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In celebration of their 50th anniversary, Mackenzie Investments is offering FREE regular admission to Toronto History Museums this fall. Until November 30, 2017, enjoy immersive tours* of real historic sites, for free! Learn more at toronto.ca/museums

*Applies to regular public tours/admission only. Some exceptions may apply

WELCOME

Welcome to the first edition of Toronto History Museums, a new publication for lovers of **#TOhistory**. Inside you will find everything you need to know to get the most out of our museums this fall and winter season.

Who we are and what we do

We are a collective of 10 museums owned and operated by the City of Toronto. On behalf of residents and visitors, we bring Toronto's history to life.



COLBORNE LODGE

19th-Century Innovation & Creativity in High Park



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Toronto's Founding Landscape in the Heart of Downtown Toronto



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19th-Century Rural Life in North York



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THE MARKET GALLERY

Treasures of Toronto's History in St. Lawrence Market



MONTGOMERY'S INN

Historic Tavern & Community Hub in Etobicoke



SCARBOROUGH MUSEUM

Local History & Community Fun in Scarborough



SPADINA MUSEUM

1920s & 30s Family Estate in Midtown Toronto



TODMORDEN MILLS

History, Nature, Art & Theatre in the Don Valley



ZION SCHOOLHOUSE

Immersive Edwardian Classroom in North York



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350+

EVENTS
A YEAR

30+

EXHIBITS
A YEAR

WORKSHOPS

Cooking and baking, Halloween crafts, Holiday wreaths and greenery

GUIDED TOURS

Year-round immersive public tours

FIELD TRIPS

Educational programming for all ages

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EXHIBITS

Artifacts from the "Maple Leaf Forever: Toronto's Take on a National Symbol" at The Market Gallery

Innovation Circa 1867 | Colborne Lodge November 9 to March 18, 2018

An exhibit featuring artifacts, reproductions and images highlighting new and emerging technologies and ideas circa 1867.

Building Toronto: Stories of the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood | Market Gallery December 2 to February 24

Discover how Toronto's first planned neighbourhood served as the building blocks for Toronto's urban development.

Maple Leaf Forever: Toronto's Take on a National Symbol | Market Gallery | FREE Until November 25

This artifact-rich exhibition explores how Torontonians have helped shape the maple leaf as Canada's leading national symbol over the past 150 years.

Gibson House Preserves | Gibson House Museum Until December 3

Through a mix of artifacts and community-submitted memory jars, this exhibit uses different notions of preserving (food, memory and family heirlooms) to explore the idea of individual versus collective memory.

Our Journey: An Art Map of Canadian Identity | Spadina Museum | FREE Until December 31

Share your stories and be a part of this collaborative art project that aims to acknowledge everyone's place, identities and contributions to Canadian society past and present.

Eaton's Goes to War | Mackenzie House Until December 31

Learn the personal stories of several Eaton's employees who fought in the First World War, and see how the Great War transformed Canada.



Staff and a young visitor at Scarborough Museum

DROP IN FOR FUN!

Toronto History Museums offer a wide range of drop-in activities during school breaks throughout the year. Kids and parents can discover history and culture through games, crafts, and activities.

► For camp listings and more, visit toronto.ca/museums





FALL & HARVEST



Farmers Market | Montgomery's Inn | FREE Every Wednesday, 2 to 6 p.m.

Buy direct from local farmers and food artisans – shop for organic fruit and vegetables, wine, cheese, meat, bread and prepared foods.



1920s Party Games Night | Spadina Museum Friday, October 20, 7 to 10 p.m.

Join museum staff to learn classic games, enjoy period refreshments and take a guided tour.



Harvest Tea | Gibson House Saturday, October 21, 12 and 2:30 p.m.

Enjoy a Victorian-inspired harvest tea featuring finger sandwiches and sweets in the historic 1850s farmhouse.

MARKET DAYS @ MONTGOMERY'S INN



Market Days @ Montgomery's Inn



Every Wednesday, 2 to 6 p.m.

