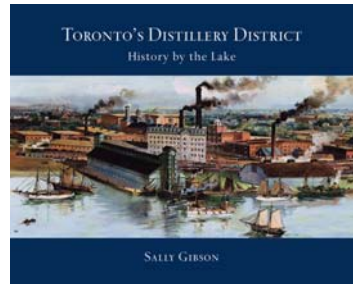


# OMAH Bus Trip to the Distillery District

Tuesday April 27, 2010

Cost: \$70

(includes Coach fare and expert heritage tour  
with Dr. Sally Gibson)



**To register and purchase tickets or for more information, please  
contact the Orillia Museum of Art & History  
705-326-2159 or email [programs@orilliamuseum.org](mailto:programs@orilliamuseum.org)**

## Volunteers for the Front Desk

OMAH is looking for volunteers to help at the front desk and in the gift shop on Thursdays, Fridays and/or Saturdays.  
If you are interested please contact Gloria Taylor at 705-326-2159

## Gift Shop News

The Gift Shop is pleased to be selling several pieces of Karen Brodie's stone sculptures. Karen Brodie is a second generation stone carver who was born and raised in the world of creativity. For more information about Karen's work visit her website at [www.karenbrodie.daportfolio.com](http://www.karenbrodie.daportfolio.com)

## Welcome!

OMAH would like to welcome three new additions to our team, Sovann from Katimavik, and Sheri Lee and Tiffany, High School Co-op students.

## Thank You!

OMAH would like to thank Shannon Hawke for all of her hard work in the gift shop, at the front desk and with educational programming. We hope that Shannon will remain as part of OMAH's team for years to come.

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# ORILLIA MUSEUM OF ART & HISTORY

## Muse News



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### Note From the Director/ Curator -by Gloria Taylor

I want to take a few lines to invite everyone to see the facelift of our main gallery and hallway. The staff and volunteers did an excellent job of painting and the museum is sparkling.

The next article from John Smith is worth contemplating. John is the Secretary for our Board and someone who works hard for Heritage in this City. OMAH supports the Orillia Heritage Centre completely in its far sighted initiative and I hope you will as well.

### The City Acquires a Valuable Heritage Property -by John Smith

You are probably well aware that the City has recently agreed to purchase historic Central School from the Simcoe County District School Board, along with three other school buildings that have been closed. In the very near future, city politicians and staff will be looking for public input on how these properties could best be used. They will be doing this through a questionnaire available in hard copy at City Hall, and also through the internet at the City's website [www.city.orillia.on.ca](http://www.city.orillia.on.ca). There is no firm release date for the survey, but I have been assured that the public will be informed through the media when it does become available.

As chair of the Orillia Heritage Centre, I would like to encourage each

of you to respond to this survey, especially as it relates to Central School. You may have seen some ideas bandied about in the newspaper as to how it and the other properties might be used. It is the contention of OHC that Central School should be used in a way that preserves its architectural integrity and historic features. Furthermore, we feel it should be dedicated to purposes directly related to the history and heritage of our community.

OHC is very interested in partnering with other groups and organizations in working with the City to develop a sustainable plan for Central School, one that would honour our heritage. In fact, we are currently writing a proposal which we will submit to Council in the coming weeks. It will include ideas for how artifacts belonging to OHC and other partners could be effectively displayed. If you have suggestions about what should be included in our submission, please contact me at 325-7107 or [johnsmith@rogers.com](mailto:johnsmith@rogers.com)

In the meantime, I suggest that the next time you are in the neighbourhood, take a moment to really look at Central School and the property that surrounds it. You will be quite taken with its symmetrical design, Italianate windows, and marvelous brickwork. Take note that it is situated nicely on over an acre of land. On the inside, it is a bit of a hodge podge with "improvements" made over the years, but it could easily be taken back to its original design of eight large, very bright classrooms, punctuated by a broad centre hall. The whole thing has such a simple elegance, hearkening back to Orillia's Golden Age. It offers so many possibilities and could be as great a landmark in our downtown as, say, the Opera House. Please take the time to complete and submit the survey and encourage your friends and neighbours to do the same. Your indication that Central School should remain a heritage building used for heritage purposes will really help get the planning headed in the right direction.

## Current & Upcoming Exhibits

### Setting the Stage: 40 Years of Playing Around

Mariposa Arts Theatre Foundation: Community Theatre in Orillia

March 5 to April 17, 2010

Opening Reception: Thursday, March 11th from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

This celebratory exhibit showcases the props, backdrops, posters and costumes from Mariposa Arts Theatre's productions over the last 40 years. Don't miss this colourful and fun look at one of Orillia's great cultural groups. This exhibit will fill both our community wall and the main gallery.

Meet the members of the Mariposa Arts Theatre at the exhibit opening on Thursday, March 11, 2010 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the Orillia Museum of Art & History.

