



DUNDAS  
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# UPDATE

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THIS ISSUE  
**ALL ROADS LEAD  
TO DUNDAS**  
and more



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# FROM THE CURATOR WELCOME BACK!

The Museum is a busier place these days! Many volunteers have returned to their projects and folks from the community have been coming to visit us more regularly. At this stage in the ever-changing pandemic, we've implemented a vaccine requirement for visitors and staff to ensure greater safety. Many people have said that they feel safer in the space since the vaccination policy was put in place. Whether visitors are touring around the exhibits or renting our Education Centre for a much-delayed family event or celebration the activity makes the museum feel normal again. In addition, we've been so happy that people have been coming out to see our All Roads Lead to Dundas feature exhibition. The exhibition highlights many fascinating stories from the collection and Dundas' connection to the world. We really appreciate your support! Although it may have been some time since your last visit, I promise that the staff of your community museum have been very busy these past two years. Whether it be digitization and increasing the availability of our collection's records online, developing new exhibitions, or working with local businesses on our Made in

Dundas Box fundraiser, we have been busy! We enjoyed welcoming families and friends back to the Museum for our Made in Dundas Holiday Special event on December 4th. The event was a great success and everyone was delighted to see Santa Claus again at the Museum! In closing, we could not do all we do without the generous support of the community and our Friends of the Museum. In the spring of 2020, we were working on transitioning our membership program to new web-based software. This switch to an email focused membership, in addition to the many concerns of the pandemic, has impacted

members ability to renew. We would warmly welcome you and your support back to the Museum and hope that you'll join us as Friends of the Museum once again. Please feel free to connect personally with either myself or Karin if you have any difficulties navigating the website.



**Kevin Puddister**  
Curator & General Manager



## OUR MISSION

The mission of the Dundas Museum and Archives is to act as stewards of the community's heritage as represented by the objects and archival material entrusted to us. We make this history available through our accessible exhibitions, education programming, research facilities, an online presence and the support of community initiatives.



## CO-OP STUDENT Morgan Solomon

If you happened to stop by the Museum from September to early November you may have had the good fortune of meeting our DVSS co-op student, Morgan Solomon. As a Museum Technician, Morgan helped in all areas of the Museum, including projects with the photograph collection and the development of a 3D gallery tour. We thank Morgan for her great work and wish her all the best in her future studies!



**Morgan Solomon**  
DVSS Co-op Student

## DM+A VACCINATION POLICY

The DM+A has a new to share with our patrons. All visitors must have a minimum of 2 vaccinations plus ID, few exceptions apply. Please see our [vaccination policy](#) for more information. Additionally, masks must be worn while visiting the museum.

**The board of directors and staff at the DM+A hope these measures will help insure a safe environment for all those who come to visit.**



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# ARCHIVES

## ENGAGING WITH THE PAST

Here at the Archives we have a wonderful collection of late 19th and early 20th century photographs of Dundas and its residents: [you can see many of them here!](#)

We have fewer photographs in our collection that show Dundas' more recent past, so we're always excited when we can add new images to our collection. These photographs of Dundas District High School students from the early 1950s were recently discovered during home renovations and donated to the Archives. The original owner of the photographs had fortunately identified all their classmates and the years the photographs were taken, invaluable information that brings these photos to life.



Kelsey Haas  
Archivist



### Students from Dundas High School Grade 13 1953-54

Left to right Front row: Home room teacher Miss Buckingham - Chemistry, Sue Boomer, Amy Loten, Carol Irvine, Lione [Leone] Main, Wendy Hill, Jean Davey, Joyce West  
Back row: Gord Pirie, Frank Benson, Stan Cox, Bob Weavers, Jim Venart, Stan Loten, Gord Smith Absent: Ray Millard

If you have photographs you would like to share, we'd love to see them!

Contact the [museum](#) or share them with us on social media.