Experience the best our local farmers and vendors have to offer! Seasonal offerings include local fruit & vegetables, cheeses, meats, prepared foods, honey, and more.

► Learn more at toronto.ca/montgomerysinn

FALL & HARVEST



Boarding House Dinner | Mackenzie House

Thursday, November 9, 7 to 9 p.m.

During the First World War, 82 Bond Street was a boarding house. Enjoy dinner, storytelling and music that bring this pivotal time in Canada's history to life.



Remembrance Day Commemoration | Fort York | FREE

Saturday, November 11, 10:45 a.m.

Fort York presents one of Toronto's most evocative Remembrance Day Services at the Strachan Avenue Military Cemetery on Garrison Common.



From Storefront to Home Front: Memories of Eaton's at War Walking Tour | Mackenzie House

Saturday, November 11, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

This very special walking tour explores the stories of the lives of Eaton's employees who enlisted in the Great War, as well as those of the families they left behind.



Sleep, Stay or Fly Away: Outdoor Guided Walk | Todmorden Mills

Sunday, November 12, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

As the cold winter months approach, learn how the birds, plants and animals in the Wildflower Preserve prepare for the season.



Students having fun at Scarborough Museum

REALLY OLD SCHOOL



Get ready to take learning way beyond the classroom. Toronto's History Museums offer educational programs for kindergarten to Grade 12. With half- and full-day programs that meet expectations from across the curriculum, a visit to a historic site is a hands-on learning experience your students will never forget.

► Learn more at
toronto.ca/museum-teachers



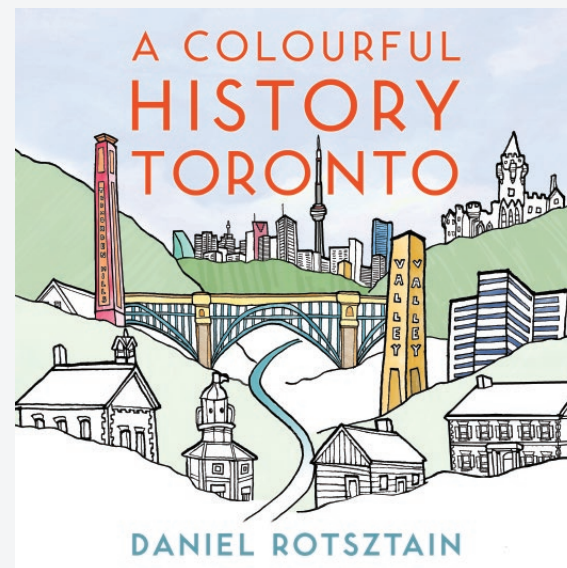
Examining historical artifacts
at Spadina Museum

LEARNING NEVER ENDS

The joy and delight of visiting a museum doesn't end with childhood. Toronto History Museums offer programs and events for adults to engage the mind and delight the senses. Tours for English-language learners, photography, craft and cooking workshops, board game nights...there's something for everyone to enjoy.

► Discover our museums at
toronto.ca/museum-events

DISCOVER A COLOURFUL HISTORY



Toronto's vibrant history is characterized by its historic buildings. As part of the City's *TO Canada with Love* celebrations, Toronto's iconic historic sites will be captured in the pages of a beautifully rendered colouring book.

The book is the brainchild of artist and cartographer **Daniel Rotsztain**, a self-proclaimed "urban nerd" known to the public as The Urban Geographer. Rotsztain previously drew all 100 branches of the Toronto Public Library in a colouring book project he describes as a "love letter to the library system."

Although his library sketches began as a personal project three years ago, they proved so popular that fans pushed him to produce a trendy adult colouring book. Drawing the Toronto's historic sites seemed like a natural next step.

"I have always been interested in historical spaces; they may be old, but they're very much alive," he explains.

