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a guide for distinguished explorers

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Richard Harley
Editor-in-chief

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Summer is a cherished time for Canadians, and in Niagara-on-the-Lake, there's no shortage of ways to enjoy the sunshine and fresh air.

As a lifelong resident of Niagara-on-the-Lake, I have never needed to go far to find activities to fill my calendar.

It is important to The Lake Report, NOTL's premiere news publication, that we show the millions of visitors to our town just how special it is each year. So we created this high-quality visitor's guide edition for you to take

home as a long-lasting souvenir.

As well as being a guide to some of the finest places to go eat, sip, stop and shop, it's also meant to be a reminder of our town for those who stop here, a little bit of history for locals who love the town, and, for The Lake Report, a memento of some of the best photos we've taken of NOTL in the summertime.

We've all had a tough couple of years, but we this season people are safely back out exploring and enjoying

everything NOTL has to offer. The businesses on these pages are great places to start.

We hope you find it a helpful guide, if not just a beautiful souvenir of our wee town. Please, write us from where you are in the world when you get back home. Send us a photo of you with the magazine, and you just might be featured in an upcoming special edition.

Now go, explore!

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INTERESTING

facts ABOUT notl



NOTL was home to Ontario's first newspaper

NOTL, when it was called Newark, was home to the first editorialized newspaper in Ontario, led by William Lyon Mackenzie, who also served as mayor of York (now Toronto).

Trivial Pursuit was started in NOTL

The hit trivia game "Trivial Pursuit" was created here in NOTL in 1981. Since then, the game has sold more than 100 million copies.



Mississauga vs. Mississagua

"Mississagua" is an Anglicized version of "Misi-zaagiing," the name of the tribe of Anishinaabe First Nations people who temporarily made their home ("Second Stopping Place") at the mouth of the Niagara River.

Misi-zaagiing is only one of a number of phonetic renderings of their name, which means "people of the great river mouth."

The tribe migrated from Niagara to several successive stopping places and are now acknowledged to reside mainly on Manitoulin Island. There are a number of different English and French renderings of "Misi-zaagiing" including Mississagua, Mississauga, Mississagi, Massassauga, Massassagua, Mississaugua and Mississaga.

Mississauga is actually the French version of Misi-zaagiin, used by fur-traders who had a

trading post at the mouth of the Credit River near Toronto. The Port Credit area was a point on the migration route of the Misi-zaagiing people after they left Niagara.

This version of the name was adopted when the City of Mississauga was incorporated in 1974 because Mississauga encompasses both the lands of the former trading post and an interim territory of the "Misi-zaagiing" people.

You'd have to ask the City of Mississauga about the exact origin of name and spelling, but their use of the name is considerably more recent than the street name in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

There is a road called Mississagua Street in town, which is the correct spelling of that particular street name.

Little Hollywood

According to a popular movie database IMDb, Niagara-on-the-Lake has been a filming location for more than 30 movies, including RED (2010), The Dead Zone (1983), The Ref (1994), The Recruit (2003) and Amelia (2009). It's also a popular spot for filming Hallmark movies.



NOTL once burned down The White House

Well, not us, but in 1814, in retaliation of the American soldiers burning our town during the War of 1812, Canadian (British then) soldiers marched to Washington and burned down the White House.

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NOTL SUMMER MENU 2022

All items served with a side of local.

Canada doesn't really have a "national dish," unless you count poutine and maple syrup. Luckily, cultures from around the world are represented in Niagara-on-the-Lake cuisine. It's more the Canadian way.

Here are some of the best choices Niagara-on-the-Lake has to offer:

ITALIAN

- ☞ Ruffino's Pasta Bar & Grill
- ☞ Grill on King
- ☞ The Old Winery Restaurant

MEDITERRANEAN

- ☞ Fornos Restaurant
- ☞ Old Firehall
- ☞ Gyros on the Lake

ASIAN

- ☞ Ginger Restaurant
- ☞ Niagara's Finest Thai
- ☞ Masaki Sushi

CANADIAN/FUSION

- ☞ Epicurean Bistro
- ☞ The Golf Club
- ☞ Corks Winebar & Eatery
- ☞ BarBea
- ☞ Benchmark Restaurant at Niagara College
- ☞ Garrison House
- ☞ LIV Restaurant
- ☞ Treadwell
- ☞ Queenston Heights Restaurant
- ☞ Zees Grill
- ☞ Bricks and Barley
- ☞ Shaw Cafe & Wine Bar
- ☞ Bistro Six-One
- ☞ The Grist
- ☞ Firehouse Flame

WINERY RESTAURANTS

- ☞ Ravine Vineyard Estate Winery
- ☞ Kitchen 76 at Two Sisters Vineyards
- ☞ The Winery Restaurant at Peller Estates
- ☞ The Farmhouse Cafe at Caroline Cellars Winery
- ☞ Trius Winery Restaurant
- ☞ OLIV Tapas Bar & Restaurant at Strewn Winery

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- ☞ Silk's Country Kitchen
- ☞ Sono's Cafe
- ☞ Stage Coach Family Restaurant
- ☞ Sunset Grill

HOTEL & RESORT KITCHENS

- ☞ Churchill Lounge at the The Prince of Wales
- ☞ Noble at The Prince of Wales
- ☞ The Drawing Room at the Prince of Wales
- ☞ Restaurant at the The Oban Inn
- ☞ Vintages Wine Bar & Lounge at the Pillar & Post
- ☞ Bacchus Lounge & Patio at Queen's Landing
- ☞ Tiara Restaurant at Queen's Landing
- ☞ Cannery Restaurant at Pillar & Post
- ☞ Hob Nob Restaurant at the Charles Inn
- ☞ Play Bar & Grill at White Oaks Resort & Spa
- ☞ The Oaklands at Riverbend Inn

WHERE THE LOCALS GO

- ☞ Royal Canadian Legion for fish and chips on Thursday
- ☞ \$5 burgers on Wednesdays at the Prince of Wales

PUBFARE

- ☞ The Irish Harp Pub
- ☞ Sandtrap Pub & Grill
- ☞ The Olde Angel Inn
- ☞ Butler's Bar & Grill

BAKERIES, QUICK STOPS & SANDWICH SHOPS

- ☞ Harvest Barn
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- ☞ NOTL Home Bakery
- ☞ Teenie Panini
- ☞ McFarland House Tea Room
- ☞ MJ's Own Munchies
- ☞ Willow Cakes & Pastries
- ☞ Sweet & Swirls Cafe
- ☞ Nina Gelateria & Pastry Shop
- ☞ Old Town Goodies
- ☞ Treadwell Bakery



PIZZA & MORE

- ☞ Pie'za Pizzeria
- ☞ Garage Pizza
- ☞ Italian Pizza & Subs
- ☞ Bricks and Barley
- ☞ BarrelHead



Our summer pick:
The Oaklands at Riverbend.
 Opened in 2021, The Oaklands has a menu that will get your mouth watering. Read about our dining experience on Pages 10 & 11.



PATIO INDICATOR
 Places with this icon have an outdoor patio.



Chef Ross Midgley

Raised in Prince Edward Island, Midgley grew up around hospitality. His mother hated cooking but was, nonetheless, a consummate entertainer and from a young age he learned the intricacies of hosting a good party. He likes to refer to himself as a “born-again chef,” having turned to the stoves after a couple of university degrees and stints in teaching, small business and banking. In 1996 he returned to his Charlottetown home to study at the Culinary Institute of Canada and has never looked back. He now lives on a small farm in Niagara-on-the-Lake with his wife and three boys.



OUR TOP PICK

Mushrooms on Toast

Wild & Cultivated Mushrooms | Brandy - Green Peppercorn Cream | Grilled Baguette

The Oaklands

at Riverbend

Review and photography by Richard Harley

Situated on a vineyard near the Niagara River is The Oaklands restaurant inside Riverbend Inn. The restaurant was purchased by Andrew Peller Limited and opened its doors in June 2021 and has since focused its restaurant on season ingredients inspired by French cuisine.

During a dining experience, it's clear that Chef Ross Midgley has put his years of experience in fine dining to good use.

When you sit down, the overall feel of the building is that of a high-end restaurant — white linens and marble adorn the dining room. If it's a beautiful summer day, the patio offers a scenic view across the Peller grape vines.

But on a Thursday evening, it's not too busy, with a relaxing ambience.

Our server, Cynthia, was extremely knowledgeable about the food and wine pairings, which made for a well-rounded meal that will have us back for more.

The meal started out with some East Coast oysters, served on cold rocks instead of ice, with three classic toppers of fresh horseradish, house mignonette and Tabasco.

It's hard to beat a classic mignonette, and Midgley does it just right.

For appetizers, we tried the Moules Frites (mussels and fries) and chef's famous mushrooms on toast.

Both apps were paired with an excellent choice of wine, the mushrooms with a dry Chardonnay and the mussels with a bright Riesling that helped bring everything together.

The mushrooms on toast was the shining star of the meal — a must try with its green peppercorn and brandy cream sauce. Now we're just hoping Midgley links up with some foragers in town for a chanterelle version.

For mains, we tried the Fort Erie pickerel and the "99 Lager" braised beef short rib.

After such rich and flavourful appetizers, the meals seemed a tad under-seasoned if we're being completely honest, but not enough to ask for salt.

The fresh Fort Erie pickerel was tender and deboned to perfection, served with capers and raisins and cauliflower on a bed of spaghetti squash. The beef short rib was served on buttermilk whipped potatoes with chili-sofrito rapini, local St. Davids peperonata, caper salsa verde and jus.

The beef was incredibly tender as short ribs should be and the rapini was seasoned and cooked to perfection.

As both fish and meat lovers, we'd have to pick the short rib, simply because of the sides.

It's worth noting the portion sizes were generous. You won't leave this place hungry.

For dessert we ended with the classic lemon tart with blueberry syrup and "coffee and cigars."

The desserts were one of the special highlights of the meal as well, with excellent pairings of sweet wines — a 20-year port with the cigars and a late harvest white with the lemon tart rounded out the flavours.

All around, this restaurant earned its title as our 2022 Summer Pick. We recommend stopping in. You won't regret it.





Chef Ryan Crawford and partner Brett Rumble.

BARBEA

Ontario's largest independent bottle shop + high-end snack bar

By Richard Harley

Chef Ryan Crawford is at it again, this time bringing a Spanish influence to his newest Niagara-on-the-Lake wine shop and high-end snack bar, BarBea.

Located next to Crawford's Italian restaurant Ruffino's Pasta Bar & Grill, at the corner of Mississagua and Mary streets, it's as a place where you can try some of Niagara's finest wines and pit them against wines from around the world — in an inviting, up-scale environment.

"We sort of said it's the one-stop shop for wine," Crawford says, noting the goal is to have 1,000 different wines available, including a changing selection of 450 wines available by the glass.

"Our goal is to showcase Niagara against international wines, so all of our wines

by the glass, we'll do, say, a Gamay from Ontario, then a Gamay from Beaujolais in France. We'll do a Riesling from Niagara and a Riesling from Germany, just to showcase how well we make wine in Niagara."

The snack bar also serves up small plates of food inspired by the Basque Country in Spain, as well as a raw bar serving up plenty of seafood and oysters.

Most of their ingredients are from Niagara, lots of them from Crawford's NOTL farm, as well as foraged mushrooms and fine foods from around the region.

The menu is ever-changing as a result, so it's worth a second trip if you're a frequent guest to NOTL.

The restaurant also features hand-made cocktails made by some of Niagara's top bartenders — something Crawford's restaurants have become known for.

While the snack bar has plenty of diverse tapas options, the focus is really on the wine, Crawford said.

"Niagara needs a place where people who don't have time to go to every single winery can come and experience great Niagara wines. We're trying to curate, I guess we call it, Niagara's top 100 — trying to curate that so people can come do that, if you don't have time to travel."

He noted bottles are priced "extremely competitively" to the LCBO.

Wine lovers can also sign up for the members club, giving people wines hand-picked by Crawford and partner Brett Rumble.

"It's giving people a chance to try some fun wines that we've sort of chosen through our tastings and our experiences and our travels."

Bon appetit!

HAVE A TASTE

It would take some time to visit every winery Niagara-on-the-Lake has to offer, but we recommend spending a day or two trying some out depending on your stay. Each winery in NOTL has something new and different to offer. From the smallest vineyards to estate wineries, the distinguished wine lover will have an unforgettable afternoon wine tasting in NOTL wine country.

