

Past Doors Open Waterloo Region Sites

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The sites listed below were featured in Doors Open Waterloo Region in past years, and may not be open to the public on a regular basis.

CAMBRIDGE

Cambridge Arts Centre Home of Galt Little Theatre

47 Water St. S., Cambridge
Architect: Thomas Boughton
Year Built: 1887

Unique to local church architecture, the former South Water Street Baptist Church is constructed of yellow and red brick in a blend of the Italianate and Romanesque styles. The building was converted by architect Carlos Ventin in 1980, and is currently the home to Galt Little Theatre.

Cambridge Centre for the Arts

60 Dickson St., Cambridge
www.cambridgecentreforthearts.ca
Architect: F.C. Bodley
Year Built: 1922

The Art Deco style former Public Utilities Commission Building is designated under the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage significance, and noted for its symmetry and understated detailing. Architect F.C. Bodley also designed the nearby Galt Arena Gardens. Interior brick walls and natural light from the large window bays are used to great effect in the Cambridge Centre for the Arts spaces.

Cambridge City Hall

50 Dickson St., Cambridge
www.cambridge.ca
Architect: Diamond and Schmitt Architects
Year Built: 2008

The Cambridge City Hall officially opened in June 2008 and achieved a Gold certification for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). Winner of the 'Excellence in Design' North American award, this building features a green wall and a green roof, and is connected to Historic City Hall through a glass link.

Cambridge Farmers' Market

40 Dickson St., Cambridge
www.cambridge.ca
Architect: F.W. Mellish
Year Built: 1887; 1896

This market has been in operation since about 1830, making it the third-oldest market in the country. The one-storey section is the older of the two buildings. The two-storey, red-brick market building was designed in the Romanesque Revival style. The arcaded tower entrance gives access from both Dickson and Ainslie Streets.

Cambridge Historic City Hall

46 Dickson St., Cambridge
www.cambridge.ca
Architect: H. B. Sinclair
Year Built: 1857

Cambridge Historic City Hall was started in 1857 and completed in 1858. In 2010, an extensive renovation project was completed that saw the historic and new city halls linked, the third-floor council chambers updated, a new entrance on the ground floor built, new exterior stairs to the second floor main entrance reinstated and a new elevator installed.

Cambridge Masonic Temple

1 Groh Ave., Cambridge

Year Built: 1962

The Cambridge Masonic Temple was built for use by Freemasons, Royal Arch Masons, Scottish-Rite Masons, Knights Templar and Eastern Star. Discover how Masonry has been involved in the life of this community for 150 years. See historical furnishings and symbols in the lodge rooms, browse heritage displays, and enjoy family activities, music, food and more.

Central Presbyterian Church

Queen's Square, Cambridge

www.centralchurchcambridge.ca

Architect: Hall and Mallory

Year Built: 1882

The union of two congregations led to the building of this striking church beside the Grand River. The 184-foot spire contains ten memorial bells, chimed weekly. The interior has 11 stained glass windows, a beautiful curving gallery, a Casavant organ, and a grand piano once owned by Sir Sanford Fleming.

Col. J.A. McIntosh, DSO, ED, Armoury

1 Valour Pl., Cambridge

Year Built: 1914

Home of the Royal Highland Fusiliers of Canada, this fine 1914 example of the "1880 Series" of Canadian armouries, with its Tudor-influenced design, brick-and-limestone construction, corner towers and turrets, is in the downtown core of Cambridge. The displays of regimental history in the armoury's museum preserve the region's strong military heritage.

Ferguson Cottage * Designated

37 Grand Ave. S., Cambridge

Year Built: ca. 1836

Ferguson Cottage, one of the earliest surviving Scottish stone cottages in Cambridge, was the home of William Ferguson, a blacksmith from Scotland. It remained in the Ferguson family for about 80 years. The tiny, designated heritage building, built of local stone, is now the home of the Galt Horticultural Society.

Fire Hall Museum and Education Centre

56 Dickson St., Cambridge

<http://web.me.com/firehallmus.edcentre/museum/Welcome.html>

Architect: F.W. Mellish

Year Built: 1898; addition c.1910

Housed in a magnificent nineteenth century, red brick fire hall, the Fire Hall Museum and Education Centre was built in the Romanesque Revival style. The four-storey, pyramidal-roofed hose tower set it apart from the crowd. Designed by local architect Fred Mellish and designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, the centre is one of the gems of the Cambridge civic square.

First United Church

15 Wellington St., Cambridge

Year Built: 1863; 1928; 1949

First United was the first faith community established in Galt, in 1822. A frame meeting house, built in 1828 on the site by one of Galt's founders, Absalom Shade, preceded the current building. Architectural highlights include a handsome sanctuary gallery. A display of photographs and artifacts gives historical background.

Former American Standard Factory

19 & 20 Guelph Ave., Cambridge

www.jggroup.on.ca

Year Built: 1847; 1860, with later additions

Originally built in 1847, the sprawling principal building offers a stunning façade along the Speed River by the miniature waterfall just east of Guelph Avenue. There are big plans for this former American Standard factory. Stay tuned to what will be another JG Group adaptive reuse success story.

Galt Collegiate Institute * Designated

200 Water St. N., Cambridge

<http://gci.wrdsb.on.ca/>

Year Built: 1852; 1906; 1923, and later additions

Among the oldest continually operating schools in Ontario. Original sections of "The Castle by the River" date from 1852, the Scottish baronial stone façade from 1906, and Tassie Hall, a restored, 650-seat theatre, from 1923. The GCI community is proud to share its many historical artifacts, along with a glimpse inside the life of a modern, vibrant school of 1100 students.

Galt Monuments

41 Hopeton St., Cambridge

www.nelsonstonecentre.com

Year Built: 1854-1870

This granite stone cottage with Gothic details was originally the Town of Galt water pumping station. Restoration work is nearing completion. The building, now the home of Galt Monuments, is owned and appreciated by people with strong ties to the stone working industry. Some original building elements are visible inside.

Galt Town Hall/Cambridge City Hall

46 Dickson St., Cambridge

www.cambridge.ca

Architect: H. B. Sinclair

Year Built: 1857-1858

Galt Town Hall was built to reflect Galt's growth, influence, and prosperity. The building originally served as a town hall and market house, with a meat market on the ground floor, council chambers and municipal offices on the second floor, and a large meeting room on the third floor.

The Grand House

Roseview Avenue at Oxford Street, Cambridge

www.grandhouse.wacsa.org

Architect: The Grand House Co-operative

Year Built: 2007 under construction

The goal of Grand House Student Co-operative, an incorporated, non-profit housing co-op, is to demonstrate sensitive aesthetic and environmental design, promote innovative living, and explore both traditional and alternative construction. The house, currently under construction, features sustainable, healthy materials including straw bale, low VOC finishes, passive solar design, and alternative systems.

Grand View Public School

1144 Hamilton St., Cambridge

<http://gvc.wrdsb.on.ca>

Architect: F. W. Warren

Year Built: 1922-1923

For one final year, this stately school building will look out over the Preston neighbourhood in which it stands. In September 2012, a state-of-the-art new school will replace this grand old structure, opened in 1923. Grand View students from years gone by may wish to take advantage of this opportunity to visit the school of their childhood; others will enjoy the building's character, charm and historical features.

Hespeler Library, Cambridge Libraries

5 Tannery St., Cambridge

www.cambridgelibraries.ca

Architect: A. H. Cober; Alar Congats

Year built: 1922; 2007

The Hespeler Carnegie library is "wrapped" in an elegant, award-winning glass structure that showcases and preserves the community building. Original details are retained inside – windows, front entrance, and cornices. The environmentally responsible building features recycled white oak floors and a ceramic treatment on the glass to reduce sunlight intensity.

Hespeler Town Centre / Cambridge Fire Department Station 2 * Designated

11 Tannery St., Cambridge

Year Built: 1914-1915

Architect: John Evans, Evans & Fulford, Galt

This designated heritage building originally housed offices for the mayor, town clerk, police chief, tax assessor and collector, board of health welfare officer, and caretaker. The former town council chambers, along with Cambridge Fire Department Station 2, occupies the original Hespeler Fire Hall portion of the building.

