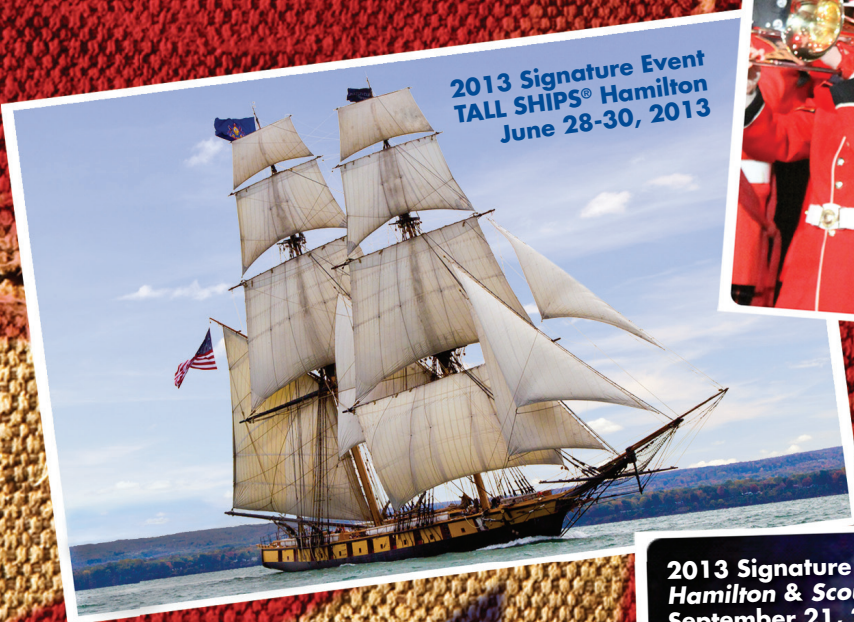


HAMILTON WAR OF 1812 **BICENTENNIAL** **IT'S HAPPENING HERE**



2013 Signature Event
Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek
June 1-2, 2013

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2013 Signature Event
TALL SHIPS® Hamilton
June 28-30, 2013



2013 Signature Event
Canadian International Military Tattoo
June 8-9, 2013



2013 Signature Event
Hamilton & Scourge Memorial
September 21, 2013

**Your Guide to
Events, Attractions,
History, and more!**

IT HAPPENED HERE,

200 years ago – events that defined the War of 1812 and the 200 years of peace that followed between Canada and the United States. Experience the urgency of battle, the honour of remembrance, the grandeur of tall ships and the forging of peace – all in Hamilton.



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

BOB BRATINA
MAYOR OF HAMILTON

Hello and welcome -- It's an exciting time to visit Hamilton!

The War of 1812 is an important chapter in Canada's history, and this year's Bicentennial of the War of 1812, right here in Hamilton, will feature some of the most engaging commemorations of a time that helped shape our country's identity, 200 years ago.

Inside the pages of the *It's Happening Here!* events guide, you will find everything you need to experience the War of 1812 Bicentennial and discover Hamilton's crucial role in the nation-defining conflict.

One of the must-see events of the year is the Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek at Battlefield House Museum & Park, which is marking 200 years since the battle was fought on June 6, 1813. Also returning to Hamilton is the Canadian International Military Tattoo's inspiring show of stirring music, dance, pipes & drums, and military displays with special commemorations honouring the Battle of Stoney Creek.

We are also pleased to welcome the TALL SHIPS® Hamilton 1812 Tour to Pier 8 as part of the Great Lakes 2013 TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE™. Arriving under a parade of sail on Canada Day long weekend, these magnificent Tall Ships® will excite the imagination of both young and old.

Later in the year, the City will also recognize the sinking of The *Hamilton* and *Scourge*, two American Navy vessels with the loss of some 53 seaman in August 1813. Today, they rest under 300 feet of water in Lake Ontario.

We hope you find our War of 1812 Bicentennial commemorations engaging and educational as you discover a time in our country's history that started us on a path to nationhood.

For all the up-to-date event listings and inspiring stories, visit 1812Hamilton.com, or visit us in person at the new Tourism Hamilton Visitor Centre, in the iconic Lister Block in downtown Hamilton.

