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*Promoting the rich history of Penetanguishene*



## May is Museum Month



### Free Genealogy Courses for May is Museum Month!

May is Museum Month, a time to celebrate the vital contributions of museums to our communities. This annual program, organized by the Ontario Museum Association, highlights the importance of museums in preserving history, supporting education, and fostering cultural exchange.

In celebration of May is Museum Month, the Penetanguishene Museum is excited to offer a series of free genealogy courses. These courses will be facilitated by Nancy Leveque from the Simcoe County Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society and will take place on Tuesdays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. throughout May.

#### Beginner Genealogy - May 6

- Getting started and organization
- Genealogical Research Standards
- Interpreting and evaluating evidence
- Preparing a plan
- How to research

#### Intermediate Genealogy - May 13

- Census records - digging deeper
- Newspapers, military, and immigration records

#### Advanced Genealogy - May 20

- Probate records
- Land records
- Breaking through brick walls
- DNA: Types and tests, and what to do once you receive your results

#### Save Your Family History - May 27

- Future Proof your Genealogy: Downsizing, preserving work and family treasures, and having conversations with loved ones about what to keep and what to let go.
- Preserve your Family Heirlooms: How to preserve family heirlooms for future generations

These courses are designed to build upon each other, but participants are welcome to sign up for individual sessions as well. Registration is required through [www.pencenmuseum.com](http://www.pencenmuseum.com)

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to deepen your genealogy knowledge and ensure your family's history is well-documented and preserved. Join us in celebrating May is Museum Month and discover the rich history that museums help to preserve and share.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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**Japanese Bunka Shishu:  
Embroidery Thread Art Exhibit  
by Isabel Wickson  
May 1st to May 30th, 2025**

Come and see Isabel Wickson's Embroidery Thread Art Exhibit at the museum for the month of May. Originating in Japan, Bunka embroidery is unique from other types of needlework. It requires a special punch needle and 4 ply rayon lily yarn, manufactured in Japan, to create art resembling a painting. The fibres used in Bunka thread are woven into a strand which can then be unraveled into 1 ply thickness. A different needle is used for fluffy pictures to create fur-like animals etc. The work is also done on the opposite side of the canvas, from the flat side, and then the knots are brushed.

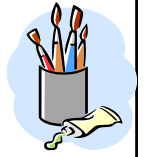
**A Tapestry of Voices: Celebrating  
Canada's Languages  
June 20 to August 28th**

The museum is pleased to host the travelling exhibit "A Tapestry of Voices: Celebrating Canada's Languages" from June 20th to August 28th.

This exhibit surveys Canada's rich linguistic landscape, including over 60 aboriginal languages, Canada's two official language (English and French), and more than 100 languages that immigrants have brought to our shores. The exhibition explores themes that touch the lives of speakers of every language in Canada, such as: How have the languages of Canada changed over time? What happens when languages come in contact? How can our languages be maintained for future generations?



**FROM THE  
CURATORIAL  
ASSISTANT**



Join us for a series of fun programs throughout the Spring and Summer at the museum.

**Social Hour with Lego Flowers  
Saturday, May 24, 2:00 p.m.**

Join us for a social hour making Lego flowers, drinking tea and enjoying a treat! All supplies will be provided. Cost: \$25.00 per person. Registration required.

**DIY Jewelry Workshop  
Saturday, June 7th, 1:00 p.m.**

Join us for a DIY Workshop making 3 Crystal Elastic Bracelets! All supplies will be provided. \$36.00 per person. Registration required. Stay tuned for registration dates.

**Rotary Champlain Wendat Park  
Walking Tour**

**Thursday, June 26th at 6:00 p.m.**

Take a walk in the park and learn about the Indigenous and Franco-Ontarian history in our area. Registration is required. \$7.00 per person (12 and under are free).

**Downtown Historical Walking Tour  
Thursday, July 24th at 6:00 p.m.**

Learn about the history of the downtown in this interactive and informative walking tour. Registration is required. \$7.00 per person (12 and under are free.)

**Family Fun Days  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Drop-in to the museum during the summer for a themed craft and scavenger hunt each week. Admission is by donation.