Jaamia Umar Al-Farooq Mosque

282 Elgin St. N., Cambridge

www.cambridgemuslimsociety.com

Architect: Radojewski Architect

Year Built: 1985

Welcome to Jaamia Umar Al-Farooq Mosque in Cambridge. Explore the mosque with a day full of interesting activities for the whole family. Interactive guided tours every half hour. Free gifts for everyone, free tasty refreshments, Islamic movie screening, Islamic poster exhibition and much more!

Islamic Centre of Cambridge

1550 Dunbar Rd., Cambridge

www.iccambridge.com

Architect: Guido E. Laikve

Year Built: 1992

Everyone is welcome. The Centre contains a beautiful prayer hall, and is a good example of Islamic architecture in a modern style, with a majestic dome and minaret. Interactive guided tours every half hour and family activities all day long, along with gifts, tasty snacks and Islamic movies.

Knox's Galt Presbyterian Church

Queen's Square; 2 Grand Ave. S., Cambridge

Architect: James Smith, Toronto

Year Built: 1869

This impressive, grey granite Gothic Revival style building has a six-storey central tower, beautiful stained glass windows, and St. Andrew's original church bell of the 1830s. The annex portion of the building was destroyed by fire in 1989, and the carefully reconstructed wing was reopened in 1991.

McDougall Cottage * Designated

89 Grand Ave. S., Cambridge

www.region.waterloo.on.ca/mcd

Year built: ca.1858

McDougall Cottage, located in Cambridge's historic factory district, is a vernacular cottage of matched grey granite with spectacular hand-painted friezes and ceilings, and a charming wee garden. Serving as an interpretive centre for the Scottish culture, it presents regular lectures and workshops, kitchen ceilidhs, Tartan Teas, scotch tastings, and more.

Old Hespeler Town Hall / The Hespeler Heritage Centre

11 Tannery St. E., Cambridge

www.thecompanyofneighbours.com

Year Built: 1914-1915

Architect: John Evans, Evans & Fulford, Galt

This designated heritage building originally housed various municipal offices, and is now home to the archives and historical displays of The Company of Neighbours, a local volunteer group dedicated to the promotion and preservation of history and community in Hespeler. The building also houses Cambridge Fire Department Station 2 and the former town council chambers.

Preston School Apartments

601 Duke St., Cambridge

www.fairviewmennonitehomes.com/fairview/services/independent.htm

Architect: Gerald Musselman; Mark/Musselman/McIntyre/Combe Architects (1979)

Year Built: 1853-1892. Renovated 1979

Preston School Apartments has struggled through history. Built using indigenous stone, the school was the first to offer free education in Upper Canada. Ravaged by fire and slated for demolition, the historic Central Public School building was renovated and preserved as seniors' housing.

Region of Waterloo EMS Headquarters and Fleet Centre

120 Maple Grove Rd., Cambridge

www.region.waterloo.on.ca

Architect: McCallum Sather Architects Inc.

Year Built: 2004

An energy conservation and sustainable construction demonstration project, employing green building materials and technologies including solar power, recycled or renewable resources, energy-efficient lighting, and maintenance-free landscaping. The building was the first to obtain gold level certification from the Canada Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program.

RiverBank lofts

19 Guelph Ave., Cambridge

www.RiverBanklofts.ca

Year Built: 1847; 1860, with later additions

The JG Group has demonstrated success in heritage building restoration with @lex Live/Work Residences, Wilkes House, Lawyers Hall, Journalism House, Market Village and its own adaptive reuse head office. The sprawling principal building of RiverBank lofts, the newest architectural heritage preservation project, is the former American Standard factory, presenting a stunning façade along the Speed River. RiverBank lofts will soon contain approximately 124 residential units.

Riverside Silk Mill / University of Waterloo School of Architecture in Cambridge

7 Melville St. S., Cambridge

www.architecture.uwaterloo.ca

Architect: Levitt Goodman Architects, Toronto (2004)

Year Built: 1919–38. Renovated 2004

The last industrial loft built on the Grand River in Galt, Riverside Silk Mill had large open spaces flooded with light. The openness and light, the industrial feeling, and the spectacular town and river views were preserved and enhanced in the building's renovation to house the School of Architecture.

Sheave Tower

Old Mill Road, north side midway between Meadowcreek Lane and Dickie Settlement Road, (Blair) Cambridge

Built ca. 1876

The Sheave Tower is a unique example of the Carpenter Gothic architectural style, and the only remaining structure of its kind in Waterloo Region. Providing additional power to the Carlisle Grist Mill (Blair Mill), it was the first water wheel operation in the area to use millrace water twice.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

73 Queen St. E., Cambridge

www.standrewshespeler.ca

Architect: Taylor & Taylor, Brantford

Year Built: 1908-1910

St. Andrew's displays a blend of the Gothic and Romanesque styles, and with the exception of a later addition of 1988, the exterior of the church has changed little from the day it was built. Within the church are a series of beautiful stained glass windows.

St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church

96 Queen St. E., Cambridge

Year Built: 1867

Since the mid-1860s, the St. James congregation has continually served the people of Cambridge (Hespeler) through worship, Sunday church school, community activities and faithful fellowship. The hilltop stone church is lovely inside and out. There is beautiful woodwork, and a rare, well-preserved early tin ceiling in the sanctuary. Ornate and well-executed stained glass windows fill the relatively large window openings.

Saint John's Anglican Church

567 Queenston Rd., Cambridge

Year Built: 1953

This Gothic revival church, among the last local Anglican churches designed in the traditional Anglican nave, chancel, sanctuary and Lady Chapel floor plan, has superb, decorative ceiling trusses and oak woodwork. Welsh stained glass windows in the nave were made specifically for Saint John's. The sanctuary windows pre-date the building.

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

810 King St. E., Cambridge

Architect: Charles Moogk

Year Built: 1887

Historical displays will mark the congregation's 175th anniversary. The organist will play the Hellmuth Wolff Opus 8 pipe organ. The stone church, though renovated, has a beautiful ceiling and lovely stained glass windows. Sunday school classrooms feature drama, art and music themes, a movie theatre, and computer lab.

Trinity Anglican Church

12 Blair Rd., Cambridge

Year Built: 1844

Trinity is the oldest church building in Galt, now part of Cambridge. The church has many beautiful stained glass windows and a hammer-beam roof in the nave. The bell used today is the original (1845). The porch and the Norman tower with its tin ceiling were added in 1885.

Wesley United Church

6 Cambridge St., Cambridge

www.wesleyunited.ca

Year Built: 1880-1885

Originally built as a home for Ainslie Street Methodist Church, both the interior and exterior of Wesley United are studies in architectural grace and beauty. An elegant, sweeping gallery, original woodwork, stained glass, iron-and-wood benches, a pipe organ, and a basement stage hall all are in place.

Wings of Paradise Butterfly Conservatory

2500 Kossuth Rd., Cambridge

www.wingsofparadise.com

Year Built: 2000

Walk among some three thousand free-flying butterflies in the tropical gardens. Discover over fifty butterfly species, raised using sustainable agricultural methods by farmers in Costa Rica and the Philippines. Learn about butterflies, beetles, and bees from knowledgeable staff. Be amazed by a world-class collection of mounted and live tropical insects.

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KITCHENER

AirBoss Rubber Compounding / Former Dominion Tire (Uniroyal Goodrich) Plant

101 Glasgow St., Kitchener

www.airbossrubbercompounding.com

Year Built: 1912-1914, additions 1920s and later

Architect: Albert Kahn

One of North America's largest custom rubber mixers, AirBoss serves a diverse group of manufacturers, and engineers and moulds products for a variety of markets as well as its own protective-wear designs. The enormous, historic manufacturing plant was designed by one of North America's leading 20th century industrial architects (who also designed Kitchener's former Kaufman Rubber Co. buildings, now Kaufman Lofts).

