

About Us

It is our mission to preserve and present the history of Oshawa and foster an appreciation and understanding of the City's heritage. The broad theme of the Oshawa Community Museum & Archives is to tell the story of Oshawa from the first native settlements to the present day. We are the only museum in Oshawa with the mandate to preserve and present the history of the City.

The services offered by the museum and archives are as follows;

- Maintains and offers tours of Henry and Robinson Houses and the *Oshawa: Tour Through Time* gallery in Guy House
- Curatorial activities – collections management and research
- Research and conservation services
- Exhibits – temporary, permanent and online
- Dissemination of knowledge through newsletters, presentations, publications, social media
- Event hosting
- Gift shop
- Wedding photos
- Special event days, open houses, workshops
- Participating with community partners in events such as *Doors Open, Canada Day*
- Curriculum linked educational programs including both in-house and off-site.

Our collection is diverse and highlights include a photograph/postcard collection from the late Thomas Bouckley, newspaper microfilm dating to 1862, reference library featuring local history books, artifacts from the Henry, Robinson and Guy families and other early settlers, medical instrument collection, extensive camera collection, 7 000 item Grandview artifact collection and vast photograph collection depicting Oshawa events, places and personalities.



The Oshawa Community Museum & Archives is an important heritage resource in Oshawa. As one of the few remaining heritage districts and Oshawa's only community museum, the four buildings that comprise the Museum are ideally situated to tell the story of Oshawa from its earliest native occupation to present times. By preserving, presenting and actively connecting people and communities with their past, history organizations make their communities more attractive places in which to work, live, and visit. With astute leadership, compelling vision, engaged partners and resources sufficient to the task, the Oshawa Community Museum and Archives will continue to be a leader in promoting Oshawa's history.