	Richard James	Michael Collins
Aug 26	Robert Troutbeck	Ned Kelly
Sep 23	Suzanne Hebert	Alexandre Dumas
Oct 28	Judy Thornton	Shakespeare
Nov 25	Peter Kemball	Elliot Jaques

SOCIETY LECTURE SERIES

7:30 pm | \$10 or Free for members

Date	Speaker	Topic
Jun 20	Richard Merritt	The Wilderness
Jul 18	Brian Marshall	Pride & Residence
Aug 15	David Hemmings	Early Virgil Homes
Sep 19	TBA	TBA

OUTDOOR YOGA IN THE COURTYARD

Wednesdays | Jul 3, 10 & 31 | Aug 7, 14 & 28
BY DONATION

Join Sonya Marie de Lazzer (RYT 200) for a gentle morning Hatha yoga practice; a mindful and meditative approach to opening the day, and the body, with softness. All levels welcome. Please bring your own mat and props (props optional). Weather permitting. Space is limited.

Email aklassen@nhsn.ca to reserve your spot.
www.sacredfernyoga.com

9:00am -
10:00am

KID CURATOR CAMP

July 15-19, 2024
August 19-23, 2024

Ages 6-12
\$140/camper

Scan the QR Code to learn more and for registration information!




NIAGARA 2022 JEUX DU CANADA GAMES

WALKER FOR HERPES HALL

ADVANCE READERS' CHOICE AWARDS 2023 Winner



NIAGARA ON THE LAKE MUSEUM
presents

HERITAGE GARDEN Party

AT THE HISTORIC MCARTHUR ESTATE

SEPTEMBER 13, 2024 | 3-5 PM | TICKETS \$125 | NOTLMUSEUM.CA

Please join us for refreshments provided by Niagara's Finest Hotels and Konzelmann Estate Winery, served in the garden of a magnificent and historic home, The McArthur Estate.

Originally built in the 1830's from a land grant given to the successor of John Graves Simcoe in the late 1790's, the home was known initially as Brunswick Place, and later as Pinehurst. It became a hub of the Town's social scene in the 1930's, and today is lovingly preserved by the McArthur family who ensure its history and its beauty are shared with the community.

Dress: Garden party attire; hats encouraged. Sensible shoes recommended. Rain or shine.

Tickets: \$125 per person (includes a \$70 tax receipt).

Available at www.notlmuseum.ca
Get your tickets early. Limited availability.



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HISTORIC Walking Tours

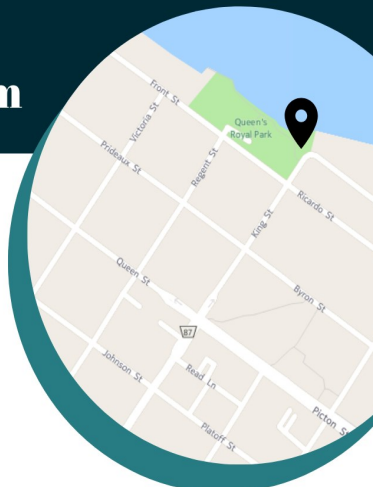
Discover the History of Niagara-on-the-Lake

**Saturday & Sunday
June - September | 11am**

Tickets: **\$10 per person, includes your admission to the Museum.**

Registration not required. Tickets can be purchased at the meeting location.

Meet us at the **Queen's Royal Park Gazebo** at the end of King Street!



Note: There will be no tours September 14 & 15, 2024



Our Managing Director, Sarah Kaufman, receiving her Spirit of Niagara Award for Community Leadership (February) from Richard Harley of the Lake Report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Everyone,

The tent is up at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum.... a sure sign that summer is almost here! I have enjoyed many afternoons (and mornings) under the tent. Free wi-fi is just one of the benefits of this precious location. If you are in the vicinity, pop on by and say hello.

I am grateful to be able to work and learn from the best. I am proud to announce that Sarah Kaufman, our Managing Director and Curator, was recognized in February by the NOTL Chamber of Commerce with the Community Leadership Award. Niagara-on-the-Lake is very fortunate to have Sarah and her amazing team (Amy Klassen, Shawna Butts, Barbara Worthy, and Peter Wright) make magic happen every day at the NOTL Museum. I encourage you to congratulate and thank everyone when you visit the museum.