### 16th Annual Orillia High School Art Exhibition

April 22 to May 29, 2010

Opening Reception: April 22 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

The Orillia Museum of Art and History is celebrating the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Orillia High School Art Exhibition. Every year senior students from Orillia's high schools submit pieces to be exhibited in our main gallery. This unique exhibit showcases the up and coming talent of Orillia's artists. The works on display combine thought provoking pieces, youthful imagination, creativity and skill in an exuberant exhibition of various styles and media.

## Call for Artists

### All-Ontario Open Juried Art Exhibition

#### Theme: Landscape

Showing at the Orillia museum of Art & History

from June 4-July 31, 2010

Opening Reception: June 5 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

The Orillia Museum of art & History is thrilled to announce that applications for the Juried Art Exhibition will be available for pick up beginning **Tuesday, March 9** at the Orillia Museum of Art & History, the Orillia & District Arts Council, Peter Street Fine Arts, Zephyr Art Gallery, and Shadowbox Art & Framing (located on Peter St South). Applications can also be downloaded at [www.orilliamuseum.org](http://www.orilliamuseum.org)

**Deadline for submissions is Tuesday, May 4, 2010**

For more information please contact 705-326-2159

## Katimavik Connection

by Sovann Curtis

My name is Sovann Curtis and I'm from Halifax, Nova Scotia. I have lived in Halifax for 7 years and it is a great place to be, especially in the summer. I recently graduated from J.L Ilsley Public School which I attended for two years. In the spring of 2009 with the idea of attending NSCC (Nova Scotia Community College) I applied for a one year course of bread baking and was accepted. At the same time I also applied for Katimavik and was accepted. I decided to go with the Katimavik program and attend college after the program was completed.

In October I left for Katimavik looking forward to a great experience of traveling in different places of Canada, meeting new people, volunteering in different work environments and living in all the communities.

Katimavik is a nine month volunteer program where kids ages 17-21 come from all around Canada to live in different communities and volunteer in a variety of work placements.

My first rotation was in Manitoba. I was living with 10 other kids in a small village called St. Pierre Jolys, about a 45 minute drive from Winnipeg. While I was there I volunteered with Public Works. On Tuesdays and Fridays I picked up garbage and on other days I worked inside the shop cutting and drilling holes into long pieces of metal rods that were going to be a fence for the old church.

My second rotation is in Orillia. We arrived at the end of January and most of us like that Orillia is bigger than St. Pierre. I am volunteering at the Orillia Museum of Art and History. I helped paint the walls of the hall way from a terrible yellow colour to a grey colour. I work at the front desk, set up exhibits and organize artifacts.

Our group has already volunteered at the Opera House helping to raise money for the earthquake in Haiti and helped out at the Winter Carnival down at Couchiching Beach. We plan to go to see Niagara Falls for a weekend, check out the Raptors game in March and go winter camping, and try out the high ropes course.

In the end of April we will leave Orillia to go to our last destination in Labrador to live in a very small community much smaller than St. Pierre called North West River.

## Prehistory Exhibit

by Lynda Whiston

I have accepted an extremely fascinating and somewhat daunting challenge for my next project here at the Orillia Museum of Art and History: a new exhibit for the history gallery that encompasses millions of years!

The upcoming prehistory exhibit will examine the geological and archaeological record of this region going back to the formation of the limestone bedrock which dates back nearly half a billion years. We will explore the retreat of the glacier from the last ice age some 10,000 years ago.

Hard on the heels of glacial retreat is early human occupation in this area and the importance of hunting and fishing. As we progress through the archaeological record we finish up with the contact period about 400 years ago when Europeans in the person of none other than Samuel de Champlain came to forever change the way of life of the ancient peoples of the Orillia area.

Included in the exhibit will be a diverse collection of marine fossils found in this district along with intriguing rock samples and an interactive geology section. Park Street woodworking students have been recruited to aid in the building of a unique glacier display.

There will be a featured display on Orillia's own National Historic site, the Mnjikaning Fish Weirs including underwater photos of the 5000-year-old weir stakes. An abundance of artifacts takes us into the Woodland period when population increased; early peoples built larger villages and began producing copious amounts of pottery. Finally, the appearance of European trade goods coincides with great upheaval in the early 1600's where our exhibit ends quite appropriately with the age of the European explorer.

All and all this exhibit seeks to portray in an in depth manner the past in this region in a way that has not previously been covered by the museum. This might also be a good opportunity to say thank you to all the local citizens who have thus far come forward with fossils and rocks for our exhibit. Still needed for the exhibit are a beaver pelt, projectile points (arrowheads) and early archaeological artifacts. We look forward to the opening of this new exhibit on April 15th from 6-8.



## OMAH March Break Camp 2010

### Ages 6-12

#### The Final Frontier - March 15

In this fun filled day program, campers will celebrate space and create their own colourful planet, and space alien mask, paint the northern lights and build a flying saucer.