The Anglican Church of St. John the Evangelist

23 Water St. N., Kitchener

www.stjohn316.com

Architect: Eden Smith

Year Built: 1894; additions 1901, 1927, 1955

To visit this church is to unlock a treasure chest of local craftsmanship. A large, elaborately carved wood reredos depicting the Last Supper and Four Evangelists is by Globe Furniture, Waterloo. A particularly beautiful triptych of stained glass windows is a must see: "Faith, Charity & Hope", a 1912 memorial to Stephanie Seagram, made in Kitchener by the Bullas brothers. The other stained glass is excellent, including some that predates the building. The brick interior, renowned for its acoustics, contains two pipe organs. Noted Toronto architect Eden Smith designed two other participating buildings: the Church of the Holy Saviour and Sorbara, Schumacher, McCann LLP.

Berlin Fire Station No. 2 / Station 2 Studios

318 Duke St. W., Kitchener

www.station2studios.ca

Architect: William and Henry Dunker, carpenter contractors

Year Built: 1913

This former fire station displays classic early-twentieth-century architecture in the Italian villa style with a 75-foot hose-drying tower. Horses were stabled here in the 1920s to pull equipment serving the industrial area of Kitchener. Now a live/work building, featuring ground-floor studios, art gallery, and tower.

Bread and Roses Co-op *Designated

307 Queen St. S., Kitchener

www.breadandrosescoop.org

Architect: Fryett, Shifflet Associates (1989)

Year built: 1879; renovated 1989

Bread and Roses is a non-profit housing co-operative with 22 of its 66 units in a former button factory built in 1879. With a gable roof, interesting brickwork, and stunning windows, the designated heritage building is a landmark in downtown Kitchener.

Calvin Presbyterian Church

248 Westmount Rd. E., Kitchener

www.calvinchurch.ca

Year built: 1960; 1963

The clay brick church has laminated wood beams in the sanctuary reaching 50 feet in height. With its stylized spire and simplified lines, Calvin is a good example of its architectural period. Along with nearby churches St. Francis of Assisi and Forest Hill United, Calvin Presbyterian Church is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2010.

The Centre In The Square

101 Queen St. N., Kitchener

www.centre-square.com

Architect: Rieder, Hymmen & Lobban

Year built: 1980

The Centre In The Square is a world-class live performing arts theatre (North America's second-largest stage) characterized by exemplary acoustics thanks to the pioneering work of acoustical engineer Russell Johnson (now Artec Consultants).

Church of the Good Shepherd (Swedenborgian) * Designated

116 Queen St. N., Kitchener

shepherdsway.ca

Year Built: 1935

Known simply as "that beautiful church" for its classic English Gothic lines, beautiful woodwork, and magnificent stained glass, this church, also known as "Kitchener's wedding chapel", is a designated heritage building. Currently celebrating its 175th anniversary, the church invites you to learn more about its rich and fascinating history.

The Communitech Hub

151 Charles St. W., Suite 100, Kitchener

www.communitechhub.ca

Architect: RAWdesign (2008-2010)

Year Built: 1896-1956; renovation 2008-2010

The Communitech Hub at the historic Lang Tannery buildings brings entrepreneurs, multinational companies and academic institutions together in one bright and interesting, 30,000 square foot state-of-the-art workspace. The mission of The Hub is to build global digital media companies by mentoring tenant startups, splicing innovation into enterprise partners, sowing the seeds of strategic partnerships and helping big digital media ideas to secure funding. At The Hub, the digital media sector and heritage industrial architecture meet.

Doon Flax Mill Ruin

East side of #1246 Doon Village Rd., Kitchener

The 1853 Doon Flax Mill was the first successful flax mill in Upper Canada, and part of the Doon Twines and Flax Mill complex. The ruin - the stone foundation wall of the mill - was excavated in 2000.

Doon Presbyterian Church

35 Roos St., Kitchener

www.doonpc.com

Year built: 1854

Founded as a congregation of the Free Church of Scotland in 1851, Doon Presbyterian Church met first in local homes. The present building site was offered by Mr. Ferrie, a mill operator, and the church quickly became the spiritual home of the Scottish settlers of the Doon area. The 1854 building is still in use (with an extension) today, and retains many original features.

Downtown Kitchener Heritage Walking Tour

200 King St. W., Kitchener

www.kitchener.ca

Kitchener's Downtown has changed dramatically over the past 50 years. This tour identified many valuable structures: a grand old school, a former factory, impressive commercial buildings, and two fine residences.

First Church of Christ, Scientist

64 Water St. N., Kitchener

www.cschurchesontario.ca/kitchener.html

Architect: Joseph Taft, NY

Year built : 1899

A rare treasure of Arts and Crafts style, practically unaltered inside and out. British and German influences, abundant black ash trim throughout, curved benches, leaded and stained glass windows, 1,098-pipe Casavant organ, massive dry-laid stone foundation, triangular footprint, lovely corner turret.

Forest Hill United Church

121 Westmount Rd. E., Kitchener

www.foresthillunited.org

Architect: John Lingwood

Year Built: 1963

This A-frame church, with its low eaves, presents a striking profile to Westmount Road, and reflects the vintage of the surrounding Forest Hill neighbourhood. Inside, sleek, honey-coloured wood ceilings and furniture contrast with the stone end wall and reflect light pouring in through jewel-coloured stained glass.

Former Public Utilities Commission Building

195 King St. W., Kitchener

www.sig.uwaterloo.ca

Architect: B.A. Jones

Year Built: 1931-32

This art deco 1931-32 structure, one of Kitchener's oldest remaining public buildings, has a richly detailed granite-and-sandstone exterior, including carefully crafted metalwork, cut stonework, brass doors and carved medallions. Inside are the original elevator and mosaic floors. Now home to the University of Waterloo's Social Innovation Generation initiative.

Free Church and Memorial Cemetery, Bridgeport

79 Bridge St., Kitchener

Built 1848

The Free Church is reportedly the second oldest church building in Waterloo Region. Few other early brick structures (1840-1850) in the Georgian style remain in the region. The building has been a place of worship for many religious denominations. The interior, exterior, and cemetery each exhibit noteworthy heritage features.

Globe Studios

141 Whitney Place, Kitchener

www.globestudios.org

Year Built: 1910; 2000-2002

Globe Studios is located in the former Bonnie Stuart shoe factory. The roomy industrial space now houses studios for twenty-three artists, three arts organizations, an art supply store, and an architect. A piece of manufacturing equipment commemorates the people who once made children's shoes in the building.

A Grander View

582 Lancaster St., Kitchener

www.enermodal.com

Architect: Robertson Simmons Architects

Year Built: 2009

When completed in August, 2009, "A Grander View", the new headquarters of Enermodal Engineering, will be the most energy-efficient office building in Canada. The three-storey building will have superior indoor air quality, natural day-lighting, and native-species landscaping, and will use 10 per cent of the energy of a comparably-sized conventional office building.

Green Gables Guest House

189 Queen St. N., Kitchener

www.greengablesguesthouse.ca

Year Built: ca. 1910

Marble fireplaces, ten-foot-high beamed ceilings, cherry paneling, a beautiful, broad staircase, inlaid hardwood floors, original silk damask wall panels, and rich woodwork are some of the original details awaiting the visitor to this Tudor style house, distinctive for its prominent stone chimneys and steep, gabled roof.

Green on the Grand

650 Riverbend Dr., Kitchener

www.enermodal.com

Architect: Snider, Reichard & March Architects

Year Built: 1996

Daylighting, radiant heating/cooling, and superior indoor air quality distinguish Canada's first C2000 office building, Green on the Grand, which uses less than one-half the energy, electricity, and water normally used in commercial buildings of comparable size. The C2000 program promotes energy efficiency and environmental responsibility in commercial construction.

