

THE ONTARIO POWER GENERATION GALLERY

Keep up to date with our rotating exhibitions. See what's new in our temporary gallery!

ELECTRICITY

July 21 – December 23, 2012

Become a human battery, learn how to operate a telegraph or be shocked by an electrostatic generator! This exhibit features sixteen hands-on interactives from the Franklin Institute in Pennsylvania exploring the many facets of electricity.



ART-OF-FACT

January 24 – March 24, 2013

Art-of-Fact brings previously unexplored stories of the War of 1812 to life through contemporary visual art installations. Five artists of distinct ethno-cultural background have created works that explore our hidden histories.

Art-of-Fact is funded by the Department of Canadian Heritage and the Niagara Region through the Cultural Capitals of Canada program. Additional funding provided by the Ontario Trillium Foundation.



FAKES AND FORGERIES: YESTERDAY AND TODAY

January 24 – April 14, 2013

Learn to spot the differences between fakes and real artefacts that run the gamut from Natural History and World Cultures, to modern designer brands in this fascinating and interactive exhibition. Visitors of all ages are invited to guess which Museum artefacts are real and which are clever fakes.



ORDINARY LIVES, EXTRAORDINARY TIMES: ITALIAN CANADIAN EXPERIENCES DURING WORLD WAR TWO

A project by Columbus Centre of Toronto

Coming Spring/Summer 2013 – Book for your year-end class trips!

On June 10, 1940 Italy declared war against Great Britain and her allies. Canadian Prime Minister Mackenzie King designated an estimated 31, 000 Italian Canadians as “enemy aliens” and authorized the internment of about 600 individuals. The travelling exhibit *Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Times: Italian Canadian Experiences During World War Two* explores how the lives of Italian Canadian men, women, and children dramatically changed in June 1940. It draws upon a rich collection of oral histories collected by the Columbus Centre, putting a human face to this little known period in Canadian history.



BOOKING A CLASS TRIP

To book your class trip or to receive more information about our educational programmes please contact:

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Please have the following information ready:

- Programme Name
- Date and time you wish to attend (please have an alternate date ready as well)
- Number of students and grade level
- Please inform us if you would like to eat a snack or lunch while at the museum
- Specific requests when customization is available
- Please note bookings must be made two weeks in advance

ADULT SUPERVISION

The museum requires one adult supervisor for every ten students. Adult supervisors within this ratio are granted free admission to the museum. Student behaviour, safety and security are a teacher's responsibility. Groups must be supervised at all times. Extra supervisors beyond the required ratio pay regular museum admission.

PAYMENT

Cheques should be made payable to The City of Niagara Falls Museums. Visa or Mastercard are accepted. Payment is required in full on the day of your trip.

CANCELLATIONS

Cancellation of a scheduled booking must be received at least two weeks prior to the tour. Cancellations received after this time are subject to a \$50 cancellation fee. The cancellation fee will be waived if the tour is rebooked within the month of the cancellation date.



Niagara Falls Museums
(formerly the Lundy's Lane Historical Museum)
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NIAGARA FALLS MUSEUMS EDUCATION PROGRAMME GUIDE 2012/2013



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CELEBRATE THE BICENTENNIAL

The War of 1812 was a nation defining event in Canada's history, and the events surrounding the Battle of Lundy's Lane, on June 25, 1814, were pivotal moments in the War. Uncover the stories that shaped our nation using the museum's unique collection and array of educational programmes.

■ NIAGARA FALLS HISTORY MUSEUM TOUR

Explore one of Canada's best 1812 collections in a space designed with audio-visual ambiances of war and hands-on activities in the Gale Family War of 1812 Gallery. Learn about the history of world famous Niagara Falls, its community, its people and their stories in the new Community Gallery. Return to experience rotating exhibits in the Ontario Power Generation Temporary Exhibition Gallery. Request a customized tour which reflects one or all of the galleries mentioned.

Length – 45 minutes

Cost: \$3

■ BATTLEFIELD TOUR

Walk in the footsteps of an 1812 Soldier on the Lundy's Lane Battlefield located at Drummond Hill Cemetery. Explore such topics as the lay of the land as it was in 1814, the experience of soldiers and civilians, tactics used in the battle, and the aftermath and effects of the battle.

Length – 45 minutes

Cost: \$3

■ MUSEUM AND BATTLEFIELD TOUR

Combine the best of both worlds! Begin by touring the museum galleries focusing on the War of 1812, then travel to the location of the Battle of Lundy's Lane and explore the location of "the bloodiest battle of the War of 1812."

Length – 90 minutes

Cost: \$4



■ UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

In small groups, students examine primary source materials and role play the experiences of real people (soldiers, officers, First Nations, medical personnel, 'homefront' settlers), events of the War of 1812 period and the Battle of Lundy's Lane. Using maps, illustrations and source materials, they produce a dramatic presentation of the War through the perspective of the individuals who experienced the events. Includes gallery tour.

Length – 120 minutes

Grades: 7, 12

Cost: \$5

NEW!

MUSEUM DETECTIVES

Explore the role museums play in our society and the "pieces of history" they display. Students are also invited to touch and hold history through the exploration of artefacts. They will uncover the "story" of these artefacts by working through a set of questions and uncovering the historical information they contain. Includes a behind-the-scenes tour of the museum including collections storage, home to over 20,000 artefacts.

Length – 90 Minutes

ALL Grades

Cost: \$5



THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

Students examine the nature of slavery in the 18th and 19th centuries, some of the symbols, music and secret messages used on the Underground Railroad, the personalities that were involved, and the nature of their heroism. With the Underground Railroad Game, teams of students 'become' characters trying to make it to Niagara on the Underground Railroad. Decisions have to be made; consequences of those decisions have to be abided. This is a game of wit and chance.

Length – 120 minutes

Grades: 7-8

Cost: \$5

GOING MEDIEVAL

Travel back to the Middle Ages with Blackthorn Productions. Students become lords and ladies as they touch and try on medieval armour and clothing, learn an authentic medieval dance, explore medicine and the Black Death and ask their questions of costumed characters. Students will travel to stations throughout the museum to experience the medieval world first hand. This programme requires a minimum student registration, please book by April 1st 2013.

Dates: April 22 – 26, 2013 from 10-2pm

Cost: \$15

Grades: 4



SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Come explore the museum independently. Stay as long as you like and explore at your own pace. Teachers are welcome to come to the museum ahead of time and plan their own lessons in our galleries.

Cost: \$2



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FREE NIAGARA FALLS TRANSIT!

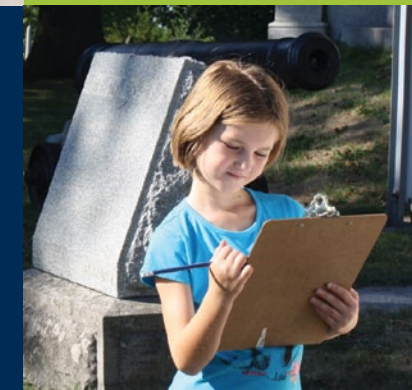
Students 12 and under are invited to use Niagara Falls Transit **FREE of charge** to municipal facilities.

Ask us for more information!



CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

For more information on Ontario curriculum connections to our programmes, visit our website at www.niagarafallsmuseums.ca



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