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KINGSTON REGIONAL HERITAGE FAIR 2013

The Kingston Regional Heritage Fair brings together students and their communities in a public celebration of their personal and community stories as Ontarians and Canadians.



As the first fair of its kind in Ontario and one of the five first fairs in Canada, Kingston is celebrating its 18th year. This year's fair was held May 1st, at the new Discovery Centre at Fort Henry.



OPENING CEREMONIES



Mark Millan, Co-Chair of the Kingston Heritage Fair Committee, and Tom Riddolls, Curator of MacLachlan Woodworking Museum, welcomed the participants and their guests.



Participants and Guests were encouraged to support Emelyne, Kingston's entry into Canada's History Young Citizen National Contest, by voting for her video on-line.



A grade six student at Glenburnie Public School, Emelyne filmed a video tribute to Sedna, the Inuit sea goddess. Her digital narrative surrounding Inuit myths and legends is one of 32 videos displayed on Canada's History website at www.canadashistory.ca.

Local media links to articles about Emelyne's video can be found at: www.thewhig.com/2013/05/22/youngster-has-nose-for-history and www.frontenacthisweek.com/2013/...of-history-lands-kingston-you ...

SHARING THEIR STORIES

Students researched topics of their choice and presented them at the school level. Teachers then chose exceptional students and their projects to represent their schools at the Regional Fair. Families and members of the local heritage community came to share the amazing stories the students had to tell about their families, their communities, their province and their country.



A BREAK FOR REFRESHMENT AND SOCIALIZATION

Student participants were treated to pizza as part of their fair experience.



The Heritage Fair program inspires our students to research, look deeper, ask why and develop a true love of history. Thank you for lighting a fire of discovery in myself and others.

Participating Teacher

THE ACTIVITIES

Student participants toured the exhibits at the new Fort Henry Discovery Centre and went on an escorted ghost walk through the fort.



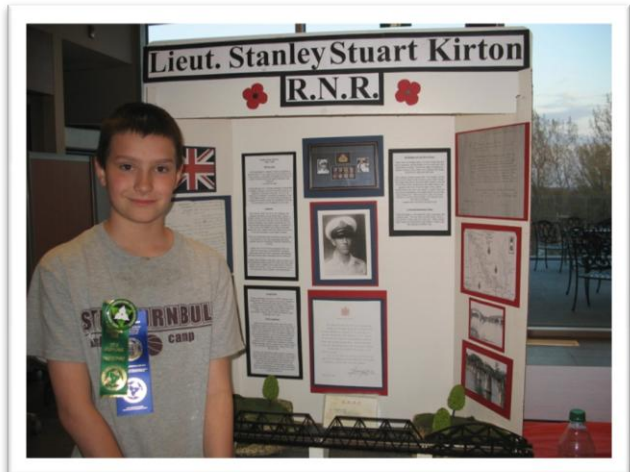
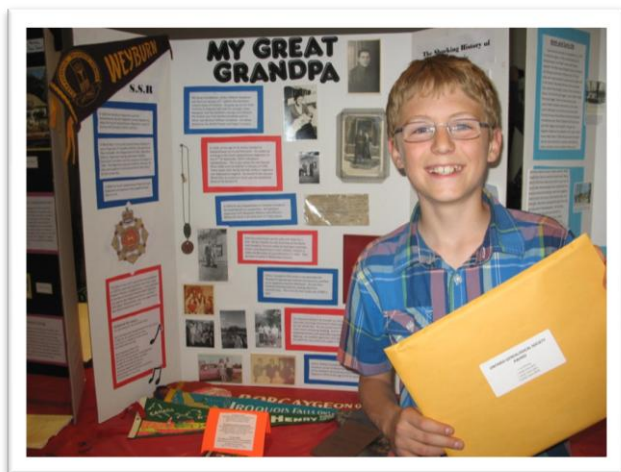
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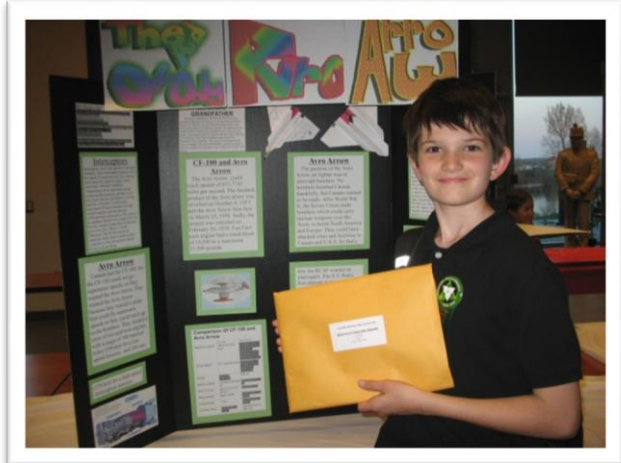
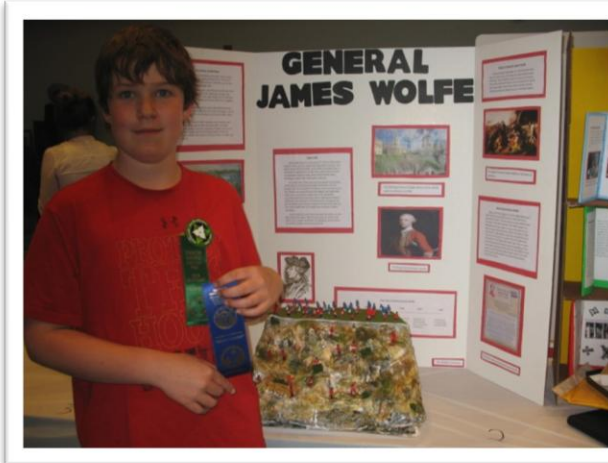
The amazing stories told by the students and their projects were the highlights of the evening. Although no formal adjudication occurred a select number of committee members selected extra special projects to be recognized for awards donated by the Ontario Fairs program's Provincial Partners and by their National Partner, Canada's History. Prizes were presented by the founder of the Kingston Regional Fair, John Fielding.