This coming October will mark the end of my 3rd year as President, and I will be passing the baton to the next leader. I am thankful to everyone who has invested in me to make my job easier and more productive. With that in mind, I encourage you to look into volunteering for the museum. We have a variety of opportunities available, including positions on the Board of Directors. If you want to contribute to your town and its rich history, please reach out to Barbara Worthy (bworthy@nhsm.ca) or me (mtmbabin@gmail.com) for more information.

We continue to work towards our expansion project "Building History Strengthening Community". If you're interested in finding out more about this project, reach out to Sarah Kaufman at skaufman@nhsm.ca.

Take care,
Mona Babin,
President of the Niagara Historical Society

Volunteer Update...

This is going to be a busy year for NOTL Museum volunteers. Between walking tours, polo, Tiny Museum outings, various events, and ongoing administrative and collection needs, we will be calling upon our volunteers.

Our regular walking tours start in June and are offered Saturday and Sunday till the end of September. All tours begin at 11am, at the Gazebo, and we encourage you, your family and your guests, to enjoy these knowledge-filled walks, with our well-informed guides. To date we have a roster of 8 guides, with more in the wings. Orientation for new guides is ongoing. If you are interested, please email Babs: bworthy@nhsm.ca

Requests for private tours has seen a sharp increase, with specific themed walks becoming increasingly popular. And our sold-out Neighbourhood Walks once again proved that we can never hear enough about our unique communities. Kudos to all our guides who share their knowledge and passion of our local history.

Niagara Polo returns this September, and with it a need for an army of volunteers, pouring bubbly, moving chairs, tables, garbage, people and cars. Janet Marecki is our newly ordained Polo Volunteer Coordinator, and if you would like to be a part of one of the most popular fundraisers of the year, please contact Janet: janet.marecki@gmail.com

And look out, our Tiny Museum is taking to the road, with our wonderful Peter Wright at the wheel. We will be at all the major community events this summer, as well as 'touring' to St. Catharines and Niagara Falls. Once again, volunteers make this all possible. If you are curious and have a sense of fun, please sign up to help us take the museum 'on the road'. Email Babs: bworthy@nhsm.ca

Finally, next time you're visiting the NOTL Museum take the time to smell the roses. Our hard-working gardening volunteers have been pruning, digging, mulching, weeding, and grabbing the occasional cup of coffee, when we let them take a break. Many thanks to all our volunteers. Remember to sign up and be part of our growing team.

... and Appreciation

This year's Volunteer Appreciation event took place at Navy Hall on May 8th, overlooking the Niagara River on a glorious sunny day. More than 50 volunteers gathered to mingle, eat, drink, and compare notes on the joys and foibles of volunteering for the Museum. In the spirit of good fun, everyone was encouraged to share the best and worst experiences – we made notes....

Also, each year the Ontario government recognizes individuals from all over the province who have dedicated continuous years of service to nonprofit organizations. In 2024, the NOTL Museum is honoring the following volunteers with Ontario Volunteer Service Awards:

5 years: Dee Steele, Myrna Mackay, Maybeth Ross, and Marnie Taylor

10 years: Stephen Steele

15 years: Victor Packard

They received their service pins and certificates at a formal ceremony in Niagara Falls, on May 30th



Kathy Goulding, our new gardening volunteer, working hard on our garden clean-up.

FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

It was great to see many members at our exhibition opening in May! We look forward to seeing everyone at our many summer events including the Heritage Fair. This is a very popular community event and our treasures sale will be ready for your gently used donations in July. We are also hosting an exclusive Garden Party again this year on September 13th. Guests will enjoy the gardens at the McArthur Estate with wonderful food provided by Niagara's Finest Inns, and wine from Konzelmann Estate Winery. Our planning committee includes Catherine Novick (Chair), Patricia Garriock, Laurie Harley, Ruth Denyer, Carol Clarke, Deborah Williams, Nancy Ammari, and Alek Gorodezky. With these volunteers at the helm, it is sure to be an outstanding affair. Tickets will sell out fast so grab them while you can. Links can be found on our website.

