

MUSEUM REPORT

Museum, Culture, Heritage and Special Awards Advisory Committee

Wednesday November 20th, 2024

Current & Up-Coming Exhibits & Events

- Next Exhibit in the Gallery “Faux Christmas Tree” Opens November 22nd at 7 p.m.
 - Museum’s annual Christmas Exhibit will highlight the history of the artificial or “Faux” Christmas tree
 - Will display Feather trees from late 1800’s to early 1900’s, first bottle brush trees, early plastic trees and tinsel trees from the 1960’s and more
 - Exhibit opens on the Friday evening of the museum’s Christmas Open House Weekend, Nov. 22nd through Sunday Nov. 24th
 - Will be on display in the Pratt Gallery from November 22nd, 2025 to January 5th, 2025

- Museum’s Up-coming Programs
 - Christmas Open House
 - Friday, November 22nd: 7pm to 9pm with music from Stella Jurgen and the Jazz Plazma
 - Saturday, November 23rd: 10am to 4pm
 - Sunday, November 25th: 1pm to 4pm
 - Christmas School Programming: Wednesday, November 27th to Wednesday, December 18th- Over 500 students expected to join
 - Mary Norton Tours: December 11th at 3:30- 50 people expected
 - Christmas Tea: Friday, December 20th at 1:30 p.m.- Christmas goodies and teas then guided tour of the “Faux Christmas Tree” exhibition: Still seat available

Coming to 2025

- Mayor’s Levee: January 5th, 2025 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Program Room. Proudly hosted by the Tillsonburg and District Historical Society.
- First of our 2025 Maker’s Workshop: Pottery Workshop: Saturday, January 25th at 1:30 p.m.

Year to Date Numbers

- Museum continues to increase attendance numbers over last year
 - YTD for 2023 : 6,599 (Jan 1 to Oct. 31)
 - YTD for 2024: 7,170 (Jan 1 to Oct. 31)
 - Although not a huge increase, the numbers are going in the right direction
 - Projected that museum, barring extreme bad weather in up-coming months, will end the year with an increase over the 2023 year-end number which was 8,263