



Bell Plaque - Paris

River Lily Storefront
91 Grand River Street North, Paris

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"The experiment on August 10, 1876, made from Brantford to Paris, was the first [successful public] transmission, the first clear, intelligible transmission of speech over real line [ordinary telegraph wire] that had ever been made."

Alexander Graham Bell demonstrated on this site that the human voice could be transmitted electrically over distance. The call was seven miles (11.25 km) one-way, but the entire circuit, including a power boost from Toronto, was 68 miles (109.5km). Several different voices could be identified. The test convinced Bell that his invention could compete successfully with the telegraph for communicating between towns.

Public parking available and wheelchair accessible.



Sanderson Centre for the Performing Arts

88 Dalhousie Street, Brantford - 519.752.9910
www.sandersoncentre.ca
Architect: Thomas Lamb Built: 1919

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The Sanderson Centre is one of the finest heritage theatres in Canada. Opened in 1919 as the Temple Theatre and designed by the renowned Scottish architect Thomas W. Lamb, the building was originally a vaudeville and silent movie house. Architect Thomas W. Lamb also designed the Elgin/Winter Garden Theatres, and the Pantages (now Canon Theatre) in Toronto as well as numerous movie palaces in the United States. The Sanderson Centre has many beautiful features. The auditorium carpet is a replica of the original and the centre chandelier is original. In 1991, the centre won the prestigious Theatre Preservation Award, presented by the League of Historic American Theatres.

Public parking available, washroom accessible and wheelchair accessible.



Ukrainian Catholic Church of St. John The Baptist

100 Terrace Hill Street, Brantford
www.stjohnbrantford.com
Built: 1972

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Celebrating 100 years! The congregation was established in 1911 with services first held in St. Basil's Roman Catholic Church. In 1917 a large two-storey building was bought at 100 Terrace Hill Street for \$6,000.00 from J.D. Watkins to house the church. In February 1929, fire destroyed the building. Undaunted, parishioners raised funds to rebuild that year. The present hall was added in 1972. Today, the church, with its gold clad domes, features stained glass windows and beautiful hand painted icons on walls, ceiling and iconostasis remains an architectural treasure.

Public parking available, wheelchair accessible, washroom accessible.



Six Nations Public Library

1679 Chiefswood Road, Ohsweken - 519.445.2954
www.snpl.ca
Built: 1880

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View the new archival project in one of the oldest preserved structures on the Six Nations Reserve. Constructed in 1880, the building was once the home of the doctor in residence and the dormitory for the nurses working in the local hospital. Many original features have been restored, and artefacts from former residents are displayed. The library is the largest First Nations Library in Canada and was established in 1968 by the Ohsweken Women's Institute. The library houses an archival collection which includes items that date back to 1700's. Most items are of significance to Six Nations Heritage.

Public parking available, washroom accessible and wheelchair accessible.

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2011 COMPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES

Everyone is welcome to each activity. Admission is free, or by freewill donation.

Heritage Walking Tour of Paris
Presented by the Paris Museum & Historical Society
Saturday, September 17, 2011
10:30 AM (1 hour)

Heritage Walking Tour of Brantford
Presented by the Brant Historical Society
Tuesday, September 20, 2011
7:00 PM (1 hour)

Trails Open Ontario-Brant: Rail Trails Cycling Tour (20 km)
Presented by the Brantford Parks & Recreation
Saturday, September 24, 2011
NOON (1.5 hours)

Trails Open Ontario-Brant: Gilkison Flats Hike (2.5 km)
Presented by the Brantford Parks & Recreation
Saturday, September 24, 2011
1:00 PM (1 hour)

Feature Presentation: "BELL: The Inventor and The Company"
Brian Wood, Curator of the Bell Homestead
Hosted by the Brant Bell Volunteers and Bell Canada
Wednesday, September 28, 2011 - 7:00 PM (1 hour)

9TH ANNUAL



Be a Tourist in Your Community



September 24th 2011 10 AM - 4 PM • FREE ADMISSION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Brant Historical Society
57 Charlotte Street, Brantford, Ontario
Tel: 519.752.2483

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For a full list of information for Doors Open Brant visit:
www.doorsopenbrant.ca

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A Celebration of Our Community's Heritage

Introduction

9th Annual Doors Open Brant invites you to celebrate our community's heritage and culture. This unique event is a way of educating and informing community members on the importance of our history. Historical sites in Brantford, Brant County and Six Nations are opening their doors on Saturday September 24, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free to the public. This year's day-long celebration features 19 sites rich in cultural treasures and architectural legacies. Each site will be offering unique on-site programming. Enjoy guided tours, listen to music and discover native heritage.