Heartwood Place on Gaukel

19 Gaukel St., Kitchener

www.heartwoodplace.ca

Architect: Snider Reichard March (2003)

Year Built: 1890. Renovated 2003

Formerly Duthler's Textiles, this neglected and unsightly building was renovated and expanded to create thirty-three affordable apartments, an attractive community room and rooftop patio. Original maple floors and post-and-beam construction blend nicely with energy efficient insulation, windows and heating/cooling systems. Everyone, including the tenants, is pleasantly surprised by the outcome!

Historic St. Paul's Lutheran Church

137 Queen St. S., Kitchener

Architect: Jonas Knechtel

Year Built: 1889

The oldest church building in Kitchener, Historic St. Paul's was built in the Upper Canada Vernacular Gothic style. Worthy of note are the memorial stained glass windows reflecting Christian symbols, the early 20th-century altar, lectern, and pulpit, and early lighting fixtures. The Casavant organ was installed in 1921.

History of Waterloo County Murals

Region of Waterloo Administration Building

1st Floor Cafeteria, 150 Frederick St., Kitchener

Painted in 1950 by Selwyn Dewdney (1909-1979), pictography (Aboriginal rock paintings) researcher and one of the founders of the Canadian art therapy profession, painted these five murals depicting Waterloo County from pre-history through the 1940s. Commissioned by the Waterloo Trust and Savings Company, the murals hung in the King Street, Kitchener branch until 1993.

Homer Watson House and Gallery

1754 Old Mill Rd., Kitchener

www.homerwatson.on.ca

Architect: built by Adam Ferrie

Year Built: 1834-1835

A National Historic Site and the homestead of Canada's first noted landscape artist and a forerunner of the Group of Seven, Homer Watson (1855-1936). In addition to seeing the Watson Collection, contemporary exhibitions and Watson's painting equipment, Doors Open visitors can visit the adjacent coach house and art studios. The House and Gallery preserves and celebrates Homer Watson's creative spirit by stimulating visual arts appreciation, enjoyment and practice through its programs, exhibitions and events.

J. Steckle Heritage Homestead

811 Bleams Rd., Kitchener

www.stecklehomestead.ca

Year Built: 1833, with additions

This 15 acre designated heritage property was settled in 1833 by the Steckle family. Steckle Heritage Farm is a charitable organization providing agricultural, environmental and cultural programs to children and families in the Waterloo Region. The beautiful property combines a working farm within the City of Kitchener with an educational facility where original buildings rooted in Mennonite traditions are preserved. From an impressive bank barn to a honey house and summer kitchen, Steckle Farm connects people to local history and current farming and food issues.

Joseph Schneider Haus National Historic Site

466 Queen St. S., Kitchener

Built ca.1816

Joseph Schneider Haus is a Pennsylvania-German Mennonite farmstead restored to 1856. Costumed staff demonstrates seasonal activities in the main house, and in the bake/smoke/drying house, springhouse, woodshed, and garden. Two galleries feature changing exhibitions. For Doors Open, the artifact storage vault was open for behind-the-scenes tours.

Kitchener City Hall

200 King St. W., Kitchener

www.downtownkitchener.ca

Architect: Bruce Kuwabara

Year Built: 1993

Kitchener City Hall is a dramatic modernist building designed by Bruce Kuwabara (Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg). Since September 1993, it has served as a centre for municipal operations and hundreds of community events. Throughout the first and second floors, visitors will find displays of public art and heritage artifacts.

Kitchener Masjid

1017 Victoria St. N., Kitchener

www.kitchenermasjid.com

Welcome to the first and only mosque in Kitchener. Doors Open will give the general public the opportunity to meet with members of the local Muslim community. The prayer hall and the community gathering area will be open, and activities will include guided tours every half hour.

Kitchener Waterloo Collegiate and Vocational School (KCI)

787 King St. W., Kitchener

Year built: 1881, with additions

Celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2005, Kitchener-Waterloo Collegiate and Vocational School features a Neo-Classical facade enveloping a structure of 1881, with major additions dating from 1922, 1947, 1963, and 1984. The school was considered for closure in 2002. A \$2-million renovation was completed in 2004.

Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.

301 Victoria St. S., Kitchener

www.kwhydro.on.ca

Architect: The Walter Fedy Partnership

Year Built: 1985; additions 1995, 2004

A municipally owned electricity distribution company serving the homes and businesses of Wilmot Township and the City of Kitchener since 1906. For Doors Open get a behind-the-scenes look at the transformer station, the very place where, in 1910, Kitchener (Berlin at that time) became the first Ontario municipality to receive publicly owned hydroelectricity from Niagara Falls. The service center and offices will also be included in the tour.

Lyle S. Hallman Faculty of Social Work, Wilfrid Laurier University

120 Duke St. W., Kitchener

www.wlu.ca/homepage.php?grp_id=30

Year Built: 1881. Renovated 2005-2006

Open noon - 5 p.m. only

Wilfrid Laurier University, with support from the City of Kitchener, has successfully transformed the landmark former St. Jerome's College/High School into a thriving professional school for Laurier's Faculty of Social Work. The Lyle S. Hallman Faculty of Social Work was awarded the Wagner Heritage Award by the City of Kitchener.

Ratz-Bechtel Funeral Home and Cremation Centre

621 King St. W., Kitchener

www.ratzbechtelfuneralhome.com

Year Built: 1892, with additions

The unusual exterior of this Victorian mansion, built as the family home of Kaufman Rubber Co. founder Jacob Kaufman, features an elaborate turret, a slate roof, dramatic stonework and winged lion carvings. Inside, much original woodwork remains, including the main entry and hand carved staircase, paneling, doors and trim. See the one-time billiard room and turret reading room, and enjoy a rare look at the former servants' quarters at the rear of this grand house. The Family Centre, on the former livery stable site, will host visitors for refreshments.

The Record

160 King St. E., Kitchener

news.therecord.com

Architect: renovated by The Walter Fedy Partnership, Roger Farwell

Year Built: renovated 2004-05

History is on display throughout "The Record Building" – a 54,000-square-foot renovation of the former Sears store at Market Square. Home to 350 Record employees, the office is a jewel in downtown Kitchener. Historical front pages, a 1908 linotype machine, and a display telling the story of newspapers were featured as Doors Open highlights.

REEP House for Sustainable Living

20 Mill St., Kitchener

www.reepwaterlooregion.ca/prog_house.php

Architect: Graham Whiting, Whiting Design

Year Built: 1905; renovated 2010

Residential Energy Efficiency Project (REEP) presents a hands-on showroom offering "one stop shopping" of green living ideas, from LEDs to solar panels. This century home has R-8 wooden arch-top stained glass windows and a \$138 annual heating bill! Use our software to model costs, paybacks and energy savings of green options, and find suppliers, contractors, grants and financing. REEP House has applied for Platinum certification from LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Canada.

The Registry Theatre *Designated

122 Frederick St., Kitchener

www.registrytheatre.com

Architect: Ray Hall

Year Built: 1938-39

Art Deco-style motifs and materials accent both the interior and the façade of the Registry Theatre, originally built to house the Waterloo County Registry Office. The lobby has recently been repainted in its original colours, and replicas of the original windows and front doors were installed in 2007.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

54 Queen St. N., Kitchener

www.standrewskw.com

Year Built: 1906; additions, 1954, 1967

The sanctuary of this red-brick church was built in the round, with Canadian stained-glass windows, oak pews, a four-manual Casavant organ and two smaller sanctuaries – Covenant Chapel and St. Andrew's Chapel (with a secret passage to the pipe chamber). Internationally acclaimed organist Douglas Haas will present mini-concerts on the hour, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Church

49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener

www.stfrankw.ca

Architect: Richard D. Pagani

Year Built: 1960

The architecture of St. Francis is representative of its period, and its window colour and design are distinctive. Environmental improvements recently made to the building, for which St. Francis was recognized by the program "Greening Sacred Spaces," will be showcased.

St. Mary Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows Roman Catholic Church

56 Duke St. W., Kitchener

Year Built: 1900

Founded in 1857, St. Mary's is the oldest Roman Catholic parish in Kitchener. Beautiful woodwork and stained glass windows grace the interior of the Gothic style building, which seats more than 1,000 people. In 1948, a Casavant pipe organ was installed to honour parishioners who died in WWII.

