

The Ontario Heritage Fairs Association Celebrates in Person and Virtually in 2023

June 2023 — This year, the Ontario Heritage Fairs Association (OHFA) is proud to celebrate with students across Ontario during two in-person provincial celebrations and through a virtual showcase to be launched on June 6, 2023.

At the end of May and beginning of June, students from across Ontario who participated in regional heritage fairs celebrated their research efforts during two provincial in-person celebrations.

On May 27, 2023, 25 students from Durham, Niagara, Simcoe, Thames Valley and Toronto were given the opportunity to learn more about art, global cultures and natural history as they visited the many galleries of the Royal Ontario Museum, took part in a presentation by J.J. Lee, Associate Professor, artist, and writer, and learned more about the Ontario Legislature on a walking tour.

On June 3, 2023, 19 students from Kingston and Ottawa took part in guided tours at two important national historic sites – Fort Henry, a 19th-century British military fortress, and the Murney Tower Museum, one of Kingston’s fortifications established in 1846. They also attended a curator’s workshop at the Murney Tower Museum, learned more about Kingston’s history on a walking tour and took part in educational activities.

On June 6, the OHFA will be launching its 2023 Virtual Provincial Heritage Fair. The virtual fair will highlight 87 projects created by 112 students from regional heritage fairs across Ontario. The website will also include a video featuring interviews with students from various fairs.

The Ontario Heritage Fairs program is an initiative developed to increase public awareness and interest in Canadian history among the younger generation.

To view the Ontario Heritage Fairs Association Virtual Provincial Fair and to learn more about the program, visit the website at <https://ohfa.ca>.