

MEDIA ADVISORY: Museum Celebrates Historic Buildings

The Brockville Museum's latest temporary exhibit invites visitors to explore the history of some of Brockville's landmark buildings that are no longer with us.

"We were inspired by some of the large, architectural pieces hidden away in our storage rooms" says Curator/Director, Natalie Wood, "and by feedback from the community seeking more information on our historic buildings".

Utilizing pieces of lost buildings that were donated to the museum, the exhibit, "Pieces of Brockville", highlights some of the factors that contribute to the loss of old buildings as well as the efforts to preserve other heritage buildings.

The exhibit looks at some of the devastating fires that have altered local streetscapes as well as the story behind buildings that were lost to neglect. But the exhibit isn't just about what has been lost; it is also about what has been saved.

"I don't want people to leave this exhibit overwhelmed by a sense of loss, but rather with an appreciation of the factors that contribute to changing landscapes and with an understanding of some of the tools available for preserving heritage landmarks" adds Wood.

The exhibit opened on June 8th and will run until April 2019. Admission to the museum is by donation.

While the exhibit focuses on buildings represented by physical objects in the museum's collection, the museum's upcoming Talk & Tea program, which runs Thursday, July 12th at 2pm, will be broader, exploring the history and architecture of several other historic buildings in Brockville. Talk & Tea is a public program led by museum staff that explores different aspects of Brockville's history each month and that offers an opportunity for attendees to share their own memories in a relaxed environment over a cup of tea. Admission to Talk & Tea is just \$2.

For more information about the "Pieces of Brockville" exhibit or Talk & Tea, visit the Brockville Museum's website or Facebook Page.

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