We warmly invite you to come experience our national historic sites, art galleries, and museums; first-class shopping, dining and accommodations; enjoy the magnificence of the Grand River and the Trans Canada Trail that wind their way through our communities. On behalf of the City of Brantford, County of Brant and Six Nations/New Credit, we hope you enjoy your day with us

History

The first Doors Open took place in France in 1984. The idea spread to neighbouring countries and cities and soon came to North America.

In 2002 the Ontario Heritage Trust launched Doors Open Ontario, the first province-wide event in Canada. From April to October each year, communities open their doors to the public to experience the rich heritage and cultural treasures each site has to offer. Doors Open Brant has proudly partaken in this event since 2003.



Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead National Historical Site

359 Blue Lake Road, St. George - 519.448.1130
www.hoodlesshomestead.ca
Built: 1851

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Visit the birthplace and childhood home of one of Canada's most eminent citizens, who raised the level of education for girls. Adelaide Hunter Hoodless is also credited with co-founding the National Council of Women, the Victorian Order of Nurses, the Women's Institute, and the YWCA. The homestead depicts life in mid-19th century rural Ontario. The homestead was built by John Bray, who was a War of 1812 veteran. A labourer and his family lived on the property when Adelaide was a young child. The house has many unique features. There is an original stone fireplace in the basement, which would have been used for food preparation. The peak at the front of the house is not original and was added in the 1880's. A former hostess and guests have shared stories of ghostly activity present within the house.

Free parking, wheelchair accessible on first floor, public washroom accessible.



Asa Wolverton House

52 Grand River Street South, Paris - 519.442.1652
www.bbcanada.com/10616.html
Built: 1851

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This Greek Revival plantation house, built on a sloping site beside the Grand River, was the home of Asa Wolverton, the former mayor of Paris and a prosperous lumber dealer. Asa and his family were loyalists from New York and welcomed the free slaves that came to Canada via the underground railway. Folklore has it that many slaves came to live with the Wolverton's. The house has a unique construction. He and his wife had no children so the house was built with only one bedroom. The carriage house is attached to the main manor and the barn is attached to the carriage house. The style of this house exemplifies a form of construction rarely used in Ontario and parallels styles found in the Maritimes. The house is currently undergoing a complete historically correct restoration that will take ten years to complete. The restoration, now in its fourth year, is well underway with the pillars and balcony restored.

Free parking, wheelchair accessible, washroom accessible.



Brantford Municipal Airport

110 Aviation Drive, County Highway 53, Burford - 519.753.3617
www.brantfordairport.ca
Established: 1939

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The Brantford Municipal Airport was opened November 11, 1940 as part of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. Brantford was the Number 5 Service Flying Training School which trained pilots on the Anson aircraft. Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip landed at the Brantford Airport on October 1, 1984. The airport, owned since 1970 by the City of Brantford, has served the community and surrounding area for over 70 years, when it opened to support Second World War efforts. The Brantford Flight Centre is also located here, operated by the Brantford Flying Club, one of the oldest flying clubs in Canada. It started in 1929 as the first Brantford Airport on King George Road. The Brantford Municipal Airport is the 4th largest airport in the Greater Toronto Area- behind Toronto Pearson, Hamilton and Waterloo airports.

Guided tours occur every 30 minutes. Restaurant on site open 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Sightseeing flights available (weather permitting). \$40.00 per person.