Interested in free wine tastings?

Some NOTL wineries offer free tastings with the purchase of a bottle of wine. When you're out sipping, ask about offers. It's a great way to cut the cost of the afternoon, while stocking up your cellars.



Here's a list of NOTL wineries to visit:

20 Bees Winery
Between the Lines
Cattail Creek Estate Winery
Chateau des Charmes Wines
Colaneri Estate Winery
Coyote's Run Estate Winery
The De Moura Winery Way
Diamond Estates Winery
Ferox Winery
Five Rows Craft Wine
Frogpond Farm Organic Winery
Hillebrand Winery
Hinterbrook Estate Winery
The Ice House Winery
Icellars Estate Winery

Inniskillin
Jackson-Triggs Niagara Estate Winery
Joseph's Estate Winery
Konzelmann
Lailley Vineyards
Lakeview Cellars Estate Winery
Maleta Estate Winery
Marynissen Estate Winery
Niagara College Teaching Winery
Palatine Hills Estate Winery
Peller Estates Winery
Pillitteri Estates Winery Inc.
Pondview Estate Winery
Queenston Mile Vineyard
Ravine Vineyard Estate Winery

Reif Estate Winery
Reimer Vineyards Winery
Riverview Estate Winery
Small Talk Vineyards
Southbrook Vineyards
Stratus Vineyards
Strewn Winery
Sunnybrook Farm Estate Winery
The Hare Wine Co.
Trius Winery
Two Sisters Vineyards
Wayne Gretzky Estates Winery
Ziraldo Estate Winery

A short cut to mushrooms

These NOTL foragers spend hours in the woods picking mushrooms and selling the best ones to top chefs. Here's their story and where you can try some

By Richard Harley

When it comes to wild mushrooms, you want to cook them well, and know what you're cooking.

That's some expert advice from two avid mushroom foragers who spend their days hunting all across Niagara-on-the-Lake and beyond for tasty, edible fungi.

It's a sport Andrew Ball and Levi Brant have been honing for about eight years.

Ball, a lifelong NOTL resident, started foraging early in life with his father. But it was nothing like what he and Brant do today.

Back then, Ball and his dad Terry would search primarily for field mushrooms like shaggy manes and agaricus campestris — mushrooms that are sort of similar to your supermarket mushrooms in look and flavour, explains Ball.

Now, Ball and Brant know how to identify dozens of edibles, like morels, chanterelles, hen of the woods, chicken of the woods, shrimp of the woods. The list goes on.

For the two longtime friends, spotting mushrooms has become a sort of second nature. Following them around while they hunt, they're constantly finding flushes or "honey holes."

They scope out potential scores from impressive distances and often they can simply spot them from the road while cruising in Ball's truck.

It's a matter of having an experienced eye, they explain.

"Our eyes are trained for looking for different things. Not everyone's looking for the same thing," Brant says. Once you know what you're looking at, "you see things people don't see."

The two began by searching for mushrooms during fishing trips, and ended up spending less and less time fishing. Now mushroom foraging is the primary goal and the two go almost every day if the weather is right — a rainy, wet week is a forager's delight.

The two get excited recalling their first time successfully finding chanterelle mushrooms.

"Imagine what it's like panning for gold, right? Where you find that first golden nugget, but it was just a golden chanterelle," Ball says.

"It's like catching a fish for the first time, it's like, 'Oh I can't wait to go there and catch one of these,' and then you actually catch it and it's so satisfying."

They said there isn't really a limit on how often you can eat wild mushrooms. Standing in front of a table of different mushrooms, Brant says any one of them could be eaten on a daily basis if cooked properly.

"There's only four species of mushrooms that you can eat raw in Ontario. And that's just all the excuse to cook all of them well. You can get the right mushrooms, any one of these mushrooms, if you didn't cook them well, they won't set with your stomach, and you're gonna get sick," Brant says.

Brant says he's never made himself sick from mushrooms before — though Ball admits he had one experience where he didn't know how to properly prepare a mushroom and gave himself some stomach trouble.

"I didn't do enough research that you had to peel the shiny, slimy top off, because it's nature's laxative ... I had to hit the loo a couple of times," he says.

Both advise anyone who is thinking about mushroom foraging to be 100 per cent sure of the mushroom they're eating before experimenting as some mushrooms can be lethal.

The two have gained their mushroom foraging experience from a variety of sources — some knowledge from mutual friends whose parents were avid foragers, some from books or guided tours, and of course online.

Some of the species they find are prized by local chefs, and fetch a high price.

Now that they've gained experience as foragers, Ball and Brant sell their finds to local chefs, who are always eager to get wild foraged mushrooms. Depending on the varieties, they can sell for more than \$25 per pound.

While it's not legal to serve wild game in restaurants, mushrooms are legal.

Finding chefs who want them is no trouble, Ball says. You just have to "know your people."

"It's a small town, people know people. You know exactly who's going to want these mushrooms — chefs, top chefs, people that like to make good food," he says.

"You go to the best restaurants in town, go knock on the back door. If you don't know anyone you say, 'Hey, where's the chef? Hey, we got these. You want to buy these?' Yes sir, no question. If not then on to the next guy. But now we all have cell phones so you just text all of them. We literally find them in the woods, I text all four of my chefs right now. I'll text all and be

like, 'What's up, who wants them?' The first chef to text me back gets them, that's it."

They said the kinds of mushrooms chefs want most are chanterelles and morels — two choice eating mushrooms. As well as lobster mushrooms — which supposedly taste like lobster.

They really only want "the super hard to get ones," Ball says.

The reason the mushrooms are so prized is because most of them can't be cultivated. The system for many species of wild mushrooms requires a forest root system, which can't be mimicked on a farm or in a greenhouse.

"So the ones that they can cultivate obviously drops the price completely," Ball says.

Hunting for field mushrooms in a surprisingly public, well-known location in NOTL, Brant says there are certain identifying factors that help foragers know what is edible and what's not. One is if the mushroom has pink or brown gills — that's a sign it might be an edible species.

Mushrooms with white gills are "a dead giveaway for a no-eater," says Brant.

Advice they give to any new foragers is to do your research, and don't rely on common names. Terms like field mushroom are unreliable, Brant says, and it's "easier for people to do their research" if they're looking at the proper Latin names for the mushrooms.

Once you know your fungi, there are other signs to help identify species, like spore prints and checking for staining.

The two warn against using apps to identify mushrooms, since there are many species that have poisonous lookalikes. If people are going to ask for help identifying mushrooms through photos, they should photograph all angles of the mushroom, especially the underside and the tops.

Mushrooms also have a symbiotic relationship with certain plants and trees. Ball says a big part of learning to forage is knowing your trees.

In front of them are several species of mushrooms. Ball pulls an acorn off of the hen of the woods and says, "That tells you something where they grow."

The two make loads of different mushroom recipes — puffball pizza with giant puffballs as the crust, battered and deep fried chicken of the woods nuggets, mushroom soups, mushroom jerky. Most types can also be dried and frozen, or ground into powder to add to stocks.

But the best way to try them? Fry them in butter. Simple, but delicious.



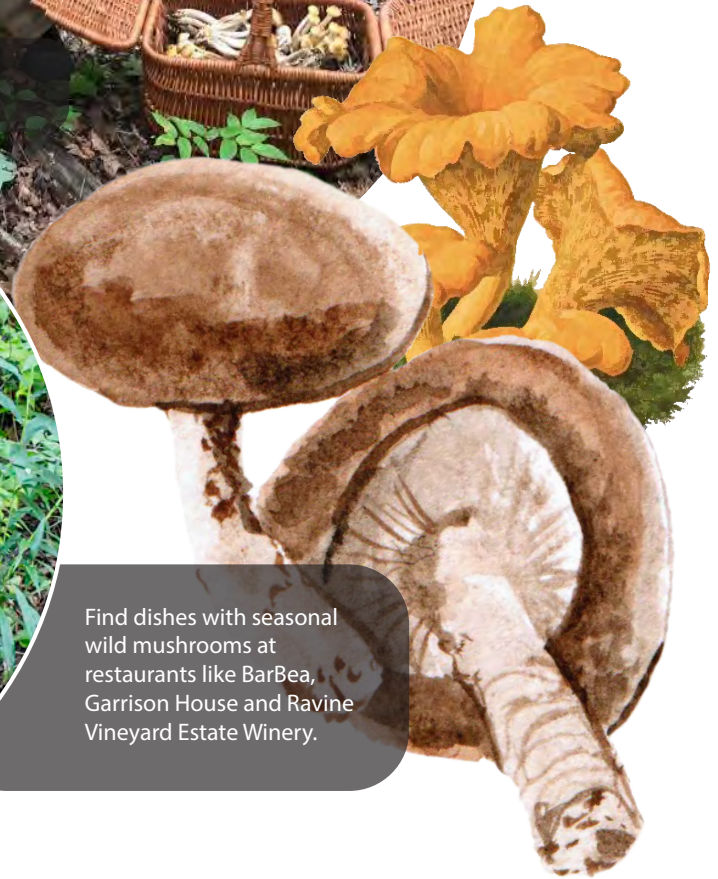
Mushrooms



Levi Brant with a basket full of rare ringless honey mushrooms.



Andrew Ball harvests wild oyster mushrooms at a secret location.



Find dishes with seasonal wild mushrooms at restaurants like BarBea, Garrison House and Ravine Vineyard Estate Winery.

Nothing beats a picnic in **NOTL**

There's just something about a picnic.

It can say "romance" or be a casual time with family and friends. Either way, there's not many things that beat having lunch in the great outdoors on a summer day. Put together the perfect picnic during your visit this summer. You can find a great selection of picnic-perfect items at Hendrik's Independent on Queen Street.

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Queen's Royal Beach

Here you'll find the iconic NOTL gazebo, from which one can look across the Niagara River and see the U.S. Fort Niagara. You can almost see the boats in the river during the war if you imagine them. This spot is typically busy but the view is brilliant.



Simcoe Park

While it's typically a busy park, there's never a shortage of shady pots to set up for a picnic in Simcoe. The park has a number of historic monuments, and a wading pool for the little ones.



Niagara Parkway

The Parkway is a fairly diverse option. Since it stretches from NOTL to Niagara Falls, there is never a shortage of fantastic picnic spots to enjoy while overlooking the mighty Niagara River. Watch the jet boats go by, set up a barbecue, and relax.



Queenston Heights

Look out from Brock's Monument across the mighty Niagara River. This scenic spot is a photographer's fancy, with historic plaques, an Indigenous display, and plenty of picnic tables.





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The History

The first Olde Tyme Candy Shoppe was established in 1997 in the Canadian Rockies. Since then, the store has opened several locations in the country, as a truly Canadian brand. The Niagara-on-the-Lake store is the fourth store, opened in 2015 as the first in eastern Canada.

The company also just opened a fifth store this year, the second in the Niagara region, located at the top of Clifton Hill in Niagara Falls.

The store focuses on original brand retro favourites from everyone's youth, including original brands from Canada, USA, Germany, Holland, Japan and more.

The NOTL location also has an extensive selection of retro and wind-up tin toys.

"We are proud of our commitment to ensuring we stock original products from your youth and accept no imitations as well as our dedication to product freshness all while brining you the new, unique and exciting products as well," says store owner Rob Munger.

Munger knows his candy. He started out in the confectionery industry nearly 20 years ago, working in the parent company's first store.

He quickly moved up the Olde Tyme ladder, taking on management roles in various stores until he decided to make the leap to Niagara-on-the-Lake to open his own shop.

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CANADA DAY

JULY 1, 2022

One of Niagara-on-the-Lake's favourite traditions is the Canada Day celebrations at Simcoe Park and Fort George. During the day, the park is filled with activities, including a pancake breakfast, children's activities, live entertainment and a barbecue. That is followed by the famous Cake Parade, which sees a 1,000-pound cake wheeled into the park to be sliced up for all to share. The cake is generously donated by local bakery Willow Cakes and Pastries. Owner/chef Catherine O'Donnell and her team spend up to 400 hours creating the mammoth dessert, which feeds hundreds of people. Every year there is a new Canadian-inspired theme that's kept top secret until the event. At the Fort there are free tours all day, food trucks in the afternoon and a dazzling fireworks display at night. **See this year's schedule below.**

SIMCOE PARK

PANCAKE BREAKFAST | 8 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.
BARBECUE | 11 A.M. - 3 P.M.
CAKE PARADE | 3 P.M.
KIDS ACTIVITIES | ALL AFTERNOON
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT | ALL AFTERNOON

FORT GEORGE

FREE TOURS | 10 A.M. - 10 P.M.
FOOD TRUCKS! | 4 P.M.
HISTORICAL PRESENTATIONS | 6:30 P.M.
LIVE MUSIC | ON STAGE
FIREWORKS DISPLAY | 10 P.M.

