



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Sept 24/25:** Last Weekend Walking Tours, 11 am
- ◆ **Sept 26:** Famous & Infamous, 2 pm
- ◆ **Oct 5:** Doc Club on Zoom, 10 am
- ◆ **Oct 13:** Annual General Meeting, 6 pm
- ◆ **Oct 20, 21 & 22:** Theatrical Cemetery Tours at St. Mark's, 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm
- ◆ **Oct 22:** Doors Open NOTL
- ◆ **Oct 24:** Famous & Infamous, 2 pm
- ◆ **Nov 1-14:** NOTL Poppy Project
- ◆ **Nov 2:** Doc Club on Zoom, 10 am
- ◆ **Nov 28:** Famous & Infamous, 2 pm
- ◆ **Nov 30:** History in the Vineyard at Ravine, 5 pm
- ◆ **Dec 2 & 3:** Rotary Holiday House Tour
- ◆ **Dec 7:** Doc Club on Zoom, 10 am

*Pictured top to bottom: Lead sponsor Nancy Bailey and her Polo team; Polo Committee member Rene Bertschi thinks he has the best hat; guests dressed their best for an afternoon of polo; Brock students were invaluable as volunteers for the day.*



## THE RETURN OF POLO

Over 2,000 people came out to the Commons on September 10th for the return of our major fundraiser, Niagara Polo. Whether general admission, Rotary Lounge or VIP, all the guests enjoyed the hot weather, the atmosphere and, of course, the polo! Thank you to everyone who came out to support the event and to all of our sponsors and vendors who made the event a success. We are still waiting on a few bills but we stand to make over \$50,000 to support the Museum's operations!

We could not have done this without the many volunteers who helped that day, and especially without our committee who have been planning all year and spent hours preparing the field for all the action: George Dell, Anne Dickson, Rene Bertschi, Dick Coyne, Lois Chapman, Niki Walker, Amy Klassen, Babs Worthy, Diana Adachi, Audrey Pellett, George Webber, Rose Campbell, and Neil Rumble, ex officio.

Finally, a huge thank you to our sponsors who made the event possible, especially our Major Sponsor Nancy Bailey of Engel & Volkers Oakville and the Province of Ontario. Other supporters include Team Sponsors: Arterra Wines Canada, the NOTL B&B Association, and VRG Capital. Corporate Sponsors: Fairmont Properties, Franklin Templeton, Sullivan Mahoney, Angelika Zammit of Right at Home Realty, Rick Dritsacos, and Blocktrain AML Solutions Inc. Lounge Sponsor: Niagara-on-the-Lake Rotary Club. Bar Sponsors: Ravine Vineyard Estate Winery, Bella Terra Vineyards, Vieni Wines & Spirits, and Great Lakes Brewery. In Kind Sponsors: Sentineal Carriages, Regal Florist and Garden Centre, Penner Building Centre, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Greenhawk Equestrian, and BeauChapeau. And, of course, the Toronto Polo Club and their generous players.

# happening at the museum

## FAMOUS & INFAMOUS:

A Biography discussion group

**September 26 | 2:00 pm**  
**Maj. Gen. Roger Hale Sheaffe**  
presented by Julian Rance

**October 24 | 2:00 pm**  
**Bess of Harwick**  
presented by Sheila Hill

**November 28 | 2:00 pm**  
**Kim Philby**  
presented by Gus Calderone

## DOC CLUB THIS FALL

Participants watch the documentaries in their own time, and join monthly zoom meetings for often hilarious, sometimes heated, but always informative debates. This fall selection will look at the power of politics, finance and sex.

### **Wednesday October 5: *Does King Charles III have what it takes to wear the crown?***

Australia's prime time news show looks at the challenges and pitfalls facing the new King.

### **Wednesday November 2: *American Factory***

The controversial film about an Asian billionaire's million investment into an Ohio abandoned GM factory.

### **Wednesday December 7: *The Mystery of Marilyn Monroe – The Unheard Tapes***

Newly restored tapes reveal more about the tragic death of this living legend.

To join the Doc Club, email [bworthy@nhsm.ca](mailto:bworthy@nhsm.ca)



## THEATRICAL CEMETERY TOURS

Uncover cryptic tales, truths and local lore from the spirits buried in historic Niagara-on-the-Lake.

**OCT 20, 21, 22**

6:30 PM & 7:30 PM | TICKETS \$15

Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance.  
Call the Museum at 905-468-3912 to reserve today!



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## POPPIES ARE BLOOMING



The Poppy Brigade is back in full swing, with the ladies busy crocheting, knitting, cutting, and gluing.

