

# MURNEY NEWS

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Hi everyone,

November was an incredible month at the Murney Tower Museum! We launched our online audience survey, featuring thoughtfully designed questions to assess audience perceptions and experiences. The feedback we gather will be instrumental in improving our services, developing new programs, and shaping our next five-year Strategic Plan.

One of the month's highlights was the Nighttime Santa Parade on November 23rd. The Murney Float, created and developed by Jonathan David O'Connor, featured a full-size model of Murney Tower. The float was accompanied by members of the Kingston Historical Society, our dedicated staff, and enthusiastic visitors. It was a heartwarming way to kick off our centennial celebrations and share the holiday spirit with our community.

As the month comes to a close, we also bid a fond farewell to Dr. Simge Erdogan O'Connor, who has been part of our team since March 2020. Starting as Manager/Curator and later becoming our Director, Simge has played a pivotal role in the museum's growth and success. She is embarking on an exciting new chapter as the Director of the Museum of Health Care at Kingston. We thank her for her invaluable contributions and wish her all the best in her new role — she will be missed!





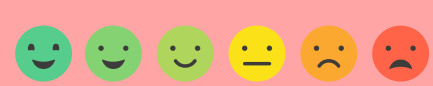


### Message from Simge

December 9th will mark my last day as Director of the Murney Tower Museum. Since March 2020, it has been an honour and privilege to connect with so many incredible people and work under the Kingston Historical Society's leadership to contribute to this wonderful museum. Being entrusted with the care of the Murney Tower Museum and working alongside such talented and dedicated individuals has truly been an unforgettable experience and I've cherished the opportunity to be an advocate for Kingston's rich history and heritage. As I embark on a new chapter as the new Director of the Museum of Health Care at Kingston, it gives me great joy to remain part of Kingston's vibrant cultural sector and I will be cheering for Murney Tower Museum every step of the way. Thank you to the Kingston Historical Society for offering me one of the most enriching experiences of my personal and professional life, and to all of you for your ongoing support. Until we meet again.

### Update from Alison

This semester, I've been interning at Murney Tower, where I've had the privilege of learning from the amazing manager of this historic site. Since September, I've gained valuable experience, expanding my research skills by writing about the museum's artifacts, designing historical arts and crafts projects for children's programs, and beginning to write my own story for the museum's website. This role has given me a unique chance to explore 19th-century Kingston and the lives of children who lived at Murney Tower. As Murney Tower is operated by the Kingston Historical Society, I've also taken on starting their Instagram, where I research and share stories about Kingston's history, including profiles of past members who shaped the city. This role has not only deepened my historical knowledge but also introduced me to advertising and marketing. I'm excited for the coming month to learn more about the Kingston Historical Society's history, sharing it on social media for everyone to enjoy!



**Strategic Plan Survey 2024**  
Murney Tower Museum is currently developing a new strategic plan that will inform our activities and operations over the next five years. In order to strengthen our relationship with the community, we want to hear from you about your experiences with the museum thus far and what you would like to see from us in the future.  
This survey will take approximately 7 minutes to complete. Completing the survey provides you with the chance to win a gift card. We will reach out to the winners in order to arrange the delivery of this gift card.

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### NEW ONLINE SURVEY: TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

Have you visited Murney Tower Museum? Attended our events? Met us in the community? Saw our exhibits? Now's your chance to share your thoughts and help shape our future! We're currently collecting feedback from our community to improve our services, create new programs, and guide our next 5-year Strategic Plan. Your input is invaluable to us as we continue to serve our community and preserve history. As a thank you, ten lucky respondents will have a chance to enter a draw to win a gift card to a local downtown business! You can participate in our survey by following the link here: <https://forms.gle/gwoLukyUgk5gexMb8>

Thank you for being part of the Murney Tower Museum story. Together, we can make the next chapter even better!