Our expansion plans are moving along with major grants being submitted this past spring. These grants require us to show funds raised within the community and we're hoping our members will help us reach our goals. The Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum is one of Ontario's most important museums with one of Canada's most significant early history collections! We have the history. We have the artefacts. Now, we just need the appropriate facility to really showcase what we have here in Niagara-on-the-Lake. With your help, we could transform this museum into one of the most attractive community sites in Town. Donations can be made online on our website under [Expansion and Renovation of the NOTL Museum](#) or in person at the Museum. Multi-year pledge donations are also welcome with naming opportunities for contributions \$25,000 and above. We have very exciting news being announced in June so keep your eyes peeled in the newspaper and through our channels to hear more about it!

- Sarah Kaufman



THE TINY MUSEUM HITS THE ROAD AGAIN THIS SUMMER

The NOTL Museum is on the road again and volunteers are needed to help out. You can enjoy our replica ‘museum’, with revolving exhibits, at the following events this summer:

Sat. June 15	NOTL Library Kick off to Summer Events
Sat. June 22	Strawberry Festival, St Andrews Church
Sun. June 23	WWI Event, Fort George
Mon. July 1	Canada Day, Simcoe Park
Sat. July 6	Cherry Festival, St. Marks Church
Sat. July 13	Brown Homestead, St. Catharines
Sat. Aug 3 & 4	Art at the Pumphouse
Mon. August 5	Past is Present Festival, NOTL Museum
Sat. August 10	Peach Festival, Queen Street
Sat. August 24	Irish Music Festival, Fireman’s Park
Sat. Sept 14	Niagara Polo, The Commons

IN MEMORIAM

Barb Challis (June 16, 1929 – April 1, 2024)

Barb Challis started volunteering at the Museum in 1990 and dedicated over 20 years working in the archives as one of our “Vault Ladies”. She was a fixture here every Monday, always smiling while helping to catalogue new archival documents, conduct inventories, and organize thousands of records. As she and her husband got older, they moved to Brampton to be closer to their sons. She has been missed at the Museum ever since and will be remembered fondly.

Ben Buholtz (Dec 12, 1954—May 13, 2024)

As soon as he moved to Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ben Buholtz became involved with the community, volunteering with the St. Mark’s Cherry Festival and the Rotary Club. He was elected to the Niagara Historical Society board in 2021. The Museum was near and dear to Ben’s heart, and it meant the world to him to sit as an active board member. Ben and his wife Jodey were recently featured in the NOTL Local talking about the importance of the accessibility upgrades in our expansion plans. His commitment and vision will be missed.

NOMINATION FORM: NIAGARA HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Name of Nominee: _____ phone: _____

