

**1. 1837 Rebellion in Upper Canada**

Learn about the 1837 Rebellion, the leading figures, why they rebelled, and what important Oshawa families were involved.

**2. 1937 Oshawa General Motors Strike**

An unforgettable strike in the history of Oshawa would unfold at the General Motors plant in April 1937, the inception of the union movement in Canada.

**3. 1940s Fashion**

How the Second World War affected Women's Fashion in the 1940s.

**4. Archaeology and its Role in History**

Archaeology plays an important role in how we interpret the past at the Oshawa Museum, and this presentation examines how archaeology has challenged this 'traditional narrative of colonization.

**5. At Rest: An Archaeological Investigation at the Harmony Burial Ground**

In 1992, when the City proposed to expand Harmony Road, suspicion arose that there were unauthorized burials located outside of the Farewell Cemetery's boundaries. Archaeological Services Inc. assessed this impact and were successfully able to relocate 36 graves dating from the late 19th and early 20th centuries to a new location within the boundaries of the cemetery.

**6. Around the House**

Based on the Museum's 'Around the House' Education Kit, this presentation focuses on different architectural styles in the Victorian era, household gadgets available and typical domestic duties of the time.

**7. Canada 150: An Oshawa Perspective**

July 1, 2017 marked an important milestone in the history of Canada; 150 years since the British North America Act of 1867 came into effect. Discover how Oshawa participated in events leading to 1867 and how we celebrated this holiday years later.

**8. Celebrating 60**

Since 1957, our collection has grown in ways that may surprise the average visitor. *Celebrating 60* was an exhibit featuring 60 significant artefacts from the collection that continue to spark our imaginations and encourage dialogue. This presentation highlights 20 of those artefacts/collections.

## 9. Challenging the Narrative

Placing an emphasis on new original research is an important facet of our jobs; today we need to work on decolonizing our collections and to fill in the gaps in our early collecting focuses, and this presentation features aspects of that new research

## 10. Common Threads

The roots of needlework go back thousands of years. In the eighteenth-century, America expected girls to grow up, get married, have children, and take care of a home. Learn about the types of handiwork a woman needed to know to thrive in the Victorian Era.

## 11. Community Health in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: An Oshawa Perspective

Travel back in Oshawa's past to see the development and history of the Oshawa General Hospital, its nursing school and prominent doctors practicing here.

## 12. Leaving Home, Finding Home in Oshawa

Many thousands of displaced persons, along with earlier generations of immigrants, came to Oshawa due to political, economic and social factors. They contributed to the rich cultural diversity of Oshawa and help to fuel our community's industrial sector, making Oshawa the city it is today.

## 13. Downtown Oshawa: An Armchair Walking Tour

Take a tour of Oshawa's historic downtown area while exploring the themes of art and culture, governance, education and religion.

## 14. Early Lighting – Tallow to Tungsten

Although fires and candles have been around for over 5000 years, the art and profession of making them was perfected in the 18th and 19th centuries. Explore authentic candle making artefacts from the Victorian Era!

## 15. Early Stores of Oshawa

The general store served as the communication centre of town where people purchased supplies and caught up on the latest news. See photos and vintage advertisements from the Museum's archival collection and reflect on how we went from general stores to mega malls and box stores.

## 16. Education in Oshawa, 1800-1967: From the Perspective of Olive B. French

She set out to "write a history of the Oshawa schools from their earliest years with some of the people involved with them." Delve in to Oshawa's deep history of the education system as told by Olive French, a local author and historian.

## 17. Harmony Village: Remembering the Settlers & A Lost Cemetery

The journey three local researchers took to discovering who was buried in an unknown cemetery after it was found during construction of a church parking lot.

## 18. Herbs to You

See what kinds of herbs and flowers Victorian families in the Oshawa area grew for medicinal, culinary and miscellaneous purposes. Where did they learn about remedies and recipes? Who tended to these gardens? What do we grow at the Oshawa Museum?

## 19. I Spy

Did you know that old photographs are full of tiny details? Using photos from the Oshawa Museum's archival collection, we examine a variety of photos to see early examples of photo shopping, photobombing and colourization.