#### Where the Wild Things Are - March 16

In this fun filled day program, campers will get inspired by the book, "Where the Wild Things Are," and create cardboard box monsters, watercolour drawings and 3D magical Trees.



#### Let's Go Green - March 17

In this fun filled day program, campers will learn about all things green, including, making St. Patrick's Day art, environmentally friendly crafts and hunting for a pot of gold.



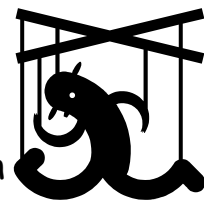
#### Craft & Concert Crazy - March 18

In this fun filled day program, campers will create some fanciful footwear to wear to a Splash & Boots concert at the Opera House in the afternoon and get a behind the scenes tour.



#### Puppet Pandemonium - March 19

In this fun filled day program, campers will create their own life size puppet and finger puppet and put on a theatrical show.



Members Daily \$28/ Weekly \$130

Non Member Daily \$30/Weekly \$140

Registration is required. For more information call 705-326-2159

## Exhibition Schedule & Upcoming Events

#### Mariposa Arts Theatre:

##### 40th Anniversary Show

March 4 to April 17, 2010

**Opening Reception:** March 11th from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

#### March Break Day Camp

March 15 - 19, 2010

#### History Speaker Evening

##### March 17, 2010

"Turning Clouds Inside Out: A Country Woman's Life in the 20th Century"

Speaker: Cathy Ashton

St. Paul's United Church, 7:30 p.m.

#### Prehistory Exhibit

**Opening Reception:** April 15 from 6-8 p.m.

#### History Speaker Evening

##### April 21, 2010

"The Use of Music in Education in the 19th Century"

Speaker: Geoff Booth

St. Paul's United Church, 7:30 p.m.

#### Orillia High School Art Exhibition

April 22 to May 29, 2010

**Opening Reception:** April 22 from 6-8 p.m.

#### OMAH's Bus Trip to the Toronto

##### Distillery District

April 27, 2010

#### History Speaker Evening

##### May 19, 2010

"The 100th Anniversary of the Canadian Navy" Speaker: Bud Trivett

St. Paul's United Church, 7:30 p.m.

#### The Three Museums Book Sale

May 27 & 28 at the OPP Museum

May 28, 29, 30 at OMAH

#### Doors Open Orillia

May 29 & 30, 2010

#### Orillia Downtown Sidewalk Sale

May 29 & 30, 2010

#### OMAH's Bus Trip to the Peterborough Canoe Museum & Petroglyphs

June 9, 2010

#### All-Ontario Open Juried

##### Art Exhibition

June 5 - July 31, 2010

**Opening Reception:** June 5 from 7-9 p.m.

#### The Hidden Shilling Show

August 6 to October 30, 2010

**Opening Reception:** August 14, 2010

#### Starry Night Gallery & Studio Tour

August 21, 2010



Thank you to Bruce Stanton MP and Don Ross of Manticore Books for their generous donation of 11 Youdan Stanton paintings to OMAH's collection.

### Thank You to Donors & Sponsors

OMAH would like to thank the following people and businesses who have donated money to help sustain OMAH or who have sponsored one of our events between March 2009 and March 2010. We sincerely appreciate your contributions. This list will be updated with every newsletter.

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## The Three Museums Book Sale

May 27, 28, 29 & 30th

Thursday-Saturday 10-4 and Sunday 12-4

The Three Museums book sale is a joint fundraiser between the Orillia Museum of Art & History, the Friends of the OPP Museum and the Stephen Leacock Museum.

This year we are all accepting donations of used books to sell at OMAH & the OPP Museum as of May 13th. Proceeds will be divided equally between the three museums and will be used to support our many programs.

The location of the sale will take place at

**The OPP Museum May 27 & 28th**

**The Orillia Museum of Art & History May 28, 29 & 30th**

For more information or to donate books please contact

Gloria Taylor at 705-326-2159

### Programs Update — by Katie Calcaterra

#### Festival of Banners

Banner designs have all been submitted and they are looking fantastic. I'd like to thank the community for being so supportive of this festival and making it possible for the last four years. Each and every banner contributes to the beauty of Orillia's downtown streetscape and I can't wait to see them in all their colourful splendor.

The Museum comes alive in April and May when all the festival's painters arrive to create their masterpieces. It is truly a community effort and one that you can only see to believe. I invite all Orillians to stop by OMAH and see art in action.

#### March Break Camp 2010

It's that time of year again with March break just around the corner. This year, we are offering full day or week programs for kids between 6-12.

To register, please contact OMAH at 705-326-2159 or email [programs@orilliamuseum.org](mailto:programs@orilliamuseum.org) for more info.

#### Volunteer for the Festival of Banners!

The **Festival of Banners** is looking for volunteers to help trace banners and help in the paint room during April and May.

If you are interested please contact Katie Calcaterra 705-326-2159 at the Orillia Museum of Art & History or email [programs@orilliamuseum.org](mailto:programs@orilliamuseum.org)