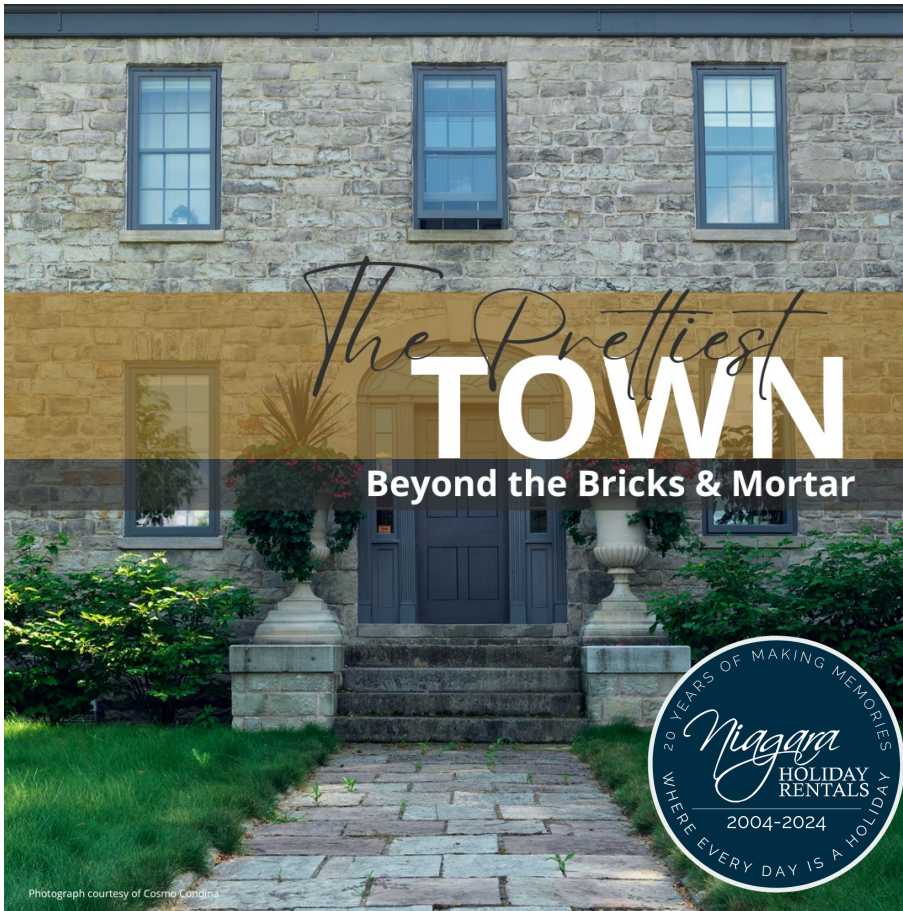
Name of Nominator: _____ phone: _____

Seconded: _____ phone: _____

I agree to stand for election to the Board of Directors at the Annual General meeting, October 17, 2024. If elected to the position for which I am nominated, I agree to serve for the term elected.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

NOMINEES SHOULD INCLUDE A SHORT BIO OR CV WITH THEIR NOMINATION FORM.



The Prettiest Town: Beyond the Bricks and Mortar

I am going to begin the update by doing what Canadians do best: apologize. **We are sorry.**

But what for? Well, we recently opened our latest exhibit, The Prettiest Town: Beyond the Bricks and Mortar, which explores just a sprinkle...nay, a dash of the HUNDREDS of heritage homes in NOTL. Sarah and I wished we could have featured many more. Trust us, it was hard to narrow down the list.

So, we may have had to leave your beautiful heritage home out of the exhibition, and so, we apologize for that.

We chose to present this exhibit for several reasons. These heritage buildings give our town its charm and are one of the reasons we are continuously ranked as one of the most beautiful places in Canada. Just like the wineries, arts, culture, and tender fruit industries, the “pretty homes” and “charming streets” have become the foundation of our tourism economy. So, we wanted to explore some of the homes that contribute to our vibrant community.

But we also wanted to draw attention to the fact that hundreds of heritage buildings are now under threat due to Bill 23 (More Homes Built Faster Act). What many people don’t know is that this act threatens our built heritage. The heritage sections of the act have been overshadowed by other aspects of the bill, including the province’s amendments to the Green Belt, which have since been reversed.

In terms of heritage, Bill 23 requires that all properties with a heritage value listed on the municipal register (but not designated), must be designated by 2025 or they will be removed and unprotected for at least five years. This means that these buildings can be demolished and drastically altered with little recourse. Not all the buildings featured in this exhibition are designated or located within the Heritage District.

Built heritage is not a renewable resource. Therefore, we can potentially lose heritage buildings like the Clench House or the Kerr-Wool House, which are not designated. In this way, the histories contained within their walls would also be lost.

- Shawna Butts, Assistant Curator

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Due in January each year
New rates as of January 1, 2022

Individual: \$35
Individual Enhanced: \$50
Dual: \$60
Dual Enhanced: \$85
Student: \$15
Individual Life: \$300
Couple Life: \$500

NHS MISSION STATEMENT

We are a team of staff & volunteers that passionately collects, preserves, researches, educates and promotes the history of Niagara-on-the-Lake and its communities. We inspire an appreciation of local history through engaging programs and exhibitions.

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MUSEUM HOURS

MAY TO OCTOBER: 10 AM TO 5 PM DAILY
NOVEMBER TO APRIL: 1 PM TO 5 PM DAILY

The Museum is closed: New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving, Closed December 18 - 31.

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