### Above: Students from Dundas High School 10A 1950-51

Left to right Front row: Katherine Henry, Jean Davey, June Livingston, Barb Easter, Carol Irvine, Kay Hudson, Ruth Evans, Marion McCain, Wendy Hill, Amy Loten, Sylvia Shaw, Joan Baker  
Second row: Stan Cox, Cliff Sjoblom, Bob Weavers, Hugh Barlow, Don Gray, Walter Frazer [Fraser], Bruce Falkner, Bill Comber, Dave MacIntyre, Ron Leslie, Mr. G. Manson (form teacher)  
Back row: Jack [Mayes?], Gary Goodale, Cameron MacMurrick, Bob Johnson, Don Cox, Jim Venart, Stan Loten, Don [House?], Harold Bourne, Jim Marshall (absent)



Class trip to New York City, April 21st, 1954

# EDUCATION

## VIRTUAL LEARNING

We are thrilled to be welcoming students back to the Museum! We are almost back to normal. We have been able to host in-person group programs again. With safety protocols in place we were visited by the 10th Dundas Brownies for the first time since the pandemic began. It was so exciting to see young learners in our galleries again. We visited the newly refreshed permanent gallery and our latest exhibit. Using our imaginations and the artifacts featured in the exhibit we travelled the world!

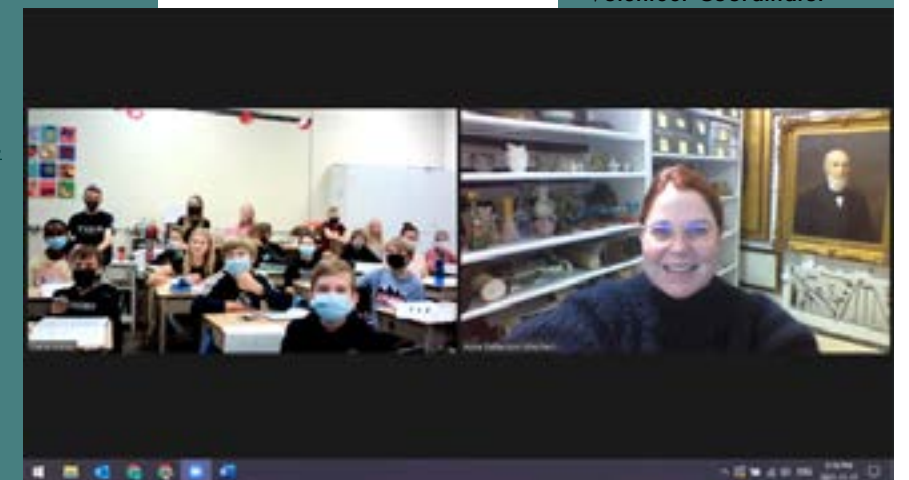
As we adjust to our new normal, we also had the chance to reflect on the last few years. The partnership between the Museum and Dundas Central Elementary School was recently featured in the Royal Society of Canada's report on education during the pandemic, "[Children and Schools During Covid-19 and Beyond: Engagement and Connection Through Opportunity](#)". Our programs "Finding Hazel" and "[The Fatal Five](#)" were both referenced in Chapter 9: "[Navigating a Defining Moment: Covid-19 and Curatorial Thinking](#)". It is an honour to be included in this publication. The full report can be found on the Royal Society of Canada's website.

The conclusion of "The Fatal Five" project in the RSC report would not have been possible without the use of technology. The project was interrupted in March of 2020 as we all went into our first lockdown. Thankfully we were able to adjust, and the Community Curator project moved online and can be found as a virtual exhibit on our website. We are extremely grateful that we have been able to move so much of our programming online. For classes or community groups who are unable to visit the museum in person we are excited to be able to offer many of our programs virtually. To find out more about online learning, visit our [Education Programs page on our website](#).

**We look forward to seeing students of all ages in person or online!**

## Online Learning at the Museum

To learn more about the programs we offer, visit the [Education Programs page on our website: \[dundasmuseum.ca/programs/education-programs\]\(https://dundasmuseum.ca/programs/education-programs\)](#). Submit an [Education Request Form on our Contact page](#) or email [anna@dundasmuseum.ca](mailto:anna@dundasmuseum.ca) with questions or for more information. We also have many resources and activities available on our [Museum At Home page](#) to make distance learning a little easier.



