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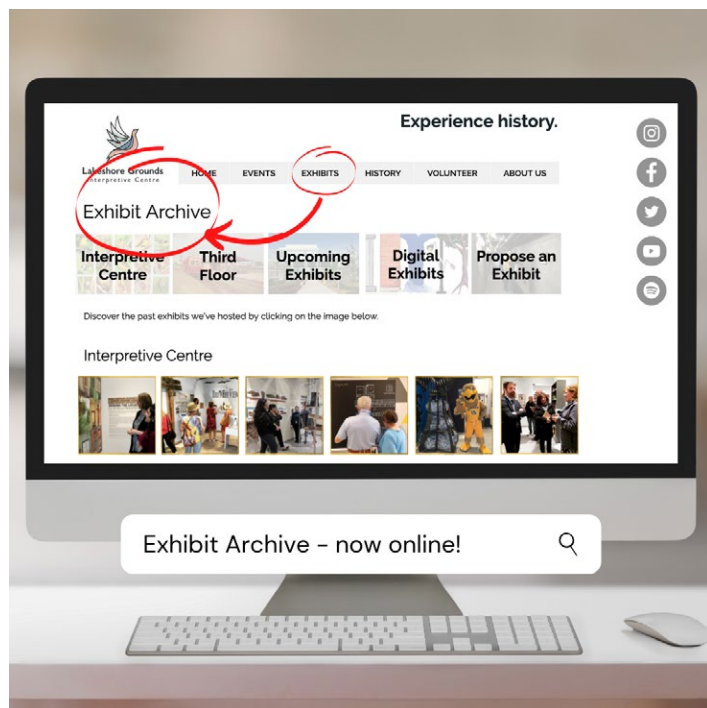
YEAR IN REVIEW
2021-2022

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Interpretive Centre Updates

In the lead-up to the Interpretive Centre's 5th anniversary in January 2022, the team has been reflecting on how far we've come! With over 20 exhibitions, a growing collection, 4 guided tours, and countless friends and connections, we're sharing some of the highlights and gathering stories to commemorate this milestone!

Revisit our past and present exhibitions, projects, and research work, online at LakeshoreGrounds.ca! We've recently digitized all of the past exhibitions held in both the Interpretive Centre and the Third Floor Gallery, all of which can now be found on **our website**.



Coinciding with our anniversary is the Winter 2022 edition of the **Interpretive Centre's zine, Shore Stories**, and we plan to make it a special edition that acts as a companion piece to the anniversary exhibition, with submissions from both past and present friends of the Interpretive Centre.



Behind the scenes, as we prepare to return to on-campus tours, exhibitions, and events, our focus will be on preserving the history of Humber Lakeshore's A Building – formerly the Lakeshore Teachers' College – with new research and an oral history project coming in 2022! Hosting Humber's arts and music programs to name a few, the halls of A Building have played a key part in innovative education in Ontario since the late 1950s!



Uncover Hidden Histories in the Interpretive Centre's New Online Exhibition

The Lakeshore campus has a long history of mental health care on the picturesque grounds and amongst the iconic red-brick cottages. Few objects or records from the Lakeshore Psychiatric Hospital were preserved after its closure, but glimpses into its past are preserved through artifacts in the collections of the **Lakeshore Grounds Interpretive Centre**.

One such artifact is a postcard depicting cricket players scattered across a manicured landscape in front of the cottages on the south side of campus. Reading "Mimico Sanitorium" on the top right-hand corner, the image captured a moment in history - and abruptly mislabeled it. Although the Hospital had many names during its operation from 1890 to 1979s, "Mimico Sanitorium" was never one of them.

What other stories do these historic artifacts reveal, and what do they conceal?

The Interpretive Centre welcomes you to explore the hidden histories of the Lakeshore Grounds through the collection of turn-of-the-century postcards in an exhibit called **Scene and Unseen**. Displayed to the public for the first time, these artifacts capture masked memories of well-known locations in South Etobicoke. Uncover these stories online **here**.

Meet the cards on campus later this year with the Interpretive Centre, follow @LakeshoreGRNDS on **Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram** for return to campus announcements.

Special thanks to the curatorial team of Nadine Finlay, Sarah LeFresne and Nadia Tagoe. Thanks to Jennifer Bazar, Tyler Andrews, and Vana Chainani for their research support in the early stages of this project.



Tour through Lakeshore's History with the Interpretive Centre



Bottled Up Exhibition on Now + Scene & Unseen at the Third Floor Gallery

Explore the history of Prohibition in Ontario, and the communities it most affected at The Lakeshore Grounds Interpretive Centre's new exhibition: *Bottled Up - The Secrets of Prohibition Era Etobicoke*.

Humber Lakeshore's Fashion Institute has a deeper story hidden beneath its floorboards. Discover some of New Toronto's worst-kept secrets - including bar fights, legal issues, "blind pigs," and an obscure connection to an underground alcohol smuggling ring! The exhibition is on display now at the Lakeshore Grounds Interpretive Centre in the Student Welcome and Resource Centre, WEL104. The exhibition is open to all visitors free of charge, hours and location can be found at LakeshoreGrounds.ca.

While you're visiting, meet the Scene & Unseen cards in person at the Third Floor Gallery. Displayed to the public for the first time, these artifacts capture masked memories of well-known locations in South Etobicoke. What other stories do these historic artifacts reveal, and what do they conceal - discover for yourself now!



Tunnel Tours are Back – Book Now!

The Interpretive Centre is excited to resume guided historic tours of the Lakeshore Grounds this spring! Tunnel Tours are now available for small groups, with public tour times and updates available at LakeshoreGrounds.ca.

Discover the 89-year history of the former Lakeshore Psychiatric Hospital by exploring the patient-built underground tunnels and unfinished attics and dig deeper into the realities of the campus' history across different decades.

Tours are offered free of charge, pre-registration required. The duration is roughly 1.25-1.5 hours long, the route is mobility accessible and includes the underground tunnels and cottage buildings, served by ramps and elevators. Optional entry to the Attics requires steep stairs.

Follow @LakeshoreGRNDS on **Facebook**, **Twitter**, and **Instagram** for announcements on additional upcoming tours.

Overall the Interpretive Centre has had over 40 people join them for a tour since May 1st. We have received great feedback about the tours from participants:



Amazing tour to appreciate the stories behind such a local landmark we walk past every day.

Very informative and delivered in a thoughtful & [well] organized manner.

It was fun and very informative. I loved walking around campus and learning more about its history.

The tour guides were amazing, I would definitely come back and attend the tour again or do other tours with you all!

Very informative, Nadine & Geneva [were] great, truly have a passion for showing off this amazing heritage landmark.

A fascinating window into some of Etobicoke's [& Ontario's] history.

The team is excited to host more tours this summer, now we're fully reopened!