This November the original poppy project will be seen at the NOTL Museum. But this year the project has expanded and will include the exterior façade of the Courthouse on Queen Street in the Heritage district.

Local businesses will be asked to display poppy wreaths, and a 'poppy path' will be seen along King Street. Poignantly, this year's poppy garden will also include the names of our fallen veterans.

(pictured above is volunteer Catherine Clarke)



## THANK YOU TO OUR STUDENTS!

This summer we were able to have two students join us to help with both collections and programming. One position was generously funded by the Government of Canada's **Young Canada Works/Jeunesse Canada au travail** program.



*Bear with volunteer Steve Steele*

My name is **Bear Lyu**, and I am a Master's student at Brock University learning history. It is an honour to work as the Project Assistant this summer at the museum for my Co-op position. As an international student, I did not learn much about the local history of the Niagara Region, yet the knowledge I gained in this position exceeded my expectations. I am able to learn the history of Niagara-on-the-Lake through non-academic methods.

This summer I was able to help with the digitization of the NOTL Museum archive. So far, I have uploaded more than 2000 items to the PastPerfect system with scanned images. I also set up displays of artifacts for the Tiny Museum and attended events out in the community. It has been an extremely interesting work term here at the Museum, and I thank all the members that I had a chance to chat with and meet over these three months. This has been a valuable learning experience that I will carry forever.

My name is **Paige Groot**, and I am a history student at Brock University starting my master's research in environmental and digital history this fall. I had the pleasure of working at the museum this summer as the Curatorial Assistant. It was a delight to work so closely with the staff here at the museum, and I am especially grateful for the welcoming and supportive environment fostered by Sarah, Shawna, Amy, Babs and Katelynn. I had the opportunity to work on a range of exciting projects including digitizing archival documents and creating web-descriptions for artifacts, curating my own exhibits, and assisting with camp.

My time at the museum has given me an opportunity to improve my critical thinking and research skills. I have also learned a lot about collections management and how to effectively use exhibits to communicate history to the public. I am especially thankful for the opportunity to design an exhibit of my own choice, titled "Ride On: Niagara's Bicycle History," focused on a snapshot of Niagara's rich cycling history. This exhibit was inspired by a newspaper article I read while digitizing documents that described Niagara-on-the-Lake's unique Gymkhana tournament. The highlight of designing this exhibit was working closely with Pam Mundy, who designed a beautiful cycling costume. I had the pleasure of wearing that costume and it is now on display. A big thank you to everyone who made my short time here so memorable; this was an incredibly valuable learning experience.



# President's Report

Hello Everyone,  
I hope you've all had a fun and safe summer.

Over the last few months, I've had the opportunity to connect with members and visitors of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum at our many events and at the museum. Thank you for your support and interest in our beautiful town's history!

After a 4-year hiatus, I was so excited to attend our signature event, Niagara Polo, on the Commons. We had the best polo players in Canada competing on the same land that was used over 100 years ago by soldiers during military training.

I would like to thank and congratulate our summer staff Paige and Bear, as well as our Digitization Coordinator

Katelynn, for their great work this summer. They worked as a team and were very creative. Their dedication, experience and expertise are key components to our success. As we welcome September, our amazing full-time staff continues to shine. I invite you to take this time to visit the NOTL Museum and say hi (and thank you) to Sarah Kaufman (Managing Director/Curator), Amy Klassen (Director of Finance and Marketing), Shawna Butts (Assistant Curator & Educational Programmer) and Barbara Worthy (Community Engagement Coordinator).

I am currently working on the next History in the Vineyard event. Stay tuned for more details (and an amazing announcement) to come this fall.

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



*Mona Babin at the Lundy's Lane Historical Society ceremony commemorating the Battle of Lundy's Lane.*

## IN MEMORIAM

**Jean Baker (1935-2022)**- Jean Baker was a long-time member of the Society and was often seen at our lectures and performances, sometimes even performing herself. She played the piano for our traditional Carol Sing in the early 2000s and read Dickens as part of the local Dickens Society. Her presence and optimism will certainly be missed at the Museum!

THE FRIENDS OF FORT GEORGE, THE NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE MUSEUM  
AND RAVINE VINEYARD ESTATE WINERY

*present*

## HISTORY *in the* VINEYARD

AN EVENING WITH GOURMET FOOD, SILENT AUCTION & HISTORICAL SPEAKERS



**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2022 | 5 PM**

**TICKETS \$150 PER PERSON**

*includes a \$50 tax receipt*

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TICKETS GO ON SALE IN OCTOBER - STAY TUNED!





# The Tiny Museum Hits the Road

Since the Tiny Museum was built in the spring of 2020, we have been unable to take our mobile museum out into the community. But with festivals and events (finally!!) in full swing, we have been taking it out into the community to bring the history of our town to YOU!

