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KINGSTON REGIONAL HERITAGE FAIR 2014

The Kingston Regional Heritage Fair brings together students and their communities in a public celebration of their personal and community stories as Kingstonians, Ontarians and Canadians. As the first Youth Heritage Fair in Ontario and one of the first five such fairs in Canada, Kingston celebrated its 19th year in 2014.

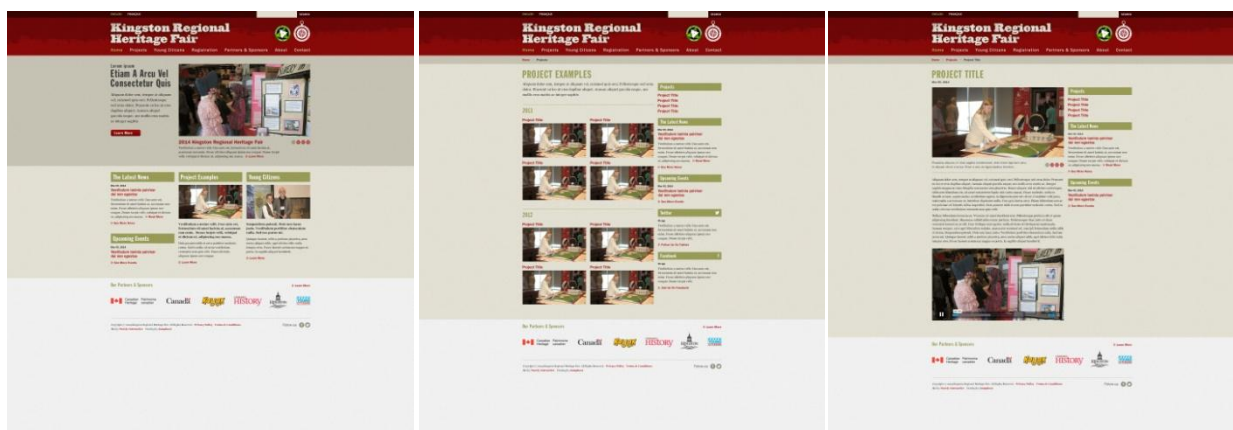
This year's fair combined elements of past fairs with new innovations, creating a new format designed to actively engage everyone involved.

PRE-FAIR

OUR NEW WEBSITE AT WWW.KRHF.CA

The Kingston Heritage Fair committee applied for and received a grant from the City of Kingston Heritage Fund to develop a new website. The website provides a powerful communication tool for the fair. It connects the Fair to its main audiences: schools, the heritage community, sponsors, volunteers and the public. The site was launched in April, 2014, just in time for schools to register their students for the May 1, 2014 Fair.

Love the overall design! Looks great! Tom – Committee Member



I really like the grunge filter on the top of the webpage- it's a subtle way of making things look older. The choice of fonts and color scheme is also great. Heather – Committee Member

Looks nice and clean; simple and easy to read and navigate. Ann – Committee Member

REGISTRATION

Participating schools used the online registration system to register students chosen to represent them at the Regional Fair. Students were able to register using a set username and password. Teachers found the online registration system efficient and the registrar was able to create data lists for colour groups, name tags, judging rubrics and workshops.

The registration section of the website also allowed the Fair committee to post and update fair materials such as permission and media release forms, ideas for projects, plus teacher information packages, for interested schools, teachers and students.

Everything is going very well with registration. We're supervising the students as they fill everything in, so they'll trickle in over the next two days as we have time. Thanks again, Steven – Teacher

An online registration section for volunteers outlines the various areas of the Fairs program requiring volunteers and allows potential volunteers to indicate their areas of interest.

STUDENT PROJECT PROFILES

Several student projects from the past two years were chosen for profile on the site. A photo of the student and project plus a short description of the project and the importance of the person or event to Canadian and/or Kingston history are featured. These profiles can be used by students wishing to participate in the future as exemplars of outstanding work and also help preserve the diverse stories of Kingston and Canada. This year's gold medal winners will be posted in time for the next year's fair season.

As well as static projects, the committee has posted videos produced by our local Young Citizens for the national video contest program sponsored by Canada's History. Videos from 2012 and 2013 are already posted and the 2014 videos will be posted this fall. In the meantime the videos of our five 2014 Young Citizens can be viewed at <http://canadashistory.ca/Kids/YoungCitizens>.

A picture gallery highlights projects and activities of the 2014 Fair. Links are also available to photos from past fairs.

They are working hard on completing their projects and are very excited about the upcoming fair!
Many thanks, Kate - Teacher

PARTNERS AND SPONSORS

The Kingston Fair recognizes the community groups and sponsors that are essential to the success of the Fair. Links to local, provincial and national sponsors are provided on a sponsor page plus their logos are featured on a weighted rotational basis at the bottom of each website page. At present, a community group page provides a link, if available, to their website. Now that the site is established a profile for each group will be added with photos of their involvement in the fair.

