

Castle Kilbride

MUSEUM

Update 2024



Castle Kilbride National Historic Site

What is CASTLE KILBRIDE

Castle Kilbride is an 1877 grand Victorian home that was built for James Livingston, flax manufacturer. He named it Castle Kilbride after his birthplace in East Kilbride, Scotland.

The Castle was home to the Livingston family until 1988 when the home and furnishings were sold at auction.

In 1993 Township of Wilmot Council took the bold step to purchase the Castle to house the administration offices and turned the Castle into a museum. In 1994, Castle Kilbride was named a National Historic Site.



Museum SERVICES

Mandate

Castle Kilbride National Historic Site preserves and interprets the Livingston historic home, collections and stories unique to our community. The Italianate architecture and rare Trompe l'oeil wall and ceiling murals enriches our understanding and appreciation of 19th century classical art and architecture for the education and enjoyment of all visitors.

What we do

- Customer Service/Tourism/Tours
- Educational Programming
- Special Events
- Permanent Exhibitions
- Special Interest Exhibitions
- Collection Management/Preservation
- Film Location
- Marketing/Social Media



Main EXHIBITION

Special Exhibit for 2024 is called "Fabled".

It is Co-Curated by the Stratford Festival Archives.



More EXHIBITIONS

“Perceptions” juried art show partnership with Central Ontario Art Association August 10 - September 7
Herner’s Victorian Village November - January 5, 2025

Updates

Wilmot Masonic Lodge No.318 150th Anniversary (artifact donated by Lodge)

Legion Display Cases (partnership with New Hamburg Legion Branch 532)

Wilmot Recreation Complex Display Cases

New Hamburg Arboretum 30th (Heritage Wilmot and Castle Kilbride Advisory Committee initiative)



NEW HAMBURG ARBORETUM

An arboretum is a special garden that features trees and shrubs grown for education and research. It may show examples of rare or unique species, or grow native trees. It depends on the purpose chosen for the arboretum.

The 6 acre property on Waterloo St. was first used in the 1940s by Waterloo County to test plowing methods and water runoff for area farmers. The Arboretum, only the second in Ontario, saw its first trees planted in 1957 and 1958. It was deeded to Wilmot Township from Waterloo Region 30 years ago, in 1994.

The area has changed tremendously over the years, with the Arboretum now located within the boundaries of New Hamburg, as seen in the aerial photos.

NEW HAMBURG ARBORETUM TIMELINE

1949 - Site was chosen by the Ontario Department of Agriculture for the first contour plowing match in Ontario.

To 1957 - ongoing soil demonstration plot for the Soils Department of Ontario Agricultural College (Guelph), the Soil and Crop Improvement Association and Waterloo County. The site was managed by Wilf Schneller, a Baden area farmer who was a visionary and an environmentalist, later recognized in the Waterloo County Hall of Fame.

1957-58 - After the project ended, Wilf Schneller and Sandy Forsyth, Agricultural Representative for Waterloo County, suggested an arboretum. Trees were planted, funded by the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests and the Ontario Agricultural College (Guelph), the Soil and Crop Improvement Association and Waterloo County. The site was managed by Wilf Schneller.

June 10, 1964 - the Waterloo County Arboretum was officially opened by the Honourable W.A. Stewart, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario.

To 1973 - Waterloo County partnered with the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests and the Ontario Department of Agriculture to manage the site. In 1972 there were over 950 trees of 70 species.

1973-1994 - The Regional Municipality of Waterloo replaced Waterloo County and had an Arboretum Advisory Committee that included members of Regional council, including the mayor of Wilmot as well as Wilf Schneller (d. 1987).

May 1994 - the Regional Municipality of Waterloo transferred the deed of the "Arboretum Centre - Part 1, Plan 58R-8996, Township of Wilmot" to the Corporation of the Township of Wilmot.

2024 - The New Hamburg Arboretum has been a park belonging to Wilmot Township for 30 years.

