

Museum of Ontario Archaeology

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Moccasin Making Workshop

November's Moccasin Making Workshop was so successful that we're bringing back another workshop in **January!** Call MOA for details & registration 519-473-1360



Unique gift idea:

Gift Certificates for the Moccasin Workshop are also available at the Museum's Gift Shop.

Annual First Nations Art & Craft Show & Sale

November 24, 2013

Our annual art & craft sale had to be cancelled due to over 70 cm of snow falling in London and hazardous road conditions. We appreciated your support for this event. You can still visit the Museum's **Quillbox Gift Shop** for unique First Nation art and craft items!



Aviva Community Fund

Thank you for supporting MOA and our **History in your Hands** project. Although we didn't qualify for the semi-finals this year, we're certainly grateful for your votes.

Sweat Lodge in the Village



December 17

Ceremony at sunset.

Contact the Museum for details.

Holiday Hours

Open December 21 & 22

Closed December 23-26

Open December 27, 28 & 29

Closed December 30, 31, Jan 1

Regular hours resume January 2nd

MOA's Year in Review 2012- 2013

Events: We had a very successful turnout this year for our Annual events. Many new demonstrations and workshops were added to our **Traditional Pow Wow & Native Harvest Festival**. Attendance at the **Winter Village Family Fun Day** doubled! Visitors enjoyed the array of wintertime activities in the Village including the ever-popular dog sled team. **Wilfrid Jury Archaeology Day** included a hands-on archaeology flotation workshop, artifact conservation and excavation techniques for the whole family. MOA also participated in **other local events** such as Kids 1st Day, Doors Open/London Culture Days and hosted a Moccasin Making workshop.



Programs: Last winter's teacher's work-to-rule put a dent in fall/winter programming across all of Ontario but MOA managed to do well. This school year, we updated our programming to fit the changes in the elementary school curriculum. We've added soapstone pendants, personal totems, and Woodland Style art painting to our programming.



Students drill soapstone pendants with an arrowhead.

Exhibits: In the new year, we introduced touch-screen **kiosks** to our permanent gallery. The outdoor site saw some improvements with a **Longhouse makeover** in August and a new **Medicine Wheel Garden**. Feature exhibits included: **The Lawson Site: Heritage and Archaeology through the Decades** (August 2012 - March 2013) - components of which have been integrated into our permanent exhibit; **Legacy of the Grand River** exhibit (March 4- April 30); a temporary exhibit at the **Ontario Legislative Assembly** (July - October); and **Through the Voices of Beads** (September 13 - November 10).

Volunteers, Workstudy students and Internships:

This year we've seen a significant increase in volunteers and interns. Volunteers have worked in our gift shop, helped with artifact re-boxing, flotation, our collections, summer camp, events, and educational programming.



Additional changes: MOA implemented new changes to the Board, updated our Strategic Plan, and created a new mission statement. We made a new Pow Wow & MOA website, and increased our social media presence.

Thank you for a wonderful year and your support so far!

Save the Date!



Family Day Monday, February 17
Winter Village Family Fun Day!

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