

DOORS OPEN kingston ontario & Area

Activity Guide 2024



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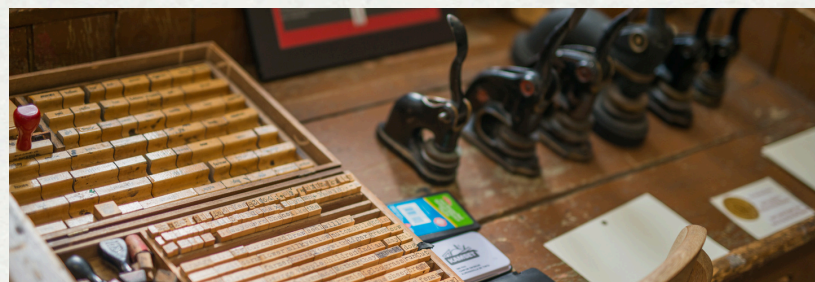
What's Behind Those Doors?

Doors Open Kingston & Area returns this year with **three** event dates!

- July 20th, 2024 from 10am - 4pm
- August 24th, 2024 from 10am - 4pm
- September 28th, 2024 from 10am - 4pm

Discover, explore, and encounter the spaces, places, places, and stories that shape the communities of Kingston & Area! As always, Doors Open event days are **FREE** to the public!

Read below to learn more about what's happening at each site. For further program details please contact the site directly.





Saturday July 20th
from
10am to 4pm

July 20, 2024

Barriefield Village

249 Main Street, Barriefield ON

☎ 613-583-2549

✉ christine.sypnowich@queensu.ca

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Canada's Penitentiary Museum

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☎ 613-530-3122

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Gallery Raymond

334 Princess St. Kingston ON

☎ 613-549-2477

✉ gallerayraymond@cogeco.net

In the Kingston community for over 34 years, Gallery Raymond has deep historical roots downtown, echoed by its location in an historic former carriage way. Visitors can drop into the gallery on July 20th 2024 from 10:00am to 4:00pm to check out over 500 paintings on display.

MacPherson House and Park

180 Elizabeth St. Napanee ON

☎ 613-548-2419

✉ museum@lennox-addington.on.ca

Immerse yourself in the splendor of this beautifully restored upper class family's home – period furnishings and gardens are a window of life not so long ago, nestled along the Napanee River. A short walk from the shops and restaurants in downtown Napanee, or the falls of Springside Park.

Museum of Health Care at Kingston

32 George Street, Kingston ON

☎ 613-548-2419

✉ museum@kingstonhsc.ca

Behind the Scenes Collections Tour

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Details:

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Tours are approximately 15 minutes in duration.

Please note: Tours are restricted to 10 guests.

Museum of Lennox & Addington

97 Thomas Street East, Napanee ON

📞 613-548-2419

✉️ museum@lennox-addington.on.ca

The Museum of Lennox & Addington explores late-18th to 20th century life.

On July 20th, visitors can take indoor self-guided tours to learn about everyday historical life in Canada with their themed exhibits. These exhibits include artifacts from both internal collection, private collections, and travelling museum collections from throughout the country.

Murney Tower Museum

2 King St. West, Kingston ON

📞 613-217-8235

✉️ info@murneytower.com

Learn about the history of Murney Tower by exploring the grounds and exhibits yourself, or take a guided tour. The museum offers a bilingual audio tour, interactive exhibits and a virtual tour!

PumpHouse (outdoor walking tour only)

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Queen's University Archives

50A Arch Street, Kathleen Ryan Hall, Kingston ON

📞 613-533-2378

✉ archives@queensu.ca

Guided tours of the archives, including a behind the scenes look at the vaults and a chance to examine historical materials on display in the reading room.

Tours start at 10:15am, running once an hour, with the last tour running at 3:15pm.

South Frontenac Museum

5595 Road 38 Hartington, ON

📞 613-376-3027 ext. 2600

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✉ livestream@stmaryscathedral.ca

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Bring Your Thing: Agnes Roadshow

OFF-SITE: Fort Henry, 1 Fort Henry Dr

🌐 agnes.queensu.ca/bring-your-thing-agnes-roadshow/

Agnes Etherington Art Centre is teaming up with experts to offer free 15-minute consultations to evaluate your artworks and objects! Whether you're curious about their history, value, or just want to learn more, join them on July 20th from 11am to 4pm at Fort Henry as part of Doors Open Kingston & Area.