Brownie Visit

Anna Patterson  
Education, Events &  
Volunteer Coordinator

# EXHIBITS & EVENTS

## FEATURE EXHIBITION: ALL ROADS LEAD TO DUNDAS



### Feature Exhibition

Be sure to visit our newest exhibit, All Roads Lead To Dundas, a look at the fascinating connections between the Town of Dundas and the history of the world. Dundasians have long joked that their little community is the 'centre of the universe', and while Galileo tells us otherwise, the funny feeling that 'all roads lead to Dundas' persists to this day. This exhibit explores the fascinating and true connections which link Dundas to far-flung places, individuals, and events of great historical importance. Did you know that...Dundas had one of the world's first telephones? Dundas had a ship named after it in WWII? Dundas was home to a pioneering Black Medical Doctor who tended Abraham Lincoln? Dundas shares a fifty year pact of friendship with the City of Kaga

Japan? A Dundas resident survived the sinking of the Lusitania? Or that a Dundas company once made souvenirs for Disney? Learn about these stories and more! Each of the exhibit's 22 displays explores a different artifact, individual, or event of historical significance connected to our Town.

### Centennial of the Dundas Soldiers Memorial

2021 marks the hundredth anniversary of the dedication of the Dundas Soldier's Memorial



which now stands outside the Armoury at the corner of King and Market. Visit the Museum to learn more about the history of this local icon, and see archival documents including original

souvenir programs and postcards from the unveiling in 1921. The Dundas Soldiers' Memorial Monument was unveiled to a large crowd on the afternoon of Sunday, December 11th 1921.



The ceremony took place at the statue's original location on the south side of the intersection of King and Sydenham Streets. The spot had previously been known as Market Square, but was referred to as Memorial Square from then on. The unveiling was performed by Lieut.-Governor of Ontario Henry Cockshutt and followed a grand procession in which the speakers and soldiers had marched down King Street from the Dundas Armoury. Mayor E.J. Mahony presided over the ceremony which saw hymns sung, the dedication read, and several addresses made.

Four days after the ceremony, an article in the Dundas Star summed up the hopes that the Town had for their new Monument: "While the beautiful memorial which was

unveiled on Sunday now brings with it the thought of personal sorrow for the loss of those who were loved and admired, through countless years in the future history of the town, it shall remain as commemorative of the glory and gallantry of men who so bravely died in the cause of righteousness and freedom. As the years pass, and the present generation one by one pass away and new faces replace those of today, the feeling of personal sorrow will go with the years. But the coming generations, as patriotic Canadians and admirers of the good and the brave and true will ever have a feeling of pride and admiration for the heroic men who in the years of the past nobly fought and bravely died that Canada should remain a land of freedom."

### New Doctor's Office Little Library

If the winter weather makes you feel like cozying up with a good book, then you're in luck! The Museum grounds are now home to a new



Little Free Library which stands outside the historic Doctor's office. The library is designed as a miniature version of the circa. 1848 office which once stood on King Street and was the operating place for six consecutive local physicians until 1974. The library was generously built for the museum by Gary Morphet. Try your luck and see what books you can find, or drop off one you've already enjoyed.

**Happy reading!**

### Outdoor Interpretive Panels

Come and see the Museum's six new outdoor interpretive panels that were newly installed around the property. The Museum grounds are home to many curious artifacts with fascinating local significance, including two of the largest objects in the collection, the old Doctor's office and the Bertram steam

hammer. Other artifacts include an early 19th century stone boundary marker, an enormous industrial punching and shearing machine, a Victorian carriage



step, and an antique sundial. The stories of each of these fascinating objects can now be read whether you are visiting the Museum or just passing by! Their unique stories span over two-hundred years of local history.



