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## Five-Year Nursing History Project Unveiled

**Museum of Health Care teams up with local nursing schools, past and present**



KINGSTON, ON – This spring the Museum of Health Care unveils a five-year plan to partner with the newly formed *Kingston Nursing Education Past and Present* group to host a nursing history event every Nursing Week from 2011 to 2015. The *Kingston Nursing* group is comprised of local nursing schools and alumnae dedicated to exploring, remembering, and honouring contributions from the nursing profession.

Each annual event will be co-hosted by the Museum and one of the five nursing schools involved—Kingston General Hospital Nurses' Alumnae, Kingston Psychiatric Hospital Nurses' Alumnae, St. Joseph's School of Nursing (Hotel Dieu) Alumnae, St. Lawrence School of Nursing, and Queen's School of Nursing.

In recognition of their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the KGH Nurses' Alumnae will host 2011's celebrations alongside the Museum to explore one important point they have in common: the Ann Baillie Building. Former KGH nurses' residence and current home of the Museum, the Ann Baillie Building National Historic Site was one of the first purpose-built nurses' residences in Canada.

This first event will feature Historian Dianne Dodd and Historical Architect James DeJonge of Parks Canada, who will present "*The Purpose-Built Nurses' Residence: Creating Space for Women in Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Health Care in Canada.*" This lecture will use the Ann Baillie residence as a model to examine English Canadian nursing's achievements, education, professionalization, work culture and identity.

The free public lecture will be held at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, May 11 at Etherington Auditorium (94 Stuart St., Queen's University). An early evening reception with refreshments and musical entertainment will follow at the Museum of Health Care (32 George Street). For more information, visit [www.museumofhealthcare.ca/nursing](http://www.museumofhealthcare.ca/nursing) or call 613-548-2419. The Museum of Health Care's galleries will be open to the public Tuesday through Friday from 10am to 4pm during Nursing Week.

The nursing history project is one of many upcoming events at the Museum. Because May is Museum Month, the Museum is also holding a trio of kid-friendly programs: *Science Rendezvous* on May 7<sup>th</sup>; *Funny Bone Friday* on May 13<sup>th</sup>; and *LOUD DAY! Balloon Blast Scavenger Hunt* on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

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