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Nursing Week event to focus on Women Religious Orders and Catholic Hospitals

(KINGSTON, Ont.) – A free public lecture by Parks Canada Historian Brigitte Violette about the history of Canada's Women Religious Orders and Catholic Hospitals will be held at 7:00 pm on Friday, May 4th at Etherington Auditorium (94 Stuart St, Queen's University).

The lecture titled "The Women Religious Orders and the Catholic Hospitals in Canada: A French Heritage Based on Christian Origins" will explore how the orders contributed to health care in Canada. The event will also feature a presentation, "Origins of the St. Joseph's School of Nursing, Hotel Dieu Hospital" by Rodney Carter, Archivist for the RHSJ St. Joseph Region, and will be followed by a reception at the Museum of Health Care (32 George Street).

This is the 2nd annual event organized by the Kingston Nursing Education Past and Present group, which is comprised of local nursing schools and alumnae dedicated to exploring, remembering, and honouring contributions from the nursing profession. The free lecture is co-hosted by the Museum of Health Care and the St. Joseph's School of Nursing, Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston, Alumnae.

Ms. Carol Hazell, President of the St. Joseph's School of Nursing Alumnae, says "2012 is a significant year for our Alumnae. It's the 100-year anniversary of the St. Joseph's School of Nursing at Hotel Dieu and the 90-year anniversary of our Alumnae's founding."

For more information, visit 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 lecture is one of many upcoming events at the Museum of Health Care. An opening reception for the new exhibit "Howie Tsui: Friendly Fire Cabinet" takes place Saturday, May 12th, while Sunday, May 13th will see the opening event for "The Skin You're In," a new permanent exhibition in the Museum's Children's Gallery.

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