

About the Richmond Hill Heritage Centre

"Discover the Past and the Present"

The Richmond Hill Heritage Centre is a unique facility that highlights the heritage identity, visibility and activities in the community. Through exhibiting and interpretation of its collection, by presenting educational programs, workshops, and special events there is something for everyone. Located in picturesque Amos Wright Park, the Heritage Centre is an 1840's Regency style cottage, architecturally restored to reflect this historical period. The Centre offers three galleries, a discovery room and a meeting room.

When planning your group visit to the Heritage Centre, don't forget your picnic lunch and take the opportunity to stroll through Amos Wright Park. The beautiful gardens include herbs, heritage plants and of course, roses, a flower of great historical significance for Richmond Hill.

Group Tour

Guided Tour of the Heritage Centre

A nice way to introduce your group to the history of Richmond Hill. Your one-hour tour includes a walk throughout the three galleries and an informative talk about the heritage of our unique town and its growth. Learn about the restoration of this 1840's Regency-style house and its original owner Amos Wright. There will be lots of opportunity for some Q and A, independent gallery viewing and, of course, some gallery quizzes for the kids.

\$1.75 per person
(Minimum 12 / Maximum 25)

Extend your Tour!

May we recommend a self-guided walk around the Old Village after your Heritage Centre Tour? Purchase a *Museum of the Streets* booklet for only \$4. Design your own route to walk as much or as little as your group desires!

Tour and Activity Packages

Come to the Heritage Centre for this exciting opportunity.

You are all Invited!

**Sparks
Brownies
Guides
Pathfinders
Beavers
Cubs
Scouts
Community Groups
Church Groups
Seniors
Book and Study Groups
Home School Groups
Craft Groups
Youth Groups
School Groups**

The Heritage Centre offers an interactive tour and activity package to accommodate groups of up to 15 participants.

The package includes:

- A 30-minute guided tour of the exhibitions and gardens (weather permitting)
- Approximately 45 minutes of structured activity for participants
 - Independent viewing
- Our two hour visit allows additional viewing time, the opportunity for groups to meet at the end of the activities or additional time required for the Pioneer Quilting Bee Program.

\$5.50 per person for a 1.5 hour visit

\$6 per person for a 2.0 hour visit

Choose from the Following Activities:

Household Scents:

An opportunity to smell the Heritage Centre's Lotions and Potions and learn how to add fresh scents to your home the old-fashioned way! Groups will make a pot pourri sachet and powder to take home.

Pioneer Kitchen:

Participants will check out the recipes of yesteryear and churn up some old-fashioned butter to enjoy . One recipe booklet per group is included.

Tinkering Around:

The man who made and sold tinware to the people of Richmond Hill long ago was called the tinsmith or “tinker”. Children will have the opportunity to explore this interesting craft looking at artifacts and making their own “poor man’s silver” craft to take home.

Just Dyeing to Know:

Learn how pioneers put a little colour into their lives. Participants will investigate how different petals, leaves and bark can create old-fashioned fabric dyes.

Candle Making:

Learn about the importance candles played in the everyday life of the pioneers. Participants will make their own hand-dipped candle creation to take home.

Early Settler Stenciling:

The settlers in Richmond Hill did not have much time or energy left for decorating after all those chores! However, they did their best using simple techniques, such as stenciling, to decorate everyday objects. Participants will create a stencilled paper sample that they can take home and frame.

Preschool Package

3-5 years of age

An opportunity for Nursery Schools and Mothers' Groups

Old Tyme Rhymes

Join Mrs. Wright as she shares some old tyme rhymes and a tour of her 1840's home.

Children will create a special craft as a memory of their trip.

\$4.50 per person

(min. 8/ max. 12)

Heritage to Go!

Is your group too large for the Heritage Centre? We will load up the kits and come to you! The following Programs are available through Heritage to Go!

Household Scents - One hour
Tinkering Around - One hour
Early Settler Stenciling - One hour

One-hour programs \$5.50
(minimum 16/maximum 35)

Customize Your Workshop

Did you know that the Heritage Centre offers a wide variety of craft workshops throughout the year? Did you know that we can offer these workshops as a special package for your group? Call the Heritage Centre and perhaps we can coordinate for you, the right workshop, with the right time, for the perfect get-together with friends.

Prices are subject to current workshop fees.
Minimum numbers apply.

Special Occasion Packages

**Is there a Special Event in your Future?
Celebrate it in the Past!**

Children's Birthday Parties

Experience a little bit of the past choosing one of our birthday party packages. Our knowledgeable, costumed interpreter will lead the birthday party through a structured activity of your choice, followed by use of the Gardenview Room to celebrate that special day!

THE PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- One hour of structured activity and gallery viewing
- The use of the Gardenview Room (equipped with tables and chairs) for one hour
 - 15 invitations with each booking

Cost: \$118 for up to ten children.
(\$5 for each additional child up to 15 children)

Choose from the Following:

Mrs. Wright's Parlour Party
Tinkering Around
Candle Creations

The All Occasions Package

The perfect solution for your next meeting, bridal shower or just a get-together with friends. Enjoy the tranquil atmosphere of the Gardenview room overlooking Amos Wright Park. The Heritage Centre Staff will provide a traditional Victorian tea which includes fancy finger sandwiches, tantalizing treats and bottomless cups of tea and coffee.

THE PACKAGE INCLUDES:

A variety of finger sandwiches

Victorian Style cookies

Unlimited Tea and Coffee.

(Lemonade or iced tea upon request)

The use of the Gardenview Room for a two-hour period.

Gallery Viewing

A map with directions to our site

Packages begin at \$150

To Book a Tour or Program

- Call the Arts and heritage Coordinator at (905) 787-1441, ext. 223
- Please book early. We suggest a minimum one month ahead.
 - Confirmation will be sent to you. Please return it promptly.
 - Fees can be paid by cash, debit, cheque, Visa or Mastercard.

Supervision Requirements for Children's Groups

- ✓ The Heritage Centre requires a ratio of one adult for every 10 children six to 13 years of age and one adult to every five children five years and younger.
- ✓ All Teachers, Group Leaders and Supervisors must take an active role in the supervision and discipline of the group.
- ✓ We ask that alternative arrangements are made for younger children not participating in the program. This includes infants.

Before participants arrive, they should be made aware of the guidelines for their behavior during their visit. These guidelines will be outlined on the confirmation information.

7% G.S.T. applies to groups 15 years and older
Minimum charges apply
Some conditions apply