The Lake Report

THE VOICE OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

Niagara-on-the-Lake is a special town — one that deserves a special newspaper. That's why we created The Lake Report, to bring NOTL the best community newspaper one can find.

Since 2018, The Lake Report has established itself as the most-read newspaper in town, dedicated to producing hyperlocal news about our wonderful community.

We're proud that our readers continually tell us we provide a way for them to feel more connected to their neighbours than ever before.

It has been our honour to serve the community, and receive support and encouragement daily from readers.

This year The Lake Report was honoured with five first-place

provincial awards in recognition of the newspaper's journalism, advertising and community service.

In the paper's first year participating in the Ontario Community Newspapers Association's annual Better Newspaper Competition, The Lake Report also won second place in one category, five thirds and three honourable mentions.

The paper's 14 awards were more than any other newspaper in the province received.

Niagara-on-the-Lake native Richard Harley, founder and editor-in-chief of The Lake Report, said, "It's humbling and an honour to be recognized and singled out by your peers in the media industry."

Our "simple, powerful" July 1 cover was "one of the best community newspaper front pages I've ever seen," said judge Richard Dal Monte, of Coquitlam, B.C.

The Canada Day edition depicted a Canadian flag at half-mast and included powerful words from Niagara Regional Native Centre executive director Karl Dockstader about anti-Indigenous racism.

Produced not long after the discovery of the remains on the sites of former residential schools, the design featured 1,140 tiny stars, representing the number of Indigenous children known to have been lost to the residential school system as of that date.



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NOTL RETURN^{OF}_{THE} FESTIVALS



Cherry Festival strikes back

The Cherry Festival returns on July 9, hosted by St. Mark's Anglican Church. The popular festival celebrates the cherry harvest in Niagara and is the place to get your fix of all things cherry — cherry jams, cherry desserts, baked goods and the church's famous cherry pies.

People line up around the block to make sure they get a pie, so don't miss out!

July 9 | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Free admission



St. Davids Carnival awakens

The return of the festivals continues this year after a two-year COVID hiatus. The St. Davids Lions Carnival will return July 20 to 23, at the St. Davids Lions Club. The carnival will feature rides for children and teens, bingo, and crown and anchor for the adults, the nickel sale, corn on the cob and a barbecue.

"All the food booths are coming back with our famous Lion burger, peameal bacon on a bun, french fries and onion rings. Our onion rings seem to sell out every year no matter how much we increase the stock," said Lion Glenn Miller.

July 20 to 23

Free admission

A new hope for Peach Festival

Every year Queen Street closes for vehicle traffic for a day to celebrate Niagara-on-the-Lake's peach harvest. Shop merchants bring their wares out to the road, live music fills the air, the smells of gourmet peach foods and desserts waft over the crowd. And, of course, fresh Niagara peaches are in abundance. It's a tradition we've come to know and love, and it's something the distinguished explorer shouldn't miss out on.

The major event on Aug. 13 is hosted by the NOTL Chamber of Commerce, and traditionally the next day St. Vincent de Paul church also hosts its community Peach Festival just down the road.

Aug. 13 | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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3 JUL **Old & New: Solo Exhibit by Robert Crosby**
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Artist Meet & Greet: July 3, 2-4:00 pm

9 JUL **Art at the Pumphouse**
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30 & 31 JUL **Art at the Pumphouse**
In-person Art Show and Sale
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7 AUG **Allegories: Solo Exhibit by Lynne Gaetz**
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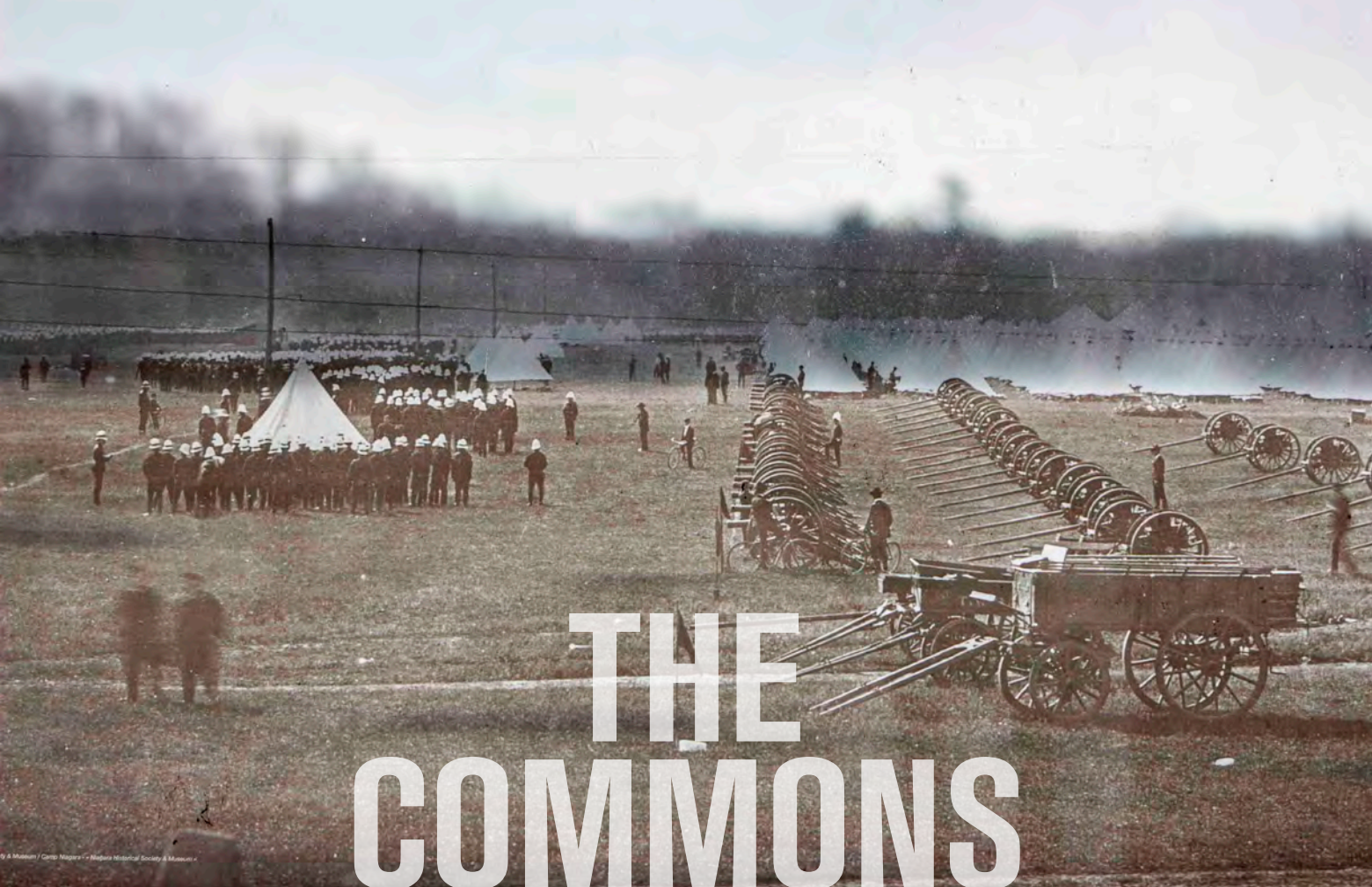
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THE COMMONS

A SITE OF CANADIAN HISTORY

By Evan Saunders

The sounds of cannon fire, acrid smoke, marching drums and firing muskets used to be as common as ice cream stores in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Nowhere were these sights and sounds more at home than in the Commons, also known as the Military Reserve.

When Niagara-on-the-Lake was more a military camp than anything else the Commons was the focus of battles during the War of 1812 and the home of military camps and barracks, many of which still stand today.

The Commons has been an integral part of modern Canadian history for 200 years. During the Great War, more than 14,000 Canadian soldiers of the 2nd Division of the

Canadian Expeditionary Force trained here. For thousands of soldiers, who fought and died at Vimy Ridge, Passchendaele and the Somme, their last Canadian home was on the Commons.

Butler's Barracks was also the training camp for men in the Polish Army and was known as Camp Kosciuszko in 1917.

Also known as Camp Niagara, Butler's Barracks reached its peak during the Second World War. At that time, the grounds were covered with buildings, tents, parade grounds, streets and other necessary facilities. Camp Niagara remained in active use until the 1960s.

In its more than 100-year history, the Commons was home to soldiers who

fought in the Boer War in the 1890s, both World Wars, the Korean War in the 1950s and in various peacekeeping missions throughout the later half of the 20th century.

Many of these soldiers played polo to pass the time and that long-standing tradition has not been forgotten. On Sept. 10, 2022, the Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum is again hosting a full polo match, replete with horses. General admission tickets cost \$15 until Aug. 19, after which they rise to \$20. Upgraded ticket packages also are available.

Tickets can be purchased through the Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum, Niagara Polo and on Eventbrite.



Napoleonic Weekend and Reenactment | July 9 - 10

Europe comes to Niagara as Napoleon's army descends on Fort George for a weekend of muskets and majesty. Napoleonic-style French uniforms will fill Fort George, with demonstrations and battle reenactments happening both days. Join in for the fun.

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FOUR MILE APPELLATION

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ST. DAVIDS APPELLATION

Some NOTL wine comes from the St. David's Bench – which is the natural bench formed on the Niagara Escarpment. The steep ridge provides steady air circulation. It runs from the Niagara River to Beechwood Road. Moderately well drained with ground water flow from the base of the escarpment provide steady moisture throughout the growing season. The escarpment provides early spring warming and good air circulation and frost protection.

ORIGINAL FRUIT WINERY

Sunnybrook Farm Estate Winery was established in 1993 and is recognized as Canada's original fruit winery. Sunnybrook boasts creating its wines from 100 per cent locally grown berries, stone and tree fruit.

ICEWINE HARVEST

Icewine is typically harvested in January or February, when temperatures are freezing, although in rare years, like 2018, it is harvested in late fall. The harvest time, and number of freeze-thaw cycles, affects the flavour of the grapes.

MIGRATING A WINERY

Konzelmann Estate Winery was initially established in Germany in 1893. Family-owned and operated, it was re-established in Niagara-on-the-Lake in 1988. Four generations of oenology come together to produce nationally and internationally award-winning wines.

FIRST ORGANIC WINERY IN ONTARIO

Niagara-on-the-Lake is home to Ontario's first certified organic winery. Frogpond Farm Organic Winery on Larkin Road has been open since 2001 and continues to operate under environmentally sustainable practices.

Find more facts
on Page 57.

THE SCENTED MARKET

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Kristy Miller is a mom of three boys, a wife to a loving husband, and the owner and creator of The Scented Market.

What started as 6 signature soy candles in 2018 has grown into a lifestyle brand that offers a multitude of scented products for your home and body. You can now find our soy candles, wax melts, cleaning products and bath and body collection across 4 locations in Ontario, including Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The Scented Market has always been dedicated to producing healthier, more sustainable options with a message of self-care and self-love. Its products are manufactured in Guelph using recyclable/reusable jars, 100% natural soy wax, essential oils and oil fragrance that is phthalate-free.

This year, The Scented Market won Best Home Decor Store in Guelph and has been nominated for Business of The Year and the Customer Service Excellence award by the Centre Wellington Chamber of Commerce. In addition, Kristy had the opportunity to pitch to the Dragon's Den this past May!

One of Kristy's business goals is to create a community of positivity and meaningful connections.

"Dream a size too big so you have room to grow into it," says Kristy. "If one day you ever find yourself strolling down Queen St, Niagara-on-the-Lake, I would love for you to stop by our store and experience all that is The Scented Market!"





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PARKS

PLENTY TO EXPLORE

QUEEN'S ROYAL PARK

Queen's Royal Park sits along the shore of the Niagara River just off Ricardo Street in Old Town NOTL. The park is now home to the famous gazebo which has become a staple landmark of the town. Long before the installment of the gazebo in the same location, the Royal Niagara was erected in 1869 – a first-class hotel which later changed its name to the Queen's Royal Hotel. The hotel closed in 1927 and in 1930 the building was demolished to make room for the park of today.



