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Grants Creek, Allan's Mills Complex

Stewart Park, Perth

Crystal Palace with its Christmas decorations in place

It took only a few photos at the beginning of John McQuarrie's **New Book** to understand why his company is called 'Magic Light'. He really is able to create an image of these very familiar scenes and it's as though he's turned a dial and made the subject come to life, as though it were powered by an inner source of illumination. Wow! What a gift!

I was excited to see the beautiful, artful, photos of our former home, frozen in time, for future generations to enjoy. The landscapes around the house are captured with such blazing accuracy, as though he'd lived there himself. There is something about his photography that would lead the viewer to believe that he possess an understanding of a local subject that only a native would appreciate. Well done!

Our buildings in Perth, so familiar, places we've walked past thousands of times, now presented with his vision in such a glowing fashion, as though the old dusty structures had come to life after a long winter's hibernation.

Apart from the ones of our home that naturally are my true favourites, there were two photos that struck me as almost ethereal, almost heavenly—the one of the subtle multiple shades and tints of green at Purdon's Conservation Area, and the magnificent proud flock of our local geese. These two struck a chord with me, bringing me to tears. They are so representative of our little corner of the world, and brought to life so perfectly with John's skill and artistry.

—Arlene Stafford-Wilson

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Historic sites bring the past to life

Experiencing history in action at a historic site, be it a military fort, a recreated historic village or cultural institution, is a great way to learn about the roots of our nation as well as First Nations. While pandemic restrictions have affected programs and events, many sites will be open this summer. In Ontario, properties including museums can open during Stage Three of the reopening schedule in late July. Here's a sample of what's available to explore in Ontario.

CRAWFORD LAKE: At Crawford Lake, located in Milton, Ont., you can visit the reconstructed Iroquoian longhouses and learn the history of Indigenous peoples in Canada. The Conservation Halton park boasts a lake surrounded by an accessible boardwalk trail. Larger-than-life wooden carvings along the way feature species at risk. The Nassagaweya Canyon trail runs 4.6 kilometres from Crawford Lake to Rattlesnake Point, a neighbour-

ing Conservation Halton park. Booked visits are currently offered to access hiking trails. (www.conservationhalton.ca)

MCMICHAEL CANADIAN ART COLLECTION:

What began as a private collection of Robert and Signe McMichael at their home in Kleinburg, Ontario is now a publicly funded fine art gallery. It focuses on Canadian art and the Indigenous art of our country, both historical and contemporary. The permanent collection comprises more than 6,500 artworks by Tom Thomson, the Group of Seven, their contemporaries, and First Nations, Métis, Inuit and contemporary artists. The trail network is currently open with access to 100 acres

McMichael Canadian Art Collection



McMichael Gallery in Kleinburg is temporarily closed but its nature trails are open. Photo courtesy of McMichael Canadian Art Collection



Crawford Lake



Westfield Heritage Village



Black Creek Pioneer Village



Fort York



of forested land in the Humber River Valley. The village of Kleinburg is located about 30 minutes north of Toronto. (www.mcmichael.com)

FORT YORK: Located in Toronto's downtown, Fort York played an important role in economic and social development in the early years of Toronto as a small backwoods community. On Victoria Day in 1934, Fort York opened as a historic site museum. Today, the fort is home to Canada's largest collection of original War of 1812 buildings filled with exhibits from the 1800s. Currently closed, check out the website for updates.

(www.fortycork.ca)

FORT GEORGE: A National Historic Site, Fort George reveals the early military history of Niagara through 19th century military architecture including the blockhouses, offi-



Public Notices

Council/Committee of the Whole No July meeting

TAX DEPARTMENT: 2021 Final Tax Bills were mailed out the last week in June. Installments are due **July 30** and **September 30**.

If you do not receive your bill by July 12th, please call 613-267-6500 x 242.

