

RAMEZAY EXPRESS

CHÂTEAU RAMEZAY
HISTORIC SITE AND MUSEUM OF MONTRÉAL

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WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER

The 150th anniversary celebrations of the Antiquarian and Numismatic Society of Montréal (ANSM) will be officially launched on June 20 with a wine tasting fundraiser. This event will feature a selection of wines carefully chosen by Véronique Rivest, renowned sommelier. The prestigious Club Chasse et Pêche will prepare special dishes for the event pairing wine and gastronomy. There will also be door prizes and a silent auction.

To reserve your tickets, please contact Catherine Bussièrès at 514 861-3708, ext. 223, or by email at cbussièrès@chateauramezay.qc.ca.

June 20, 2012, 5:30 p.m.



A PROJECT FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

The Château Ramezay hopes to mark the 150th anniversary of its Society by fulfilling a long-term endeavor: opening the former Gosford Tunnel to the public. The development of this 1,000 square meter area will allow the Museum to offer rooms specifically designed to host groups and hold various educational and cultural activities. This space will also provide for a new temporary exhibition room to ensure that conditions meet the highest conservation standards; as well as a collection and archive area to allow easy access for researchers. The Museum turns away thousands of students every year due to a lack of space, and therefore many educational activities cannot take place. To meet demands and pursue its mission of preservation, dissemination and education; the Museum hopes that authorities will recognize the importance of this project and take this opportunity to support the institution in its development.



Partial view of the Tunnel
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CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERISM

Volunteerism has been fundamental to our Society since its establishment in 1862. Throughout 2012, the Ramezay Express will feature some of the Museum's members whose work has increased our visibility.



MAURICE FORGET, Member of the Board of Trustees

Counsel, Fasken Martineau law firm

An art and history enthusiast from his earliest days, Maurice Forget spends his time and energy in various cultural organizations and institutions. Why did he decide to get involved in the Château Ramezay's activities? "I love the history of the Château as a witness to Montréal life and its splendor. The Museum is over a 100 years old and the building, over 300 years old! It's an intimate and friendly place and the atmosphere transports us back to the 18th century. It's an institution where the role of volunteers is essential and greatly appreciated. This enthusiasm and respect ensure a genuine vitality that future generations will enjoy."



YVAN HÉROUX, Former Chairman of the Board of Directors

Vice-President Québec, NAI Commercial

"It was through a stroke of luck that I joined the Museum's team as a member of the Board of Directors. With the support of outstanding volunteers, I had the opportunity to work with a team that is dedicated to our city's history." Ten years have passed since Yvan Héroux joined Château Ramezay's big family. With its beautiful Garden, many educational activities and original exhibitions, he considers the Château to be one of Montréal's best kept secrets. That's why Mr. Héroux takes pride in conveying his passion for history and the Museum to all those willing to share it with him.



ANDRÉ DU SAULT, Member of the Board of Directors

President, Du Sault & Haddad Cabinet Conseil Inc.

During his business ventures, André Du Sault has had the opportunity to travel around the world and open his mind to various cultures. It's this openness that led him to Château Ramezay to discover his own roots. Why the Château? "It beautifies the Old Montréal, and enriches Québec's collective memory. In short, it preserves our heritage." In his opinion, the outstanding work done by the Museum's team is a reflection of the Château's proud mission of education and preservation of historic heritage. "Ticket in hand, it was as a visitor that I first experienced the Château Ramezay. Today, I am delighted to be here as a volunteer."



VALERIE AITKEN, President of the English Guides Association

Valerie Aitken's interest in history led her to the Château Ramezay to become a guide more than four years ago. Her enthusiasm for teaching coupled with the Museum's experienced team of volunteers seemed like the perfect opportunity. "The Château Ramezay is a welcoming place that exudes a warm atmosphere. This Museum is a major historical landmark; history lives within its walls. My involvement in the Château's activities have allowed me to meet people with fascinating backgrounds." Mrs. Aitken's involvement in the Museum includes giving educational tours to all ages. She is presently starting her second year as president of the English Guides Association.

150 YEARS OF ACTION: MONTRÉAL'S EVOLVING HERITAGE

The walls of the Château Ramezay still stand today thanks to the members of our Society, who saved it from demolition. This example of the protection of our heritage belongs to an inspiring tradition of similar actions in Montréal. To celebrate this strong spirit of commitment, the Château Ramezay, in partnership with Heritage Montreal Foundation, is presenting *150 years of action: Montréal's evolving heritage*. This exhibition is a retrospective on the theme of urban heritage and citizen action, to protect and enhance it.

From June 18 to October 8, 2012



Multilevel car park, 1956 © Archives de la Ville de Montréal, BC-40-003

TISSE MÉTIS ÉGAL

For the fourth consecutive year, the Reford Gardens are on display at place De La Dauversière! Presented in collaboration with the Château Ramezay, the ephemeral installation entitled *Tisse Métis Égal* has been created by the PLUX.5 collective. With its imposing urban furniture, the installation transforms space, atmosphere and experience. Discover a new perspective of the city through this unique work.

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IF SKELETONS COULD TALK

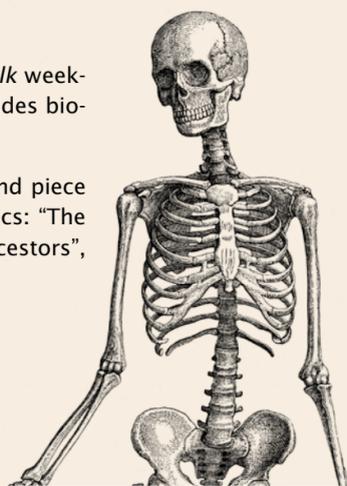
As part of Archaeology Month, the Château Ramezay invites you to the *If skeletons could talk* weekend. Discover secrets that the bones of the first Montrealers may reveal. The program includes bio-archaeology workshops for children and lectures for adults.

In this workshop, children 5-10 years old are invited to search for human skeleton parts and piece together a giant puzzle. Adults may attend a series of three lectures on the following topics: "The archaeological excavation of burial sites", "What skeletons reveal about the health of our ancestors", "How chemistry contributes to understanding past populations".

Workshops: Saturday, August 18, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. (in French)

and 4 p.m. (in English)

Lectures: Sunday, August 19, 2 p.m.



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OPEN HOUSE

The Château Ramezay invites all Montrealers to celebrate the ANSM's 150th anniversary. During this *Open House* weekend guests can visit all of the Museum's exhibitions free of charge. This is a unique opportunity to discover or rediscover the Château's architectural splendor and the many treasures it holds. To celebrate this historic anniversary various activities will take place and cake will be served.

August 24 and 25, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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