NELSON PARK

Featuring a small gazebo, this quaint park is located at Ricardo and Nelson streets, where the Niagara River flows into Lake Ontario. With the King's Point condominium building on one side and Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club on the other, visitors can enjoy a short stroll here. Nelson Park also serves as one of the main access points to the Waterfront Trail.



SIMCOE PARK

On Picton Street in Niagara-on-the-Lake sits Simcoe Park, named after John Graves Simcoe, Upper Canada's first Lieutenant Governor from 1791 to 1796. Featuring a bandshell, the park serves as a venue for countless community events and concerts for the town. The park is also equipped with washrooms, picnic tables, a wading pool and playground equipment, making it an ideal location for residents and tourists alike to spend an afternoon. It is now maintained by the town but was considered Crown land until about the 1930s.



RYERSON PARK

It may be a quiet little park but it provides one of the best sunset views in Niagara-on-the-Lake. On a clear day, visitors can see Toronto across Lake Ontario. Located on Niagara Boulevard, Ryerson Park has picnic tables and benches where visitors can wind down after a long day and enjoy scenic views of the lake. Parking is extremely limited so walking to the park is recommended.



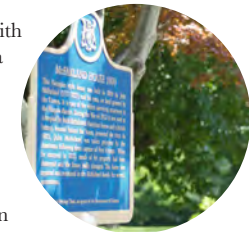
MEMORIAL PARK

Located at 370 King St., it's also referred to as Veterans Memorial Park. A plaque in the park recounts the story of Veterans Memorial Grove – a grove of maples planted to commemorate NOTL residents who lost their lives defending Canada. The trees were planted in 2005. Memorial Park is home to many of NOTL's sports fields and services, with an outdoor swimming pool, tennis courts, two regulation soccer fields and two mini fields, one lit baseball diamond and an outdoor beach volleyball court. The park also has washroom facilities, picnic tables and playground equipment.



McFARLAND PARK

This park is an ideal place to have a picnic with friends and family. Located at 15927 Niagara Parkway, the park has a covered picnic pavilion which can accommodate around 250 people. The historic McFarland House, one of the oldest surviving structures in the Niagara Region, is located at the park and is also adjacent to the Niagara River Recreation Trail. With a playground and a baseball diamond on site, the park is also equipped with water and washroom facilities.



CENTENNIAL SPORTS PARK

Also known as Virgil Sports Park, it can be found behind two arenas in Virgil. Featuring two playgrounds and four soccer mini-fields, the park has three lit baseball diamonds and a splash pad. The park is also a venue for the Virgil Stampede, a popular annual festival in town.



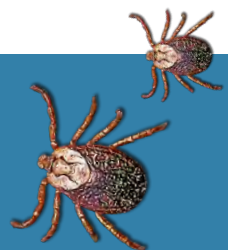
THE COMMONS

The Commons leash-free dog park is located near Butler's Barracks national historic site, which was the home of Loyalist military officer John Butler. Owners will need to have full control of their dogs before allowing them off leash as the park isn't fenced in. The tree-lined park is ideal for cycling and walking as well.



LOOK OUT FOR TICKS ...

Ticks are prevalent in the entire Niagara region. They love long grass. If you're out hiking, check yourself and your pets for ticks when you get back to where you're staying. Ticks can carry Lyme Disease, which can be transferred to humans via a bite.



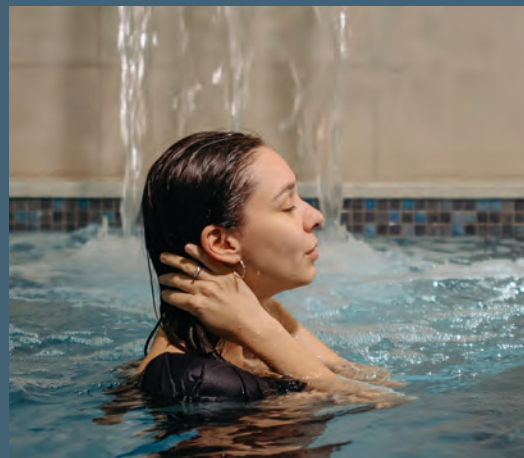


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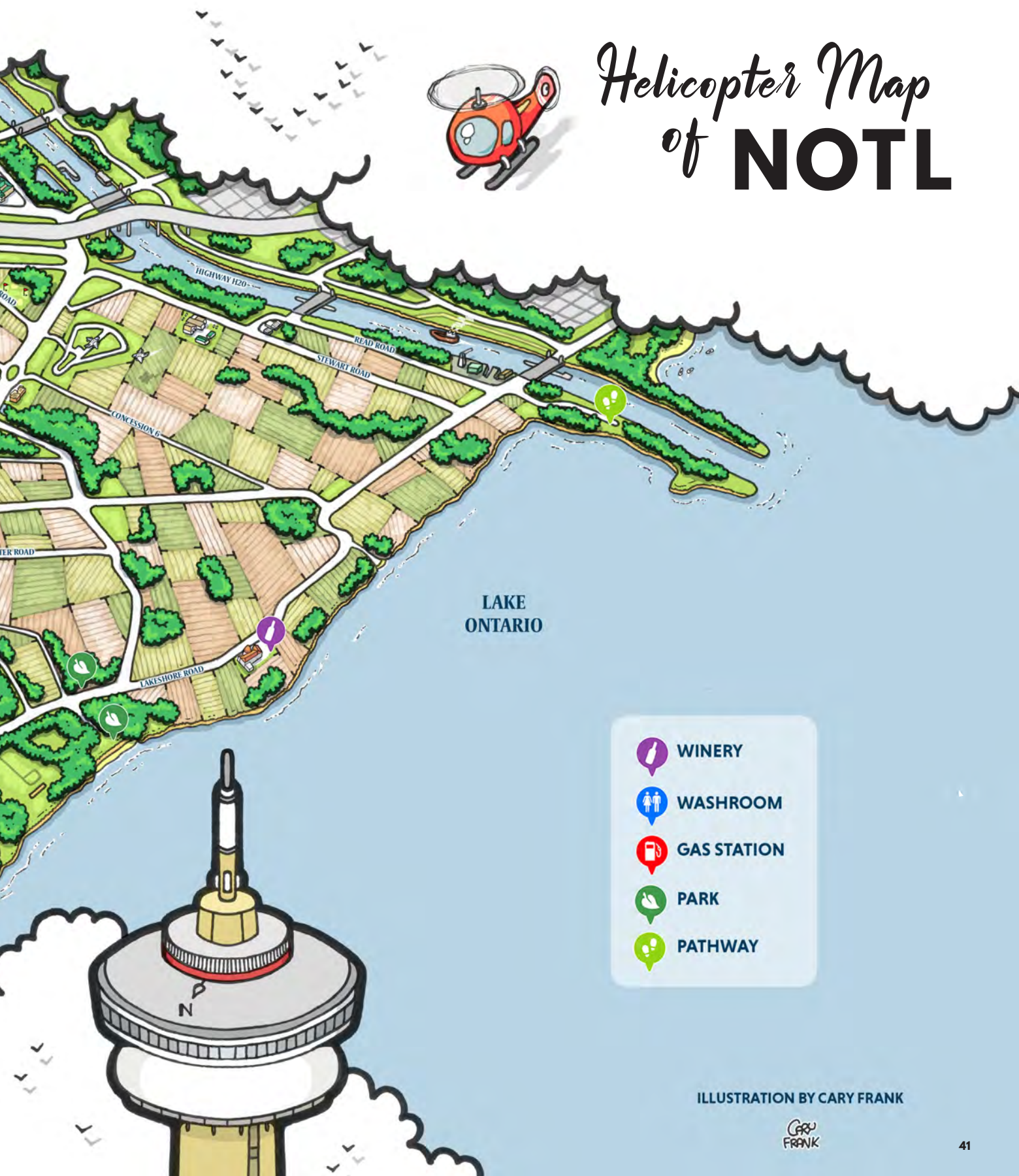
Our "helicopter map" looks southeast toward Niagara-on-the-Lake so you can get a better view than ever.

Although the map is not to scale, it is a (fairly!) accurate representation of many of the major routes in town.



The Lake Report

Helicopter Map of NOTL



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July 16, Aug. 27 and Sept. 24, 7 p.m.

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Aug. 5 to 14, Market Room, Court House, 26 Queen St., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
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TOMATOES

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CHERRIES

Cherries are NOTL's second fruit harvest of the summer. We revel in these little red balls of sweetness just as much as strawberries. Black, red, sweet and sour, all cherries are some of Niagara's most cherished treasures.

STRAWBERRIES

The Niagara strawberry is a thing of beauty. Unlike the store-bought kinds grown in California, Niagara produces a sweeter, smaller strawberry that bursts with flavour. Thanks to "ever bearing" strawberries, there are two harvests in much of Niagara, in the early summer season and another in the fall.

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If you've ever had a Niagara plum, you know there is no plum on the planet that compares. With sweet and sour varieties of all colours and sizes, NOTL offers the plum lover a diverse selection that is sure to leave your taste buds tingling. Sweet inside, often sour skinned, it isn't hard to find you've devoured an entire bag of them in no time.

ASPARAGUS

Ontarians have a love affair with fresh asparagus. It comes around once a year, and we can't resist it. We betray the sprouts and the broccoli for the green spears, and when they come sautéed in butter, we don't regret it one bit. Until it's gone. Luckily, Niagara-on-the-Lake is home to one of Ontario's biggest asparagus producers. Get your hands on some while you can.

GARLIC

Garlic has three harvests in a season. Garlic greens are the first harvest, taken in early spring, when garlic plants are about a foot tall. The second harvest is around mid-June, when farmers take the scapes from hardback varieties. The final harvest of the garlic bulbs can be ready to be dug out between the first week of July and the middle of August.

PEACHES

The Niagara-on-the-Lake peach is like no other peach. Bursting with juice and bold flavours, these are some of the region's finest stone fruits, which are still a significant export from the town. Niagara peaches fetch top dollar at farmer markets across the province because people just know, if you're going to eat a peach, you want it to be a Niagara peach.

NUTS

Niagara-on-the-Lake can get a little nutty sometimes. Little known to many, a variety of nuts grow in southern Ontario. We have walnuts in abundance, along with heartnuts, sweet chestnuts, peanuts, hazelnuts, almonds, hicans and pecans, to name a few. You can find a number of farmers selling home-harvested nuts across town.

GRAPES

Niagara-on-the-Lake just wouldn't be the same without its luscious vineyards and bustling wine scene. Whether it is wine grapes or eating grapes, Niagara's farms produce some of the best-quality fruit in the country. Niagara eating grapes, while most may have seeds, are sweeter and smaller than store-bought grapes. Purple varieties have a taste of Welch's grape juice, while green varieties can taste like cotton candy. A wine grape doesn't exactly please the palate raw, but turned into a fine wine, it certainly does, especially when paired with a meal in one of our finest restaurants.



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A BRIEF HISTORY OF **THE FORT**



By **Tony Chisholm**

Standing guard over Navy Hall and the Niagara River, Fort George was built between 1796 and 1802, and served as the headquarters for the Centre Division of the British Army during the War of 1812. Maj.-Gen. Sir Isaac Brock served at Fort George until his death at the Battle of Queenston Heights on Oct. 13, 1812.

On the morning of May 25, 1813, batteries at Fort Niagara and along the American side of the Niagara River unleashed a devastating artillery bombardment on Fort George. Almost every building within the fort was destroyed. Two days later, a large American invading force landed west of the mouth of the Niagara River. The town of Niagara was turned into a battlefield as the Americans pushed toward Fort George. British and militia forces put up stiff resistance, but were heavily outnumbered. Around noon, the order was given to retreat, and the British retired to Burlington Heights (located in present-day Hamilton, Ont.).

The Americans held onto Fort George for nearly seven months, but failed to maintain a strategic foothold in Upper Canada following their defeats by the British at Stoney Creek and Beaver Dams. By December 1813, the U.S. forces at Fort George had dwindled to a small handful of militia. On Dec. 10, 1813, the commanding officer at Fort George, Brig.-Gen. George McClure ordered a retreat across the Niagara River. In addition, he ordered the destruction of the town of Niagara. About 130 homes were put to the torch, and some 400 townspeople (mainly women, children and elderly men) were left without shelter. Fort George remained in British possession for the remainder of the War of 1812.

