

New exhibits abound at St. Catharines Museum and Welland Canals Centre

March 29, 2021 — There's loads of new ways to explore local history at the St. Catharines Museum and Welland Canals Centre.

Come April 1, the museum's latest exhibit — Just a Line to Say — opens, alongside several other exhibits that opened during the latest lockdown and until now have largely remained unseen by the public. With travel on hold due to the pandemic, Just a Line to Say, invites residents to take a trip and connect with the world around them via postcards from the museum's archives and resident submissions. This exhibit is open until March 31, 2022.

That isn't all that's on the docket at the museum however. Marking Time opened in December during the lockdown, inviting visitors to experience how community members have marked significant life events and milestones in the past through textiles, photographs and artifacts from the museum collection. Marking Time runs until Nov. 16.

Another exhibit, Positive About Being Positive: Supporting, Educating, and Advocating for 30 Years, celebrates 30 years of advocacy and support for those living with HIV / AIDS by Positive Living Niagara. The exhibit runs until Jan. 15, 2022.

"We like to celebrate our local history in all of our exhibits and the new exhibits we've opened in the last few months tell a wide variety of stories about our community," said Supervisor of Historical Services Kathleen Powell, adding, "we encourage everyone to come and witness the history of our community at work."

Guests will also be treated to some new permanent improvements to the museum, most notably the new Welland Canals Gallery interpretive space. As the first phase in the museum's ambitious interpretive plan and housed on the main floor in view of Lock 3, the gallery provides insight into the operation of the Welland Canal and its history.

For more information on the St. Catharines Museum and Welland Canals Centre visit stcatharines.ca/Museum.

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