Matheson House
Home of the Perth Museum
2008 Events
11 Gore Street East, Perth, ON

"Remember When" - Highlights of the Story of Perth

The Town of Perth has a fascinating story to tell and we hope through this exhibit we will be able to capture just a few of our unique stories. Founded in 1816, Perth was one of three military settlements established after the War of 1812 in the Rideau Corridor. Our story becomes set in a beautiful architectural town as local stone masons and other trades people leave their mark in our homes, churches, industries and much more. We invite you to explore the Story of the Mammoth Cheese a mammoth undertaking of 12 local cheese makers and diary farmers, Celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the Last Fatal Duel in Upper Canada, and take during Museum Month, a peek into our past as we explore The Story of Perth through the years. The exhibit opens to the public May 15th.

May 18th - International Museum Day

We encourage you to explore our rich cultural heritage as we annually promote this important awareness campaign across Ontario. Help us bring public attention to Ontario's 600 plus Museums and support the importance of the richness they bring to the quality of life in our communities. Help us keep our history alive by living Museums across Ontario.

May 19th - Victoria Day

Drop by the Perth Museum and enjoy a special guided tour of the Matheson Home. The Museum is open from 1-5 pm. Admission by donation.

June 13th - Walking Tour

Join the Perth Historical Society and local author and historian Susan Code as they enjoy a walking tour of Perth highlighting the Anniversary of the Last Fatal Duel in Upper Canada. The tour includes a stop at the Perth Museum to see the actual pistols used in the Duel.

June 21st - Garden Tour

The Inge-Va Board of Management and the Perth and District Horticulture Society are hosting a self-guided tour of eight gardens in Perth and area on Saturday, June 21, 2008, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Perth Museum garden will be just one of the many beautiful gardens to enjoy. Call 613-267-1947 for tickets.

July 19th - Summer in the July Courtyard

Open House from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Enjoy our Scottish garden, tour the Matheson House and watch demonstrations of early settler tasks.

November 29 - Festival of Good Cheer

This event gets the holiday spirit started in Downtown Heritage Perth and the Perth Museum. Holiday shoppers will be transported back to the Victorian era and entertained by the Perth town crier, carollers and music groups around town. The museum will feature cider and cookies by the fireplace in the 1840 kitchen and seasonal music will play throughout the house. Don't miss the evening fireworks and community tree-lighting ceremony at the Tay Basin. Call 613-267-1947, e-mail perthmuseum@town.perth.on.ca or visit www.perthcanada.com

November 29 to December 24 - Victorian Christmas at Matheson House

Go back in time for the holidays. The fully restored period rooms and hallways of the Matheson House, home of the Perth Museum, will be decorated for an old-fashioned Victorian Christmas. Call 613-267-1947 or e-mail the museum at perthmuseum@town.perth.on.ca