FAIR DAY

2014 VENUE



This year's fair was held May 1st, at McArthur Hall, Faculty of Education, Queen's University, a partner in the Kingston program since its beginning in 1995.

McArthur Hall is an ideal location for the Fair providing appropriate spaces for the project showcase, workshops, community displays plus an auditorium for ceremonies

Just wanted to say thanks for all that you two (Betsy Smith and Brian Zufelt) did for us to make this year's Kingston Regional Heritage Fair the success that it was. The day went well, the kids loved the new format and we had many positive comments from the community groups and the workshop presenters. The Cheeky chips folks were very happy with the day and are very willing to return for next year's Fair!

Lastly I would like you to forward on my thanks (again) to Ken Montrose who was such a big help during Fair day!! He was great finding things that we needed last minute, little jobs here & there and he was always willing to do more. He was one tired fella by the end of the day!

Fran – Logistics Chair

THE ACTIVITIES

ON-SITE REGISTRATION

Upon arrival at the Fair, students checked in and received their name tag, their colour group allocation, a complimentary water bottle, a participation ribbon plus details on where in the gymnasium to set up their project.

OPENING CEREMONIES

The gymnasium was the main venue for this year's fair with all student projects set-up on long rows of tables provided and set-up by the Faculty of Education staff the day before the event.

Rhona Gale, Chair of the 2014 Fair, welcomed the participants and introduced them to their group leaders. As part of the new format the bleachers in the gymnasium were opened for the opening. At the end of the brief ceremony, students were introduced to the group leaders, mainly recent graduates from the Faculty of Education, who would guide them through the day's activities.



ACTIVITY ROTATIONS



The four colour groups rotated through activities that included: project adjudication, heritage workshops, visits to community groups and peer judging. The morning and afternoon sessions were broken up by a shared lunch break. Group members remained together throughout the day, supervised by in some cases two volunteer leaders.

ADJUDICATION

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. 72 projects, produced by 133 students, were adjudicated by the volunteer community judges.

Before their adjudication session, the judges participated in an orientation session that outlined the criteria of the judging rubric and the requirements for the various prizes. Each project was adjudicated by at least three different judges and the sharing of the many diverse topics was enjoyed by both the students and their adjudicators.



I enjoyed talking to the students and learning about their research. The students I spoke to knew their topics well and were enthusiastic and excited to share their stories. Jim – Community Judge



Pictures of many of this year's projects can be viewed in the gallery of our website at www.krhf.ca.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community groups were located in Student Street. To promote increased engagement, each student was given a passport and asked to find the answer to three secret questions by reviewing the displays and talking to the community group volunteers.

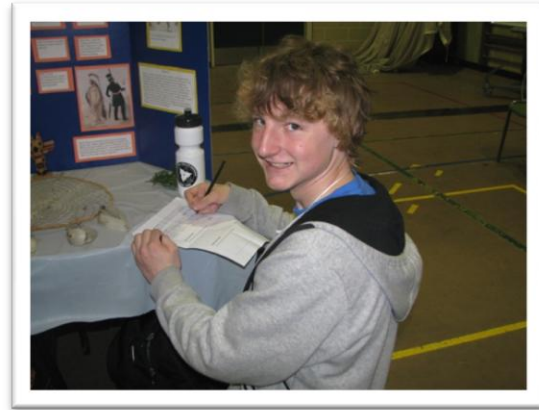


Community Groups participating in 2014 were:

- Cataraqui Cemetery Group
- Macpherson House
- Museum of Health Care
- Ontario Genealogical Society – Kingston Branch
- Sisters of Providence
- St. George’s Cathedral
- United Empire Loyalists - Kingston Branch

PEER JUDGING

As part of their community group rotation students were given the opportunity to visit the student projects and participate in some peer judging.



Each student was given three assessment slots and asked to choose and assess their favourite projects. The students` choices were recognized during the Award Ceremonies.

HERITAGE WORKSHOPS

Each student participated in two heritage workshops located in the main library teaching area, outside in the courtyard and in classrooms on the second floor.



Workshop 1: Settlers` Games presented by Amy Whitehorne of the Brockville Museum.

All grade 4, 5 and 6 students participated in this hands-on workshop.