Rotsztain's mission was no small feat. From July to early September of last year, he biked across the city and sketched all 95 buildings that comprise Toronto's historic sites.

"I was intent on cycling to each site so I could explore the lesser-known boroughs that make up our picturesque city."

Rotsztain also hopes to teach Torontonians with his colouring book.

"As I conducted research on the project, it was very important to me to delve deeper into the sites' histories and tell the diverse stories associated with the site, not just the ones about the men whose names are in the history books and enshrined on street and park names," he explained.



Visit the museum shops of the Toronto History Museums to pick up your copy of *A Colourful History Toronto*.



HALLOWEEN



Haunted High Park | Colborne Lodge

Adult & Teen: October 19, 20, 22, 27, 28 & 29, 7:30 p.m.

Families & Children: October 21 & 26, 7 p.m.

Discover chilling legends and ghostly tales in the candlelit rooms of Colborne Lodge. Learn about Victorian funeral traditions and experience a period séance



Halloween Workshops for Families | Todmorden Mills

Mask workshop: Saturday, October 21, 1 to 3 p.m.

Lantern workshop: Sunday, October 22, 1 to 3 p.m.

Use your imagination to create your own spooky Halloween mask or paper lantern in these family workshops. Treats provided!



Fort York After Dark: Lantern Tours | Fort York

October 25, 26 & 27, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Tour the grounds of Fort York at night, and hear stories about this national treasure and the history that surrounds it – from the haunted lighthouse to the bloody Battle of York.



Spirit Walk | Mackenzie House

October 27 & 28, 7 and 7:30 p.m.

Discover some of Toronto's reputedly haunted buildings as staff lead you through evocative downtown alleys and laneways.



Shades of Old Islington: Graveyard & Tavern Tour by Lamp Light | Montgomery's Inn

Saturday, October 28, 6 to 9 p.m.

Explore Montgomery's Inn and the Islington Pioneer Cemetery after dark and hear chilling stories guaranteed to get you into the Halloween spirit.



Retro Halloween Family Drop-In | Todmorden Mills

Saturday, October 28, 12 to 4 p.m.

Celebrate Halloween traditions of the past. Tour the historic homes, sample old-time treats and make a creepy craft. Costumes encouraged!



Youth learning cooking skills at Montgomery's Inn

PAST MEETS FUTURE

Toronto History Museums are a great place for youth to grow and develop new skills. Programs for youth include history, cooking, art, gardening, and volunteer opportunities.

➤ Learn more at toronto.ca/museums





HOLIDAY SEASON

WORKSHOPS & SHOPPING



Artisan Intervention | Gibson House Museum

November 11 and 12, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Join Gibson House Museum and the Toronto Etsy Street Team for a weekend market of Victorian crafts and unique handmade goods.



Holiday Greenery Workshops | Colborne Lodge

Start your Christmas preparations by creating your very own Christmas wreath or centerpiece using nature's bounty.

✂ Christmas Wreath Workshops

Adults: November 19, 23, 26, 30, December 3 & 7

Families: November 18, 25 & December 2

✂ Holiday Centrepiece Workshops

Adults: December 14, 17 & 21

Families: December 16



Make a Fascinator Workshop | Spadina Museum

Friday, November 24, 7 to 10 p.m.

Create a special fascinator or cocktail hat for your next seasonal party at this hands-on workshop.



Holiday Greeting Card Workshop for Families | Todmorden Mills

Saturday, November 25, 1 to 4 p.m.

Learn about the origins of holiday greeting cards while you create a set of personalized cards to send to loved ones.



Christmas Wreath Workshop | Todmorden Mills

Sunday, November 26, 1 to 3 p.m.

Drawing inspiration from the past while adding your own contemporary twist, create a decorated wreath from a varied selection of evergreens.



Holiday Farmers' Market & Gift Sale | Montgomery's Inn

Wednesday, December 6, 2 to 7 p.m.

Artists & artisans join the regular farmers' market vendors for a special holiday market and gift sale.