Yours Sincerely,

Bob Bratina

Robert Bratina
Mayor



IT'S HAPPENING HERE!

Exhibit: Moose, Knife and Fire: The Bloody Assize

Fieldcote Memorial Park & Museum
64 Sulphur Springs Rd., Ancaster

"You are to be drawn on hurdles to place of execution, hanged by the neck but not until dead, cut down while alive and your entrails taken out and burnt before your faces, your heads cut off, bodies divided into four quarters, heads and quarters to be at the King's disposal." This exhibit explores Ancaster's experience during the War of 1812, highlighting the Bloody Assize. Against the backdrop of the re-created courtroom of the former Union Hotel, view giant paintings of the prosecutors and accused, explore the evidence and judge for yourself. Discover the impact of the war on local farmers and residents, amidst the surroundings of an 1812 barn interior.

Date: Through Tuesday, September 30, 2014
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Tuesday to Saturday)
Ages: All
Cost: Adults: \$3.50. Seniors/Youth: \$3.00.
Children: \$2.50. Infants: Free. Family: \$9.00
Contact: 905-648-8144
fieldcote@hamilton.ca
www.hamilton.ca/museums

As I Take Up This Pen - A Dramatic Presentation

Battlefield House Museum & Park
77 King St. W., Stoney Creek

Take a trip back in time and hear the voices of the people who lived on, fought on and worked to preserve the land that makes up Battlefield Park.

Date: Saturday, March 23, 2013
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Ages: All
Cost: FREE Event
Contact: 905-662-8458
battlefield@hamilton.ca
www.hamilton.ca/museums

Bicentennial of the War of 1812 Lecture Series

Battlefield House Museum & Park
77 King St. W., Stoney Creek

In Search of Jane Austen - A Pilgrimage to Lyme Regis, Chawton, & Winchester

Date: Tuesday, April 09, 2013
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Ages: All
Cost: FREE Event
Contact: 905-662-8458
battlefield@hamilton.ca
www.hamilton.ca/museums

Unveiling of the Bicentennial Quilt and Barn Quilts

Stoney Creek United Church
1 King St. W., Stoney Creek

In partnership with the Stoney Creek Quilter's Guild and the Women's Art Association, please join us at the Stoney Creek United Church for this exciting unveiling. Light refreshments will be served.

Date: Saturday, April 20, 2013
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Ages: All
Cost: FREE Event
Contact: 905-662-8458
battlefield@hamilton.ca
www.hamilton.ca/museums

War of 1812-themed "Stories in the Stones" Cemetery Tours

Hamilton Cemetery,
777 York Blvd., Hamilton
Meet at the Gatehouse across from Dundurn

Join Robin McKee of Historical Perceptions for a lively, informative tour of selected grave sites in the historic Hamilton Cemetery. Each tour will introduce you to some of Hamilton's interesting personalities and its rich history. Reservations are not required. Tours happen rain or shine. Schedule subject to change.

NOTE: This tour contains outdoor components; please come dressed for the weather and for walking on uneven terrain.

Date: SATURDAYS, May 11, June 1 & 15, July 13, August 10 & 24, September 14, October 5, November 2
Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Ages: All
Cost: FREE
Contact: 905-544-9559
robin_mckee@hotmail.com
www.hamiltonhistory.ca

Bicentennial of the War of 1812 Lecture Series

Battlefield House Museum & Park
77 King St. W., Stoney Creek

More than a Battlefield - Buried History at Battlefield Park

Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2013
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Ages: All
Cost: FREE Event
Contact: 905-662-8458
battlefield@hamilton.ca
www.hamilton.ca/museums

The Heights: A War of 1812 Tour of Dundurn National Historic Site

Hamilton Military Museum
610 York Blvd., Hamilton

Explore how Dundurn Castle was built on the history of the War of 1812. Burlington Heights, where Dundurn now stands, was occupied by the British military from 1813 until 1815. Discover evidence of military fortifications in the Hamilton Cemetery, Dundurn Park and in the cellar of Dundurn.