1966

2000

1984

Wilmot

Special EVENTS

We offer a full slate of events throughout the year.

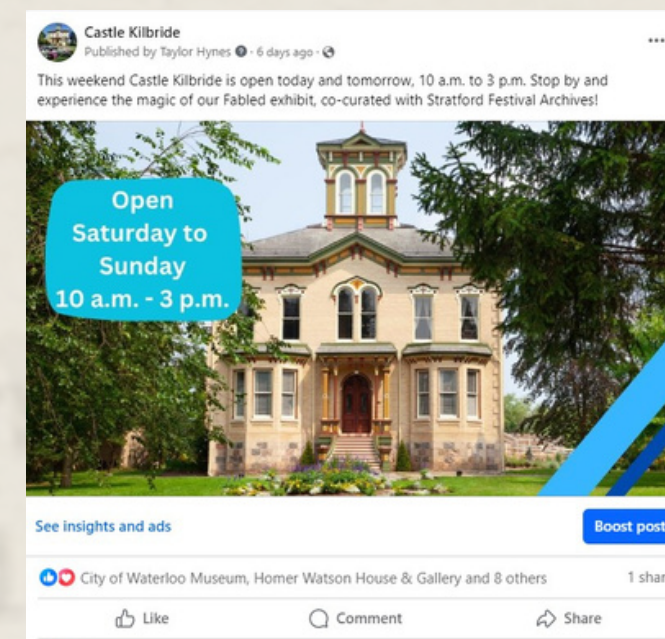
- Queen of Tarts Tea and Tour
- Storybook Day
- Whimsical Weekends
- Summer Concert Series
- Peter Pan Pet Parade
- Ghost Walks
- Christmas at the Castle
- Storytime with Father Christmas
- The Castle by Candlelight Evening Tours
- Sugarplum Tea and Tour



Museum MARKETING

Some of the initiatives to promote the Castle and Archives as a destination

- Print- brochures, promotional cards, advertisements in Daytripping and Attractions Ontario (both offer on-line as well)
- Social Media- for museum, with Corporate Communications and with the Waterloo-Wellington Museum Network.
- Articles for local newspapers and media.
- Local Tourism Organizations (Explore Waterloo Region, Destination Stratford)
- Host FAM tours and influencers
- TODS signs throughout the Region
- 2024 CBC promotion as a filming location for "Ghosting"
- 2024 Partnership for our featured exhibit "Fabled" Stratford Festival offered a special promotion for museum patrons.



JAMES LIVINGSTON'S

Castle Kilbride

MUSEUM

Step back into the lavish Victorian era! Visit the 1877 mansion of James Livingston, Canada's "Flax Mill King" and view one of the finest examples of Trompe l'oeil ("fools the eye") wall and ceiling murals in Canada!

A National Treasure of Artistic, Historical and Architectural Significance

www.castlekilbride.ca

The COLLECTION

Castle Kilbride is comprised of two main collections, Livingston original pieces and Wilmot Township artifacts.



NEW HAMBURG HOCKEY



ORIGINAL LIVINGSTON BONNET



**ORIGINAL
LADY BY THE FOUNTAIN SCULPTURE**

The ARCHIVES

Castle Kilbride has been collecting Archival material relating to the history of Wilmot since 1994.



PHOTOGRAPHS

New Hamburg Beats Ideals

NEW HAMBURG, Jan. 21 — Scoring six goals in the first period without a reply from their opponents, New Hamburg whipped Listowel Ideals, 8-3, in an intermediate "B" O.H.A. game here. New Hamburg were playing their first game under their new coach, Keith McNaughton, formerly of the Sarnia Sailors.

Will Arnold, Ike Boone and Buck Roth with two goals each along with Duane Miller and Sonny Toman with singles were the scorers for the winners. Ken Sargent, Don Hay and Jack Smith scored for Listowel.