Frost Fair | Fort York

Saturday, December 9, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Shop for unique gifts made by local artisans, including heritage reproductions and holiday greenery.



HOLIDAY SEASON

FOOD & DRINK



Stir Up Sunday | Montgomery's Inn

Sunday, November 19, 1 to 5 p.m.

The Inn's team of Historic Cooks present an afternoon of cooking demonstrations featuring traditional Christmas treats.



Victorian Tea | Gibson House Museum

Saturday, November 25, 12 and 2:30 p.m.

Immerse yourself in the ambiance of a Victorian-inspired afternoon tea featuring finger sandwiches, seasonal sweets and home baked scones.



Christmas Cookie Decorating | Montgomery's Inn

Saturday, December 2, 2 to 4 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon of seasonal cookie decorating, and take home a half dozen decorated goodies and their recipes.



Holiday Baking Bonanza | Scarborough Museum

Sunday, December 3, 1 to 4 p.m.

Kids bake holiday treats using traditional methods in the woodstove and at the hearth and take home a recipe booklet and samples to share.



Cookie Creations | Colborne Lodge

Saturday, December 9, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Kids make homemade cookies, learn about Victorian Christmas traditions and games and take home a tin of gingerbread.



Gingerbread House Workshop | Montgomery's Inn

Saturday, December 9, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. or 3 p.m.

Create a classic gingerbread house at this family-friendly workshop.



The Cook's Apprentice | Fort York

Saturday, December 9, 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Children ages 8 to 12 learn to bake traditional cakes, biscuits and confections in the Officers' historic kitchen.



Gingerbread Cookie Decorating | Gibson House Museum

Saturday, December 9, 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Decorate gingerbread cookies baked by museum staff with holiday sweets, then take a guided tour of the museum with costumed interpreters.



Christmas Baking Workshop | Mackenzie House

Saturday, December 9, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Try Victorian Christmas baking in the historic kitchen range and learn about the tastes and culinary technology of the 1850s.



Desserts by Lamplight | Scarborough Museum

Saturday, December 9, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

A magical evening of lamp-lit rooms, decadent desserts and carolers.

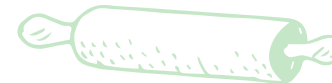


Hogmanay | Mackenzie House and Gibson House Museum

Mackenzie House: December 29 & 30, 7 to 9 p.m.

Gibson House: December 28 & 29, 6 p.m.

Enjoy an evening of Scottish music and foods at this traditional celebration of the New Year.



HOLIDAY SEASON

THEATRE



Toussaint: Traditions of the Dark Months | Montgomery's Inn **Sunday, November 19, 5 to 9 p.m.**

A bewitching evening of storytelling and music from the Celtic tradition of Breton folklore.



Carols in the Tavern | Montgomery's Inn **Saturday, December 2, 7:30 p.m.**

Get in the holiday spirit while you sing 19th-century carols and sip a historic drink in the tavern.



Flashman: A Live 1930s Radio Play | Spadina Museum **December 3, 10 & 17, 1 and 3 p.m.**

See a re-created 1930s radio show – commercials included! Enjoy this fast-paced comedy, complete with live music, sound effects and a cast playing multiple roles.



Victorian Christmas Ghost Stories | Mackenzie House **Sunday, December 17, 2:15 and 4:15**

Victorians loved their ghost stories, especially at Christmas time. Sample a few scary Christmas tales along with some cider warmed on the cook stove.



TOURS AND FAMILY FUN



Scottish Holiday Traditions | Gibson House Museum **November 15 to December 31**

Enjoy the simple and elegant traditions of the Scottish holiday season at Gibson House Museum.



Christmas at the Lodge | Colborne Lodge **Sunday, December 10, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

Kids experience old fashioned Christmas fun through cooking decorating and crafts.