Date: SATURDAYS, May 18, June 02, July 06 & 20, August 03, September 07, 2013
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Ages: 10 years and up.
Cost: \$20 per person. Pre-registration required.
Contact: 905-546-2872
military@hamilton.ca
www.hamilton.ca/museums

Dominion Conference of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada - Hamilton Branch

Holiday Inn Burlington
3063 South Service Rd., Burlington

Loyalists from across Canada will be visiting the area in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Stoney Creek. Participants will enjoy local tours to heritage sites in Hamilton and Niagara, speakers on topics such as "early medicines" and "Ontario furs: then and now", and special dinners with quality entertainment.

Date: Thursday, May 30 through Sunday June 2, 2013
Time: 12:00 p.m. Thursday through 12:00 p.m. Sunday
Ages: 18+ years
Cost: See website, Pre-registration required.
Contact: 905-575-9878
ruth.nicholson@sympatico.ca
glohoward@shaw.ca
www.uel-hamilton.com

100th Anniversary of the Opening of the Battlefield Monument

Battlefield House Museum & Park
77 King St. W., Stoney Creek

One of Stoney Creek's most recognizable landmarks, the 100-foot-tall Battlefield Monument was opened in June, 1913, with thousands of people in attendance. Travel back in time to mark this anniversary, with costumes, music and more.

Date: Friday, May 31, 2013
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Ages: All
Cost: \$0.25 per person. 1913 prices!
Contact: 905-662-8458
battlefield@hamilton.ca
www.hamilton.ca/museums

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Smith's Knoll Memorial Parade and Service

Battlefield House Museum & Park
77 King St. W., Stoney Creek

To commemorate the Battle of Stoney Creek and honour those who fought, the City of Hamilton and local Stoney Creek Legions invite you to a Memorial Parade and Service, including a rededication of Battlefield Cemetery at Smith's Knoll and the opening of a new commemorative landscape. The Smith's Knoll Commemoration Project is supported by the City of Hamilton, Heritage Green Community Trust and the Government of Canada.

Date: Friday, May 31, 2013
Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Ages: All
Cost: FREE event.
Contact: 905-662-8458
battlefield@hamilton.ca
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SIGNATURE Event: Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek

Battlefield House Museum & Park
77 King St. W., Stoney Creek

The year 2013 marks the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Stoney Creek. Experience the drama, pageantry, and excitement of the Battle of Stoney Creek of June 6, 1813, one of the most important events in Canada's history. Bring the whole family for games, food, demonstrations, musical entertainment, fireworks, and the Re-enactment itself.

Date: Saturday, June 01, 2013 to
Sunday, June 02, 2013
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. and
10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Ages: All
Cost: \$10 for adults. \$5 for youth.
Children under 5 free. (Cost covers the
whole weekend. Wristband provided).
Contact: 905-662-8458
battlefield@hamilton.ca
www.hamilton.ca/museums



SIGNATURE Event: Canadian International Military Tattoo

Copps Coliseum
Bay St. & York Blvd., Hamilton

Connecting Canadians to Their Military through Music - An inspiring 2½ hour show of stirring music, dancing, pipes & drums and military displays. With the theme "IT HAPPENED HERE, IT'S HAPPENING HERE" the Tattoo will feature a commemoration of the Battle of Stoney Creek which happened two hundred years ago in 1813. The Corps of Drums of the Royal Anglian Regiment and The Colchester Military Wives Choir from Great Britain have been invited as featured performing groups.

Date: Saturday, June 08, 2013 and
Sunday, June 09, 2013
Time: Saturday - 7:30 p.m.; Sunday - 2:30 p.m.
Ages: All
Cost: See website. Variety of ticket pricing available.
Contact: For ticket information:
905-523-1753 or 1-800-523-1753
info@canadianmilitarytattoo.ca



Ancaster Heritage Days: Mr. Ancaster's Magical Mystery Bus Tour and Tea - Ancaster Farms and the War of 1812

Ancaster Old Town Hall
310 Wilson St. E., Ancaster

Join Mr. Ancaster - Jim Green, Winner of the 2010 T. Melville Bailey Heritage Award - on a historical mystery bus tour of Ancaster farms. Tour will include discussion of the impact of the War of 1812 and free admission to Fieldcote's Moose, Knife and Fire: The Bloody Assize exhibition. The tour will be followed by tea and sweets at the Ancaster Old Town Hall. The bus leaves from the Old Town Hall parking lot, 310 Wilson Street.