## 20. If These Houses Could Talk Series: The Story of Henry House, Robinson House, and Guy House

Our *If These Houses Could Talk* series focuses on the Museum's homes. Learn the history of the three Museum houses, discover stories of the families who made them their homes, and find out how they became part of the Oshawa Museum.

## 21. Indigenous Oshawa

Discover the two archaeological sites in Oshawa and the Ancestral Wendat First Nations who settled them.

## 22. Industrial Oshawa

Oshawa's earliest industries were set up in the early 1800s with saw and gristmills, agricultural tool manufacturing factories and tanneries. Join us for a discussion on local industrialists, their success, failure, and impact, on the development of Oshawa.

## 23. Lakefront Memories

'Lakefront Memories: A Memory Book Project' features the oral histories of those who lived at the Oshawa lakefront prior to 1960, embodying the true spirit of community history by preserving the personal stories of the people in the community.

## 24. Letters from the Trenches: Oshawa & World War I

Through the use of personal letters, this presentation tells the story of Oshawa-born William Garrow in the First World War, and it compares his experiences to three other local citizens of Oshawa – a nursing sister, a black soldier, and a drafted white soldier.

## 25. Lights, Cameras, Lenses

The invention of cameras and photography were revolutionary, changing the way that people see the world, and capturing history on film. In this presentation, we identify various types of early photography and some of the earliest photographers in Oshawa.

## 26. Local History's Hidden Stories

Local History tends to focus on the stories of the wealthy European who settled in the area. . By stepping away from traditional historical narratives and including a more inclusive and accurate history, we learn just how diverse and interesting our communities have been.

## 27. Mourning After: The Victorian Celebration of Death

In the Victorian era, the term 'mourning' came to mean more than just grieving for the loss of a loved one, it comprised all of the ways that the Victorians expressed that grief. Through themes such as, *Furniture to Funerals*, *Secure the Shadow*, *Memento Mori* and *Under the Black Veil* we compare and contrast the practices that are still alive today.

## 28. Once Upon a Time: The History of the Oshawa Historical Society

The presentation highlights the accomplishments of the Oshawa Historical Society, which celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2017.

## 29. Oshawa's Black History – One Family's Story

This presentation highlights five generations of one of Oshawa's first Black families, from Vermont to Quebec, to Oshawa, and finally California.

## 30. Oshawa and its Cornish Roots

A number of Oshawa's prominent families arrived in the mid-1800s, with many of those arriving from Cornwall, dubbed by amateur historian, Samuel Pedlar, as the "great Cornish exodus." Here, we highlight a few of Oshawa's prominent citizens with Cornish roots.

## 31. Oshawa's Cultural Communities

Oshawa has always had a diverse multicultural population. The first weeklong celebration of our heritage began in 1972. Learn the truth about what new immigrants experienced in Oshawa and how they influenced other cultural communities in Oshawa.

## 32. Oshawa's Historic Fires

This presentation looks back at memorable fires such as the Oshawa Arena, Woolworths in downtown Oshawa and the Oshawa Times, and provides firsthand accounts of the Museum's own fire in Guy House.

### **33. Oshawa Railway**

Based on the exhibition, *Tales from the Tracks*, here we examine the history of the Oshawa Railway and its impacts on the community.

### **35. Oshawa's Theatrical History**

From the days of Vaudeville through to modern movies, learn about theatres in our community people such as the Marks, Odeon, The Regent, and Borsberry Music Hall.

### **36. Oshawa's Undiscovered History**

Working at a museum, you learn something new every day, and there is always a yearning to know more. Some of our 'Museum Mysteries' have taken years to solve, and even more are still mysteries to us. This revealing presentation shares a few mysteries we've solved.

### **37. Prominent Citizens**

Learn more about the lives of prominent citizens from Oshawa in the past, including early settlers, mayors, movers, shakers, industrialists, inventors and adventurers.

### **38. Reflections of Oshawa**

In honour of Oshawa's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a City in 2014: Hear stories about the Great Depression, when the Rolling Stones played a concert in Oshawa, what it was like to be an usher for the Oshawa Generals for half a century!