Today, visitors can tour the blockhouses where common soldiers and their families shared a living space, or the officers' quarters where upper-class English officers lived a much more elegant lifestyle. The stone powder magazine, which survived the Battle of Fort George, remains the oldest building in Niagara-on-the-Lake (and the oldest military building in

Ontario). Costumed interpreters and one-of-a-kind artifacts bring the stories of Fort George national historic site to life.

Here in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Parks Canada protects and presents nationally significant examples of Canada's cultural heritage at the collection of Niagara national historic sites. These sites allow us to learn more about Canadian history through programs and events that encourage visitors to explore, reflect and enjoy time with family and friends. Come and spend some time with us at Fort George national historic site.

The Friends of Fort George support Parks Canada for the protection, preservation and interpretation of Niagara's national historic sites, which include Fort George, Fort Mississauga, Butler's Barracks, Brock's Monument, the Lakeshore properties and the military reserve known as the Commons. Each year the Friends of Fort George hire 10-20 students to help bring these sites to life. Please support the Friends, and become a member! friendsoffortgeorge.ca/about/membership/index.html.

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in the country and represent the pinnacle of interprovincial/territorial sport competition. As the best in their age group, these young competitors come to the Games having trained long and hard to be among those chosen to represent their respective province or territory.

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE SAILING CLUB

10 Melville St., Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON

Nestled on the shores of the Niagara River, the Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club is one of Lake Ontario's premier sailing destinations. The Club is home to an active junior sailing program, club and class racing fleets and welcomes cruisers from all over the lake to the Niagara region. The Club shares hosting of the Niagara 2022 Canada Summer Games with the Dalhousie Yacht Club. Niagara-on-the-Lake has a long history of sailing excellence, having hosted championships dating back to the 1880s. One of the premier sailing destinations in the world and nestled on the shores of the Niagara River, Niagara-on-the-Lake, often called the "prettiest town in Ontario," holds a long and distinguished history.



NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE TENNIS CLUB

232 Veterans Ln., Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club located at Memorial Park has been providing an opportunity for members to play tennis since 1970. The club recently added two additional courts in order to host the upcoming Niagara 2022 Canada Summer Games.



Canada Games Tennis Alumni

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2009	Eugenie Bouchard
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2013	Brayden Schnur

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Niagara 2022 Canada Summer Games events taking place in Niagara-on-the-Lake

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The Games are held under the stewardship of the Canada Games Council who provide continuity, leadership and support. The Council fosters ongoing partnerships and ensures the Games leave a transformational legacy on communities from coast-to-coast-to-coast.

TORCH RELAY	July 30 9 a.m.	Start: Queenston Heights Park Finish: Meridian Arena
TENNIS NOTL Tennis Club	Aug. 7-13 (7-9, 12-13) 8 a.m. Aug. 10-11 3 p.m.	Preliminary matches are being played from Aug. 7-9, with qualification matches on the 10 th and finals from the 11-13 th .
SAILING NOTL Sailing Club	Aug. 17-20 11 a.m.	Daily matches including able bodied and para sailors take place with a start time of around 11 a.m.

Please note: sport schedule is subject to change. To view the most current and detailed version, please visit cg2022.gems.pro.




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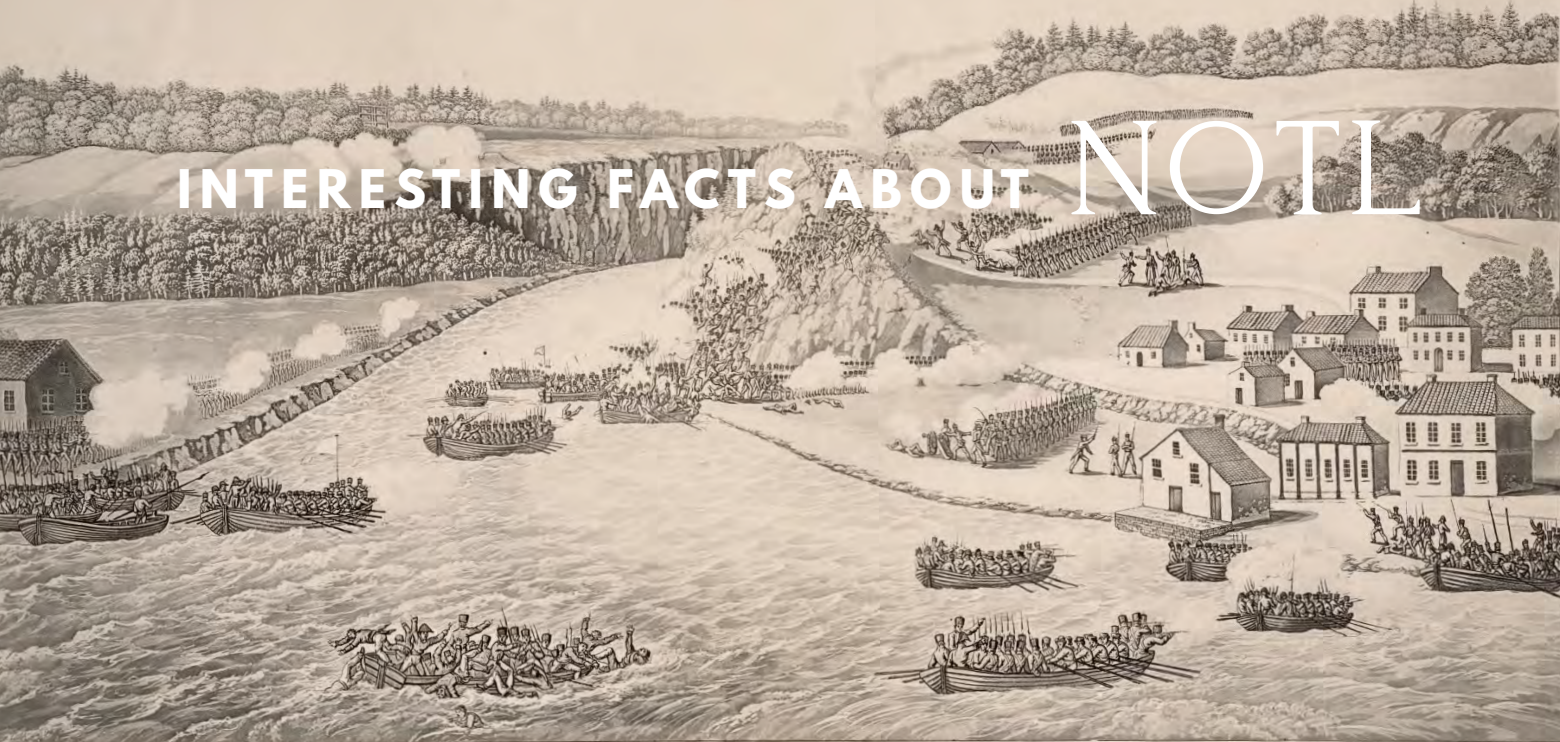
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INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT NOTL



London, Pub. April 11th 1836 for J.W. LAIRD'S "Martial Achievements at Leadenhall St."
THE BATTLE OF QUEENSTON, OCT. 13TH 1812.
*Which ended in a complete Victory on the part of the British, having captured 927⁵ Men, killed or wounded about 500.
Taken 1,500 Stand of Arms, a six Pounder, and a Stand of Colours.*
by Major Dennis. Engraved by T. Sutherland.

Many names

What is now the historic town of Niagara-on-the-Lake has had several names in its history: West Niagara, Butlersburg, Lenox, Newark, the Town of Niagara and Niagara-on-the-Lake. The names Niagara, Ontario and Canada all come from Iroquoian words. Lawrenceville was the original name of Virgil.

Burning of NOTL

The town was captured by American forces on May 27, 1813, and occupied by them until Dec. 10, 1813. The entire town was burned by them on their retreat.

All walks of life

Famous visitors to Niagara include Queen Elizabeth (and the Queen Mother), Winston Churchill, future President William Henry Harrison, ex-President of the Confederate States of America Jefferson Davis, Underground Railroad hero Harriet Tubman, heroine Laura Secord and Joseph Brant.

The Dockyard

Some of the largest passenger steamers on the Great Lakes were built in the Niagara dockyard in the 1840s and 1850s, including the ice-breaking passenger ship "Chief Justice Robinson."

Town of firsts

NOTL is a town of firsts: First Capital of Upper Canada (Ontario), the first newspaper published in Upper Canada, first lending library in Upper Canada, first agricultural fair in Upper Canada, place where the first anti-slavery legislation in the British Empire was passed, place of the founding of the Law Society of Upper Canada, headquarters of the British Indian Department and the British Army in Upper Canada at the beginning of the War of 1812, first golf course in Ontario, first public school in Upper Canada (honour shared with two other towns).

More facts on Page 69.



Niagara-on-the-Lake is a
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Let us show you why!

All Along the Waterfront

On display May 18 to
December 18, 2022

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum has been preserving and celebrating this community's rich history since 1895. It is the perfect place to start your visit to Niagara-on-the-Lake (or NOTL as we say locally) to put into context the beautiful cultural landscape you will see and to understand how important this Town is to the early history of Canada. In addition to permanent and changing exhibitions, the Museum offers a variety of programs and special events throughout the year.

In 2022, our annual heritage festival takes place on Monday, August 1st, with historical demonstrations, live music, food and our famous "Treasures Sale". On September 10th, we welcome you to join us on the Commons to discover the power and passion of polo! Niagara Polo is a NOTL classic and is an experience you don't want to miss! Visit niagarapolo.com for more information.

And you can always discover the beauty of historical NOTL with one of our weekly walking

tours. Our guides meet you in Queen's Royal Park, at the end of King Street, on Saturdays and Sundays at 11 am from June to September. Tickets are only \$10, which includes your admission to the Museum.

Visit us online for more information on upcoming programs and events or to make use of our extensive research materials and online content. The Museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day from May to October, and 1 to 5 p.m. from November to April.



THE AGE OF Sail and Steam

A brief Maritime history of Niagara-on-the-Lake

By Tony Chisholm



Because of the town of Niagara's strategic location at the mouth of the Niagara River, from the earliest days it was one of the first stops for shipping across the Great Lakes. In the early years only small schooners, a few brigs and other square-rigged vessels navigated the lakes to Niagara and sailed up the river to Queenston. Here the ships could be unloaded and the goods transported to Chippewa, bypassing the Falls. Many ships forwarded their cargoes through the Town of Niagara which created a bustling business centre, until the first Welland Canal opened.

After the War of 1812, sailing vessels started travelling regularly between all the ports of the lake. By 1820 there was a regular – every other day – connection between York and Niagara by a sloop of 100 tons called the “Duke of Richmond.”

Then in 1832 the Niagara Harbour and Dock Company began dredging for a harbour, wharf and docks at the mouth of the Niagara River (the present-day NOTL Sailing Club site). Pumps operated by a steam engine drained the marsh while men with wheelbarrows excavated the

area by hand. Forty acres were reclaimed by this method.

The major business of the Dock Company was ship building and the 108-ton schooner “Princess Victoria” was launched in 1833. But the Dock Company was plagued by financial problems. However, it attracted other businesses to town. There were forwarders, shipbrokers and agents to handle the merchandise of every description. But the bright spot was the building of passenger steamboats and in 1836 the first steamboat built was the Traveller – 140 feet long. She was a side paddle wheeler.

This time period also marks the end of the sailing era and the beginning of the more comfortable steamship travel on Lake Ontario. In those early times – when the steamship was novel and wonderful – it would bring the whole neighbourhood down to the waterside dock when they arrived. The sound of the whistle at the dock was the signal for the arrival of letters, supplies and news of the outside world. This monopoly of steamers lasted for nearly 100 years till the era of railways and, of course, cars took over.

As to the fate of sailing ships, very few full-rigged sailing vessels were built on the Great Lakes after 1880. Some of the old working sailing ships continued under sail into the 20th century, but few of them made any money. There were only a handful left after 1920. They were the last working survivors of nearly 25,000 of their type.

These lakes are some of the most dangerous waters in the world, with powerful storms, especially in late fall. And the lakes freeze in winter. Fast changes in the weather turned many ships to wrecks.

The opening of a large military camp at Niagara in 1871 brought demands for more passenger boat service and thousands of soldiers passed through Niagara. By the 1880s steamships like the “Cibola” and the “Chippewa” were described as “floating palaces.” The numbers of ships grew substantially after 1900. These ships could hold up to 2,500 people per trip and with five steamers a day arriving, that means up to 12,000 tourists per day.

