

## Burlington Heritage Week Sub-Committee - Wrap Up Meeting

Aug. 25, 2021 – 10:30 am

Present:	Don Thorpe - Heritage Burlington Michele Camacho - Heritage Burlington Al Harrington - Freeman Station Michelle Fex - Burlington Library Sandy O'Reilly – Halton Black History Awareness Society David Craig - History Pix Miriam Martens - Burlington Museums
Absent:	Claire Bennett - Heritage Services, Halton Region Len Collins - Heritage Burlington Erin Aults - Royal Botanical Gardens Christie Brodie – Royal Botanical Gardens
Next meeting:	Wed. Nov. 24, 2021 at 10:30 am

## Heritage Week Events

### **Hearth Demonstration - *Date: Monday, Aug. 2 at 10 a.m.***

Join the Museums of Burlington for an online hearth demonstration from Ireland House Museum. A Museum Educator will be preparing scones and strawberry jam using 1850s cooking techniques. You can find us on our [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) pages.

*This event was delayed and was up on the Museum's site later in the day. Attendance unknown.*

### **Aldershot Bike Tour - *Tuesday, Aug. 3 at 6:30 p.m.***

Join Don Thorpe and David Craig for a bike tour of various heritage sites between Francis Rd. and LaSalle Park Rd. in Aldershot. Meet at the Union Burying Grounds (1001 Plains Rd. E.). Parking is available in the Treasure Hunt (IKEA) parking lot. Register by emailing [hb@burlington.ca](mailto:hb@burlington.ca).

*Really well attended, 15+. Reviews were great with requests to know when the next one would be held. Attendees requested copies of notes and photographs. City sent out pdf files to attendees a few days after the event. Very nice goodie bags were provided. This is definitely a keeper for next year.*

**Burlington Public Library & Royal Botanical Gardens present “The \Roots that Grow Deep, Trees, Heritage, and Conservation” - Wednesday, Aug. 4 at 2 p.m.**

Join Dr. David Galbraith, Head of Science at Royal Botanical Gardens for a unique look at trees as part of our cultural and landscape heritage and hear about encounters with some of the more amazing trees in our area. Video will be released on [BPL's YouTube channel](#) on Aug 4.

*63 views. Excellent speaker who presented interesting information well.*

**Halton Freedom Celebration Virtual Festival**

**Wednesday, Aug. 4 at 5 p.m.**

This festival will celebrate Canada's first national Emancipation Day (Aug. 1) and the 187th year of emancipation. The 2021 festival acknowledges the history, drive, persistency, integration and progress of all of our multi-cultural ancestors in enabling “freedom” for today's Canadian Blacks. The virtual presentation will include historians, government, community leaders, selected entertainers, some of which are enslaved descendants, orphaned youths, and freedom/equality activists who denounce racism and promote cultural knowledge, inclusive integration and authentic equality. Showing at [HaltonFreedomFestival](#) on YouTube.

*Lots of views, Sandy to advise how many. An excellent mix of entertainment and information. The show addressed an extremely painful period of history and celebrated its end with some joyful performances.*

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**Burlington Public Library and the Art Gallery of Burlington Behind the Scenes with AGB Collections Manager Christine Saly-Chapman**

**Thursday, Aug. 5 at 2 p.m.**

Join us for a pre-recorded tour of the collection vault at the Art Gallery of Burlington, led by Collections Manager Christine Saly-Chapman. This tour will share highlights from the Art

Gallery of Burlington's collection of contemporary Canadian ceramics, and their significance to the local community. The tour will be followed by a live question-and-answer period. Register at [bpl.on.ca](http://bpl.on.ca).

*Well received. 23 people attended. YouTube video had 27 views.*

## **Heritage Trivia Pub Crawl**

***Thursday, Aug. 5 at 6:30 p.m.***

Meet at Civic Square. If unable to hold this event due to COVID-19 public health measures, we will host a Virtual Trivia Night. Register by emailing [hb@burlington.ca](mailto:hb@burlington.ca).

*Only one attendee. This event should be held next year only if in-person attendance is permitted. Be sure to have a portable microphone with an amplifier.*

## **Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG) Burlington Heights Tour**

***Thursday, Aug. 5 at 7 p.m.***

Join RBG staff on this hour-long tour to learn why the Burlington Heights area of land was designated as a National Historic Site in 1929. If unable to do a physical tour, a virtual tour via video will launch at the same time. Register for the tour at [rbg.ca](http://rbg.ca).