We were at Fort George celebrating Canada Day with an exhibition about Niagara Camp during the First World War, and we were surrounded by cherries and cherry pies at St. Mark's Cherry Festival on July 9. August was a busy month with us at the Canada Summer Games 13 for 13 Festival that was in Simcoe Park, and a few days later we were out again at the Peach Festival on Queen Street! The Tiny Museum even made a weekend appearance at The Gardens at the Pillar and Post.

We are very grateful to Peter Wright who has been hauling the Tiny Museum and to our wonderful volunteers that have helped at these events. We have more planned with our mini mobile museum throughout the fall, so you'll just have to check out our weekly e-blast to find out where the Tiny Museum will be next!

*- Shawna Butts, Assistant Curator*

This great picture (right) was recently taken into our collection. It is of some factory workers in front of a basket factory that was located in Old Town. We believe this photo was taken where the old C&C Yacht factory was. Today, this is the site of The Gardens at Pillar and Post!



## ORANGE SHIRT PINS



Available at the Museum for \$10. All proceeds will be donated to the Niagara Regional Native Centre.



# Digitization Project Discoveries

Digitizing the archive collection has been an amazing opportunity and a lot of fun. Nearly 2,500 items have been digitized, with descriptions and search words added into the catalogue files. Many ledgers and diaries have been scanned from front to back, which will be a great resource for researchers. Over 8,250 scans have been produced during this project. I used a large bed scanner, a tabletop book scanner, and a digital camera to produce images for the collection items.

Since the last newsletter, many interesting items have been digitized. A few of my favourites are three ledgers that cover the vital records for 1848 through 1856; one recording deaths, another recording births, and lastly recording marriages. There is also a notebook from March of 1867 that has a recorded census of the people living in the Town of Niagara.

The image below is a scan from a scrapbook (987.5.315.8) which is number 8 in a set of 15 books. The clippings are

laid out chronologically from March 16 through to May 8, 1917, following the happenings of the Great War. The articles that were saved in this book outline the battles, setbacks and advancements of the Allied forces. Maps, political cartoons, and photos of important people are also included. While this scrapbook is not directly related to events in Niagara-on-the-Lake, it does show how important world events can be for a small community.

I have also been working on new online exhibits through Google Arts & Culture. Recently completed is an exhibit on the 8th Scouting Jamboree that was hosted in Niagara-on-the-Lake in 1955. Over 11,000 people travelled to Niagara-on-the-Lake from around the world for this week long event.

Coming soon is an online exhibit about the Niagara Apothecary featuring product labels from the collection.

-Katelynn Best



## FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

Happy Fall to all our members!

I want to thank our Niagara Polo Committee for all their hard work leading up to and at the event on September 10th! This has become the NOTL Museum's MAJOR fundraiser for operations. It is integral to the maintenance of our collection, covering utility expenses, programs and exhibitions. We all missed the event in 2020 and this team of volunteers took on the planning without missing a beat. Be sure to thank our wonderful committee members when you see them next: George Dell, Dick Coyne, Rene Bertschi, Lois Chapman, Neil Rumble, Anne Dickson, Niki Walker, Diana Adachi, Audrey Pellett, George Webber, Rose Campbell, Barbara Worthy (staff), and Amy Klassen (staff). I would like to highlight the hard work of our very own Amy Klassen who, as Chair of the committee, worked tirelessly to make this event a success. All with a smile on her face! How lucky are we to have her here at the NOTL Museum!

Make sure you check out the exhibition *All Along the Waterfront* before the end of the year. This wonderful exhibit features a wonderful survey of the history of our community as it relates to the Niagara River and Lake Ontario. Our King's Point archeological collection doesn't come out for display too often, but we are very happy to feature it for the duration of the exhibition. Make sure to come and check it out!

- Sarah Kaufman

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: October 13 at 6:00 pm at the Museum

Learn about our accomplishments from 2022 and our plans for next year! We will also be voting in new board members. For a copy of the minutes from the 2021 AGM, please visit our website under the "Membership" tab or call to request a paper copy.

For those who would prefer to watch on Zoom, please contact us for a link.



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**October 22, 2022 | Site Hours Vary**

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*The Niagara Historical Society is currently seeking nominations for the Board of Directors. If you or someone you know would be a good candidate, please send in the nomination form below by October 1.*

### NOMINATION FORM: NIAGARA HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to stand for election to the Board of Directors at the Annual General meeting, October 13, 2022. If elected to the position for which I am nominated, I agree to serve for the term elected.*

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



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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.



## 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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