A Roaring Twenties Christmas | Spadina Museum **November 21 to January 7**

Experience a 1920s Christmas on a guided tour of Spadina. Holly wreaths, garlands of evergreens and mistletoe adorn the house based on the memories of the Austin family grandchildren.



Christmas in the Valley | Todmorden Mills **Weekends in December and December 23 to January 7**

Experience two different eras of Christmas at Todmorden Mills as we explore the holiday traditions of the 1890s and the 1940s.



Kids' Crafts | Mackenzie House **December 27 to 31**

Tour the home of Toronto's first mayor and enjoy making a New Year's noisemaker.



Gingerbread Make and Bake | Fort York **December 27 to 31, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.**

Enjoy a tour of Fort York while your kids join the cooks in the Officers' Mess kitchen to create traditional gingerbread cookies.



Fall Festival at GIBSON HOUSE



CANADA COOKS, TORONTO EATS



Canada has a unique culinary heritage. In Toronto especially, a wide range of food and culinary experiences are synonymous with our diverse city. As part of the TO Canada with Love program, marking Canada 150, the City of Toronto will host *Canada Cooks, Toronto Eats*, a participatory celebration of Canadian food culture.

Canadians everywhere are invited to submit their most appetizing recipes, beloved culinary traditions, and memorable feasting experiences on the *Canada Cooks, Toronto Eats* blog: torontoeats150.tumblr.com. Participants can also submit in person at any of Toronto's History Museums. Some entries will also be published in an electronic cookbook, making this project a perfect opportunity to share and preserve special family recipes for generations to come.



Canada Cooks, Toronto Eats also offers an opportunity to taste Toronto's rich food heritage for free. On the weekend of November 4 and 5, drop by any participating site to enjoy samples of recipes from the blog, live cooking demonstrations, and presentations. Each site will feature a different theme inspired by the museum's historical time period and surrounding communities.



Keep an eye on the *Canada Cooks, Toronto Eats* blog for recipe submissions and information about downloading the e-Cookbook and the November food themed weekend event.

Until then, bon appetit!

Canada Cooks, Toronto Eats Weekend
November 4 & 5, at participating sites, 12 to 5 p.m.

Sample recipes from the blog, watch live cooking demonstrations, and find out about the rich food heritage of Toronto.



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Finch Ave. E

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401

Eglinton Ave. W

Bathurst St.

Yonge St.

Eglinton Ave. E

Don Valley Parkway

Brimley Rd.

Scarborough Museum

Islington Ave.

Dundas St. W.

Spadina Rd.

Mackenzie House

Todmorden Mills Museum

Kingston Rd.

Montgomery's Inn

Colborne Lodge

Spadina Museum

The Market Gallery

Dundas St. E.

Gardiner Expressway

Fort York

Gardiner Expressway

Lake Ontario



TORONTO HISTORY MUSEUMS



Colborne Lodge

Home of architect and inventor John Howard, who helped shape the look of Toronto. Situated at the south end of beautiful High Park.

📍 11 Colborne Lodge Dr.
📞 416-392-6916

➤ toronto.ca/colbornelodge



Fort York National Historic Site

Canada's largest collection of War of 1812 buildings in the heart of downtown Toronto. Considered by many to be Toronto's founding landscape.

📍 250 Fort York Blvd.
📞 416-392-6907

➤ toronto.ca/fortyork



Gibson House

This Victorian farmhouse was home to the Gibson family, Scottish immigrants who helped establish North York.

📍 5172 Yonge St.
📞 416-395-7432

➤ toronto.ca/gibsonhouse



Mackenzie House

Home to Toronto's first mayor William Lyon Mackenzie, this middle-class rowhouse offers a rare peek into urban Victorian life in Toronto.

📍 82 Bond St.
📞 416-392-6915

➤ toronto.ca/mackenziehouse



TORONTO HISTORY MUSEUMS



The Market Gallery

Located in South St. Lawrence market, the gallery was Toronto's original 19th-century City Hall council chamber. Now the gallery presents exhibits related to Toronto's art, culture and history, and houses the City of Toronto's fine art collection.

