



National Historic Site Castle Kilbride Reopens April 3, 2021

BADEN, ON – March 26, 2021 After three months of closed doors due to COVID-19, Castle Kilbride will be welcoming guests starting Saturday, April 3. The museum will adhere to all COVID-19 protocol governing public spaces and have planned a gradual reopening starting weekends. Staff are fully trained and eager to welcome new and returning visitors to this beloved National Historic Site.

“We are thrilled to be reopening our doors once again and we want to ensure that the safety and well-being of both visitors and staff is always our top priority,” said Tracy Loch, Director/Curator. “Prior to the province-wide mandatory closure in December, the museum was nearly sold out every weekend and we hope visitors will enjoy being back and reconnecting with Castle Kilbride and the Livingston family history.”

Visitors to the museum will be asked to follow the safety procedures that were in place prior including sanitizing hands, maintaining physical distancing, and wearing a mask. Tickets will continue to be booked online and in advance with groups of five or less people. “Online booking has been a fantastic tool for us to ensure a safe and comfortable space for visitors to enjoy while touring Castle Kilbride and we look forward to welcoming you,” said Assistant Curator Sherri Gropp.

During the 35-minute guided tour, experienced Castle Kilbride staff will proudly showcase the 1877 mansion along with their newest exhibit *My Dearly Departed* which has been carried over from 2020. This exhibit highlights the 100th anniversary of the death of Canada’s Flax Mill King and owner of Castle Kilbride James Livingston, along with fascinating Victorian mourning customs and traditions.

To learn more and reserve your Castle Kilbride tour ticket prior to your visit, go to: www.castlekilbride.ca, or like us on Facebook @CastleKilbride.

About Castle Kilbride:

Step back into the lavish Victorian era and visit Castle Kilbride, the jewel of Wilmot Township. Built in 1877, Castle Kilbride is the restored and furnished grand Italianate home of James Livingston, Canada’s “Flax Mill King.” The Livingston family resided at the Castle from 1877 to 1988. In 1993, the Township of Wilmot purchased Castle Kilbride and an extensive restoration project began to bring back the home back to its former glory. The new museum opened to the public in 1994. The home features nationally designated three-dimensional wall and ceiling murals known as, *Trompe l’oeil*, a French term that translates into “fools your eye” or “trickery of the eye.” These magnificent murals reflect the Victorian love of extravagance and variety while providing an interesting illusion of depth. The museum is located at 60 Snyder’s Road West in the town of Baden. Located on Hwy 7/8 between Kitchener and Stratford. Exit at Road 51/Foundry Street in Baden and follow museum signage.

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