**Make & Take Wednesdays  
Starts July 9th, 10:30 a.m.**

Travel back in time with us! Running every other Wednesday in the summer, join us to make and take a fun historical item and learn about the lives of the past! Each week will be a different theme (soap, butter, toys, and candles). For ages 5-12 years old. Guardians are not required to attend. \$10.00 per child, registration required.

## Museum Tots

Parents and Tots come on adventure with us as we experience our senses through play, crafts, and activities at the Museum! This specialty program is designed for children between 2-4 years of age. Sign up for one or all four! Registration is required on our website. All programs run from 10:30 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.

**Mothers Day Celebration—May 7th**  
**Fathers Day Celebration—June 11th**  
**Summer Fun— July 16th and August 13th**



## FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM

Winterama 2025 was another successful turn out, and we were very fortunate with the weather. Snow was plentiful, and it started out as a great winter's day.

The Friends served over 320 people with our delicious chili, and pea soup. It was non-stop from 11:30 a.m. till 1:30 p.m. Thanks for all the support.

Canada Day is looking like a another great party here at the Museum. Once again Ariko, Hy 5 Country, and Passport will be entertaining the crowd from 11 a.m. through to 6 p.m. We will have our BBQ with beer tent along with free cupcakes at 2:00 p.m. Inflatables, facepainting, glitter tattoos, kids activities, photobooth and Sonic and SpongeBob SquarePants will be here throughout the day. Mark your calendars and head to the museum for a fun day on July 1st.

We would like to thank all the volunteers that help with the Delta Bingo shifts, that make these activities possible.

## Remembering Jack Scott

The staff and volunteers at the museum are saddened by the news of Donald John "Jack" Scott's passing on April 5, 2025. Jack was a dedicated member of the Friends of the Museum for more than 20 years. He served on the Museum Board for eight years prior to its transition into a committee. Every year, he took on a leadership role for Canada Day and the September Volunteer Appreciation BBQ, always ready to lend a helping hand to the Museum. His absence will be deeply felt. We extend our sincere condolences to his family during this time.

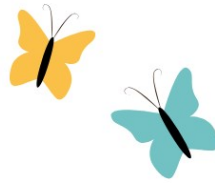


## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Peter A. Davis	Bill Kissock
Elizabeth & John Hunter	Ralph Lynn
Doug & Jenny Leroux	Beth Desroches
Jack & Joanne Scott	Claudia Cochrane
Gay Harrigan	John Carter
Sylvia Sutherland	Kevin Golka
Loretta Ferris	Christopher Bagley
John & Wendy Crean	Eileen Lortie
Stephen Woods	

# Penetanguishene Centennial Museum and Archives

# SUMMER



## Events



### DIY Jewelry Workshop **June 7<sup>th</sup>**

Join us Saturday, June 7th at 1:00 p.m. for a DIY Workshop making 3 Crystal Elastic Bracelets! All supplies will be provided. \$36.00 per person, registration required.

### Walking Tours **June 26<sup>th</sup> & July 24<sup>th</sup>**

Join us for a walking tour! Two options to choose. Select Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. \$7.00 per person, 12 years and under are free! Registration required.

### Canada Day Celebrations **July 1st**

Join the Friends of the Museum for Canada Day celebrations on July 1st. Enjoy music, BBQ (cash only), inflatables, face painting, photobooth and more! Cannon fire and free cupcakes at 2:00 p.m. Admission is FREE and fun for all ages.

### Family Fun Days **July & August**

Drop-in to the museum during the summer for a themed craft and scavenger hunt each week. Admission is by donation. July & August, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Artifact Talk **July 8<sup>th</sup>**

Join us at 2:00 p.m. for a one-hour interactive presentation lead by museum's curator discussing general store artifacts from the late 1800s. Free Admission.

### Make and Take Wednesdays **Starts July 9<sup>th</sup>**

Travel back in time with us! Running every other Wednesday in the summer, join us to make and take a fun historical item and learn about the lives of the past! Each week will be a different theme (soap, butter, toys, and candles). For ages 5-12 years old. Guardians are not required to attend. \$10.00 per child, registration required.

### Museum Tots: Summer Fun **July 16<sup>th</sup> & Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>**

Parents and Tots join us for some summer fun as we experience our senses through play, crafts, and activities. \$5.00 per child, parent participation and registration required.



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