Sadly, the great steamship era was over by the 1950s.

Visit the Landscape of Nations memorial at Queenston Heights to learn more about the roles of Canada's Indigenous allies. Or visit virtually at www.niagaraparks.com.

A LANDSCAPE OF NATIONS

By Linda Fritz & Tim Johnson (Mohawk)

The Landscape of Nations Commemorative Memorial at Queenston Heights serves as a reminder of the important role of Indigenous soldiers in the War of 1812.

During the war, the British allied with forces from the Six Nations — Mohawk, Seneca, Oneida, Cayuga, Onondaga and Tuscarora — to fight American invaders who sought to seize control of land that would become Canada.

Speaking different dialects and with different religious beliefs, these First Nations were drawn together for the battle by Maj. John Norton, a resourceful and courageous Mohawk war captain.

Norton (Teyoninhokarawen), a man of Cherokee and Scottish ancestry, was a Mohawk by adoption. Together with John Brant (Ahyouwa'ehs), the youngest son of Joseph Brant, the Six Nations people (Haudenosaunee or Iroquois) fought for their own survival as a people and in support of the British.

Without the Haudenosaunee warriors and other allied Indigenous forces, the British would have lost the Battle of Queenston Heights, and likely the war.

In the mid-19th century, the people of Canada chose to commemorate the services of Maj.-Gen. Sir Isaac Brock with a monument on Queenston Heights. Other heroes, including Maj.-Gen. Roger Hale Sheaffe and Laura Secord, were also remembered. Unfortunately, the Indigenous contribution as British allies during the war wasn't recognized until much later.

The suppression of information about the contribution of Indigenous Peoples to the war efforts was partially due to the actions of the Family Compact, a powerful group that governed Upper Canada, and later, Ontario. They wanted the lands of the province for settlement so they chose to negate the efforts of First Nations peoples by expunging the names of all who were involved in the War of 1812.

As a result of the many efforts to erase history, in spite of the published Norton diaries and the monument in Queenston which named him as a hero, it wasn't until the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812, that John Norton's name gained some prominence.

On Oct. 2, 2016, the beautiful Landscape of Nations was officially opened in Queenston Heights. This collaborative effort of governments, local residents and First Nations people created a memorial, a quiet place for contemplation and reflection.

The landmark features Indigenous symbols like the longhouse structure, a path that represents the Two-Row Wampum Belt, statues of

A statue of John Norton by Six Nations artist Raymond Skye guards the entrance to The Longhouse.

John Norton and John Brant, a granite inlay art installation of the turtle (symbol of the earth), and the exhibit's core element, the Memory Circle.

The Memory Circle recognizes the historic ceremony of peace and reconciliation held in Niagara on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, 1815, that restored peace among the Indigenous nations who fought on opposing sides.

John Norton

Norton (1784-1827) was the son of a Cherokee father and a Scottish mother. He was adopted by a Scottish soldier after the American Revolution and they returned to Scotland, where Norton was raised and educated. He later returned to Upper Canada to serve in the military sometime in the 1790s.

Upon his discharge from the British Army, Norton became acquainted with the Mohawk leader Joseph Brant, who eventually adopted him. Norton was able to speak English, French, German and Spanish. He later learned to speak several Indigenous languages and dialects. He translated the gospel of St. Matthew as well as Sir Walter Scott's "Lady of the Lake" into Mohawk.

Norton worked with Brant as an interpreter and helped to advance the Six Nations Indians' cause with the British.

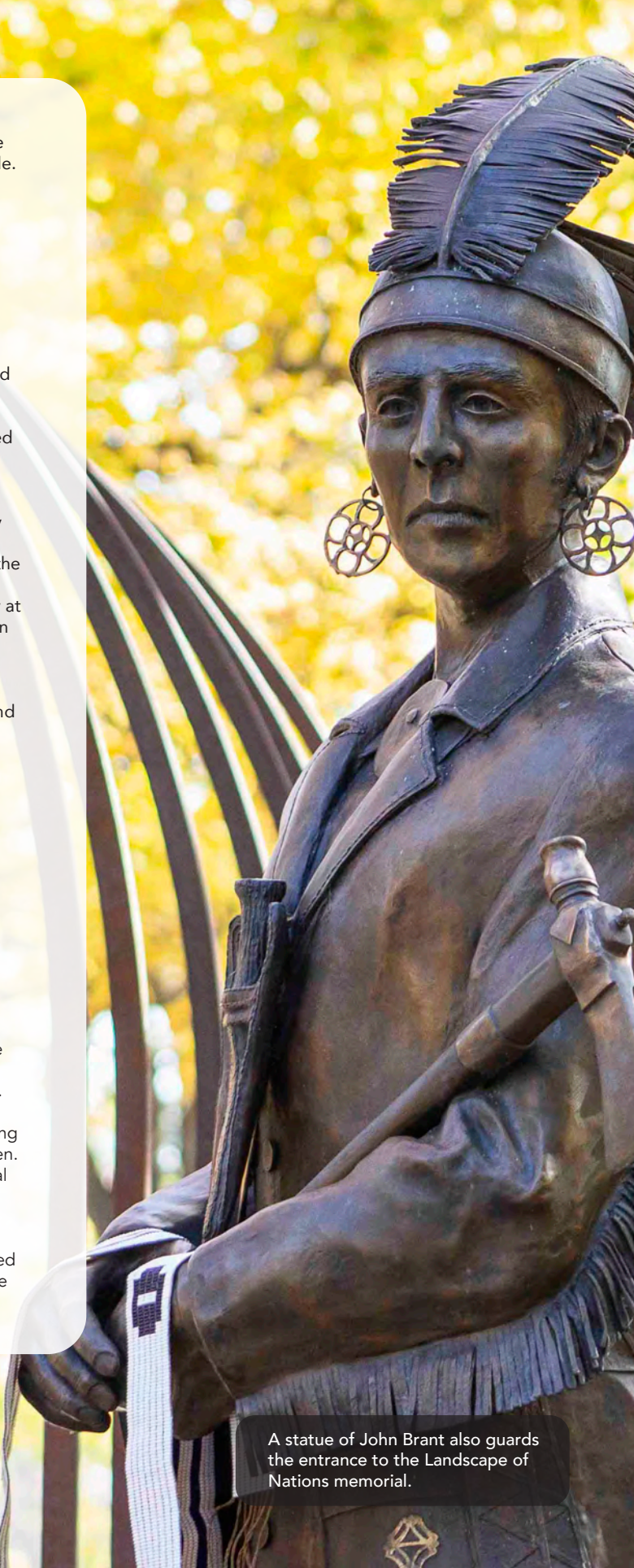
In 1812, Norton led the Indian supporters of the British regular army at the Battle of Queenston Heights. So valuable was Norton's contribution as a strategist and fighter that General Sheaffe, the British leader after Brock's death in battle, made Norton a captain in the British army.

After the war, Norton continued to live in North America, and made one trip back to England and Scotland on behalf of the Grand River Haudenosaunee, during which he left a manuscript with the Duke of Northumberland. However, it wasn't until 1970 when the Champlain Society published it under the title of "The Journal of John Norton, 1816."

He died sometime in 1827 in the American Southwest.

What Reconciliation Looks Like

Every bit as important as the artwork's physical manifestation, was the process itself. The Landscape of Nations Commemorative Memorial serves as an example of Truth and Reconciliation in action. When John Hawley invited Smithsonian Institution associate director Tim Johnson (Mohawk) to advise the committee on public art and exhibit development, a principle emerged that established equity and inclusion as factors structured within the project's operations. Johnson became paired with local historian Richard Merritt as co-directors of the committee. Haudenosaunee historian Rick Hill (Tuscarora) aligned with Niagara Parks Commission heritage superintendent Jim Hill (unrelated). The two artists commissioned to design the memorial were Raymond Skye (Tuscarora) and landscape architect Tom Ridout. And the fundraising effort was supported by Michele-Elise Burnett (Métis) and Brian Iggulden. This construct established the memorial as a successful and inspirational example of how municipalities, provincial agencies and Indigenous Peoples can work together to accomplish shared goals and objectives. In many respects, through the development of cordial relations and friendships, the project reflected the historic relations that once activated alliances that defended life and land during the War of 1812 and set the stage for Canada's emergence as a nation itself.



A statue of John Brant also guards the entrance to the Landscape of Nations memorial.

Music

IN NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

People don't always think of Niagara-on-the-Lake as being a place for music. Usually it's the wine or theatre or boutique shopping.

But that's where they'd be wrong. Summertime in NOTL never fails to offer a diverse range of listening experiences for the distinguished explorer. Here are just a few of the options. There are also great musical acts at local restaurants and pubs, music at most of the summer festivals, a historical fife and drum band, and, of course, musicals at the Shaw Festival. No matter one's musical taste, Niagara-on-the-Lake offers is full of musical talent. Head out and explore.

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Sunday Evening Jazz Series - 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., July 10 & 24, Aug. 14 & 28

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MUSIC NIAGARA SUMMER SEASON

June 17 - Mykola Suk & CamerAtis Ensemble, 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Church

June 20 - Mirror Visions Ensemble, 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Church

June 24 - Sweet Hots with Alex Pangman, 4 p.m. at the McArthur Estate

June 30 - Susan Aglukark, 8 p.m. at St. Mark's Church

July 9 - "Heat!" Julie Nesrallah and Guy Few, 7 p.m. at Navy Hall

July 12 - Gesualdo Six - English Motets, 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Church

July 14 - Elmer Iseler Singers, 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Church

July 17 - Strauss' "Enoch Arden" - Tim Carroll and Victoria Kogan, 4 p.m. at St. Mark's Church

July 23 - from Pergolesi and Bach to Stravinsky and Part, 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Church

July 31 - "A Fresh Look at Beethoven," Artur Pereira, 4 p.m. at St. Mark's Church


Aug. 1 - Toronto All-Star Big Band, 5 p.m. at Club Italia in Niagara Falls

Aug. 7 - Schubertiade, With Todd Yaniv, 4 p.m. at St. Mark's Church

Aug. 14 - Viktor Paukstelis, "Moving Pictures," 4 p.m. at St. Mark's Church

Aug. 19 - Heather Bambrick, 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Church

Aug. 20 - "Glory to Ukraine" - Salomiya Yakhiv on violin, 4 p.m. at St. Mark's Church



Torquil Campbell, Stars singer and frequent NOTL guest, performs at The Commons in 2017. **Richard Harley photo**

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Jackson-Triggs will welcome a long list of musicians to its Niagara Estate Amphitheatre this summer, including top artists like Sam Roberts Band, July Talk, Stars and Sarah Harmer. The Jackson-Triggs Summer Concert Series is something you don't want to miss out on. Enjoy music in the wineries' outdoor venue. Here's the complete 2022 schedule:

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July 9	Stars, Beatrice Deer	Aug. 5	Matt Andersen, Spencer Burton
July 21	Bahamas	Aug. 6	Dan Mangan, Georgia Harmer
July 22	Bahamas	Aug. 11	The Reklaws, Nate Haller
July 23	Sarah Harmer, Lacey Hill	Aug. 12	Alex Cuba, Ana Lía
		Aug. 13	Chantal Kreviazuk

For tickets and information and the complete lineup, visit the Summer Concert Series website at www.jacksontriggswinery.com



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Niagara-on-the-Lake isn't just home to great wineries, it's also home to some of Ontario's best craft breweries. While you're out exploring, make a pint of stopping in at some of these locations:

Niagara Oast House Brewers
2017 Niagara Stone Rd.
oasthousebrewers.com

Silversmith Brewing Company
1523 Niagara Stone Rd.
silversmithbrewing.com

The Exchange Brewery
7 Queen St.
exchangebrewery.com

Niagara College Teaching Brewery
135 Taylor Rd.
ncteachingbrewery.ca

The Grist
78 Four Mile Creek Rd
thegrist.ca

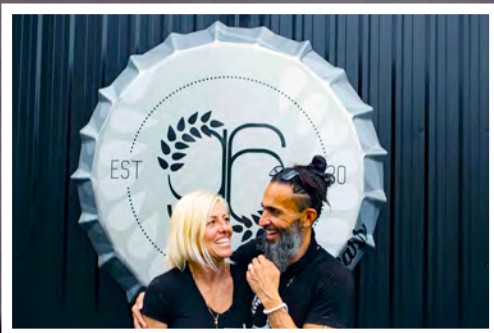


Oast House's Barn Raiser is a NOTL favourite, also available at most restaurants. Stop by and see what summer-inspired beers they have on tap.