LISTOWEL — Goal, Ditchburn; defence, Tompkins, Woods; centre, Heiman; wings, Jobb, Bliton; subs, Roth, Wray, Sargent, Smith, D. Hay, K. Hay, Spittel.

NEW HAMBURG — Goal, Hauni; defence, Pearson, Klassen; centre, Boone; wings, Arnold, Toman; subs, Boehler, Roth, Groff, Bingham, Schwartzentruber, George, Honderich, Miller.

First Period
1—New Hamburg, Arnold (Boone) 4:21
2—New Hamburg, Boone (Toman, Roth) 5:15
3—New Hamburg, Arnold (Boone) 6:19
4—New Hamburg, Roth (Arnold) 8:59
5—New Hamburg, Toman (Boone, Arnold) 14:21
6—New Hamburg, Miller (George, Pearson) 15:17
Penalties — None

Second Period
7—New Hamburg, Roth (Bingham) 8:42
Penalties — None

Third Period
8—Listowel, Sargent 2:39
9—Listowel, D. Hay (K. Hay) 3:47
10—New Hamburg, Boone (Arnold) 8:52
11—Listowel, Smith (K. Hay, Tompkins) 11:10
Penalties — K. Hay 11, Groff 11 (double minor), Groff 12, 22, Bliton 12, 22, Bean 15, 25, Bliton 18, 61

Mitchell Cops 8-5 Victory

NEW HAMBURG, Jan. 29 — Mitchell Intermediates, sparked by McNair's four goals and three by Powell, scored an 8-5 Int. "C" O.H.A. win over New Hamburg here tonight.

MITCHELL — Goal, Chessel; defence, Rohfrisch, Dale; centre, Powell; wings, Gatenby, Weber; subs, Heinboeckh, McNair, Walther, Tuer, Norman.

NEW HAMBURG — Goal, Haun; defence, Pearson, Swartzentruber; centre, Boone; wings, Arnold, Toman; subs, Gross, Bingham, Hoderich, Miller, George, Buchler, Roth, Klassen.

First Period
1—Mitchell, Weber (Walther, McNair) 1:52
2—Mitchell, McNair (Heinboeckh) 8:13
3—Mitchell, Powell (Tuer, Dale) 13:54
4—Mitchell, McNair (Weber, Norman) 18:22
Penalties — Weber, McNair; Toman, Tuer, Gatenby

Second Period
5—New Hamburg, Klassen (Boon) 13:45
Penalties — Toman, Tuer, Gatenby

Third Period
6—Mitchell, Powell (Gatenby) 1:24
7—New Hamburg, Gross 7:21
8—Mitchell, Powell (Gatenby) 11:40
9—New Hamburg, Toman (Roth, Arnold) 12:15
10—Mitchell, McNair (Walther, Schwartzentruber, George, Honderich, Miller) 16:11
11—New Hamburg, Arnold 18:11
12—Mitchell, McNair (Dale) 18:39
Penalties — Heinboeckh, Toman, Roth, Goss.

New Hamburg Gets 6-2 Win

GODERICH, Jan. 31 — New Hamburg scored a decisive 6-2 victory over Centralia here tonight in an intermediate "B" O.H.A. game.

Boone was tops for the winners getting one goal and assisting on another marker, R. Ellis and Franklin scored the two Centralia goals.

NEW HAMBURG — Goal, Miller; defence, Roth, Bechler; centre, Boone; wings, Arnold, Toman; subs, Groff, Honderich, Benzmann, George, Miller, Schwartzentruber, Pearson, Klassen.

CENTRALIA — Goal, Parkey; defence, P. Ellis, Bird; centre, R. Ellis; wings, Embury, Diduck; subs, Todd, Mayer, Cunningham, Parker, Smith, Vezina, Franklin.