Date: Sunday, June 09, 2013
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Ages: All
Cost: \$10 per person. Pre-registration required.
Contact: 905-648-8144
fieldcote@hamilton.ca
www.hqhamilton.ca/museums

Hamilton & Scourge Sunken Sunset: Images from the 2008 Underwater Survey

Art Gallery of Hamilton (Jean and Ross Fischer Gallery)
123 King St. W., Hamilton

Capsized during a terrible storm in August 1813, War of 1812 era warships the *Hamilton* & *Scourge* now sit at the bottom of Lake Ontario. Brilliantly coloured sonar images, which are part of the system used by the City of Hamilton to monitor the schooners' condition, present the vessels in a unique light underwater.

Date: June 22, 2013 through November 10, 2013.
Time: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Thursday 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m..
Visit www.artgalleryofhamilton.com for special holiday hours and monthly Friday Free Night hours (holidays and free nights)

Ages: All
Cost: Free admission to the Jean and Ross Fischer Gallery. Paid admission to Gallery Level One exhibitions.
Contact: 905-527-6610
info@artgalleryofhamilton.com
www.artgalleryofhamilton.com



SIGNATURE Event: TALL SHIPS® Hamilton

Pier 8
Discovery Dr. Hamilton

The majestic tall ships are coming to Hamilton's waterfront as part of the War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemorations. The excitement will begin June 28 with the Parade of Sail and Opening Ceremonies. Daily June 29 and 30 visitors can go aboard the ships and sail on selected ships (for a fee), enjoy free on-land activities, music, food and more. Return for July 1 Canada Day celebrations at nearby Bayfront and Pier 4 Parks. Fireworks begin at dusk.

Date: Friday, June 28 to Sunday, June 30, 2013
Time: Parade of Sail Friday 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.. Ship deck tours and activities Saturday and Sunday starting at 10:00 a.m.
Ages: All
Cost: Ship deck tours \$10 per person. Children under 5 free.
Contact: 905-546-2424, ext. 5771
1812@hamilton.ca
www.1812hamilton.com

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Regency Family Picnic

Battlefield House Museum & Park
77 King St. W., Stoney Creek

Fun, fellowship and entertainment for the whole family. Bring your own picnic lunch to Battlefield Park or purchase refreshments at the concession stand.

Date: Sunday, July 21, 2013
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Ages: All
Cost: FREE Event
Contact: 905-662-8458
battlefield@hamilton.ca
www.hamilton.ca/museums

George Hamilton Day 2013 - The Life and Times of Sara Calder

Battlefield House Museum & Park
77 King St. W., Stoney Creek

In honour of the City's founder, City Council proclaimed the August Holiday Monday as George Hamilton Day. Burlington celebrates Joseph Brant Day, Toronto celebrates Simcoe Day, and we celebrate George Hamilton Day! Each year on George Hamilton Day we also celebrate the contribution of a famous historical figure selected by the citizens of Hamilton. This year Hamilton citizens voted to acknowledge the contributions of Sara Calder in the preservation of the Gage family home and Battlefield Park. Join us for activities in the park, musical entertainment, refreshments, and a presentation: The Life and Times of Sara Calder.

Date: Monday, August 6, 2013
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Ages: All
Cost: FREE Event
Contact: 905-546-2424 ext. 4688
Christopher.Redford@hamilton.ca
www.hamilton.ca/museums

Sara Calder Day

Battlefield House Museum & Park
77 King St. W., Stoney Creek

Celebrate the birthday of the woman who ensured the preservation of the Gage family home and the site of the Battle of Stoney Creek. Enjoy free admission to the Museum. Light refreshments will be served in the rear garden of Nash Jackson House at 2:00 p.m.