Suddaby Public School

171 Frederick St., Kitchener

Architect: John Dalgaesh; Franklin of Toronto (1922)

Year Built: 1857; 1876; 1922

Founded as Berlin Central School in 1857. The building, expanded in 1876 and then to its current size in 1922, now consists of interior sections from each stage of its history. Home to the "Victorian Classroom" historical classroom re-enactment, Suddaby counts Prime Minister William Lyon MacKenzie King among its graduates.

The Tannery District

151 Charles St. W., Kitchener

www.thetannery.ca

Architect: 2008-10 adaptation, RAW Design

Year Built: Original buildings, 1896, with later additions; adaptations, 2008-10

The Tannery District in downtown Kitchener was originally the Lang Tanning complex. Now being adapted for new commercial uses, the site will retain its heritage elements while adding contemporary design and modern conveniences. Another excellent example of Kitchener's historic industrial architecture being reused for new purposes.

Theatre & Company/King Street Theatre Centre

36 King St. W., Kitchener

Architect: Architecture Incorporated

Year Built: 2001

When the King Street Theatre Centre was featured in Doors Open 2006, it was Theatre & Company's permanent home. The Centre has a flexible performance space that can be set in proscenium, thrust, or in-the-round stage configurations. Rehearsal facilities, administrative offices, and construction shops for sets, costumes, and props are also on site.

University of Waterloo School of Pharmacy

10 Victoria St. S., Kitchener

www.pharmacy.uwaterloo.ca

Architect: Siamak Hariri, Hariri Pontarini Architects, Toronto

Year Built: 2009

Distinctive for its colourful curtain wall featuring images of medicinal plants, the School of Pharmacy represents a unique investment in downtown renewal. Opened in 2009, the building optimizes natural light and uses organic materials such as wood and stone to create a welcoming environment for staff, students and the community.

Walper Terrace Hotel *Designated

1 King St. W., Kitchener

www.walper.com

Year Built: 1893

The Zuber family acquired the Walper Hotel in 1908 and created an internationally renowned hotel, boasting the finest dining and dancing lounge in the region. Prime Ministers Sir Wilfrid Laurier and William Lyon Mackenzie King dined at the famous Walper. The designated heritage building was totally refurbished in the 1980s.

Waterloo County Gaol and Governor's House

77 Queen St. N., Kitchener

Architect: Mellish & Russell, Brantford (Gaol); D. W. Gingerich, Waterloo (GH)

Year Built: 1852-1853 (Gaol); 1878 (GH)

Perennial favourites of Doors Open visitors, these are the oldest Waterloo County structures in existence. Both heritage exteriors are designated. Both interiors are excellent examples of adaptive re-use. The massive, granite Gaol houses Provincial Offences courtrooms. It served its original purpose until 1978. The stately Victorian Governor's House is used for court offices and public meetings. The lovely Waterloo County Gaol Garden is worth a look. D. W. Gingerich, one of Waterloo County's first practicing architects, also designed the Waterloo Regional Police Service, North Division, Waterloo. Visit takes approximately one hour.

Waterloo Pioneers Memorial Tower

south end of Lookout Lane, Kitchener

www.pc.gc.ca/lhn-nhs/on/waterloo/index_e.asp

Year Built: 1926. Restoration 1997-2002

The Waterloo Pioneers Memorial Tower commemorates the arrival of the Pennsylvania-German pioneers to Waterloo Region in 1800-1803. Its random-coursed fieldstone, tapered "Swiss" copper roof and the Conestoga wagon weather vane reflect the origin and farming lifestyle of these early settlers. The public was allowed access to the observation deck during Doors Open 2009.

Waterloo Region Museum

10 Huron Rd. (at Homer Watson Blvd.), Kitchener

www.waterlooregionmuseum.com

Architect: Moriyama & Teshima Architects

Year Built: 2010

This innovative new museum connects visitors to the region's diverse people, ideas and stories. The state-of-the-art facility features significant community space, including a stunning grand foyer, a 115-seat theatre and three multi-purpose meeting rooms. A "green" building, it's targeted for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design silver certification. Note: Doon Heritage Village closed.

Waterloo Regional Children's Museum

10 King St. W., Kitchener

www.themuseum.ca

Architect: Levitt Goodman Architects, Toronto (2003)

Year Built: 1870; 2003

Five floors of innovation and creativity, this educational and cultural facility opened in 2003 as a key component of downtown Kitchener's revitalization. Through the child-sized doors, families discover the worlds of art and technology at play through hands-on exhibits and programs, and experience a place where light and laughter play.

Waterloo Regional Curatorial Centre at Doon Heritage Village

10 Huron Rd., at Homer Watson Boulevard, Kitchener,

www.region.waterloo.on.ca/doon

Architect : Sears and Russell, with Joe Somfay

Year Built: 1995

One of the finest museum storage and preservation facilities in Canada, housing 40,000 artifacts owned by the Region of Waterloo. The building has received numerous awards, and its opening marked a significant milestone in local historical preservation.

Woodside National Historic Site of Canada

528 Wellington St. N., Kitchener

www.pc.gc.ca/woodside

Architect: Jenkins & Wright (1952)

Year built: 1858; rebuilt 1952

Woodside National Historic Site of Canada is the boyhood home of William Lyon Mackenzie King, Canada's 10th prime minister. Spend some time with a costumed interpreter who will guide you through the meticulously furnished rooms. See artifacts once belonging to the King family. Listen to Victorian music and sample goodies.

The Working Centre

43, 58, & 66 Queen St. S., Kitchener

www.theworkingcentre.org

Years Built: ca. 1905; ca. 1919; ca. 1898

The Working Centre is a community development organization providing access to tools, housing, and projects. Our Queen Street buildings have been rescued from decay and revitalized into mixed-use space, with renovations occurring between 1996 and 2006.

Zion United Church / Rockway Mennonite Church

32 Weber St. W., Kitchener

www.zionunitedchurch.org

Year Built: 1894

The Zion congregation's third church building contains gorgeous stained glass windows and has retained much of its original interior, including rich woodwork, a large gallery, and massive ceiling beams and brackets. Zion's original, semi-circular Sunday school wing is now home to Rockway Mennonite Church.

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NORTH DUMFRIES

Ayr Masonic Lodge

28 Northumberland St., Ayr

Year Built: Before 1870

Ayr Masonic Lodge opened in 1865. The building, originally a mill, was moved to this location to access waterpower from Cedar Creek. A third floor was destroyed by fire in the 1950s, but the second-floor lodge was spared. Rare wall-to-wall blue and gold, 19th century carpeting bearing Masonic symbols, ornate, historical furniture, the original lambskin charter and other lodge memorabilia will be on display during Doors Open.

Ayr Public Library

92 Stanley St., Ayr

Built 1911

When it outgrew the Ayr Masonic building where it had been housed for 30 years, the community library was moved into its new Classic Revival library building. Financed by the Andrew Carnegie Foundation, the Ayr Public Library retains many original features, including exterior Doric columns and interior classical archways.

Black Horse Corners Heritage Outbuildings * Designated

1784 Northumberland St., North Dumfries Township

www.home.golden.net/~shadynook/blackhorsecorner.html

Architect: (renovation) Chris Borgal; John Clinckett

Year Built: 1835-1894

The long-vanished town of Black Horse Corners revolved around the Black Horse Inn (1853-1875). Three buildings from that era still exist here at Shadynook Farms, adjacent to the site. The barn, smokehouse, and 1835 former cheese factory (designated and renovated 1991-1994), are used for various purposes on this small farm.

Christ Anglican Church

50 Manley St., Ayr

<http://www.christchurchayr.tk>

Year Built: 1914

The interior of this lovely, simple church remains mostly in its original state, including the woodwork, windows and altar. The cement blocks used to construct each section of the building were made and erected by church members. In 2001, the tradition of congregational labour continued with a program that expanded the existing structure.