Silversmith's dark lager is a highly sought-after beverage. Located in an old church building in Virgil, Silversmith has become a big hit for beer aficionados.



The Exchange is located right on historic Queen Street so you can grab a flight while you're exploring. Read more about the history of the Exchange building on Page 75.



The family-owned Grist brewery is located on the first ever site of the Sleeman's brewery. It's got roots to the beer world and it shows.



Niagara College's Teaching Brewery is run by professors and students of the brewmaster program, the first program of its kind in Canada. Each year they win awards for innovative beers. It's definitely worth the stop.

**Drink responsibly.
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GOLF



NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE GOLF CLUB

Billed as North America's oldest golf course, the NOTL Golf Club was founded in 1875 and is located lakeside on land owned by Parks Canada. Its restaurant and patio have the best views of Lake Ontario in town, and the course itself presents a fine challenge for beginner and low-handicap golfers alike. With narrow fairways, small greens and majestic mature trees, the course can play much tougher than the 5,800 yards indicated on the scorecard.

notlgolf.com | 143 Front St., NOTL | 905-468-3424

ST. DAVIDS GOLF CLUB

Tucked away a short drive up a shady lane from York Road, the St. Davids Golf Club, is one of the oldest in the area. Established in 1932, it is located along the scenic Niagara Escarpment and offers some lovely views. At 2,650 yards it is shorter than its sister course in Queenston. No tee times, just show up to play and they'll get you on. And like Queenston, the greens fees are a real throwback. The courses don't have websites, but they do have Facebook pages.

22 Paxton Lane, St. Davids | 905-262-4522

ROYAL NIAGARA GOLF CLUB

This course, one of a half-dozen operating under the Kaneff banner, is nestled amid the Welland Canal, the Bruce Trail and the Niagara Escarpment, Royal Niagara is more than 7,000 yards from the tips and features 27 holes.

It's located close to the QEW, not far from the outlet mall.

kaneffgolf.com | 1 Niagara-on-the-Green Blvd., NOTL
1-866-ROYAL18

QUEENSTON GOLF CLUB

Opened in 1966, the nine-hole Queenston Golf Club measures 2,857 yards from the back tees. It offers some wide-open fairways and some tough holes with water hazards to play havoc with your score. Like its sister course in St. Davids, you can't reserve a tee time. It is a walk-up only operation, so just show up and play. And the affordable greens fees for nine or 18 holes will make you think the clock has been turned back 30 years. Another unique feature: both courses are open year-round.

269 Progressive Ave., Queenston | 905-262-4528

EAGLE VALLEY GOLF COURSE

Technically, Eagle Valley is not in Niagara-on-the-Lake. It's just over the "border" in Niagara Falls, Ont., about two kilometres from St. Davids Golf Club. It's an executive 18-hole course, with a driving range to work on your game. It also has a golf academy.

golfeaglevalley.com | 2334 St. Paul Ave., Niagara Falls
905-374-2110



Swing by a local restaurant for an after tee snack and refreshments.



Historic NOTL golf course is *oldest in North America*

BY DENISE ASCENZO

It is a beautiful morning, a bit of a breeze but nothing too chilling as you approach the tee for your first swing of the afternoon.

Taking the swing, you hear the perfect “ping” as your driver connects with the ball exactly like you always pray it will. You lift your gaze to watch where your ball goes when you notice a mist coming in over the course from Lake Ontario.

In that moment your breath is caught as you imagine a wounded soldier, in a red coat, lying on the ground, being tended to by a woman.

You are playing on the oldest continuously operating golf course in North America, the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club, founded in 1875, located at 143 Front St. in Niagara-on-the-Lake. History abounds on these links.

It is a small course by modern standards, just nine holes with some unique challenges such as huge doglegs that go around century-old trees and small greens that are tucked away.

Interesting though is the history of the land, once referred to as Fort Mississauga Commons.

Prior to the War of 1812, the land, at the point where the Niagara River flows into Lake Ontario, was

home to the first lighthouse on the Great Lakes. Built in 1804, the tower was 45 feet high. The first lighthouse keeper was Dominic Henry, a retired soldier from the British garrison posted at Fort George.

Henry was the only lighthouse keeper. Along with his wife Mary Madden Henry and their children, he lived in a small log cabin beside the lighthouse.

In May of 1813, during the War of 1812, the American forces from Fort Niagara and from ships on Lake Ontario, bombarded what was then called the town of Newark (now Niagara-on-the-Lake).

Then the American forces landed on the shores of Lake Ontario, just north of the town, near the lighthouse.

During this battle, Mary Madden Henry was seen by many soldiers to be scrambling over the grounds around the lighthouse, tending to any wounded soldier she came upon. Many soldiers later related how she seemed to appear through the smoke like an angel with wings.

After the War of 1812, the lighthouse was torn down and replaced by a military base, Fort Mississauga.

The fort was built in 1814 using bricks from the lighthouse and salvaged bricks from the town after it had been razed by a fire started by the retreating American forces in December 1813. The fort was built on Point Mississauga, across from the Americans' Fort Niagara, still visible today across the Niagara River. It was to replace Fort George, which had been destroyed.

Fort Mississauga saw limited use and by 1858 the British had abandoned it completely. Later, during the American Civil War (1861-65) and the Finnian Raids (1866-71), the fort was occupied by the Volunteer Canadian Militia.

But once again Fort Mississauga was abandoned until it was put to use during training camps of the First World War (1914-18) and Second World War (1939-45).

Today, only the central tower, the star-shaped earthworks and sally ports of the fort remain. It was recently restored and repaired and is now accessible.

The golf course was constructed when Fort Mississauga was abandoned in 1875. When you play on the course today, the green for the eighth hole is the only hole untouched from the original course.

From Sept. 5 to 7, 1895, what was then called the Niagara Golf Club hosted the first international golf tournament in North America.

After the First World War, the course was, however, and operated under the control of the Queens Royal Hotel.

As tourism waned in the 1920s, the hotel went bankrupt. Not to lose such a wonderful golf course close to the town, the National Golf Course was incorporated in 1926. The Mississauga Commons, in the 1960s, was declared a National Historic Park and the golf course continues to operate to this day.

The land on which the course sits is owned by Parks Canada and the course is operated independently.

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club has been ranked among the Top 10 nine-hole courses in the world. The restaurant is the only one in town overlooking Lake Ontario. It is a public course, open for all to enjoy the history of the land as you play.

The lake and Toronto skyline views are breathtaking.

To learn more about the topic of this story you can visit the NOTL Museum website at NOTLmuseum.ca or visit the museum for yourself at 43 Castlereagh St.



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INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT NOTL



Famous gazebo was built for Christopher Walken film

The gazebo at Queen's Royal Park was built for a Christopher Walken movie, *The Dead Zone*, in 1983 and was donated to the town after filming. Now, the park and gazebo offer picturesque views and the structure is a coveted location for small wedding ceremonies of up to 12 people.

Capital of Upper Canada

The town of Niagara was once one of the largest towns in Upper Canada and for several years had a bigger population than York (now Toronto).

The “on-the-Lake” bit

In the 1890s the Post Office added “on-the-Lake” to “Niagara” to distinguish it from Niagara Falls and the Township of Niagara. The name caught on and the town was known as Niagara-on-the Lake, although it was not officially named that until 1969.

First museum

The Niagara Historical Society Museum was the first building constructed in Ontario as a museum. While there were a couple of earlier museums in the province, they were established in existing buildings that had been built for other purposes.



Place to gather

At the Indian Council House on the Commons, hundreds of Indigenous people met from time to time with British officials to renew alliances and discuss mutual concerns.

Mennonite arrival

Mennonites started to arrive in 1934 and just before the immigration the population of Virgil was 200.

Read about the ghosts of NOTL on Page 71.

CHOCOLATE IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL.

POURING UP EXCELLENCE & VARIETY

Decadent and delicious, the Rocky Mountain Chocolate Company carries a wide selection of chocolates, desserts and treats for any sweet tooth.

Walking into the store, visitors are greeted with the alluring scent of melted chocolate. Owners Bruce and Laura Cochran decided to purchase the franchise in 2014, opening their first location at the Outlet Collection at Niagara.

They have since purchased the another three locations in Niagara.

The candy apples created onsite are some of the most popular items sold in each location. Boasting an offering of ice-wine truffles, the Cochran's four Rocky Mountain locations are the only ones of the franchise that offer the bitter-sweet treat.

The store also carries decadent selections of homemade fudge.

With the use of the chocolate tempering machine, which is a counter-top appliance used to regulate the melting of chocolate, candy is dipped and comes out crisp and smooth.

Locations:

70 Queen Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake

300 Taylor Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake — located in The Eatery at the Outlet Collection at Niagara.

7500 Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls
(Canada One Outlet Mall)

9 Clarence Street, Port Colborne (pop up store)



THE GHOSTS OF NOTL

It was a dark and stormy night ... the windows rattled ... a door slammed from the other side of the house ... a mournful howl from a dog could be heard ... time for some tales from beyond the grave. Welcome to Niagara-on-the-Lake, a place that may just be one of the most haunted towns in Canada ...

SARAH ANN

At Fort George, the ghost tours are run by Kyle Upton, who started them almost three decades ago.

One story Upton tells is of his own personal experience. He claims to have seen a young girl while he was conducting part of the Fort George tour know as the “tunnel.”

It was a warm summer night, he recalls.

He was leading a small tour group into one of the tunnels. It was a small group, so he could see the tunnel entrance. Every time he looked up the tunnel, he says he could see a small girl in the doorway watching. At first he thought it was someone from the group who was nervous about entering the tunnel, so he asked if everyone was accounted for, and they were.

But the little girl was still there.

When the lightning lit up the sky outside of the tunnel, the little girl was not there, though Upton noticed something peculiar — he could see her shadow.

Upton is positive he was seeing Sarah Ann Tracy, who died in 1840 at the age of seven and was buried at St. Mark’s Anglican Church.

Sarah Ann lived with her parents Hannah and Thomas Tracy. Thomas was the troop sergeant major of the king’s dragoon guards. It was not unusual at that time for the fort children to live and play about the grounds.

No one knows how Sarah Ann died, but we do know that she is alone in St. Mark’s graveyard. Maybe this is why she comes to the Fort, where she once lived, to enjoy the company of all the visitors. Many guests claim to have seen her playing inside the barracks or just outside the officers’ quarters. She has also been seen skipping along side of tour guides in a white gown with curly hair, always cheerful with a big smile.



CAPTAIN SWAYZE

At the Angel Inn, there is the legend of Captain Swayze, who haunts the basement. Servers and patrons alike have their stories, and glasses have been known to slide across the tables without anyone touching them at all. You can read more about Captain Swayze at the Inn.



THE GENTLEMAN

Legend has it on a spring day in 1998, when the Niagara Apothecary was filled with tourists, one couple noticed a pleasant looking gentleman dressed in period costume, possibly from the 1860s. The gentleman was very interested in the display cases and would occasionally look up and smile at other visitors. One group of tourists took pictures of this gentleman thinking he was part of the museum display. Of course, this was at a time when you had to wait for pictures to be developed. When the visitors finally looked through their photos, the couple claimed the gentleman was nowhere to be found. Only one picture gave a possible explanation of what they had seen — a vague misty shape. Who might have been this ghostly visitor to the museum? The Apothecary was the oldest continuously running drug store in Ontario, operating from 1865 until it was purchased by Henry Paffard in 1964. Prior to that, it was the customs house and also the office of a judge. Staff and visitors also say they’ve heard footsteps on the second floor or from the stairs, complained of cold spots in the building, flashing lights from the back of the store and reported an odour of belladonna — a poison sometimes called nightshade. Several psychics have visited the apothecary and have “confirmed a presence,” but one that is “warm and welcoming.” Just maybe this friendly spirit is Henry Paffard himself, or possibly the judge.



Ghost Tours of Fort George

Step inside Fort George after dark and learn about its history and hauntings during this 1.5- to two-hour candlelight ghost walk. The ghost tours gather in the parking lot of Fort George, just off the Niagara Parkway. Just look for black capes and lanterns!