Date: Tuesday, August 20, 2013
Time: 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Ages: All
Cost: FREE Event
Contact: 905-662-8458
battlefield@hamilton.ca
www.hamilton.ca/museums

SIGNATURE Event: *Hamilton & Scourge* Memorial - On-the-Water

The City of Hamilton and its honoured guests will board the Canadian Coast Guard Ship Griffon and cruise to the site of the tragic sinking of the armed schooners *Hamilton & Scourge*. A commemorative ceremony honouring the 53 sailors who gave their lives for their country on August 8, 1813 will take place. The ceremony will feature representation from the United States Navy and Royal Canadian Navy in recognition of the largest loss of life for the United States Navy on Lake Ontario during the war and official peace between our nations over the last two hundred years. The ceremony will be the centrepiece of a film entitled *On-the-Water*. The public premiere of the film is at Dundurn National Historic Site on September 21, 2013.

Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2013
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Ages: Not a public event
Contact: 905-546-2424, ext. 2530
Michael.McAllister@hamilton.ca
www.hamilton-scourge.hamilton.ca



SIGNATURE Event: *Hamilton & Scourge* Memorial - On-the-Land

Dundurn National Historic Site
610 York Blvd., Hamilton

Join us for a full day of events to celebrate 200 years of peace and remember the 53 American sailors who lost their lives during the sinking of the United States Navy schooners *Hamilton & Scourge*, in August of 1813. Taking place on the grounds of Dundurn National Historic Site the event will feature the debut of *On-the-Water*, a film made during the recent commemoration ceremony on September 4, on the flight deck of the Canadian Coast Guard Ship Griffon over the site of the sunken ships. Throughout the day there will be music, indoor and outdoor children's activities such as military drills and dress-up. Dundurn Castle and the Hamilton Military Museum will also be offering free admission beginning at 12:00 p.m.

Date: Saturday, September 21, 2013
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Ages: All
Cost: Free
Contact: 905-546-2424, ext. 2530
dundurn@hamilton.ca
www.hamilton-scourge.hamilton.ca

Noose, Knife, Fire and Plough - Ancaster and the War of 1812

Ancaster Old Town Hall
310 Wilson St. E., Ancaster

Join us for coffee, treats, and a talk about Ancaster's experience during the War of 1812, highlighting the Bloody Assize. Guest Speaker Lois Corey, Curator of Fieldcote Memorial Park & Museum will discuss the historic 1814 trial for high treason that took place in the Ancaster Union Hotel and the impact of the war on local farmers and residents.

Date: Wednesday, November 06, 2013
Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Ages: All
Cost: FREE Event
Contact: 905-648-8144
fieldcote@hamilton.ca
www.hamilton.ca/museums

We Remember

Hamilton Military Museum
610 York Blvd., Hamilton

Visit us free of charge on the weekend prior to Remembrance Day as we acknowledge the struggle of men and women in their work toward the goal of peace.

Date: Friday, November 08, 2013 to
Sunday, November 10, 2013
Time: 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Ages: All
Cost: FREE Admission
Contact: 905-546-2872
military@hamilton.ca
www.hamilton.ca/museums

Blood Ties to a Gentle Landscape

Hamilton Military Museum
610 York Blvd., Hamilton

Burlington Heights where Dundurn Castle and The Hamilton Military Museum now stand was occupied by the British military from 1813 until 1815. *Blood Ties to a Gentle Landscape* tells the story of the people who lived on and around Burlington Heights during the War of 1812. This exhibit will showcase the historical figures of this area through documentary evidence, period artifacts and stories passed down by their descendants.

Date: Saturday, February 01, 2014 to
Wednesday, September 30, 2015
Time: 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Ages: All
Cost: Adults: \$3.75. Seniors/Youth: \$3.25.
Children: \$2.75. Infants: Free. Family: \$8.75
FREE with admission to Dundurn Castle.
Contact: 905-546-2872
military@hamilton.ca
www.hamilton.ca/museums

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Burlington Heights

Burlington Heights, where Dundurn Castle now stands, was occupied by the British military from 1813 until 1815. The property was turned into a fortified supply depot and a staging area for British forces fighting in this area.



At a ceremony on Burlington Heights in 1815, a wampum was passed from the British to the Six Nations and a ritual of condolence was performed, announcing the peace with the Americans and grieving over the costs of war.



Battle Of Stoney Creek

On June 5, 1813, approximately 3,500 American forces advanced as far as the Gage family homestead in Stoney Creek, now Battlefield House Museum & Park. The British forces, leaving from Burlington Heights led a surprise night attack in the early hours of June 6.

