

James Mercer's War: An Orillian in Normandy

A special post-Remembrance Day presentation by Anita Miles, OMAH collections manager

Saturday, November 17, at 11a.m.

Members – free,
non-members - regular museum admission.

Seating is limited.



As a scout with the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders, James Mercer saw the Normandy Invasion firsthand. A photographer from the Netherlands, working with the Allied Forces, followed Mercer's unit throughout the battles, chronicling its steps. The result? Over eighty photographs of the front lines, devastated towns, and moments of victory, as well as poignant images of the civilians' resilience, in the face of war. When it was over, Mercer was only 21 years of age and had taken part in several of the most pivotal events of the 20th century.

This is the story, told through detailed notes and photographs, of James Mercer's war.



WISH TREE

"Star Light, Star Bright...I Wish I may, I Wish I might...have the Wish I Wish Tonight..."



Leave a smile, touch a heart, show the world how much you care. This holiday season, hang a star on OMAH's Wish Tree to honour someone you love, recognize someone special or make a wish for the new year.

OMAH will place your name or the name of your special person on a Victorian tin star, and hang it on our **Wish Tree**, creating a galaxy of wishes for those special people who are important in our lives.

Please stop by the Orillia Museum of Art and History to fill out a tribute card and to enter your wish in our **Wish Book**. For a minimum gift of \$20, your personalized tin star will be hung on OMAH's tree throughout the holiday season and an acknowledgement of your gift will be sent to the honoree on your behalf. Wishes may be made anonymously.

Please join us on Sunday, December 16, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. for our Wish Tree Ceremony in the company of friends as we light our tree and pay our respects to those we love. Stay for our Annual Christmas Social with refreshments, drinks and dessert for only \$5.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

***Friday, November 23 (members only) &
Saturday, November 24 – December 25
(general public)***

Mark your calendars and get a jump start on your Christmas shopping.
OMAH's shop will be stocked with a wonderful selection of gift ideas for everyone on your list!



**SPECIAL
Saturday Family Drop-In for Art
Program
for Children and Seniors**

**Saturday, December 15 and 22, 2007,
1 – 3 pm (no registration required)**

OMAH is holding special Family Drop In for Art programs for the two Saturdays prior to Christmas in which seniors are invited to bring a special young person to spend time with. Everyone will leave with two one-of-a-kind creations that can be given as gifts or kept as keepsakes.

On December 15, Katie will lead gingerbread cookie and tree ornament decorating. On December 22, participants will make their own winter snow globes and ribbon and bead tree ornaments. Please note that adults are required to remain with their (grand)children/youth.
Cost is \$5 per person or \$15 for team of four.



**MEMBERS' ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS SOCIAL
AND WISH TREE
CEREMONY
AT THE ORILLIA MUSEUM OF
ART & HISTORY**

**COME SPEND TIME
WITH FRIENDS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER
16, 3 - 5P.M.
\$5 PER PERSON**