First Period
1—Centralia, R. Ellis (Embury) 6:37
2—New Hamburg, Groff (Boone) 8:23
3—New Hamburg, Groff (Schwartzentruber, Bechler) 13:17
4—New Hamburg, George (Schwartzentruber, Bechler) 15:17

Second Period
5—Centralia, Franklin (Cunningham, Embury) 7:12
6—New Hamburg, Boone (Arnold) 14:16
7—New Hamburg, Arnold (Bechler) 14:29
Penalties — P. Ellis, Toman, Bechler.

Third Period
8—New Hamburg, Klassen (Pearson, Arnold) 6:29
Penalty — P. Ellis.

Mitchell Lost To New Hamburg

(By Our Own Correspondent)

NEW HAMBURG, Feb. 4 — A record crowd for the season attended the intermediate "B" O. H. A. hockey game at Memorial Arena, New Hamburg, Saturday night, when New Hamburg defeated Mitchell, 9-6.

The winners took a two-goal lead in the first twenty minutes of play and Honderich and Bingham one each. Walther and Gatenby tallied for Mitchell.

Jack Pearson counted New Hamburg's two goals in the second period on golf shots from the blue line. Gatenby scored his second goal of the game for the visitors.

The winners added three more goals to their count in the last stanza, Ike Boone scoring two goals and Arnold one. Mitchell put on the pressure in the last period and scored three goals by Weber, Walther and Gatenby.

Six penalties were handed out in the game, including a ten minute misconduct penalty to Linc Rohfrisch of Mitchell.

MITCHELL — Goal, Chessel; defence, Rohfrisch, Dale; centre, Powell; wings, Gatenby, Weber; spares, McNair, Walther, Norman, Heinboeckh, Tuer.

NEW HAMBURG — Goal, Haun; defence, Pearson, Klassen; centre, Boone; wings, Honderich, Arnold; spares, Groff, Miller, Boehler, Roth, Schwartzentruber, Bingham, Toman, Referee—Bill Mathies and Walter Faber, Tavistock.

First Period — Goals: New Hamburg, Arnold (Boone), 1:37; New Hamburg, Hoderich (Groff), 4:01; Mitchell, Walther (McNair), 6:01; New Hamburg, Arnold (Toman), 8:52; Mitchell, Gatenby (Powell), 13:15; New Hamburg, Bingham (Groff), 18:59. Penalties: None.

Second Period — Goals: New Hamburg, Pearson, 13:04; Mitchell, Gatenby, 16:12; New Hamburg, Pearson, 17:24. Penalties: Heinboeckh, 2:37; Groff, 17:56.

Third Period — Goals: Mitchell, Weber (McNair), 4:28; New Hamburg, Boone (Arnold, Toman), 14:17; Mitchell, Walther (McNair), 8:18; Mitchell, Gatenby, 11:21; New Hamburg, Boone, 11:15; New Hamburg, Arnold (Toman), 14:49. Penalties: Rohfrisch, 16 minute misconduct; 9:35; Toman, 14:45; Dale, 14:45; Roth, 18:25.

NEW HAMBURG
Memorial Community Centre
PLAYER PASS
A. Boon C. Hoff

DOCUMENTS, NEWSPAPERS AND SCRAPBOOKS



GLASS PLATE NEGATIVES



POSTCARDS


The HCAC



In 2023, the Castle Kilbride Advisory Committee and Heritage Wilmot Advisory Committee joined to form the Heritage Wilmot and Castle Kilbride Advisory Committee.


The Committee's terms of reference include:

- Heritage Designations
- Heritage Day
- Education for heritage and history of Wilmot
- Castle Kilbride events
- Castle Kilbride policies




HERITAGE WILMOT

Heritage Day 2024
"Celebrating Wilmot's Heritage"




Lion Park, New Hamburg, Canada

Heritage Displays



Collections



Lunch for purchase
(New Dundee Women's Institute)

FEBRUARY 17, 2024
NEW DUNDEE
COMMUNITY CENTRE
10a.m. - 3 p.m.
Admission is FREE

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*Thank
you*