Detweiler Meetinghouse

3445 Roseville Rd., Roseville

www.detweilermeetinghouse.ca

Year Built: 1855

Careful restorations have returned Detweiler Meetinghouse, Ontario's only surviving stone Mennonite meetinghouse, to its 1855 appearance, from its Georgian hand-blown glass windows to its original pine floors. Lively acoustics make it attractive as a live performance venue, and it is also available for milestone occasions, weddings and reunions. The adjacent, historic Roseville Cemetery is still in use. Stroll the grounds and enjoy this rare and beautiful piece of built heritage in a serene rural setting.

Grace United Church

3258 Roseville Rd., Roseville

Year Built: 1898; 1955; 1979

The Evangelical United Brethren Church mission in the Roseville area traces its beginnings to 1839. The present building was purchased from a Mennonite Brethren congregation in 1919. The basement was made into usable space in 1927. Original details in the sanctuary include benches and wainscoting, and six beautiful lancet windows.

Knox United Church

92 Northumberland St., Ayr

Year Built: 1884

Knox United, originally built as Knox Presbyterian, has undergone extensive, careful restorations in time for two significant anniversaries in 2009: the congregation's 175th and the building's 125th. Behind the impressive exterior, the sanctuary offers beautiful windows, much original woodwork and a sweeping gallery. The church is a well-used facility, and opens its doors to the community for worship and fellowship.

Ontario Christian Gleaners

1550 Morrison Rd., North Dumfries Township

www.ontariogleaners.org

Architect: Tacoma Engineers

Year Built: 2008

How are the people of Waterloo Region helping to feed hungry people around the world using our local harvest? This three-year-old operation, known affectionately as "The Gleaners", produces over 4 million servings of soup a year for people in 31 countries. Visitors will see how surplus local produce is transformed into a nutritious dried soup mix.

The Postmaster's House

10 Water St., Ayr

www.danfisher.org/mclornhome.html

Year Built: ca. 1840

Ayr's first Postmaster, Robert Wyllie, built this Regency Cottage located on beautiful grounds along the Nith River. The clapboard exterior, rubble stone foundation, pine floors, six-over-six windows, verandah with its fine trelliage, and carriage shed and stable (now an artists' studio and B&B) have been maintained by the McLorn family.

Rare Charitable Research Reserve

768 Blair Rd. (meet at the Resource House and Slit Barn), North Dumfries Township

www.raresites.org

An environmental gem for our region, preserving an environmentally invaluable landscape in perpetuity. See the diversity of habitats and concentration of significant plants and animals that exist at rare.

Region of Waterloo Library, Ayr Branch

137 Stanley St., Ayr

www.rwl.library.on.ca/ayrbranch.html

Architect: Brian McCulloch of James Fryett Architect

Year Built: 2004

The library was built across the street from the original Ayr Carnegie Library. It covers 7,000 square feet and features comfortable reading areas and a meeting room, a cathedral ceiling over the circulation desk, and large windows for natural light, including one of stained glass. The children's area is bright with fun furnishings, a colourful mural and early literacy stations.

Townline School

5183 Trussler Rd., Blandford-Blenheim Township, Oxford County

Year Built: 1909

This schoolhouse presents a lesson in community heritage stewardship. Inside, original details are everywhere, and include the blackboards, windows, decorative tin ceiling, lighting fixtures, trim, doors, wainscoting, floors, and foyer. Maintained for regular community events by the Townline Community Club, the school has always doubled as a social gathering place.

Trussler Road

This scenic heritage road, along with Wilmot Line Road to the north, marks the western boundary of the land granted to the Six Nations in the late 1700s; a tract approximately 12 miles wide encompassing the Grand River.

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WATERLOO

Accelerator Centre

295 Hagey Blvd., Waterloo

www.acceleratorcentre.com

Architect: Robertson Simmons Architects, Laird Robertson

Year Built: 2006

The Centre encourages the growth of high-tech firms, and acts as a catalyst for the creation of products and services. Environmentally sustainable design elements, by CORA Group, include Canada's second-largest green roof, a unique treatment of each exterior facing to maximize heating/cooling, detailed landscaping treatments, and a demountable wall system

Alexandra School/@lex live/work Residences

35 Alexandra Ave., Waterloo

Year Built: 1908

Alexandra School began proudly serving our community's education requirements in 1908. In its current incarnation as @lex live/work Residences, the original oak floors and trim, even the old chalkboard and water fountains, have been incorporated to beautifully combine historical charm with modern-day technology.

Bean-Wright House/Hillcrest House

73 George St., Waterloo

www.hillcresthouse.ca

Year Built: 1882

Welcome to the Hillcrest House. This fine example of Italianate Architecture, with its wide, heavy-bracketed eaves, was built high on a hill overlooking the street by Theodore Bellinger in 1882. Ongoing interior and exterior restorations have preserved many original details and the grandeur of the Victorian era. The house is now a B&B.

Brick Brewing Company

181 King St. S., Waterloo

www.brickbeer.com

Year Built: 1880

Ontario's first craft brewery. Brewing all natural ales and lagers since 1984, this historic building was converted from a furniture factory to a traditional European brewhouse. Cheers!

Brubacher House Museum

access lane from Columbia Street between Westmount Road and University of Waterloo entrance

Built 1850

This Mennonite fieldstone farmhouse, built in 1850, is a historic gem, couched within the modern Research and Technology Park at the University of Waterloo. Guided tours of the Brubacher family's multi-level home and furnishings will be led by knowledgeable interpreters. A 13 minute DVD presentation will conclude the tour.

The Button Factory / Waterloo Community Arts Centre * Designated

25 Regina St. S., Waterloo

www.buttonfactoryarts.ca

Year Built: 1886

An example of late 19th-century industrial architecture, this former button factory retains many original features. The button manufacturing company established by Richard Roschman, in operation until 1944, produced items including buckles, cufflinks and sequins. The designated heritage building has been home to the Waterloo Community Arts Centre since 1993.

Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery

25 Caroline St. N., Waterloo

www.canadianclayandglass.ca

Architect: Patkau Architects, Vancouver

Year built: 1992-1993

A premier exhibition space dedicated to exhibiting, interpreting, and collecting contemporary clay, glass, and enamel artwork. Our education programs offer art classes for children and youth, workshops, tours, and lectures, making the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery a dynamic place for learning and exploring. The Gallery Shop showcases Canadian artists.

Centre for Environmental and Information Technology

University of Waterloo

200 University Ave. W., Waterloo

Architect: Teeple Architects Inc.

Year built: 2002

The new five-storey centre houses experts from the Engineering, Environmental Studies, Mathematics, and Science faculties. Facilities include the Waterloo Institute for Groundwater Research and the Earth Sciences Museum. Visitors will see a research laboratory, lecture theatre, teaching laboratory, roof garden, and dinosaurs and colourful minerals in the cavernous museum spaces.

Church of the Holy Saviour

33 Allen St. E., Waterloo

www.holy-saviour.on.ca

Year Built: 1898

This fine, small church is particularly noteworthy for its abundance of unusually rich, carved oak woodwork, including paneling, choir stalls and pews, a chancel screen, a pulpit and lectern, and a reredos carving of the Last Supper, all by Globe Furniture of Waterloo. Other highlights include decorative murals and windows.

The Cedars Worship Centre

543 Beechwood Dr., Waterloo

www.westminsterunited.ca

www.templeshalom.ca

Architect: Charles Simon, Eden Mills

Year built: 1996

Home of both Westminster United Church and Temple Shalom (Reform), "The Cedars" was the first jointly-designed, jointly-constructed Jewish-Christian worship centre built in Canada. The sanctuary, with its two distinctive, peaked skylights and two foci of worship, is shared by both congregations. A Jewish Shabbat service will be taking place during Doors Open between 10:30 a.m. and noon, and visitors are welcome to attend.

The Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI)

57 Erb St. W., Waterloo

www.cigionline.org

Architect: Barton Myers Associates

Year Built: 1878; addition 1984

From grains to brains: the Seagram distillery, established here in the 1800s, closed in 1992. This building, built as a barrel warehouse, later served as a museum, was awarded the Governor General's Medal in Architecture, and is now home to The Centre for International Governance Innovation, a global think tank founded by Research In Motion co-CEO Jim Balsillie.

Church of the Holy Saviour (Anglican)

33 Allen St. E., Waterloo
www.holy-saviour.on.ca

Architect: Eden Smith

Year Built: 1898

This very fine church has an abundance of richly carved oak woodwork by Globe Furniture of Waterloo, including paneling, pews, choir stalls, a chancel screen, a pulpit and lectern, and a reredos carving of the Last Supper. Other highlights include murals and windows. Noted Toronto architect Eden Smith also designed two other participating buildings: the nearby offices of SorbaraLaw and St. John the Evangelist Church, Kitchener.

CIGI Campus

67 Erb St. W., Waterloo

<http://cigicampus.cigionline.org/>

Architect: KPMB (Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg Architects)

Year Built: 2011

World changer: Enjoy an inaugural preview of Waterloo's newest building, the CIGI Campus, during its official opening weekend. Designed to house several research and academic institutions focused on global issues, including the Balsillie School of International Affairs, this Oxbridge-style complex features a landscaped interior courtyard with public art, signature bell tower and wood-clad 250-seat auditorium for both academic and public events.

City of Waterloo/City Hall Green Roof

100 Regina St. S., Waterloo

www.waterloo.ca

Architect: Crang and Boake, Toronto; green roof: Flynn Canada and Xeroflor Canada

Year Built: 1987 (City Hall); 2005 (green roof)

The City Hall green roof absorbs rainfall to control erosion and runoff, and doubles the lifespan of the roofing system while reducing fine airborne particulate matter, heat gain in the building, and the urban "heat island effect".

City of Waterloo Museum - Conestoga Mall

550 King St. N., Waterloo

<http://www.waterloo.ca/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=2449>

The new museum signals an exciting chapter in the collection's history. An innovative partnership with Conestoga Mall has provided a home for the display and exhibition of the City of Waterloo heritage collection. View the current exhibitions and look behind the scenes to see how Heritage Services connects Waterloo's past.

Doors Open through the Photographer's Lens

Doris Lewis Rare Book Room, Dana Porter Library, 1st floor

University of Waterloo, 200 University Ave. W., Waterloo

<http://doorsopen2011uwaterloolibrary.wordpress.com/>

UW Lot C - enter from Seagram Drive at University Avenue

The Library presents *Doors Open through the Photographer's Lens*: on-site and virtual exhibits highlighting the work of local photographers who opened doors to spaces and scenes that otherwise may have remained undocumented, and whose photographs are a lasting door to the past. Featuring photographs from the library's Robert Nichol and Charles Belair collections, along with historical images of participating Doors Open 2011 buildings.

Doris Lewis Rare Book Room, Dana Porter Library, University of Waterloo

Dana Porter Library, 1st floor

200 University Ave. W., Waterloo

www.lib.uwaterloo.ca/discipline/SpecColl/Special1.html

The University of Waterloo Library will feature "Doors Closed...but archives ensure a window remains open to the past." "Live" and "virtual" exhibits will highlight prominent local companies - some active since the nineteenth century - which have closed, including records from the archives of Joseph E. Seagram and Sons Ltd., Electrohome, Greb Shoes and Kaufman Footwear.

Economical Insurance

111 Westmount Rd. S., Waterloo

www.economicalinsurance.com

Architect: Mathers and Keldenby Architects, Toronto

Year Built: 1954

This notable building is the national headquarters of The Economical Insurance Group, a Canadian owned and operated company servicing customers' needs through field locations across Canada. Guided tours will be offered through historic sections, which retain original details including marble doorframes and windowsills, and terrazzo floors and stairs in the vault area.

Emmanuel At Brighton Child Care Centre

65 Noecker St., Waterloo

Year Built: 1960

The former Brighton Public School, purchased by Emmanuel Child Care Centre in July 2003, is now an emporium of services, programs, and family activities. The move to Brighton School allowed the centre to contribute space to community partners, as well as providing child development and school-age summer camp programs.

Emmanuel United Church

22 Bridgeport Rd. W., Waterloo

Year Built: 1905; 1938; 1963

Originally Evangelical United Brethren, Emmanuel joined the United Church of Canada in 1968. The beautiful sanctuary has original woodwork and stained glass windows, and one of the few original pipe organs remaining in a Waterloo church. The church and the former Carnegie Library are prominent Macgregor/Albert Heritage Neighbourhood landmarks.

FM 98.5 CKWR

375 University Ave. E., Waterloo

www.ckwr.com

Observe a live radio broadcast in progress, and see the latest technological developments at Canada's oldest community radio station. 98.5 YOUR FM gathers a live broadcast studio, recording studios, offices, signal generation capability, and a library of 8,000 CDs, all under one roof.

Habitat for Humanity Canada National Office / Former Waterloo Carnegie Library

40 Albert St., Waterloo

www.habitat.ca

Year Built: 1903-1905. Renovated 1991

Now Habitat for Humanity Canada, the Waterloo Carnegie Library was built with a grant from American philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, who had a lifelong interest in establishing free libraries. Inside the Classical Revival style building, a designated heritage property, original details include window trim, wainscoting, and the entrance and main staircases.

Institute for Quantum Computing, University of Waterloo

475 Wes Graham Way, Waterloo

www.iqc.ca

Architect: Akitt, Swanson and Pearce Architects Inc.

Year Built: 2008

IQC is dedicated to becoming the world's leading quantum information research institute. IQC researchers use laser photonics, nuclear magnetic resonance, nanotechnology and other techniques to build a new breed of computers that harness the power of quantum mechanics.

Keffer Memorial Chapel - Waterloo Lutheran Seminary

At Albert and Bricker Streets, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo
Architect: Karl Kruschen; Kruschen & Dailey, Waterloo
Year Built: 1963

Built as the centerpiece of the Waterloo Lutheran University campus. Outside, an interesting combination of limestone, sandstone, glass, and a distinctive bell tower. Inside, marble floors, restrained woodwork, and two exquisite stained glass windows preserved from Willison Hall, a long-gone campus building. An excellent example of its architectural period.

Knox Presbyterian Church Waterloo

50 Erb St. W., Waterloo

www.knoxwaterloo.ca

Architect: Baird Sampson Neuert and Barry Sampson

Year Built: 2010-2011

This exciting church facility replaces the original Knox church on the same site, and creates a spiritual touch-point for Uptown Waterloo. The striking transparency and dramatic worship/performance space with room for 500 reflects its progressive, creative, 21st century congregation. Built according to strict "green building" standards, this new performance, meeting, display and worship space is now available to the Waterloo community.

Kuntz-Labatt House

171 King St. S., Waterloo

www.erbgood.com

Year Built: 1880

As part the Erb & Good Family Funeral Home, the Historic Kuntz House serves as a reception space after funerals, and houses the KH Community Gallery. The house has its original oak trim, hardwood floors, and beveled and etched glass, and is a City of Waterloo designated heritage building.

K-W Masonic Temple

440 Weber St. N., Waterloo

www.kwmasonichall.com

Year Built: 1972

Open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. only

The K-W Masonic Temple was built for the use of Freemasons, Royal Arch Masons, Scottish-Rite Masons, Knights Templar and Eastern Star. Discover how Masonry has been involved in the life of this community for 150 years. See historical furnishings and symbols in the lodge rooms, browse heritage displays, and enjoy family activities, music and food.

Kuntz-Labatt House

171 King St. S., Waterloo

www.erbgood.com

Year Built: 1880

Part of the Erb & Good Family Funeral Home, the historic 1880 Kuntz-Labatt House currently serves as a reception space after funerals and houses the KH Community Gallery. The city-designated heritage building – originally associated with the adjacent, now-demolished Kuntz and Carling breweries – retains its original oak trim, hardwood floors and bevelled and etched glass.