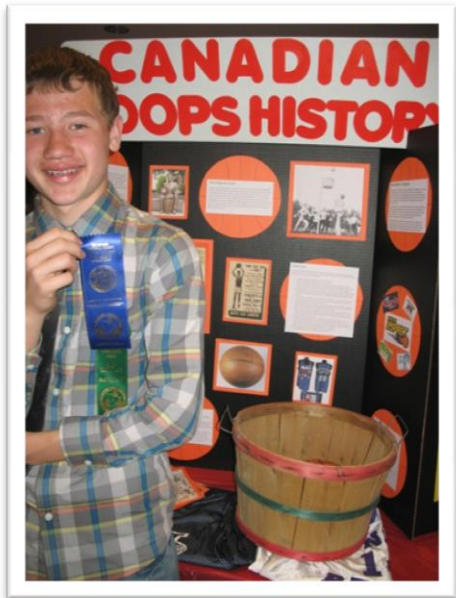
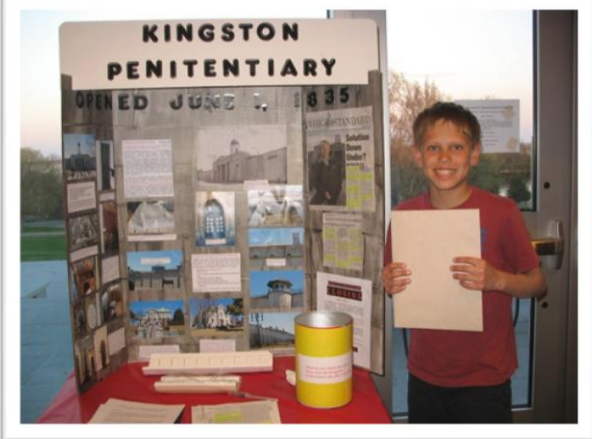