Bell Plaque - Mt. Pleasant

Bell Canada Structure
705 Mt. Pleasant Road, Mount Pleasant

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On August 3, 1876 the first of a series of distance tests of the telephone was made to the A. Wallace Ellis General Store in this community. Standing in the store, Alexander Graham Bell heard his Uncle David Bell's voice from the Dominion Telegraph Office five miles away (8 km) in downtown Brantford. This test was a local attempt only and not promoted publicly. Before this test the telephone was seen as a parlour game. Three public tests were attempted in Boston in July 1876 but each had failed. The plaque was unveiled on October 14, 1961. Telephone Pioneers of America sponsored the plaque.

Public parking available.



Bell Homestead National Historic Site

94 Tutela Heights Road, Brantford - 519.756.6220
www.bellhomestead.ca
Built: 1858

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On July 26, 1874 Alexander Graham Bell changed the realm of communication forever, when he grasped the principle that would allow his invention, the telephone, to work. Carefully restored to the period when the Bell's lived there, this National Historic Site includes an extensive collection of the family's furnishings. Ninety percent of the furnishings exhibited in the Homestead are original Bell family artefacts. The first draft of the patent specifications for the telephone was written at the Bell Homestead in September of 1875. The Bell Homestead grounds are ever-evolving to reflect the 1870's farm that the Bell family occupied. Experience the lifestyle of the post-Confederation period. Also view the Henderson Home, Canada's first telephone business office from 1877. In 1969, it was relocated from downtown Brantford to the Bell Homestead. The Henderson home includes a restored 1930's telephone exchange and examples of each stage in the evolution of the modern telephone.

Public parking available, washroom accessible.



Bell Memorial

41 West Street, Brantford
Architect: Walter S. Allward Built: 1917

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Alexander Graham Bell attended the unveiling of the Bell Memorial on October 24, 1917 and confirmed, "Brantford is justified in calling herself 'The Telephone City,' because the telephone originated here." The memorial was delayed because of The Great War between 1914 and 1918. This art deco granite and bronze memorial was designed by Walter S. Allward, one of Canada's most important monument sculptors of the early 1900's. The memorial is unfinished because there was supposed to be a water feature in the back. The allegorical style of the monument presents several aspects of the invention.

Public parking available, wheelchair accessible, washroom available.



Bell Business Centre

Harmony Square
150 Colborne Street, Brantford

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This is the site of the original Dominion Telegraph Office, the location from which Bell conducted his distance experiments. Here Bell was able to use the existing telegraph lines that crisscrossed the continent. View original equipment on display while interpreters tell the story of the first experiments. On August 4, 1876 there was a call made to Bell's home for dinner party guests. The August 4th test used stove-pipe wire strung from the telegraph line running up Mt. Pleasant Road along farm fence posts to the house.

Public parking available, wheelchair accessible, washroom available.



First Baptist Church

17 West Street, Brantford Architect: John Turner
www.firstbaptistbrantford.com
Built: 1857

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Designed by John Turner, First Baptist Church was built in 1857 in the Italianate style. The curvilinear lines on the exterior lead the eye upward so that one enjoys the whole structure. The church has many beautiful features, including the attractive glass windows over the front doors, the four manuals in the massive organ and the visible organ pipes. A vertical lift was installed in recent years and the roof and pews have also been replaced. In the sanctuary, the illuminated stained-glass window entitled "The Light of the World," originally painted by William Holman Hunt, is the primary focus of the sanctuary.

Public parking available, washroom accessible and wheelchair accessible.



Kayanase Greenhouses

973 Highway 54, near Chiefswood Road, Ohsweken
519.445.0013 www.kayanase.ca
Built: 2010

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Tour the 55,000-square-foot greenhouse and adjacent operations – the new home of Kayanase's native plant, seed and ecological restoration business. Kayanase is dedicated to improving the health of Mother Earth – one seed, one plant, one species at a time – using science-based approaches and traditional ecological knowledge. It is actively working to establish a national Native Seed Bank. All seeds are collected within 75km of the greenhouses. All seeds are then cleaned and cared for at the greenhouses.

Guided tours available.



Myrtleville House Museum

34 Myrtleville Drive, Brantford - 519.752.3216
www.brantmuseum.ca
Built: 1837

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Explore Brant County's agricultural heritage at Myrtleville House, which tells the tale of four generations of the Good family. The house was built in 1837. The property's period gardens, workshop with blacksmith's forge and icehouse, smokehouse and bake oven show visitors what life was like for an early settler.

