

sitting pretty



The History of the toilet

SITTING PRETTY: THE HISTORY OF THE TOILET AT THE ORILLIA MUSEUM OF ART & HISTORY October 10 to December 4, 2006

Free admission for Lous and Johns!

No one can deny that the toilet is an exceedingly important feature of our lives. Yet how many people can trace its history? The exhibition "*Sitting Pretty: The History of the Toilet*", at the Orillia Museum of Art & History, from October 10 December 4, 2006, explores the history of "John and Lou" through interactive components that show the development of the toilet from the very first chamber pot, to the outhouse, to the invention of the toilet itself.

The exhibit is divided into six sections, which include:

- An interactive toilet seat introduction with questions and answers;
- The evolution of toilet paper with a collection of toilet paper holders;
- A life size outhouse complete with audio component with a collection of humorous outhouse stories;
- A section that explores chamber pot designs, commodes and close stools;
- A panel system discussing the history of public washrooms;
- An example of a cutaway toilet showing its working parts and the evolution of the toilet as we know it today.

This exhibition is part of the Travelling Exhibition Partnership Project collaborative. Guelph Museums, the creator of this exhibition, gratefully acknowledges the financial support the Department of Canadian Heritage - Museums Assistance Program.

Established in 1999, the Orillia Museum of Art & History is a registered non-profit charitable organization. Located in the historic Sir Sam Steele Memorial Building in the heart of downtown Orillia, this unique art gallery and museum presents significant art and history exhibitions of both regional and national importance. Education programs are available to teachers and students at the museum or in the classroom.

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