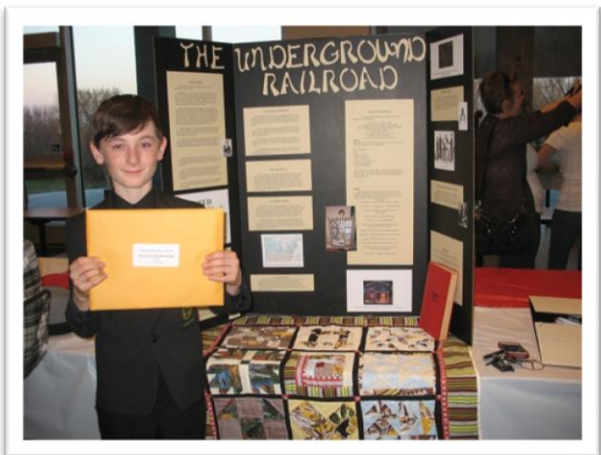
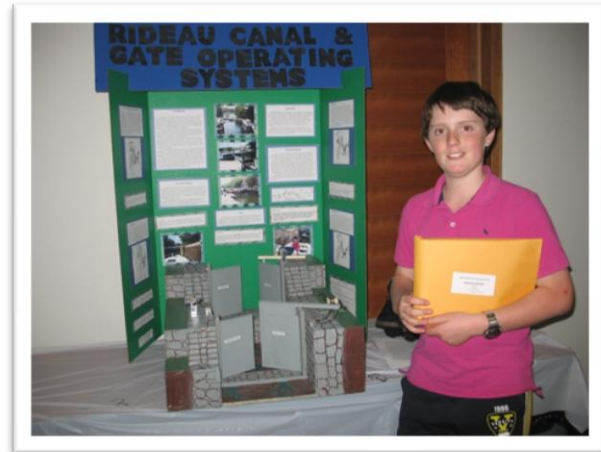
All of the students present were recognized with a logo pin from the Provincial Heritage Fairs Association and a participation ribbon from the Kingston Regional Heritage Fair.

The projects shown are only a sampling of the wide variety of topics the students exhibited at this year's fair.









MEDIA COVERAGE

[Students get into history at heritage fair | Local | News | The ...](#)

www.thewhig.com/2013/04/11/students-get-into-history-at-heritage-fair

[Heritage Fair brings history to life | Local | News | Kingston ...](#)

www.kingstonthisweek.com/2010/05/13/heritage-fair-brings-history...

THANK YOU FROM THE PARTICIPANTS

Thank you very much for the OHASSTA Award and book Canadians At War: Captain Fitz.

It was a great honour to receive this award. I can't believe that I was chosen out of all the kids that were there and from all the great projects. My project was about the gate operating mechanisms of the Rideau Canal as well as some of the history of the Rideau Canal. I made a model of all the different types of lock gate operating mechanisms (the Endless Chain, Swing Bar, Push Bar and Hydraulic). After travelling up the Rideau Canal by boat with my family this past summer, I found it very interesting to see the different mechanisms and decided then to do my project on this.

I received this award at the Kingston Regional Heritage Fair that was held at Fort Henry in the new Discovery Centre. The Fair was a lot of fun because I got to see the displays and was able to present my project to other people I didn't know.

So I thank you once more for giving this wonderful gift and award to me. I look forward to reading this book and learning more about Captain Fitzgibbon.

Yours truly,
Landon, Grade 6

Thank you so much for sponsoring this event, and making a difference in the lives of our youth. My son Matthew had a great time at the Regional Fair held at Fort Henry, won an award of excellence, and had a blast working on his project!!

Warm regards,
Victoria

My name is Jack and I entered the Kingston Ontario Heritage Fair.

I won the Multiculturalism award. Thank you for the stupefying, breathtaking, awesome, sensational, stupendous, phenomenal, incredible, unbelievable, wonderful, exceptional, fascinating, extraordinary, magnificent, outstanding book.

The book was called Coming to Canada.

Sincerely, Jack.

KINGSTON REGIONAL HERITAGE FAIR COMMITTEE

Heritage Fairs do not happen by themselves. Volunteer Committees spend countless hours organizing and managing their fairs program. The Kingston Committee has several members that have been with the fair since its inception as well as many more with 10+ years of volunteering. New members added this year offered inspiration and new ideas.

This year was a particularly challenging one for the committee. Due to the Ontario Teacher Action there was uncertainty about whether or not a fair could be held and whether or not teachers would be able to participate if one was organized. Undaunted, the committee forged ahead with plans for a modified fair and thankfully their plans were not in vain.

After a wonderful event at Fort Henry the committee is renewed in its dedication and enthusiasm for the Heritage Fairs program and its mandate of increasing awareness and understanding of local, provincial and national heritage.

Next year's fair is already set for May 1st, 2014. The format of this year's fair was extremely successful and the committee will work hard to blend this year's successes with the more traditional approach of the past.



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**THE KINGSTON HERITAGE FAIR COMMITTEE THANKS ITS
PARTNERS FOR HELPING TO MAKE THE 2013 FAIR A
WONDERFUL EVENT FOR OUR PARTICIPANTS**

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