Myrtleville is rich in cultural heritage. The weeping willow tree by the workshop was brought here from France in 1842 by Anne Carroll who came here to teach the children of Myrtleville. The Blacksmith's forge in the workshop was built by William Charles Good when he was just 14 years old. The bricks for the W. Ross MacDonald school were made from the clay at the Myrtleville Farm. By the 1850's the Good Family had over 600 acres of land.

Hands-on activities. Guided tours available. Public parking available, wheelchair accessible on the main floor, washroom accessible.



Riverview Terrace

104 Brant Avenue, Brantford - 519.756.4141
www.riverview-terrace.com
Built: 1871

This elegant and completely restored 1871 mansion is now a modern retirement residence. It was originally home to the family of David Plewes, who owned the Holmedale and Kirby flour mills. David Plewes was also on the Brantford Town Council from 1869-1871. The building was designed by renowned architect, John Turner. Limited evidence of the gas lighting system remains, along with many other original architectural features. The parlour has red mahogany floors, plaster ceilings, a rare square grand piano and built in shutters. The heritage room houses old photos of the town of Brantford.

Public parking available, washroom accessible and wheelchair accessible.



Canadian Industrial Heritage Centre

Grand River Health Centre Lobby, Community Room, and Outside Lot.

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347 Colborne Street, Brantford - 519.732.1000
www.canadianindustrialheritage.org
Established: 2000

The CIHC presents the exhibit "The Industries of Greenwich-Mohawk," featuring the history and significance of local enterprises such as the Cockshutt Plow Company, Sternson Chemicals, the Adams Wagon Company, and Brantford Coach & Body. The display includes antique Cockshutt farm equipment, historic photographs and artefacts related to local industrial heritage. The CIHC mission is to establish an industrial heritage centre in the city of Brantford. The CHIC is governed by a volunteer board and has membership from across Canada, all interested in preserving and promoting our industrial heritage.

Public parking available, wheelchair accessible.



Grand River Employment & Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Centre

16 Sunrise Court, Ohsweken
Built: 2003

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The G.R.E.A.T. Centre in partnership with Service Canada, is an Aboriginal organization specializing in Employment & Training for Onkwehon: we of Six Nations. Through G.R.E.A.T., citizens of Six Nations have access to the Job Bank and other employment

related computerized information sites. The design of this innovative, multipurpose community facility is based on the concept of a group of converging longhouses and pays homage to a traditional longhouse village where all types of activities take place. The barrel-vaulted steel structures and linkages serve as a focal point for community gatherings, social functions, and an education and training centre.

Guided tours available. Samples of native cuisine presented. Craft activities for children. Scheduled tours start at 9:20 a.m. and occur on the hour thereafter. Public parking available, washroom accessible and wheelchair accessible.



Mount Pleasant United Church

669 Mount Pleasant Road, Mount Pleasant
Architect: John Turner Built: 1863

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In 1853 the Wesleyan Methodists commissioned Brantford architect, John Turner, to design their Italianate-style church, and later the manse. John Turner is remembered in many South-Western Ontario communities for the legacy of his architectural excellence, including the Brant County Courthouse, Riverview Terrace, Beckett-Glaves Funeral Home and Grace Anglican Church. The prominence of this first church reflected not only the appeal of Methodism locally, but also, the prosperity and increased sophistication as the village moved out of the pioneer era. Further alterations were made in 1963.

Public parking available, washroom accessible and wheelchair accessible.



Paris Baptist Church

25 Broadway Street West, Paris
Architect: John Turner Built: 1885

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The congregation was formed in 1843 and built their first church on Bobby West Street. Later they commissioned John Turner to design a larger church downtown. The building cost \$15,000.00 and was opened debt-free on October 1885. Features of the church include the Good Shepherd window, a Peguegnat clock, the organ and the balcony. The official opening of the completed church was held in October 1886. Architect John Turner not only designed the Paris Church, but is also known for his great designs of St. Basil's Roman Catholic Church, Park Baptist Church and the original Zion United Church (now St. Andrew's)

Bottled water available. Public parking available, wheelchair accessible, washroom accessible.

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