Tickets: \$20

Tickets must be purchased in advance.
www.friendsoffortgeorge.ca/ghost-tours

NOTL Ghost Walks

Niagara-on-the-Lake tours are a traditional Ghost Walk of “Canada’s Most Haunted Town.” Featuring stories at the Olde Angel Inn, iconic Court House and Prince of Wales Hotel. With North America’s oldest legend, a mystery at the Apothecary, the theatre ghost scaring audiences and a mansion that makes cameras go crazy. Many secrets and dark history are at the centre of the only war fought in Canada.
www.ghostwalks.com/niagara-on-the-lake



A STROLL DOWN QUEEN STREET

BY DENISE ASCENZO

Taking a stroll along NOTL's historic Queen Street can inspire a lot of historical curiosity and, with the many changes the buildings and structures have seen throughout the years, there is plenty to explore. Four of the most historic locations along Niagara-on-the-Lake's main street are the Court House, the clock tower cenotaph, the customs house and the Bell Telephone Exchange building (now the Exchange Brewery).

CLOCK TOWER CENOTAPH

The term cenotaph is derived from the Greek “kenos taphos” meaning empty tomb. That’s what the clock tower on Queen Street is — an empty tomb in memory of those who have died in three wars and are buried elsewhere. It is now a century old.

In 1920, a committee of 27 people decided a memorial was needed to honour 10 young men from Niagara-on-the-Lake, who lost their lives in the First World War. After many meetings and heated discussions, several ideas were put forward.

The projects to be considered were a new school, a sports park, a new hospital or a cenotaph. The vote was put to the people and it was decided a cenotaph would be built in the middle of Queen Street.

The architect, Charles M. Willmot, was hired for his proposed design, which was similar to St. Mark’s Campanile (bell tower) in San Marco Square in Venice. After all was said and done, the 42-foot cenotaph, which included a clock and fire alarm, cost \$8,165.

The unveiling and dedication took place in June 1921.

In 1947, a rededication ceremony was held in remembrance of 18 young men from NOTL who were killed during the Second World War, with their names being added to the cenotaph. In the 1950s, there was another commemoration ceremony for the Korean War, though no names were added.



CUSTOMS HOUSE

There was a customs house in NOTL? Yes — actually two — and the second can be found at 126 Queen St.

When it was a customs house, import and export duties were the principle source of income for Upper Canada, and up until the First World War those duties provided 75 per cent of the federal government’s revenue.

Ship manifests would be presented at the customs house, then an inspector would go to the docks and board the ship to confirm what was on the manifest. Taxes were then tallied and the ship’s captain had to pay.

The building, constructed in 1825, is a two-storey brick facade Regency design with a curved roof. Near the roofline on the front of the building is a British coat-of-arms with some interesting details.

Flanking the shield is a Scottish unicorn

on the right and the English lion on the left, while the crown of King Edward II sits at the top of the shield. The shield is divided into four quadrants, two displaying the three passant lions of England, one showing the rampant lion of Scotland and the other the harp of Ireland.

A small banner within declares “Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pence,” meaning “may he be ashamed who thinks badly or evil of it.”

This saying goes back to an old story of chivalry.

In 1348, King Edward III retrieved a light blue garter that had slipped off the leg of his cousin Joan of Kent. The king, after putting the garter back in its rightful place, turned to those who laughed and he admonished them for their callous attitude by saying “honi soit qui mal y pince.”

As a result, the Order of the Garter was established and is still regarded as the most



prestigious British order of chivalry in the United Kingdom.

This coat-of-arms is also unique as the language used is not in Latin but in French.

The first customs building was located close to the Niagara River and — similarly to the first courthouse — was destroyed by American cannon fire in the invasion of May 1813.



COURT HOUSE

The Court House was constructed in 1845 and was the third courthouse in Niagara.

The building, which you can still visit today, was built in the “Classical Revival” style — a three-storey stone structure with elaborate court rooms, private offices, a market hall, council chambers, a speaker’s balcony above the front entrance and prisoner cells in the basement.

The building was designed by Toronto architect William Thomas, who also designed St. Michael’s Cathedral, St. Lawrence Hall and the Don Jail, all located in Toronto.

Two contractors from Niagara, master carpenter John Davidson and mason John Thornton, were in charge of its construction.

The courthouse has been retrofitted through the years for many purposes, such as a market hall, a location for meetings, a ballroom, private offices, lodging for the Polish soldiers during the First World War, and even a suspender factory.

The Shaw Festival Theatre also used the building as the Courthouse Theatre for years, staging its final show in 2017.

Today the building continues to house the Chamber of Commerce and a visitor information centre in the basement.

The first courthouse and gaol (jail) was a wooden structure built in 1795 at the corner of Prideaux and King streets. This building was lost when Niagara was bombarded by cannon fire from the Americans’ Fort Niagara in May 1813.

In 1817, the town — always concerned that another war with the United States might occur — decided to build a second courthouse and jail farther out of town, away from any cannon fire, and constructed a beautiful two-storey red brick building on the west end of King Street, complete with offices, courtrooms and the gaol.

That jail saw its share of action, having its first recorded hanging in the early 1820s, when George Newnes and Mary Lowdon were hanged for the poisoning death of Barth Lowden.

Whipping was also used as a deterrent for petty theft.

This courthouse was sold to Maria Rye in 1869.

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BELL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

A small building beside the Apothecary Museum at the corner of King and Queen streets was once the marvel of modern technology. It was the Bell Telephone exchange, built in the 1880s.

Today the building is home to the Exchange Brewery.

Two years after Alexander Graham Bell developed the phone in 1874, Hugh C. Baker Jr. of Hamilton saw Bell's invention demonstrated at the Philadelphia International Exposition.

The following year, Baker leased four telephone lines from Bell and had them strung along his own telegraph wires. The service cost him \$45 for the year.

By 1878, Baker formed his own company, the Hamilton Telephone Company, which later became the Bell Telephone Company of Canada. There were many small telephone companies around the province and at the turn of the century Bell Canada was formed to amalgamate the system.

Baker expanded from Hamilton to the counties of Wentworth, Halton, Haldimand and Lincoln (Niagara area), opening the telephone office on Queen Street.

By 1916, NOTL had telephone service to all hotels and to Camp Niagara, two public phones on Queen Street, three long-distance lines (two to Toronto and one to Buffalo) and more than 100 subscribers using the party line system.

The party line meant you shared your telephone line with another four or five subscribers. When the phone rang, you waited for the number of rings that indicated if the call was for you or someone else on your line. Shame on those who listened in on other people's conversations.



When Camp Niagara was about to send fully trained units of Polish soldiers to Europe during the First World War, the queue outside the telephone office was very long.

Most of these young men had come from Buffalo and wanted to talk with someone special before they went overseas.

The soldiers would give the numbers they wanted called at the wicket in the telephone office and then waited outside. When the connection was made, the soldier would hear his name called and then be told which of the four booths in the telephone office he was to use.

It is said that when a camp was to be shipped out, no operator went home until every young man had a chance to say goodbye.

The Bell Telephone building is still standing and has a new lease on life — the Exchange Brewery.

With great consideration for the history of the building, extensive renovations were

made to preserve the past and create a space for a modern functional brewery.

The Toronto-based architecture and design studio, Williamson Chong, was awarded this task.

The design and work on the building won the 2016 Canadian Interiors Best of Canada Award and the prestigious Peter J. Stokes Heritage Commendation Certificate.

Where possible, the building was restored to its origins with decorative trim removed. The facade has been restored and the windows have been replicated to look exactly as they did in the 1880s.

Although not much of the original interior remains, items were preserved and reused where possible, such as the hemlock floor joists, which were repurposed for the bar and tabletops on the second floor.

Drop by, imagine where those young men sat saying goodbye to family and raise a glass of beer to the boys.

Cheers.

STOP BY THE EXCHANGE FOR A COLD LOCAL PINT!



Clock tower cenotaph turns 100

The clock tower in Niagara-on-the-Lake's historic Old Town, with its bells chiming on the hour, has come to be a staple of the town for residents and visitors alike. This year it celebrates its centennial.

The cenotaph was built as a tribute to Canadians who gave their lives defending the country in the First World War. Today it also serves as a reminder of the sacrifices Canadians have made in the line of duty since then.

For locals, it's a place to gather for special occasions. For

visitors, it is the confirmation you've reached the heart of the historic Old Town and the shopping district.

On Remembrance Day, Nov. 11, Niagara-on-the-Lake residents gather at the tower for a moment of silence and to lay wreaths of remembrance.

On Dec. 31 at midnight, we gather around to hear the bells chime in the new year.

When you're taking your picture with it, give a salute.
#NOTLclocktower

THE MONUMENTS MEN

Finding Private Ryan and the mystery surrounding one NOTL soldier

By Ron Dale

A mystery surrounds Charles Thomas Thompson, one of Niagara-on-the-Lake's casualties commemorated on the cenotaph on Queen Street.

It requires a bit of detective work to uncover the story of his service and the nature of his death.

Thompson's name does not show up in a search of the Canadian War Graves Register Circumstance of Casualty and until recently his name could not be found in the index of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (known until 1960 as the Imperial War Graves Commission).

However, he is commemorated on his parents' tombstone at Grace United Church in NOTL, which notes that he was killed in France in 1916.

He is also mentioned in a 1923 publication by the Niagara Historical Society, "Whose Debtors We Are," by Catherine Creed.

Creed's book lists not only the names of the fallen but their service numbers.

Entering that service number in the search engine of the Library and Archives Canada database revealed the service records for Pte. Charles Ryan.

For some unknown reason, Charles Thompson enlisted in Port Hope under the alias of Pte. Charles Ryan, on Feb. 19, 1915.

Thompson was one of the 10 children of John and Charlotte Thompson.

He was born in Niagara-on-the-Lake and attended the public school on Platoff Street before striking out on his own as a labourer.

The family moved to Niagara Falls



Charles Thompson enlisted as "Charles Ryan."

but Charles seemed to be unable to settle down anywhere for long. The family considered him to be care-free.

According to Ryan's enlistment documents he was born in Niagara Falls on March 17, 1889. His next of kin was listed as his father Thomas.

In fact, Thompson was born on March 17, 1879, in Niagara-on-the-Lake and his father was named John.

Perhaps he was concerned he would be rejected for overseas service if he gave his true age. Regardless, according to the army, he was now Charles Ryan.

He underwent preliminary training in Canada and then sailed to England aboard the SS Missanabie on June 24, 1915.

There he received more training and in mid-November he was sent to Belgium to join the 13th Battalion on the front lines.

Thompson was now in the thick of action, going through the horror of

trench warfare on the Western Front. He wrote home to his family and gave them some sense of what he was going through.

On April 26, 1916, he wrote, "I have been in a terrible battle since I last wrote to you. It is a wonder I ever came out alive. For five hours, we, the Canadian, French and British underwent a severe bombardment from the German artillery and trench mortars, and shells bursting all around. Our trench was blown in, a lot of our battalion were killed and wounded."

On June 13, a shell landed nearby, partially burying him and knocking him unconscious. He was taken to hospital where he soon recovered and was sent back to the trenches near Ypres, Belgium. A month later he was dead.

Charles Thompson, alias Charles Ryan, died on July 16, 1916. The official report of his death explained that he was hit in the temple by a stray bullet. He was rushed to a nearby first aid post but died shortly thereafter.

He was buried in the Railway Dugouts Military Cemetery near Ypres and his grave was marked by a wooden cross, under the name Charles Ryan.

The register of the burial of Private Ryan was forwarded to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Thankfully, even while official records continued to list Private Ryan as the man buried in Belgium, at home in Niagara, the locals knew the true story and engraved Charles Thompson's name on the cenotaph.



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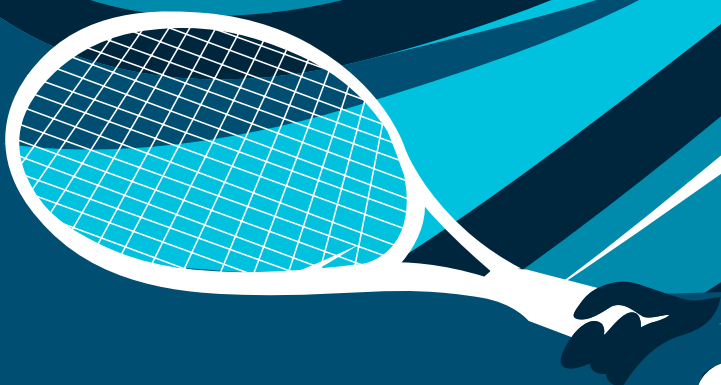
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