**Austin Strutt**  
Exhibitions Coordinator

## OGG FAMILY LUSTERWARE GOBLET



(1974.269) Lusterware goblet with a turned wooden base and copper lustre on ceramic. It was presented to Mrs. Ogg by William Lyon Mackenzie. The goblet is currently on exhibit at the museum. William Lyon Mackenzie was a famous journalist, politician, and rebel, and was a resident of Dundas from 1820 to 1824. He moved to Queenston in 1824, where he published

his own newspaper called The Colonial Advocate. Less than a year later he moved the newspaper to York (now known as Toronto) before being elected the first Mayor of the newly-named City of Toronto in 1834. After a failed re-election campaign he grew convinced that only armed rebellion could bring the reform that was needed in Canadian politics. In 1837 he rallied farmers in the area surrounding Toronto but was defeated by government troops at the abortive Battle of Montgomery's Tavern. The Upper Canada Rebellion was over, and Mackenzie fled to the United States. The Ogg family, Alexander Ogg, wife Elizabeth Airth and ten children arrived in Dundas in 1836. Ogg worked first in James Coleman's flour mill before becoming toll master at the Binkley's Hollow tollgate from 1858 to 1868.



**Severine Craig**  
Collections Manager

# Holiday Specials

from the DM+A  
Gift Shop

## MADE IN DUNDAS BOX HOLIDAY EDITION

The Made in Dundas Box Holiday Edition for 2021 is here! Each box will feature a surprise collection of locally sourced items from the wonderful businesses in the Dundas community. By purchasing a Dundas Box, you support local small businesses within the town and raise funds for the Museum's award-winning education program. This Holiday Season's themed box will be filled with treats and nonperishable goods curated for the holidays. All the treats are specially chosen to last well beyond Christmas Day.

**Only \$100.00**

Gifting a Made In Dundas Box Holiday Edition a wonderful way to say you care and give back to your community!

Order today at [DundasBox.ca](https://DundasBox.ca) or call the DM+A at 905.627.7412



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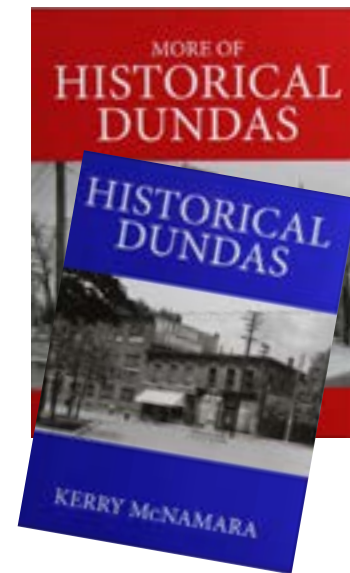
## BOOKS

Old standards and new releases are available at the DM+A Gift Shop.



### MY WALKS OF ART

by local artist and author Danuta Niton  
**45.00**



### HISTORICAL DUNDAS

by local author Kerry McNamara  
**20.00 each**



### OAK IN THE PARK AND POEMS OF LOVE AND LIGHT

by local poet Steven Moir  
**20.00 each**



### ASSORTED BOOKS FOR CHILDREN TOO!

## ART PRINTS

Signed and numbered fine art prints by local artists William Biddle and Cecil Barlow are available in the giftshop or online.

DUNDAS DISTRICT by William Biddle  
Regular price 115.00



DUNDAS TRAIN STATION by Cecil Barlow  
**95.00**

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## **ART SHOW MONDAY PAINTERS 7th Annual Art Show**

The Museum welcomes back the Monday Painters, a group of local plein air artists who are currently exhibiting their work in the Education Centre Gallery from November 13th 2021 to January 8th 2022. Their beautiful local landscapes are executed in a broad range of media including oil, acrylic, pastel, pen & ink, and watercolour. These pieces capture the vibrancy and diversity of our local landscape, each through the unique expression of a particular artist. Over a dozen artists are featured in this show. The work is available for sale throughout the Christmas season and can be purchased directly through the Museum.



## **JOIN US, WE MISS YOU**

Become a Friend of the Museum  
or renew your membership today!



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## **VISIT THE DM+A**

Tues 1:00 pm	4:00 pm
Wed 1:00 pm	4:00 pm
Thu 1:00 pm	8:00 pm
Fri 1:00 pm	4:00 pm
Sat 1:00 pm	4:00 pm
Sun & Mon	Closed

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