

Museum of Health Care

32 George Street, Kingston ON K7L 2V7

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**“Ann at Home” – 15th Anniversary Celebration of the Ann Baillie Building
National Historic Site as Home to the Museum of Health Care**

Heritage Week Event - February 18, 2010 from 1pm to 3pm

Spend an afternoon at the Museum of Health Care during Heritage Week and enjoy:

- A Curator's tour of our nursing gallery
- Storytelling tours with nursing grads who once called the Ann Baillie Building home
- A special "behind the scenes" look at our basement collection storage facilities
- A free cocoa and cookies reception.

This exciting celebration is presented by the Kingston General Hospital Nurses' Alumnae and the Museum of Health Care, Canada's only mission-specific health care museum. The Museum is located in the Ann Baillie Building National Historic Site, a former residence for student nurses designed by Kingston architect William Newlands on the grounds of Kingston General Hospital. The City of Kingston recognized the building's heritage importance with a designation under the Ontario Heritage Act in 1994. In 1997, the Historic Sites and Monuments Board recommended the Ann Baillie Building to be of national historic significance, and in 1999 the following commemorative plaque was unveiled:

“One of the earliest nurses' residences in Canada, this stately building symbolizes the development and recognition of nursing as a profession. The home was completed in 1904 for students at the Kingston General Hospital nursing school, who cared for patients in the wards and operating rooms as part of their training. The building was later named in honour of Ann Baillie, a graduate of the school and its superintendent from 1924 to 1942. Here as elsewhere, a place of their own helped nurses shape a professional role indispensable to health care within the hospital and the community.”

The re-purposing of the Ann Baillie Building as a Museum in 1995 is particularly relevant to the Ontario Heritage Trust's 2010 theme for Heritage Week: “our changing landscape,” which “offers an opportunity for communities across the province to reflect on how their built and natural environments have evolved over time.”

The event will be held on February 18, 2010 from 1pm to 3pm at the Museum of Health Care (32 George St.). A unique programme which includes special storytelling tours of the building led by nursing grads who called the building home during their time in training, will bring the Ann Baillie Building's rich history to life. Admission is by donation and all are welcome. Cocoa and cookies will be served.

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