

# Halton Region Museum celebrates 50-year anniversary

The Halton Region Museum is currently celebrating its 50th anniversary with an exciting roster of events and activities for the balance of the year, including jazz concerts and a fun-filled Alexander Family Farm Day on Sunday, September 18, 2011.

In the 1950s, Halton's "museum" consisted of a few antiques in a display case in the Halton County Administration Building. As the number of items grew, so too did the possibility of creating a county museum. The Halton County Museum Association was formed and on August 22, 1961, Halton County Council passed a by-law establishing the Halton County Museum within Kelso Conservation Area.

"The Halton Region Museum is the original home of the Alexander family, Scottish immigrants who purchased the land in 1836," explained Nancy Field, Manager, Heritage Services. "This enterprising and innovative family farmed the land for four generations. They were one of the first farms in the country to generate their own electricity and we like to think that we are continuing the Alexander tradition by generating a little electricity of our own with our exciting fall events."

Today, one of the Museum's focal points is

the Alexander Barn. The upper two floors of the historic building feature exhibits and artifacts that reflect Halton's natural and cultural heritage.

In addition to Alexander Family Farm Day, here's a sneak peek at other activities the Museum has planned:

- Three fun filled weeks of "Back to the Land Day Camp" – a joint venture with Planet Kids day camps offering themed activities, games and excursions with a historical twist

- "Jazz at the Museum" – a series of three Sunday afternoons featuring a stellar line up of perform-

ers for the Fall, topped off with the return of "Hearthside" – a Saturday night jazz extravaganza and reception on November 26th

- An official book launch exploring the life and times of William Halton on October 20, in partnership with author and historian John McDonald

- Escarpment Discoveries, an interactive, virtual hike of the Escarpment in Halton to be launched in the Fall

"The Halton Region Museum is not only one of Halton's greatest artifacts, it is a great place to take the family," said Hal-

ton Regional Chair Gary Carr. "And, the Museum's fall line up offers wonderful event opportunities for everyone."

You'll be able to check out the Museum on Facebook starting in August for more event information. Learn more about the Museum at [www.halton.ca/museum](http://www.halton.ca/museum), by calling 905-875-2200, ext. 27 or dialling 311, toll free 1-866-442-5866, or TTY 905-827-9833.



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