📍 St. Lawrence Market, 2nd Floor
95 Front St. E.

📞 416-392-7604

➤ toronto.ca/marketgallery



Scarborough Museum

Set in beautiful Thomson Memorial Park, Scarborough Museum's two 19th century houses trace early rural life in Scarborough. The museum is also a hub for contemporary community events.

📍 1007 Brimley Rd.

📞 416-338-8807

➤ toronto.ca/scarboroughmuseum



Montgomery's Inn

Built in the 1830s, the Inn was a hotel, tavern and family home. Today visitors can explore the 1847 tavern, enjoy the weekly farmers' market, and participate in a range of food, art, and cultural activities.

📍 4709 Dundas St. W.

📞 416-394-8113

➤ toronto.ca/montgomerysinn



Spadina Museum

A sumptuous mansion restored to its 1920s/1930s appearance, Spadina was home to a family immersed in Toronto's business and culture. Visitors can learn about this transformative period in Toronto history while exploring the extensive house and gardens.

📍 285 Spadina Rd.

📞 416-392-6910

➤ toronto.ca/spadina





Todmorden Mills

Nestled in the Don Valley, this former industrial community features workers' homes from the 1890s and 1940s, the renovated Papermill Theatre and Gallery, and a wildflower preserve.

📍 67 Pottery Rd.

📞 416-396-2819

➤ toronto.ca/todmordenmills



Zion Schoolhouse

This immersive Edwardian one-room schoolhouse provides a window into the lives of students and teachers in the rural community of L'Amaroux circa 1869-1955. Please note that this site is open for pre-booked programs and special events only. Call for details.

📍 1091 Finch Ave E.

📞 416-395-7435

➤ toronto.ca/zionschoolhouse



Nestled on the second floor of St. Lawrence Market, overlooking bustling crowds of shoppers, is The Market Gallery. This multi-purpose space occupies what was once Toronto's original 1845 council chamber. Part of a network of municipal museums, The Market Gallery is a treasure trove of artworks collected by the City since the late 19th century.



"We have records that go back that far, starting from about 1855," explained Neil Brochu, Supervisor of Collections & Outreach, Market Gallery.

"When anyone requests artwork from us, either for publication in a catalogue, to display in a civic building or office, or to borrow for another exhibition, we can easily pull those files and usually provide quite a deep historical record related to each piece."

The gallery debuted its collection of more than 2700 works in 1979 to demonstrate Toronto's rich artistic history. A large portion of the collection is comprised of official portraits of mayors and public officials. Also featured are landscapes, streetscapes and works that capture the spirit of the city.

"Our mandate has always focused on collecting works about Toronto," said Brochu. "Most of the artists are from Toronto and, by and large, the vast majority of pieces depict historical figures or places which document the changes in our city over time."

The top floor of the gallery is devoted to the administration and storage, including a work room where the team frames and mats pieces for display and a purpose-built vault, which houses pieces too large or valuable to display in municipal buildings. Also onsite is The Market Kitchen, a special programming venue.

Currently on display at The Market Gallery **until late November** is **Maple Leaf Forever: Toronto's Take on a National Symbol**. It features classic sportswear and Toronto memorabilia, military objects, items crafted for British royalty and much more. It is presented as part of the City of Toronto's TO Canada with Love program marking Canada 150 and is funded in part by the Province of Ontario.

For new exhibits, tours and special events, check toronto.ca/marketgallery for updates.

RENTALS & PHOTOGRAPHY

Papermill Theatre

City of Toronto Museums represent a range of historical periods and architectural styles, many set within beautiful natural surroundings. Our venues can be rented for a variety of functions including weddings, wedding photography, birthday parties, workshops and meetings, corporate events, fundraisers, films, and TV shoots.

➤ For more information, please visit toronto.ca/museumrentals

The Papermill Gallery at Todmorden Mills



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