

Museum Hours

September to May

Monday to Friday
10:00 am to 3:30 pm

Admission Rates

Adults	\$2
Children & Seniors	\$1
Children Under 4yrs.	Free
Museum Members	Free

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MUSEUM ON THE BOYNE

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UPCOMING EVENTS...

With 2011 right around the corner, museum staff are busy planning programs and events. Children of all ages can enjoy preschool programs, P.A. day programs and holiday programs and don't miss our new line-up of March Break programs!

Adults will see the return of familiar events such as the Wall of Honour and Cemetery Tour. In 2011 the museum will be extending the life of Rescued Pages:

Used Book Sale. It will be available at the museum for the entire month of June! Come out and refresh your library!

Keep up-to-date with Museum on the Boyne programs through this newsletter, our website at www.town.newtecumseth.on.ca or the Parks, Recreation and Culture guide. Look for the Spring/Summer 2011 guide in mid-February.

The History of Basketball and Dr. James Naismith

Doctor James Naismith, (November 6, 1861 - November 28, 1939) is the inventor of the sport of basketball. He was born in Almonte, Ontario, Canada.

In 1891, while working as a physical education teacher at the YMCA International Training School in Springfield, Massachusetts he was asked to look for a way to relieve his students' boredom during indoor winter gym classes. He needed a game that could be played indoors in a relatively small space. Naismith also wanted to create a game of skill for the students instead of one that relied solely on strength.

Inspired in part by a game he played as a child called Duck-on-a-Rock, Naismith's basketball started December 15th 1891 with thirteen rules, a soccer ball, a peach basket nailed to either end of the school's gymnasium, and two teams of nine players. On January 15, 1892 Naismith published the rules for basketball. In 1893, James Naismith replaced the peach basket with iron hoops and a hammock-style basket. Ten years later came the open-ended nets of today.

The first ever college basketball game was played on January 18, 1896, when the University of Iowa invited student athletes from the new University of Chicago for an experimental game. Final score: Chicago 15, Iowa 12, a bit different from the hundred-point scores of today.

Basketball became popular in the United States very quickly, and spread to other countries as well. The sport was added to the Olympic program at the 1936 Summer Olympics in Berlin (although there had been a basketball competition in connection with the 1904 Games). There, Naismith handed out the gold medals to the American team, which beat Canada in the final.

Naismith became a professor at the University of Kansas and the school's first basketball coach. Kansas went on to develop one of the nation's most storied college basketball programs. Ironically, Naismith is the only Kansas coach to have a losing record during his tenure at the school. In the late 1930s he played a role in what became the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball. (James Naismith Biography, etc.)

Curator's Note:

On behalf of the Town of New Tecumseth and the Museum on the Boyne staff, I would like to thank everyone for supporting us during our 50th anniversary year. The museum increased visitors, program participants and new members! Please continue to support your community museum as we grow to meet your needs. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Sincerely,

Katie Huddleston-Naieb
Curator, Museum on the Boyne

AND THE REST IS HISTORY

DECEMBER 2010 AND JANUARY 2011

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!



The Museum on the Boyne will close for the holidays at 12pm on Friday, December 24th. The Museum will re-open at 10am on Tuesday, January 4th, 2011.



Museum on the Boyne
"Illuminating our past brightens our future"

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 1 Winter Wonderland (Preschool)
- December 4 Gingersnaps (Preschool)
- December 8 Treats for Tots (Preschool)
- December 15 Santa's Surprise (Preschool)
- December 20-22 Elves in Training (Youth)



MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2007-2010

The Museum on the Boyne would like to commend the Museum Advisory Committee for their dedication and enthusiasm over the past four years. Members include: Mayor Mike MacEachern of New Tecumseth, Councillor Joy Webster of Adjala Tosorontio, Councillor Lynn Dollin of Innisfil, Councillor Ron Simpson of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Jackie Baillie of Alliston, Cheryl Brinn of Essa, and Ralph Wilding of Tottenham. Your continued support of the Museum on the Boyne and its programs is greatly appreciated. Thank you!!

EVERY DAY SHOULD BE MUSEUM DAY!

Canadian Museum Day ~ November 23, 2010

Canada's Museums preserve our rich collective memory, shape our identity, promote tolerance and create understanding. They are keystones of our public service infrastructure — an invaluable resource for communities. Canadians participate in our museums in ways that build positive social engagement and a sense of belonging in Canada. Supporting these institutions means supporting the future of Canada.

Why Museums are Vital to Canada

Sustaining Communities — Museums represent the souls of vibrant communities across Canada. They are economic generators, attracting business, enhancing property value and promoting social stability and safety. Museums help communities to stand on their own culturally and economically.

Engaging Communities — Museums bring Canadians together. They foster local pride and celebrate the shared greatness of Canada. Outreach programs, new technologies, travelling and special exhibits bring museum collections to Canadians across regions, from all language, age, ethnic and cultural groups.

Stimulating Creativity — Museums tell our stories. Museums safeguard the traditions of creativity that have preceded us and stimulate new generations to create their own legacies. These stories of creativity make Canada a global force in business, science and culture; they stimulate innovation and inspire achievement.

Key Facts about Canadian Museums

- Canada is home to over 2,500 museums. This includes non-profit museums, art galleries, science centres, aquaria, archives, sports halls of fame, artist-run centres and historic sites.
- Employ over 24,000 Canadians and contribute \$650 million in direct salaries and wages
- Educate 7.5 million school children annually
- Receive over 59 million visits per year
- Tourist visits to museums contribute an estimated \$17 billion to Canada's economy

Courtesy of the Canadian Museums Association

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To register for any of the above programs, contact the Town of New Tecumseth Parks, Recreation & Culture department at 905-729-1260 or visit us online at www.town.newtecumseth.on.ca