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# OWEN SOUND ARTS & CULTURE LIVE THE EXPERIENCE

# owen sound

where you *want* to live

A Cultural Capital of Canada



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## celebrate

Owen Sound is a regional hot spot for family festivals and events, including:

- Doors Open Owen Sound (First weekend in June)
- Emancipation Festival (Longest-running in North America, last weekend in July)
- Summerfolk Music & Crafts Festival (World renowned, 3rd weekend in August)
- Salmon Spectacular Fishing Derby (10-day event, late August-September)
- Sweetwater Music Festival (3rd weekend in September)
- Festival of Northern Lights (Award-winning light displays, November-December)

## explore

Owen Sound's diverse artistic scene includes theatre, music, dance, readings, gallery openings, coffee houses, restaurants and special film screenings. Some venues to check out:

### Artists Co-op

40 regional artists  
279 – 10th Street East  
519-371-0479

### Bridges Art Gallery

Revolving exhibits  
712 – 9th Avenue East  
519-470-2099

### Galaxy Cinemas

Multiplex cinema, special screenings  
1020 – 10th Street West  
519-371-5222

### Georgian Bay Symphony

Concerts winter-spring  
994 – 3rd Avenue East  
519-372-0212

### Gallery DeBoer

Exhibits, Native art, restoration  
970 – 2nd Avenue East  
519-376-7914

### Mudtown Pottery

Pottery studio, exhibits  
1835 – 3rd Avenue East  
519-470-4200

### Owen Sound Library

Carnegie building, Poet Laureate  
824 – 1st Avenue West  
519-376-6623

### Roxy Theatre

Live drama, dance, music, gallery  
251 – 9th Street East  
1-888-466-7699

### The Downtown Bookstore

Weekly events, music, readings  
945 – 2nd Avenue East  
519-372-9760

### The Ginger Press

Publishing house, local authors  
848 – 2nd Avenue East  
519-376-4233



Harbour Nights - © Ray Uotila



## discover

A beautiful, historic city with waterfront trails, gardens and parkland, self-guided walking tours and interpretive plaques highlighting our heritage and heroes, including **Agnes McPhail**, **Dr. Norman Bethune**, **Billy Bishop** and **Tom Thomson**.



"Summerfolk...The highlight of our 2½ months in Canada. A total stand out."

~ Chloe Hall, Australia

*Someday they will know what I mean.*  
- Tom Thomson



Image: Tom Thomson At Lake Scugog

**Tom Thomson** was a maverick, a break-away artist who fused a passion for the wilderness with a new style of painting that came to be known as uniquely Canadian. The Tom Thomson Art Gallery houses one of the largest collections of his work in Canada and highlights his connection with the Owen Sound region. It also hosts revolving exhibitions, art programs, tours, films and concerts.

- Exhibitions.
- Education.
- Gift Shop.
- Special Events.
- Tours.



**TOM THOMSON ART GALLERY**  
840 First Ave. West,  
Owen Sound, ON N4K 4K4  
519-376-1932 • www.tomthomson.org

Winter Hours: Tues—Fri 11am—5pm  
Sat & Sun 12—5pm  
Summer Hours: Victoria Day to Thanksgiving  
Mon—Sat 10am—5pm  
Sun 1—5pm




**GREY ROOTS**  
MUSEUM & ARCHIVES



Live the experience of Grey County's founders – including First Nations people, European settlers and Blacks following the Underground Railroad to freedom in Owen Sound – at this modern facility on the outskirts of town. Costumed interpreters at Moreston Heritage Village in the summer bring to life stories of our past from 1850-1940. Hands-on interpretive programs for all ages and rotating exhibits keep the museum lively.

**ANNUAL EVENTS:**

- Maple Syrup Festival
- Regional Heritage Fair
- Moreston Summer Opening
- Pratie Oaten
- Kids Halloween
- Moreston by Candlelight



**GREY ROOTS MUSEUM & ARCHIVES**  
102599 Grey Road 18 Owen Sound, ON N4K 5N6  
519-376-5140 • www.greyroots.com

Winter Hours: After Thanksgiving Day Weekend  
Tuesday to Saturday 10-5  
Summer Hours: Beginning Victoria Day Weekend  
Seven Days A Week 10-5




**MARINE & RAIL**  
MUSEUM  
OWEN SOUND  
1886

All aboard! Catch a glimpse of Owen Sound's industrialist past, when the city was a thriving, bustling port, at the Marine & Rail Museum on the waterfront. Housed in a former Canadian National Railway station, the facility has displays, artifacts, models, photographs and interactive stations that bring to life the days of sail and steam, when Owen Sound served as the "Gateway to the West."

**MUSEUM ATTRACTIONS:**

- Restored 1947 CN Caboose
- Costumed interpreters in the summer
- Morse Code Activity
- Monthly crafts and activities
- A working "G" scale model train moving along tracks and trestles in the museum



**OWEN SOUND**  
**MARINE & RAIL MUSEUM**  
1155 1st Ave West, Owen Sound N4K 4K8  
519-371-3333 • www.marinerail.com

Museum Hours and Admission:  
Please visit our website [www.marinerail.com](http://www.marinerail.com)  
for current hours and admission.



**Billy Bishop**  
**Home & Museum**  
A National Historic Site

Canada's most famous WWI flying ace **William Avery (Billy) Bishop** was born and raised in this Owen Sound home, preserved in its Victorian splendor as a public museum paying tribute to Bishop and other Canadian aviators. View uniforms, medals, photos, models and the personal possessions of Billy Bishop and his family. Enjoy the grounds and flower beds of Bishop's former home, and join us for a Victorian tea in the summer, and Victorian Christmas in winter.



**MUSEUM ATTRACTIONS:**

- Touch screen stations
- Victorian garden
- Costumed interpreters in the summer
- Assorted period costumes and toys
- Monthly crafts and activities

**BILLY BISHOP HOME AND MUSEUM**  
A National Historic Site  
948 3rd Ave. West, Owen Sound N4K 4P6  
519-371-0031 • www.billybishop.org

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