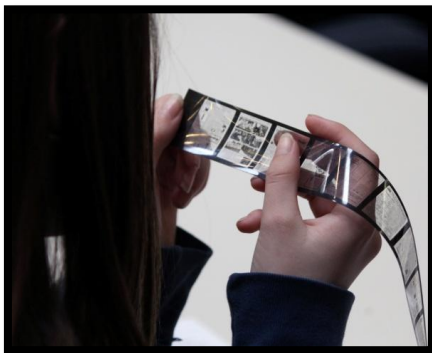
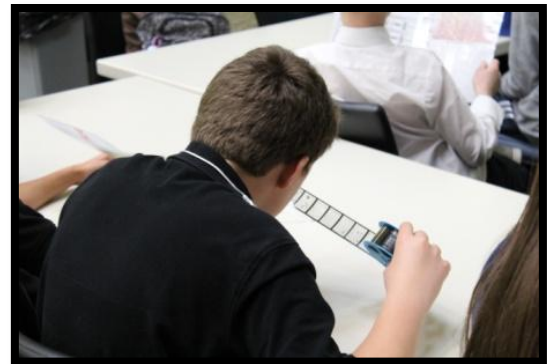
Workshop 2: Learning From Primary Resources presented by Joanne Stanbridge from the Kingston Frontenac Public Library

This workshop was offered to all age groups. Students learned how to research using primary sources from World War 1.

I really enjoyed looking at the photos—they really capture the great energy of that day. It was a tremendous event; worth every bit of all the hard work that you and Ann and the organizing team put into it.

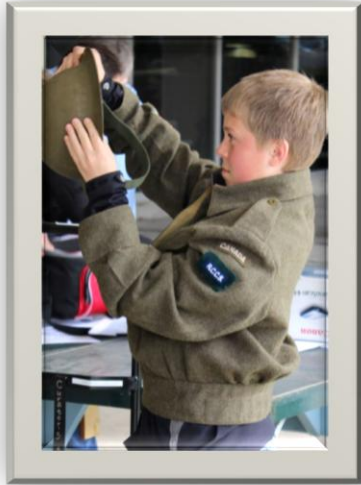
Please tell them how impressed I was—the day seemed to go like clockwork, and the students were clearly engaged and learning and having fun at the same time. I really enjoyed meeting them and looking at some of their projects.

The venue was terrific, by the way. The teaching corner in the library could not have been more perfect, and the library staff were wonderful. Joanne – Workshop Leader



Workshop 3: Part A: World War I Communications by Dave McCarey from the Communications & Electronics Museum and Part B: The Life of a World War 1 Soldier by Gary Robson. All grades 7 and 8 students participated.

Part A:



Part B:



THE RECOGNITION SHOWCASE AND CEREMONY

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. After a one hour project viewing time in the gymnasium, the students and their guests moved to the auditorium for the awards presentation. A slide show featuring the projects and activities of the day was displayed on the large screen as Rhona Gale, the Chair of the Kingston Regional Heritage Fair handed out the awards with the assistance of Greg Seiveright from the Limestone District School Board.

Medals for Gold, Silver and Bronze were presented for Grades 4/5, Grade 6, Grade 7 and Grade 8 in the name of our local sponsors. Representatives from the Grade 6, Grade 7 and Grade 8 Gold winner projects were selected to attend the Ontario Provincial Fair in Toronto, June 14 and 15, 2014.

Gold Medal Sponsors – Kingston Historical Society and Kingston Cemetery Group

Silver Medal Sponsors – Alliance Communications and UEL Association of Kingston

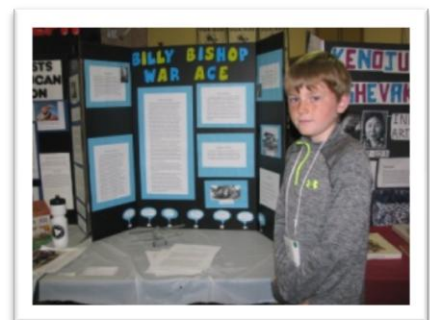
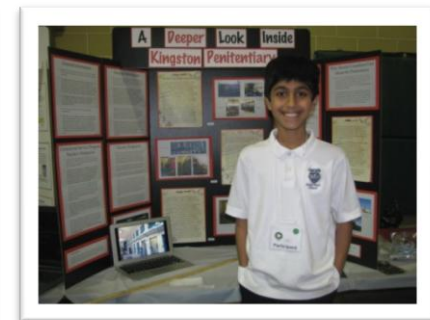
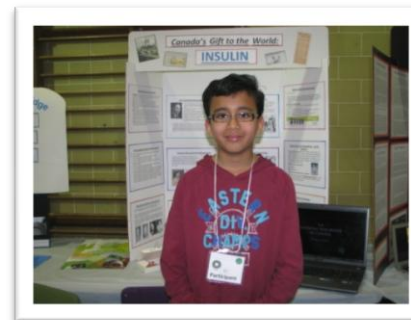
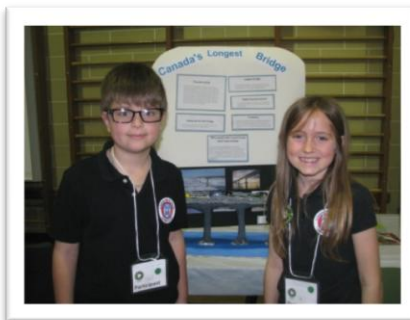
Bronze Medal Sponsors – Kingston First Capital and The Heritage Ambassadors of Kingston

Awards were also presented on behalf of the Ontario Heritage Fairs Association and their Ontario and national partners. Visit the KRHF website at www.krhf.ca to see more 2014 winners and photos.



