





Some Christmas gift ideas at the museum

Oakville Museum at Erchless Estate has many great gift ideas for the holiday season. Don't miss the opportunity to give your loved ones a special gift on local history and heritage. From books, to prints and workshops. Oakville Museum at Erchless Estate has something for everyone.

Oakville and the Sixteen is a great present for that hard to buy relative. Written Chisholm Hazel Mathews, a descendant of a pioneer Oakville family, it traces the development of a typical Ontario lake port and

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pictures social life at the various stages of the town's development. The history is complete beginning with the earliest settlement and ending at a period in which character completely. It is based on wide research, begun out of genuine interest the province about which very little has been written. Chisholm Mathews has combined such primary sources as family papers, local newspapers and archive documents. She has given an intimate picture of the people,

Oakville has changed its and curiosity, into a part of

houses, and public buildings of Oakville, and of activities along The Sixteen.

The Story of Oakville Harbour is an ideal stocking stuffer for local history buffs. Written by Brimacombe, in dedication to the men who sailed from Oakville Harbour, The Story of Oakville Harbour takes readers back to the Mississauga Indians who traveled down rivers and portages leading south to Lake Ontario and established summer encampments at the mouths of many small rivers. and in particular the Sixteen Mile Creek. This book documents the purchase of 960 acres of land by William Chisholm, son of a loyalist family who moved from Nova Scotia and settled on the shores of Burlington Bay in 1794, and founded Oakville in 1842.

Sunset At the Sixteen: Schooner Whiteoak, 1893, is a print by marine artist Peter Rindlisbacher. The schooner Whiteoak was launched at Oakville Harbour on July 1, 1867 by George Chisholm. Many believed that this schooner would be called New Dominion to celebrate Canada's first Dominion Day

however Chisholm's daughter Kate baptized the vessel 'Whiteoak' in honour of Oakville's founder William Chisholm, whose nickname was 'Whiteoak.'

Workshops for the Kids: Although spring and summer seem so far away, why not buy the kids or your grandchildren a week at Oakville Museum during their Hands on History March Break and Summer Day Camp programs. Oakville Museum's Hands on History week-long programs are a great gift for parents as well.

Classes for the Budding Artist: Check out the museum's Decorative Arts Workshops: Teen - College Portfolio Classes and Colour with Thread: Classes in Hand Embroidery, both workshops are taught by talented and engaging artists.

Oakville Museum at Erchless Estate is located at 8 Navy Street in downtown Oakville, and is open Tuesdays to Sundays from 1 - 4:30 p.m. For more information on great gift ideas from Oakville Museum at Erchless Estate call 905-338-4400 or visit its Web site at www.oakvillemuseum.com.

Appleby hosts community skating party on Sunday

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Appleby College invites everyone in the Oakville and Appleby communities to kick off their holiday fun at a skating party at the Appleby College Arena on Sunday, Dec. 21.

Join your favourite furry mascot friends and that jolliest man of all, Santa Claus, for a festive fun-filled after-

Admission is one nonperishable food item per person to be donated to the Fareshare Foodbank.

"We're looking forward to an afternoon of fun and enjoyment with our friends

Schutz, director of outreach programs at Appleby College. "The skating party is an opportunity to share our holiday spirit and give back to the community through the food bank."

The community skate will take place from 2 - 5 p.m., at the Appleby College Arena, 540 Lakeshore Rd. W. Enjoy gliding around the

Appleby rink to some season festive music. There will be plenty of hot chocolate. cookies and candy canes.

For more information about the community skating party, contact Paula Schutz at