### **39. Religion and Churches in Oshawa**

Find out which evangelists travelled through Oshawa in the earliest days, what denominations were first to establish congregations here, and how our most notable churches have evolved in the twenty-first century.

### **40. Remember When... Oshawa's History: 1790 – 1924**

Oshawa's earliest past predates history. First Nations like the ancestral Wendat and Mississaugas of Scugog Island had been living here for hundreds of years before colonization. Travel through time with us as we mark milestones up until 1924, when Oshawa became a City.

### **41. Remember When... Oshawa's History: 1924 – Present**

Part two of Oshawa's history focuses on not only our past, but where we are going in our future as well. See how the Oshawa Hospital has changed, why GM was striking, what famous bands came to Oshawa and how our past affects what we teach in the future.

## **42. Stories from the Collection**

Objects fascinate people of all ages and abilities. They engross us because they capture our imagination. Every object "has a story", and this presentation shares a few such stories from our collection.

## **43. Stories from the Homefront: Oshawa During WWII**

Using photos and archival resources as well as reminiscences from local Oshawa residents, *Stories from the Homefront* tells the story of life on the homefront while connecting them to the larger worldwide events and the impacts on local people.

## **44. Streets of Oshawa: Their Names and Histories**

This presentation looks at streets in our community and shares the stories of their namesakes.

## **45. The Life and Times of Verna Conant**

Verna Conant is one of the City's most celebrated citizens who had a passion for philanthropy. Learn what it was like to grow up in the shadow of her father, what life was like married to a politician in the 1920s, and her many contributions to the City of Oshawa for over half a century.

## **46. The Lives of the Dead: The Port Oshawa Pioneer Cemetery**

The Oshawa Harbour Pioneer Cemetery is the oldest graveyard in Oshawa, and it contains the remains of Oshawa's earliest settlers. Research was undertaken to find out more about the lives of some of the people who are buried here. These are the stories of their lives.

## **47. Union Cemetery Presentations**

Various presentations based on different sections of the cemetery and different themes, including Wars, Rebellions & Soldiers; Industrial Oshawa; and, Symbols, Secrets, and Societies.

## **48. Victorian Christmas Traditions**

Do you want to know what Christmas was like in Oshawa? A little less Dickensian, but traditionally Victorian, Christmas traditions of the last two hundred years abounded here. Explore the shops and stores that locals shopped at for gifts and food; find out what kind of gifts were typically bought for different family members.

## **49. Victorian Clothing Styles in Oshawa**

The Victorian period began with Queen Victoria's reign in June 1837 and ended at her death in January 1901. The Victorians experienced tremendous changes in the economic, social, cultural and political arena during their age. This also included the area of fashion trends and clothing styles.

## **50. Village of Cedardale**

The Village of Cedardale in the 1800s had a growing population, schools, churches, a burgeoning harbour, and was home to industrialists and their large-scale operations,. Find out who Cedardale's leading citizens were and what happened to this Village.

## **51. War of 1812: An Oshawa Perspective**

Oshawa was in its infancy in 1812. Many people who were involved had been living here for less than a decade. Learn how this War affected Oshawa and the families involved.

## **52. Wish You Were Here: Selections from the Museum's Postcard Collection**

Postcards played an important role in altering forms of postal communication in the late nineteenth century. Our archival collection contains many early postcards depicting early landmarks. Compare the postcards to places of today.

## **53. Wars and Remembrance**

Citizens of Oshawa have been involved in most major world wars and conflicts. For these military engagements, for those who fought for freedom and who gave their lives for the cause, it is important to take time and remember all that they have done for their country and for the world. The following presentation talks of all the different ways Oshawa specifically remembers.

## **54. Weddings & Romance: Oshawa's Sweethearts and Scandals**

Romance and Weddings: Oshawa's Sweethearts and Scandals, delves into Oshawa's earliest romantic relationships, marriages that took place at the Museum and some of stories that some felt were too scandalous to tell in the past!

## **55. Women in War: Oshawa's Nursing Sisters of the First World War**

The Great War was the turning point in the history of warfare: it saw the shift from cavalry to airplanes, from bayonets and trenches to machine guns and tanks, and Canada emerged as a country on its own. Here, we examine the role of three Nursing Sisters who called Oshawa their home.