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New Online Exhibit at the Museum of Health Care: “Fighting for Breath: Stopping the TB Epidemic”

(KINGSTON, Ont.) – A new online exhibit, “Fighting for Breath: Stopping the TB Epidemic,” will be launched with a reception at the Museum of Health Care (32 George St) on Thursday, December 6th, 2012. A reception will follow.

“Tuberculosis is a disease we rarely hear about in Canada, yet it continues to have a significant impact on people’s lives here and around the globe,” says Dr. Pamela Peacock, museum curator. “This exhibit examines how understandings of the disease have changed over the centuries, as well as how our ability to diagnose, treat, and prevent TB has evolved,” she adds.

The evening will feature a series of speakers, including Dr. Wendy Wobeser, Queen’s University, and author Anne Raina, whose book *Clara’s Rib* will be available for purchase at the event. The evening will conclude with a reception and an opportunity to interact with the exhibit.

“I am very excited about this launch,” says Dr. Peacock. “As well as introducing the exhibition to the public, we have a great line-up of speakers planned.”

“Dr. Wendy Wobeser will address the current global epidemic of tuberculosis by taking us on a journey through her experience with TB as a physician and researcher. Anne Raina will take us back to the mid-twentieth century, reading from the diaries her sister kept while living in a Sanatorium for twelve years. I think the impact of TB on individuals, families, and communities will really come across in these presentations.”

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Date & time: Thursday, December 6th, 2012, 7-9pm

Location: Museum of Health Care, 32 George Street, Ann Baillie Building
National Historic Site

Parking: Free event parking at Kingston General Hospital and Ann Baillie lots
(George Street)

Cost: Free

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