



# WRAPPING UP 2023

This is a special year-end edition of the KAM Quarterly!

We've included all the need-to-know news, and important dates you should be saving to your calendar for the upcoming year.



## **KAM OFFICE HOURS DURING THE HOLIDAYS**

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*The KAM office will closed  
from  
Monday, December 18th, 2023  
to  
Monday, January 8th, 2024*



# 2024

## FINANCE AND MARKETING

### Member Input Needed



As discussed at the Q4 Member Meeting - the KAM Board of Directors is seeking input from KAM members on how best to address financial challenges in 2024. Please complete the following survey to help guide decision-making processes.



### Check it Out

For your **2024 Membership Renewals**, and our **Take a Closer Look Collaborative Marketing Program** for 2024 on our [Engagement Page](#)



Reminder to

# COMPLETE YOUR BENCHMARK SURVEYS

Just a friendly reminder to complete your quarterly benchmark surveys (it's only 4 questions!).

This data will be fed into the **Kingston In-Focus Dashboard** and the quarterly input helps map the changing trends of staff within an operating year.

**Annual Member Survey**

CLICK FOR LINKS!

**Quarterly Member Survey**



# KAM AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

The Kingston & Area cultural heritage sector is as diverse and vibrant as the individuals through whom it is animated. Over the years, many community volunteers and cultural professionals have been a part of KAM, each leaving their distinctive imprint in KAM's story and exemplifying the principle - "we do better together."

## KAM Awards of Excellence



| Leadership & Innovation | Mentorship |  
| Governance | Volunteerism | Programming & Practice |

The KAM Awards of Excellence is an annual, peer recognition program, where KAM members both nominate and vote for the nominees in each award category. There are five categories for the KAM Awards of Recognition: Governance; Practice & Programming; Leadership & Innovation; Mentorship; and Volunteerism. Three of the award categories are named in recognition of a former KAM member who has notably influenced KAM and our regional cultural heritage sector in these ways for the better.

Nominations open in September and close on **January 26th, 2024**. Recipients are notified the following February, and awards are presented at KAM's AGM.

For more information about the KAM Awards of Excellence program, as well as nomination forms, please visit:

**[www.kingstonmuseums.ca/engage/kam-awards-excellence](http://www.kingstonmuseums.ca/engage/kam-awards-excellence)**



Upcoming

# PROGRAMMING



## ***March of the Museums 2024***

Monday, March 11, 2024 to Friday, March 15, 2024

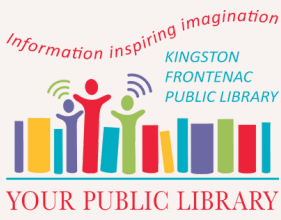
Please let us know if, and how you would like to participate. Follow [this link to fill out the participation form.](#)

## ***Bring Your Thing - Passion Talks Edition***

A new public programming and outreach initiative for 2024. We are asking for volunteers to lead a public “TED Talk” style presentation or demonstration on a topic you are passionate about. Programming details are still being confirmed, but [if you are interested, please let us know!](#)



## ***KFPL Digital Programming Partnership***



Programmers at KFPL would like to work with KAM member sites to generate some digital content/videos for their public programming resources. This could be a curator interview, sharing of interesting or unusual objects, etc. Its pretty flexible! Content would be featured through the KFPL digital media platforms, as well as KAM, and of course, your own! If interested, please contact Cheryl Anderson at KFPL – [canderson@kfpl.ca](mailto:canderson@kfpl.ca)





Queen's University, Department of History

# STUDENT RESEARCH PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITY

Hello everyone!

My name is Rehleigh Giesl-Butler, and I am in my fourth year of undergraduate studies at Queen's University. I am currently conducting a research project with the Department of History regarding the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on public outreach within Kingston museums.

I am pleased to invite you to participate in my research study titled, "Opportunity or Obstacle: Museums in Kingston During the COVID-19 Pandemic." The purpose of this study is to determine the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on museums in Kingston in relation to virtual program and outreach adaptations. As I am focusing on virtual transitions and methods of public outreach, I aim to answer questions regarding the impact of the virtual transitions on organization programming, social media use, and public outreach as a whole. When it comes to public outreach, did the virtual transition provide museums with new opportunities, or did it create obstacles? That is what I am hoping to find out.

I am currently conducting interviews of museum professionals within departments of public outreach and engagement. For your convenience I have included the OneDrive link for my **[Letter of Information.docx](#)** which outlines the study's objective, time commitment, participant expectations, participant consent and other relevant information. Please read the letter of information thoroughly before making a decision regarding participation.

If you are interested in participating and would like to schedule an interview, please send me an email at your earliest convenience. I can be reached at [19rmgb2@queensu.ca](mailto:19rmgb2@queensu.ca).

If there are any questions or concerns regarding the study, please let me know. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Rehleigh Giesl-Butler**  
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# Summer Jobs Fair at QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY

Hello KAM Members!

The Department of History at Queen's University, in partnership with KAM (Kingston and Area Association of Museums, Art Galleries & Historic Sites), is pleased to be hosting our second annual **Summer Jobs Fair** at Queen's University. We would be delighted to host a representative from your organization to meet with current students and advertise your summer 2024 student positions. If your positions have not been finalized by February 7th but you are expecting to hire closer to the summer, that's okay too – we would still be happy to have you attend and talk about previous positions that you hope to offer again! Our goal is to raise awareness about all the fantastic summer opportunities for students and to help you expand the applicant pool for your summer positions.

**Date:** February 7th, 2024

**Time:** 5:30-6:30 pm

**Location:** Mitchell Hall (69 Union Street), DDQIC Rose Event Commons. Queen's University (in-person only)

**Format:** Each employer will have a table and students will be encouraged to circulate around the room and chat with you about summer positions. We will provide basic signage for each table.

Please RSVP by emailing Jenn Lucas ([jenn.lucas@queensu.ca](mailto:jenn.lucas@queensu.ca)) before January 22nd to secure your spot!

# Happy HOLIDAYS

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**JAMIE, DEBBIE,  
AND SADIE**



- Lower Burial Ground 0.8km
- P.W.O.R. Museum 0.9km
- R.M.C.C. Museum 3.0km
- Fort Henry 2.5km
- Schools Museum 2.8km
- Military Communications Museum 4.0km
- MacLachlan Woodworking Museum 15km

- Pump House Steam Mus
- Murney Tower 1
- Museum Of Health C
- Miller Geology Mus
- Queen's University Arc
- Union Gallery 2
- Agnes Etherington Art
- Bellevue Hous
- Modern Fuel Ga
- Penitentiary Mu

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