

PRESS RELEASE: New exhibit opens at Brockville Museum

The Brockville Museum will open the doors to its latest temporary exhibit “The Recorder & Times: 200 Years of Printing History 1821-2021” on Saturday November 28. This exhibit marks the occasion of the newspaper’s 200 birthday (which will officially pass in January 2021) and will take a behind-the-scenes look at the history of the local newspaper, including printing technology and the notable characters that once passed through the news- and printing- rooms, like Betty MacDowell, Stu Paterson, and Hunter Grant, among others. Through objects, images, and stories, the exhibit traces the paper’s 200-year evolution and invites visitors to reminisce about a time when the newspaper was king.

In keeping with provincial and local guidelines, the Brockville Museum has implemented a number of measures to ensure that your visit is as safe as possible. All visits are by appointment only and private for your party of up to five people. Appointments must be made at least 24 hours in advance through the Brockville Museum’s website or by calling the museum at 613-342-4397 (and following the prompts). Masks are required, hand sanitizer is provided, and all guests are asked to complete a symptom screening questionnaire upon entering.

The museum has also resumed some public programming, in a virtual format, including Talk and Tea and Stories from the Stones. The next Talk and Tea is on Thursday, December 10 at 2 p.m. with the topic being a “History of Automatic Electric”. There is no charge for Talk & Tea, but registration is required, just go to “public programs” on the Brockville Museum’s website and click on the “Register Now”. A confirmation email and instructions will then be sent to you to allow you to connect to the program.

"Stories from the Stones" is a new virtual look at our local cemetery presented in a series of weekly episodes on the museum’s Facebook page. New episodes appear every Tuesday at 8 a.m. and feature a different stone and the story of the person buried there. Some may be familiar to you, but we expect that some will be new to you too! You can also see past episodes and if you don't have Facebook, no worries, at the end of the month we will post past episodes on YouTube.

And of course, the museum continues to collect your stories of your experiences this year. Visit the “donate” page on the museum’s website for more information on the museum’s “Collect the Pandemic” campaign.

As we head into the winter, the museum’s focus continues to be on providing the community with safe opportunities to come together and explore our community's stories, both onsite and online. The museum team is grateful for the community’s ongoing support and remains committed to serving you safely and creatively! If you have any questions about safety protocols or offerings, please don't hesitate to contact the museum.

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