

## Annandale National Historic Site Report

Museum, Culture, Heritage, and Special Awards Advisory Committee

Wednesday, March 19th, 2025

### ATTENDANCE DATA:

Our attendance is tracking well compared to last year, despite unexpected challenges. Inclement weather on Family Day resulted in approximately 100 fewer visitors than in February 2024.

	Members	Paid Visitors	Donation Visitors	Group Visitors	Tourism Info	Rental Attendees	TOTAL	YTD
Jan-2024	121	136	102	22	24	71	476	476
Jan-2025	120	37	115	0	78	34	384	384

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Feb-2024	117	53	271	0	64	0	505	981
Feb-2025	44	41	166	0	72	209	532	916

### EXHIBITIONS:

#### **"What's Your Sign: Part 2"**

Date: March 3 - May 11th, 2025

A celebration of how the citizens of Tillsonburg left their mark!

#### **"Tillsonburg 1825"**

Date: June 14 - September 28th, 2025

A retrospective in honour of Tillsonburg's 200th anniversary.

Opening: June 14th at 10 a.m. (TurtleFest)

#### **"A Pioneer Christmas"**

Date: November 22, 2025 - January 6th, 2026

An immersive exhibition showcasing the cherished traditions and festive customs of Tillsonburg's pioneering families during the holiday season.

Opening: November 28th (time TBD - Christmas Open House)

### Upcoming Lectures, Events, Workshops, and Socials (March - June 2025)

#### LUNCH & LEARN LECTURE SERIES:

##### **"Nancy Barker Tillson: Tillsonburg's First Lady"**

Presented by Laurel Beechey

Dates: Thursday, March 27th or Friday, March 28th

##### **"Benjamin VanNorman: Co-Founder of Tillsonburg?"**

Presented by Patricia Phelps

Dates: Thursday, April 26th or Friday, April 27th

SPECIAL EVENTS:

**"Scan-a-thon"**

Preserve your cherished Tillsonburg memories by bringing your favorite photographs to the museum for scanning and archival. Participants will receive a digital copy of all scanned images—pre-registration required.

Dates & Times:

Thursday, April 3rd, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 5th, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Cost: by donation

**"Mommy and Me Tea Party"**

Honour and celebrate the incredible mothers and mother figures in your life with a delightful tea party and hands-on craft activity at Annandale National Historic Site—pre-registration required.

Date: Sunday, May 11th at 1:30 p.m.

Cost: \$25.00 for parent and child - \$5.00 for each additional child

**"Cowabunga! TurtleFest Movie Night"**

Join us on the Annandale National Historic Site lawn at dusk for an outdoor screening of "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles II: The Secret of the Ooze" (1991) to kick off TurtleFest celebrations—don't forget to bring your lawn chairs and blankets for a cozy experience!

Date: Friday, June 13th at Dusk

Cost: by donation

**"TurtleFest 2025"**

Visit Annandale National Historic Site for a fun-filled day of LEGO building, games, crafts, guided tours, and the exciting 'Turtle Find' challenge. Plus, meet live turtles up close! Activities available while supplies last.

Date: Saturday, June 14th, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Cost: by donation

WORKSHOPS:

**"Maker's Workshop: Spring Bouquet Wool Flower Workshop"**

Join artist Heather Cork for a hands-on workshop and learn to create your own beautiful wool flower bouquet. All materials and supplies are provided —pre-registration required.

Date: Wednesday, April 9th, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$25.00 (tax included)

**"Maker's Workshop: Rug Hooking"**

Ever wanted to learn the art of rug hooking? Now's your chance! Join Sandra Thornton of the Oxwood Hooking Artisans for a hands-on workshop and create your own hooked rug. All materials and supplies are provided. Please bring your own lunch —pre-registration required.

Date: Wednesday, April 26th, 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Cost \$50.00 (tax included)

SOCIALS:

**"Easter Tea and Egg Hunt"**

Come for hot-cross-buns and tea followed by an Easter Egg hunt through the museum. Easter baskets supplied—pre-registration required.

Date: Wednesday, April 16th, 1:30 p.m.

Cost: \$30.00 (tax included)