*15 people registered, 11 attended. Was a successful event and could have gone longer. There were lots of questions.*

## **Burlington Public Library and The Mississaugas of the Credit: We Are Still Here**

***Friday, Aug. 6 at 2:00 p.m.***

Join Darin P. Wybenga, Traditional Knowledge and Land Use Coordinator for this talk on some of the history of the land in the Burlington area. When Mississaugas of the Credit ancestors arrived in Southern Ontario in the late 17th century, they found themselves stewards of approximately 4 million acres of land at the western end of Lake Ontario. The erosion of their land base, a declining population, and the continual encroachment of settlers threatened the very existence of the people, yet the Mississaugas of the Credit remain on their lands today and are proud of their resilience. This presentation will provide a brief overview of the history of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation with a focus on treaties applicable to the City of Burlington. Register at [bpl.on.ca](http://bpl.on.ca).

*70 Attendees with lots of great feedback. This was an excellent presentation and was completely booked within an hour. The Library had to open up more slots for attendees. The presenter should definitely be invited to be part of next year's events.*

## **Walking Tour of Brant Street**

*Friday, Aug. 6 at 6:30 p.m.*

Join Alan Harrington, from the Burlington Historical Society, for a walking tour of Brant Street. Meet at the Tourism Burlington office (440 Locust St). Register at [Snapd Burlington](#).

*Sold out event. Very well received. Highlight of the tour was the refinished fountain in front of City Hall.*

## **Doors Open Burlington: Behind the Door!**

*Saturday, Aug. 7, and Sunday, Aug. 8*

Join Museums of Burlington for this virtual event focusing on amazing Burlington businesses and how they operate behind closed doors. Digital content for each site will be available for viewing on the Doors Open Ontario website beginning on Aug. 7. An interactive passport will also be available for those who wish to participate in a driving tour of the sites throughout Burlington. Join Burlington Public Library (BPL) staff for this unique virtual tour of our library. Available on-demand on [BPL's YouTube channel](#) and [Doors Open Burlington](#).

*These events all went well. Videos are all still available.*

## **Historic Tour of Kilbride**

*Sunday, Aug. 8 at 2 p.m.*

This guided tour of historically significant sites around Kilbride will allow attendees to learn about the early footprint and activities of the village. If unable to hold this event due to COVID-19 public health measures, we will host a virtual tour. For information and updates, please go to Events at [kilbridehistory.com](http://kilbridehistory.com).

*This tour was well attended. A successful and interesting event.*

Item	Subject
1	Mayor's Greeting for Heritage Week
	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sviQvZAcISA&amp;t=6s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sviQvZAcISA&amp;t=6s</a>
2	Town Crier Kicks Off Heritage Week
	<a href="https://youtu.be/-QmrNBOOPy8">https://youtu.be/-QmrNBOOPy8</a>
3	Library Event in November
	The Library will be hosting a literary event in November for ages up to 17. Submissions on a heritage theme will be invited and there will be a random draw for gift cards. Additional options such as the creation of a time capsule are being explored. Michele C. suggested seeing if selected submissions could be printed with permission in the Burlington Post.
4	Posters/Boards
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alan said these were fantastic and are now at the Burlington Historical Society. Suggestion made that these could be used throughout the year, e.g. at Malls, Long Term Care Facilities, etc. David noted that easels are needed for proper display as was done at the RGB. These posters could also be displayed together wired to the fence at Spencer Smith Park.</li> <li>• Those displayed in storefronts were not always completely visible. From the street. Well displayed at Aldershot Home Hardware and at the Different Drummer.</li> <li>• Posters could be used again next year with 5 new ones added each year.</li> <li>• The Burlington Post contacted Alan to ask about the Boards. They worked really well – scored 10 out of 10.</li> </ul>
5	Videos
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very successful – over 200 views on YouTube. 145 – 170 views on newer videos.</li> </ul>
6	Joseph Brant Day
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To the best of our knowledge, there were no events held on Joseph Brant Day.</li> </ul>

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7	Planning for Next Year
a	Many important anniversaries are coming up next year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Central High School – 100 years – David is Head of Steering Committee.</li><li>• Burlington Teen Tour Band – 75 years</li><li>• Cenotaph at City Hall – 100 years.</li></ul>
b	Send out press releases prior to events.
c	Display Posters/Boards during Heritage Celebrations in February next year
d	We need better promotion from the City for next year's events. We need to get their permission to have banners/flags on the light standards on Brant Street promoting Heritage Week at least 2 weeks before.
e	Schedule for next year – begin in November 2021, take December off, restart in January so we have everything in place for City approval by May 2022.