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## Summer Programming



### Time Capsule Unveiling for May is Museum Month

Two time capsules have been discovered in the walls of former local high schools, Penetanguishene Secondary School (PSS) and Midland Secondary School (MSS).

The discovery of the PSS time capsule, located behind the school's cornerstone at the former school site, occurred during the building's demolition completed by the Town of Penetanguishene in late March, just three years after the demolition of MSS and the opening of the new Georgian Bay District Secondary School (GBDSS).

Since its placement in 1966 behind the facility cornerstone, the time capsule remained untouched as dozens of graduating classes walked unknowingly past it through the school's front doors over the years.

When the Simcoe County District School Board learned that a time capsule had been found during the PSS demolition, it was shared that a similar container was found at MSS and was in safe keeping at GBDSS.

An unveiling of both time capsules was held at the Penetanguishene Museum in celebration of International Museum Day on May 18th.

At the unveiling, Simcoe County District School

Board Trustee Tyler Boswell, along with the Mayors of Penetanguishene and Midland opened the time capsules along with the assistance of the Curator of the Penetanguishene Museum and the Curator of the Huronia Museum. The contents of each container will be displayed at the Penetanguishene Museum for one month and then transported to Huronia Museum to be viewed for another month.



Genevieve Carter (Huron Museum) and Nicole Jackson showcase the time capsules at unveiling.

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# FROM THE CURATORIAL ASSISTANT



Summer family fun days are back at the museum this summer. Drop in for weekly crafts and activities at the museum from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is by donation and adult supervision is required. Themes are as followed:

July 4-9	Float Your Boat
July 11-16	Pioneer Playthings
July 18-23	All Things Canadian
July 23-30	Fun with Yarn
August 1-6	Pirate for a Day
August 8-13	Down on the Farm
August 15-20	All Aboard!
August 22-27	Back to School

If you are interested in a more structured program to do with your kids, we are also offering two new summer programs. "Laundry Time!" is a program where children will learn to make soap to take home, participate in a laundry obstacle course and other activities. The second program is "Write through History!" in which kids will learn to make paper and write with a quill along with other activities. These programs will take place on select Wednesdays and from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and will cost \$10 per child. These programs are recommended for children aged 5 to 12 years of age and pre-registration is required through our website at [www.pencenmuseum.com](http://www.pencenmuseum.com).

Laundry Time—July 6 & August 3  
Write Thru History—July 20 & August 17

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 Travel back in time at the Penetanguishene Museum!  
 Make your own soap, participate in a laundry obstacle course and other fun activities.  
 July 6 & August 3 10:30am-12:00pm  
 Age 5-12 \$10 per child

Must pre-register at [www.pencenmuseum.com](http://www.pencenmuseum.com)

## Write Through History!

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## Canada Day Celebrations Returns!

We are happy to announce that the Friends of the Museum's Canada Day celebrations at the museum will return this year. Once again you will be available to enjoy the music of Passport and Ariko throughout the day while enjoying our delicious BBQ with a beverage and kids activities including new inflatables. We will have our cannon celebration at 2:00 p.m. with free cupcakes and plenty of entertainment throughout the day including a new Metis exhibit inside the museum guest curated by Laura-Lee Bellehumeur Kearns. Event runs from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and is FREE!!

We look forward to seeing everyone again after the hiatus for the last couple of years. As the Friends of the Museum have not organized an event since 2019, many members have changed and they are always looking for new members that can assist. If you are interested in assisting the Friends of the Museum or in helping the museum, please contact the museum at 705-549-2150 or email us at [museum@penetanguishene.ca](mailto:museum@penetanguishene.ca) to discuss the possibilities. We also have our volunteer job descriptions and application form available on our website at [www.pencenmuseum.com](http://www.pencenmuseum.com).



## Connecting with our ancestors:

### A photovoice project on returning to Drummond Island

June 21st to August 23rd

### Guest Curated by Laura-Lee Bellehumeur Kearns

How might contemporary people connect with their ancestors and each other? For those whose relatives came to the Penetanguishene area, also known as the place of the rolling white sands, in the late 1820s and early 1830s, many of our ancestors' lives were connected to the Great Lakes where they were known as voyageurs and/or half-breeds. This project focuses on the descendants of the Drummond Islanders who were relocated to Penetanguishene, Ontario, Canada, from what is now Drummond Island in the United States, after Canada relinquished the Island. They were resettled after the war of 1812 and the redrawing of colonial borders, beginning in 1828. In the summer of 2019, several descendants of the former Drummond Islanders had the opportunity to visit Drummond Island as part of a trip with the Metis Nation of Ontario. This was the largest group of descendants to return to the Island since relocation. This exhibit will share photos and digital stories from some of the youth and Elders on what returning to Drummond Island and walking in the footsteps of our ancestors meant. The exhibit will also share voyageur songs, artifacts and create a big root tree for any attendees who are also descendants to add to our contemporary connections. In examining family and personal stories, some historical documents and artifacts from the descendants of Drummond Islanders, it is hoped that we may begin to further understand the interconnections between their/our lives, songs, languages, and relationships.

**Opening Reception**  
**Wednesday, June 22nd**  
**6 pm to 8 pm**

## Walking Tours

Don't forget that our two walking tours are available through the months of June to October. These popular programs are guided by knowledgeable staff about the area. Pre-registration is required and tickets are \$7 each (children under 12 are FREE)

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### Downtown Historical Walking Tours

June 2, 16, 30, July 14, 28, August 11, 25,  
September 8, 22, October 6, 20  
10:30 a.m. \$7 per person

Take a walk downtown Penetanguishene and learn about the history of the homes and businesses.

Must pre-register at [www.pencenmuseum.com](http://www.pencenmuseum.com)



PENETANGUISHENE MUSEUM

### Rotary Champlain Wendat Park Walking Tour

June 14, 28, July 12, 26, August 9, 23,  
September 6, 20, October 4, 18  
10:30 a.m. \$7 per person

Take a walk in the park and learn about the Indigenous and Franco-Ontarian history of our area.

Must pre-register at [www.pencenmuseum.com](http://www.pencenmuseum.com)



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Thank you to the following who have renewed their memberships or become new members since our last newsletter. We appreciate the support that you give us during a difficult time.

George Reeves  
Doug & Jenny Leroux  
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Gail & Mike Tinney  
Anita Reynolds  
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# Penetanguishene Centennial Museum & Archives Events listing for 2022

## **Time Capsule Viewing**

May 18 to June 18

## **Connecting with our Ancestors:**

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September 6, 20, October 4, 18

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## **Downtown Historical Walking Tours**

June 2, 16, 30, July 14, 28, August 11, 25,

September 8, 22, October 6, 20

10:30 a.m. \$7 per person, must pre-register.

## **Canada Day**

July 1, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Free Admission

## Wednesday Programs

### **Laundry Time! - July 6 & August 3**

### **Write Through History!—July 20 & August 17**

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

\$10 per child, Pre-registration required

## **Summer Fun Days**

July 4 to August 27

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission by donation

Follow us on our Social Media channels for updates on our upcoming events and interesting historical posts.