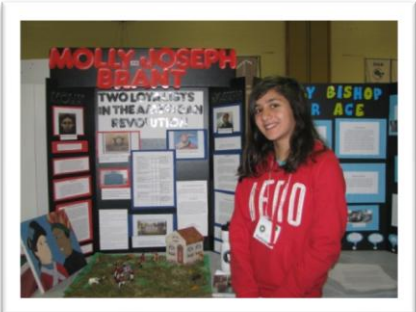
SHARING STUDENT STORIES

The amazing stories told by the students and their projects were the highlights of the Fair. The projects shown are only a sampling of the wide variety of topics the students exhibited at this year's fair.

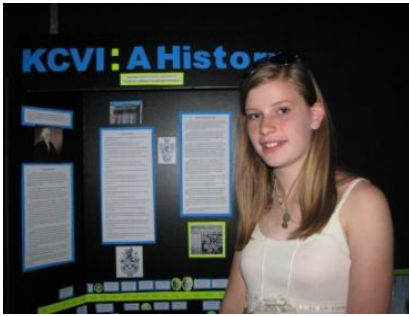


Thanks for hosting such a grand event each spring.

Keith – Teacher



KINGSTON YOUNG CITIZENS 2014



Clara – KCVI: A History



Isaac – Battle of the Hochwald Gap



Bradley – The Diefenbunker



Teionswatheton – The Indian Act



Holly – Louis Riel and the Northwest Rebellion

2014 GOLD MEDAL WINNERS



Grade 4/5 - The Fur Trade
Jean-Christophe and Evan – Lakeshore



Grade 6 – Amherst Island – Matthew – Welborne



Grade 7 - How Europeans Affected the First Nations
Cameron, Adam and Brett – Loughborough



Grade 8 – Lacey's Mine
Sydney and Tess – Loughborough

POST FAIR

PROVINCIAL FAIR

The Kingston Regional Heritage Fair and the 2014 Provincial Fair Participants wish to thank the Rotary Club of Cataraqui-Kingston who sponsored the travel of this year's Kingston delegation to the Provincial Fair.



The Rotary Club of Cataraqui-Kingston

Kingston was well represented at the Ontario Provincial Heritage Fair held in Toronto this past June. Eight local students (5 Young Citizens and 3 Regional Fair Gold Medalists) plus their counselor, travelled by VIA Rail to the two day event held at the University of Toronto.



During the two day event the students showcased their heritage fair projects and/or their Young Citizen videos and participated in a ghost walk on the University campus plus enjoyed field trips to Fort York and the Ontario Legislature.

I am a grade six student that participated in the Kingston Regional Heritage Fair and the Provincial Heritage Fair, 2014. I wanted to thank you for putting much time and work into making both of these things possible. I had a very good experience in making new friends, travelling to Toronto on a train in a group, the excursions, and, of course, the Fair. Thank you very much! Matthew

This was my first year as a volunteer counselor at the Provincial Fair. I saw students glow in the light of their own accomplishments and actively learn about the projects of others. It's always important (and beneficial) to teach and learn from peers. The new friends and the fun/educational activities just seal the deal. Thank you for letting me become a part of this experience. Lauren – Kingston Counselor

MEDIA COVERAGE

Interview of Chair Rhona Gale by CBC Radio J C Kenney

<http://www.thewhig.com/2014/06/22/student-makes-history>

<http://www.ckwstv.com/2014/07/08/grade-7-student-video-in-national-competition/>

<http://www.thewhig.com/2014/07/09/students-video-gets-national-attention>

2014 KINGSTON REGIONAL HERITAGE FAIR STEERING COMMITTEE

Chair – Rhona Gale

Treasurer – John Fielding

Secretary/Registrar – Carol White

Logistics – Fran Cooney

Judging – Ellie Deir

Activities – Rhona Gale plus KAM Representatives

Volunteers – Heather Montague

Provincial Counselor – Lauren Vodopivec

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2015

2015 marks the 20th Year of the Kingston Regional Heritage Fair. The date is already set for May 7, 2015. Details will be posted on our website in the fall.

The format of this year's fair was extremely successful and the committee will work hard to blend this year's successes with additional innovations and improvements.

Thank you so much for organizing these awesome heritage fairs. I was really happy to be able to present my project to my family and to other students and I learned a lot from everyone who presented. I also made some great friends! I want to come again next year. Isaac



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