Seven hundred British regulars from the King's (8th) Regiment of Foot and the 49th Regiment of Foot were supported by a small contingent of native warriors, led by John Norton. During an intense 40-minute battle, the British captured two American Generals and two field guns. The Americans were forced to retreat, never to advance as far into the Niagara Peninsula again.

Sinking Of The *Hamilton & Scourge*

The *Hamilton & Scourge* were two merchant schooners pressed into service by the United States Navy during the War of 1812. In the early hours of August 8, 1813 while the American and British fleets faced each other, the two sank in an unexpectedly violent storm. Fifty-three sailors perished in the largest loss of life in one naval engagement on Lake Ontario during the war. The ships sit upright and intact 90 metres (300 feet) beneath the surface of the lake. The ships were discovered in 1973, became a National Historic Site in 1976 and have been owned and managed by the City of Hamilton since 1980.

The Bloody Assize

In the spring of 1814, a special court of assize in Ancaster convicted 15 men of high treason for aiding the invading American forces. On July 20, 1814, eight were executed at Burlington Heights (where Dundurn Castle now stands). The remainder were exiled. These trials became known as "The Bloody Assize".

In June of 1814, the harsh sentence against 15 men convicted of High Treason was read aloud to a hushed courtroom in Ancaster, Upper Canada:

"You are to be drawn on hurdles to place of execution, hanged by the neck but not until dead, cut down while alive and your entrails taken out and burnt before your faces, your heads cut off, bodies divided into four quarters, heads and quarters to be at the King's disposal."



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Battlefield House Museum & Park National Historic Site

Visit this early 19th century homestead once home to the Gage family. During the War of 1812, the family retreated to their cellar as the Battle of Stoney Creek raged outside. The 100-foot-high Battlefield Monument, opened on June 6, 1913, stands as a symbol of peace and commemorates those soldiers who died on June 6, 1813.

www.hamilton.ca/museums
battlefield@hamilton.ca
905-662-8458



Hamilton & Scourge National Historic Site

Owned and protected by the City of Hamilton, this time capsule is a moment in history captured and preserved by the icy waters of Lake Ontario. Visit the *Hamilton & Scourge* Naval Memorial Garden in Confederation Park where a nautical flag-mast is flanked by fifty-three headstones that commemorate the loss of sailors from these two American schooners that capsized during the War of 1812.

www.hamilton-scourge.hamilton.ca
military@hamilton.ca
905-546-2872

Dundurn National Historic Site

Two decades after the war, Sir Allan MacNab built Dundurn Castle on Burlington Heights incorporating some of the surviving military buildings into the basement, including the Gunpowder Magazine and Sally Port. Today, visitors encounter the War of 1812 features during guided tours of the Castle.

The Hamilton Military Museum features artifacts from the property and two original War of 1812 uniforms. Starting in early 2014, visitors will experience Blood Ties to a Gentle Landscape, an exhibit designed to tell local stories about real people on and around Burlington Heights during the War of 1812. Admission is free with admission to Dundurn Castle.

www.hamilton.ca/museums
dundurn@hamilton.ca, 905-546-2872

Westfield Heritage Village

Encounter Westbrook Home, one of the oldest surviving buildings from Brant County and witness to the last land battle of the War of 1812 on Canadian soil: the Battle of Malcolm's Mills.

www.westfieldheritage.ca
westfield@speedway.ca, 519-621-8851



Smith's Knoll Monument & Memorial Garden

Visit this moving memorial to the fallen from the four Nations party to the conflict, featuring a stone cairn, statue of a lion, cannons and a beautiful memorial garden opening in June, 2013.

www.battlefieldhouse.ca
battlefield@hamilton.ca
905-662-8458



Royal Botanical Gardens' Peace Garden

Encounter this symbol of peace featuring 1,812 red geraniums in front of the T.B. McQuesten Lookout on York Blvd.

www.rbg.ca, info@rbg.ca, 905-527-1158

Virtual Tours

Experience a War of 1812 tour of Hamilton places and events, virtually! Learn about the British encampment at Burlington Heights, see the Battle of Stoney Creek unfold and explore virtual wrecks of the *Hamilton & Scourge* war ships.

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