While free and open to the public, those wanting a consultation or to be a part of the pop-up museum must sign up for a spot before the event, by visiting Agnes's website: Agnes's website: or to be a part of the pop-up museum must sign up for a spot before the event, by visiting Agnes's website: Agnes's website: or to be a part of the pop-up museum must sign up for a spot before the event, by visiting Agnes's website.



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Great Lakes Museum

55 Ontario St. Kingston ON

📞 613-542-2261

✉️ marmus@marmuseum.ca

The Great Lakes Museum celebrates the maritime heritage of the people and places that relied on the natural resources and shipping channels provided by the Great Lakes region. Explore the significance of the space, the people that worked here and the ships they built during a guided, or self-guided indoor tour.

Please note, that S.S. Keetatin guided tours are *not* included in Doors Open activities

Military Communications & Electronics Museum and Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Museum

95 Craftsman Blvd., Kingston ON

📞 613-541-4675

✉️ gillis.annette@cfmws.com

Come discover the role that military communications and electronics have played for over more than a century. The Military Communications and Electronics Museum is a must-see attraction in Kingston, with over twenty thousand square feet of gallery space devoted to not only telling the story of members of the Military Communications and Electronics Branch both past and present.

On September 28th, visitors can take a self-guided tour and participate in onsite programming.

PumpHouse

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The PumpHouse Museum, located in one of Canada's oldest original water works, will be participating in Open Doors on Saturday September 28th with free admission to the site. Available with admission are on-demand guided tours, and self-guided tours, where you will be able to learn about how and why the PumpHouse provided the City of Kingston with water from 1851 until 1952.

Smiths Falls Heritage House Museum

11 Old Slys Rd, Smiths Falls, ON

☎ 613-283-6311

✉ heritagehouse@smithsfalls.ca

The Smiths Falls Heritage House Museum serves as a community museum and historic house, depicting the upper middle class life of the Bates family, circa 1865-1875. On August 24th, visitors can join museum staff for various drop in activities, no pre-registration required!

- Indoor scavenger hunt
- Outdoor scavenger hunt
- Mystery artifact identification game
- Bake oven demonstrations
- Indoor/outdoor tours

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Tett Centre for Learning and Creativity

370 King St W, Kingston, ON

☎ 343-266-0009 ext. 3091

✉ communications@tettcentre.org

The Tett Centre for Creativity and Learning is a charitable arts organization, operating the beautiful J.K. Tett heritage building on Lake Ontario's waterfront in Kingston. This historic building is owned by the City of Kingston and was fully renovated in 2015. It originally formed part of the Morton Brewery and Distillery Company, which was built in the mid-19th century. The J.K. Tett Centre is home to nine arts organizations (including the Tett Centre for Creativity and Learning), eight Creativity Studio Artists, a variety of rental spaces, and a cafe.

On September 28th, visitors can join an indoor guided tour and enjoy gallery shows and some pop-up art events.

The Spire

82 Sydenham St. Kingston ON

☎ 613-544-8621

✉ generalmanager@spirekingston.org

The Spire has been a beacon in downtown Kingston since 1854, when the iconic spire was built atop the Gothic Revival church. Today, The Spire is home to Sydenham Street United Church and many community organizations and is known for its reverberant Performance Hall and vibrant rainbow steps. The building provides a welcoming space for thousands of people each month.

Visitors can drop by from 12:00pm - 4:00pm for guided tours to learn about this historic building and the grounds surrounding it.

September 28, 2024

W.D. Jordan Rare Books and Special Collections

93 University Avenue, 2nd Floor, Douglas Library,
Queen's University Kingston, ON

📞 613-533-2839

✉️ jordan.library@queensu.ca

Located in the historic Douglas Library, which is 100 years old in 2024, W.D. Jordan Rare Books and Special Collections is a research and teaching resource for students, faculty, and the larger community. We preserve and provide access to a variety of materials, including rare books, maps, and posters.

On September 28th, visitors can enjoy indoor guided tours along with a pop-up exhibition of collection items! Please note that food, drinks, and bags are not allowed in the space due to the sensitive nature of rare books. These items can be stowed in secure lockers on site.

Explore More Outside!

**Manidoo Ogitigan (The Spirit Garden)
@Lake Ontario Park (Kingston)**

Royal Military College of Canada

**Old Sydenham Heritage
Conservation District**

Kingston Waterfront Pathway

Queen's University Campus

**Barriefield Village Heritage District
and Rock Garden**

Portsmouth Village

**Market Square Heritage
Conservation District**