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Canada Day

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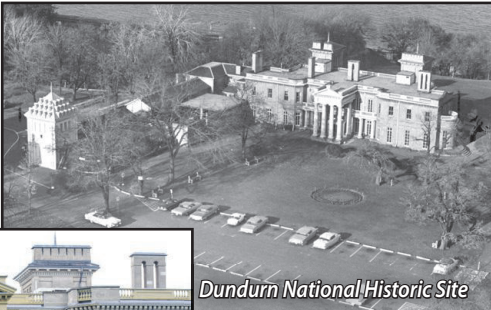
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Fort George
cers' quarters, army mechanic's shop and guard house. The fort's powder magazine is the only building to have survived the Battle of Fort George and is the oldest military building in Ontario. The Fort is currently closed to visitors and is offering virtual events and programming. Fort George is located in Niagara-on-the-Lake. (www.friendsoffortgeorge.ca)

WESTFIELD HERITAGE VILLAGE: With a vision to create a pioneer village as a non-profit educational

institute, D. Glenn Kilmer and Golden (Goldie) L. MacDonell purchased 30 acres of land in Rockton in October 1960. Their vision came to life in 1964 when Westfield opened to the public featuring more than 35 historical buildings. The 130-hectare site bordered by woodlands, meadows and trails is currently open seven days a week from sunrise to sunset for hikes and walks. Buildings are closed at this time. (westfieldheritage.ca)



Dundurn National Historic Site



BLACK CREEK PIONEER VILLAGE: At press time the village was closed to the public but on-site summer day camps were being offered as

well as virtual tours. When open for tours, Toronto's Black Creek provides a glimpse into life before cars and technology with a focus on life between the 1790s and 1860s. Check the website for updates on the resumption of public access when pandemic restrictions are eased. (blackcreek.ca)

DUNDURN NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE: Hamilton's Dundurn Castle is built on the site of a former British military encampment circa 1813. The stately mansion was once home to Sir Allan Napier MacNab, who was a railway magnate, lawyer and Premier of the United Canadas from 1854 until 1856. Today, the museum showcases the family who lived in the house, and the servants who worked there. Dundurn along with the other Hamilton museums was closed at press time. www.hamilton.ca

SAINTE-MARIE AMONG THE HURONS: Sainte-Marie's history dates back to the 17th century. More than 25 buildings have been recreated on their original locations providing visitors with a sense of Indigenous



Sainte-Marie among the Hurons



life in the 1600s. Located along the shores of Georgian Bay near Midland, Ontario, this was the ancestral homeland of the Huron Wendat nation, a branch of the Iroquoian family. Sainte-Marie among the Hurons could reopen later this summer. Check the website for details. (www.saintemarieamongthehurons.on.ca)



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Bring a red and white dessert to the party

With any luck Canada Day will be blessed with great weather that brings clear sunny skies and warm temperatures that entice us outdoors. A chilled summer dessert is a great way to celebrate Canada's birthday and this one features local strawberries and Ontario goat cheese that achieve a Canada Day worthy red and white effect. This dessert tastes



Make-ahead: Cheese mixture can be made up to three days ahead. For a richer and creamier taste, let the cheese mixture come to room temperature to serve.

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: n/a

Per serving: About 276 cal, 10 g pro, 14 g total fat (9 g sat fat), 25 g carb, 2 g fibre, 36 mg chol, 189 mg sodium. %RDI: iron 9%, calcium 8%, vit A 19%, vit C 83%

Source:

Ontario Goat Cheese (ontario-goatcheese.ca)

Find more recipes at www.farm-freshontario.com.

Strawberries and Chevre Romanof

- 1 large log (10 oz/300 g) Ontario chevre (soft, unripened goat cheese), at room temperature
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) 35% whipping cream
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) orange liqueur

Strawberries:

- 3 cups (750 mL) sliced fresh strawberries
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) granulated sugar
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) pure vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 tsp (7 mL) grated orange rind

like ice cream in a bowl and the benefit is that it won't melt. Fragrant fresh local strawberries create a tasty topping for this rich creamy dessert featured in the recipe section of the Ontario Farm Fresh website (www.ontariofarmfresh.com).

Method: In a bowl and using electric hand mixer, beat together cheese, sugar, cream and liqueur until smooth and fluffy. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour or until well chilled.

Strawberries: Meanwhile, in a bowl, stir together strawberries, sugar, vanilla and orange rind until well coated. Divide cheese mixture into bowls or Mason jars and top with strawberries. *Makes 6 servings.*



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