

Would you like to donate heirlooms to the Pickering Museum Village?



What does the Museum collect?

The Pickering Museum Village collects and preserves material culture from earliest habitation through our municipality's changing borders to a point 40 years prior to the current date. The purpose of this collection is to understand and interpret the community's past, present and future.

The current core artifact collection is comprised of over 10,000 pieces. The collection consists of material culture that ranges from indigenous objects dating to approximately 1400 BCE to political objects from the 1980s. The scope of the collection is broad; artifacts in the collection vary from buildings to objects including furniture, tools, vehicles, household or personal items, textiles, photographs, and paper records.

In order to facilitate public and educational programming, and to avoid deterioration of the Core Collection through use, the Pickering Museum Village maintains two collections: a Core Collection and an Education Collection.

Decisions to acquire material culture as core collection pieces are made based on the following conditions and criteria:

- Provenance to the community (those things made and/or used in the community, associated with a person, place or event in the community);
- Typical or representative of objects made or used in the community and that are historical, cultural, or aesthetic in nature that support the interpretative representation of the heritage buildings;
- Be in good or excellent condition; and
- Are well documented with clear legal title, free of provisions and restrictions.



What is an Education Collection?

Objects in the Education Collection are used in demonstrations by staff and volunteers who operate living history active displays and programs.

They are typical of, or representative of, objects made or used in community during the PMV's interpretive timeline, but have no specific association with a person, place or event within the community.

These objects will be used, may be restored, and/or altered for museum purposes, and will not be preserved "as is" condition.



Who do I contact about my potential donation?

Please contact Amanda Gallagher, Conservator, with your inquiry. You will be asked to answer a set of standard questions, and to provide photographs and and/or references to local/family history.

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If the Museum is interested in my donation, what happens next?

Staff will arrange a mutually convenient time for you to bring your item(s) to the Museum. During this appointment, the Collection staff will assess the item(s) relevance to our mandate, and issue a Deed of Gift for you to sign. This is a form for the legal transfer of the item(s) to the Museum. A copy of this form will be provided to you for your records.

Collection staff will then catalogue your item: it will be photographed, given an object number in our collection, and it's history recorded in our database.

Please do not drop off items - we would like to record their history, and are selective for which items come into the collection.



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