Laurel Creek Nature Centre

525 Beaver Creek Rd., Waterloo

www.grandriver.ca

Year Built: 1977

The Grand River Conservation Authority's first purpose-built nature centre, Laurel Creek Nature Centre received a "living" roof in 2008 and achieved silver ranking in the provincial Eco-Schools program. More than 15,000 students and members of the public participate annually in our environmental education programs. Kids' activities and nature hikes will be offered during Doors Open.

The MacLellan House

151 John St. W., Waterloo

www.arisetech.com

Year Built: 1951

This Cape Cod Style home has been extensively renovated to accommodate a 7.65-kilowatt Building Integrated Photovoltaic (BIPV) Array, the first "Just Roof" PV system installed outside of Japan. This BIPV Solar Energy System provides clean, quiet renewable energy – approximately 35 per cent of household electricity annually.

The Old Post Office

35 King St. N., Waterloo

www.perimeterinstitute.ca

Architect: David Ewart

Year Built: 1912; addition 1944

This century-old, 14,000-square-foot Waterloo landmark with its distinctive clock tower has been a post office, optometry school, software company, restaurant and an initial facility for Perimeter Institute's research, training and outreach activities. David Ewart also designed the Col. J. A. McIntosh, DSO, ED Armoury, Cambridge (site #26). Free entry - however, TIMED TICKETS are required. Beginning in August, visit www.perimeterinstitute.ca/opening for ticket information.

The Original Princess Cinema

6 Princess St. W., Waterloo

www.princesscinemas.com

Year Built: ca. 1832

The second-floor cinema (located in the back of the Huether Hotel) was originally an industrial space, housing large kettles and other brewing equipment. The foot-high cornices in the cinema auditorium, added years before The Princess Cinema opened, are perhaps the most attractive architectural touches.

The Princess Twin Cinema

46 King St. N., Waterloo

www.princesscinemas.com

Year Built: ca. 1920s; ca. 1960s; 2003

In 2003, the Princess Cinema spread its wings, transforming the former Alan Rigby Furniture store into the Princess Twin, a two-screen movie theatre with large screens, comfortable stadium-seating, and the best popcorn in the city. The building also contains multi-use retail spaces and the 'Odeon' art gallery.

Seagram Barrel Warehouse/Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI)

57 Erb St. W., Waterloo

<http://www.cigionline.org/>

Year Built: ca. 1878; 1984

Architect: Barton Myers Associates (1984)

The unique interior blends floor-to-ceiling whiskey barrel racks of the 19th-century warehouse with 20th-century open spaces, originally added to accommodate the Seagram Distillers Corp. museum and archives. The Centre for International Governance Innovation advises and educates scholars, practitioners, and governments on the multilateral system of economic and financial governance.

Sorbara, Schumacher, McCann LLP

31 Union St. E., Waterloo

www.sorbaralaw.com

Architect: Eden Smith & Sons

Year Built: 1913; addition 1923

SorbaraLaw recently moved into its new Waterloo offices in the historic Seagram estate, built as a wedding gift for Thomas Seagram. The firm worked diligently with its architects to retain and refinish the character and architectural features of the 8200 square foot home, both inside and out. The result is nothing short of spectacular! Noted Toronto architect Eden Smith also designed two other participating buildings: the nearby Church of the Holy Saviour, and St. John the Evangelist Church, Kitchener.

Stephen Hawking Centre at Perimeter Institute

31 Caroline St. N., Waterloo

www.perimeterinstitute.ca

Architect: Teeple Architects

Year Built: 2004; 2011 Stephen Hawking Centre

A unique centre where international scientists ponder and calculate the nature of space, time, matter and information. The award winning design fosters interdisciplinary research, training and outreach through its private spaces, interactive areas and presentation rooms, with blackboards throughout. Open Sunday only. Free entry - however, TIMED TICKETS are required. Beginning in August, visit www.perimeterinstitute.ca/opening for ticket information.

Sun Life Financial * Designated

227 King St. S., Waterloo

www.sunlife.ca

Architect: Darling & Pearson; Sharpe & Horner

Year built: 1912; 1921

The Modern Renaissance style interior features inlaid marble, an elegant "Great Hall" with an ornate plaster ceiling, and many other original details. The heritage designation of the 1912 and 1921 facades reflect their importance in the streetscape of Waterloo.

University of Waterloo, Faculty of Environmental Studies "Living Walls"

200 University Ave., Waterloo

<http://www.fes.uwaterloo.ca/faculty/green/index.html>

Architect: Air Quality Solutions Ltd., Dr. Alan Darlington, Guelph

Year Built: 2006

In UW's Environmental Studies building, the Faculty of Environmental Studies marries political, social, and scientific communities and principles towards environmental solutions in its living walls. The walls – a biological solution for indoor air quality and energy reduction – incorporate social issues, aesthetic beauty, and new green technology, while maintaining natural simplicity.

University of Waterloo Weather Station

Westmount Road North, east side, first lane north of Columbia Street West, Waterloo

weather.uwaterloo.ca

Year Built: 1998

Located on the north campus of the University of Waterloo, this research weather station has become the source of local weather information with readings every 15 minutes on the website, monthly weather summaries, and the very popular "spring contest". Join us for guided tours every half hour, and see how we measure the weather.

Uptown Waterloo Heritage Walking Tours

Meeting place: Waterloo Public Square, upper level, 75 King Street South, Waterloo
(519) 886-1177 x221

<http://expressreg.waterloo.ca>

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Waterloo-Kitchener United Mennonite Church

15 George St., Waterloo

www.wkumchurch.ca

Year Built: 1888. Renovated 1908, 1952, 1960, 1975

Organized in 1924 by Mennonite refugees from Russia, since 1927 Waterloo-Kitchener United Mennonite Church has been meeting in this building, originally built as St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. The pipe organ is a central feature of the sanctuary, reflecting the congregation's love of music. Rich woodwork is also a highlight.

Waterloo Masjid

213 Erb St. W., Waterloo

www.waterloomasjid.com

Year Built: 1984

Everyone is welcome! Waterloo Masjid is a good example of modern Islamic architecture, with a prominent minaret and a bright, beautiful prayer hall under a domed skylight. Offering interactive guided tours, an Islamic poster exhibition, and Islamic documentary screenings throughout the day, along with free tasty snacks and gifts for everyone. A great site to visit with the whole family.

Waterloo Theatre/ Waterloo Entertainment Centre

24 King St. N., Waterloo

Year built: ca. 1937

The Waterloo Entertainment Centre is a magnificent building with a glorious past. Opened in 1937 as one of Ontario's premier movie theatres, today the building continues to breathe life into Uptown Waterloo.

Waterloo Regional Police Service, North Division

14 Erb St. W., Waterloo

www.wrps.on.ca

Architect: D. W. Gingerich, Waterloo

Year Built: 1880; renovation 1991

Responsible for policing services to the City of Waterloo, the division will soon be moving from this historic building that housed several insurance firms before becoming a police station in 1991. Built as the Mutual Life Assurance Company headquarters, the Greek Revival structure projects an image of strength and stability. Some of the original interior details include the vault, and hardwood throughout the lobby. D. W. Gingerich, one of Waterloo County's first practicing architects, also designed the Waterloo County Governor's House, Kitchener (site #19).

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WELLESLEY**Nauman's Farm**

3250 Hessen Strasse, Wellesley Township

www.naumanfarm.ca

Welcome to Nauman's Farm, where strawberries, raspberries, rhubarb and pumpkins are grown. Nauman's offers both pre-picked and pick-your-own produce. Please choose a time to join us for a guided tour of our farm and learn about the "ins and outs" of growing fresh, local produce in Waterloo Region.

Schnurr's Hall

5168 Ament Line, upper level/Schnurr's Grocery, Linwood

Architect: Built by George Brenner. Interior work by Michael Goetz

Year Built: 1909

Schnurr's Hall hosted community events, meetings, musical shows, circuit court, and more from 1910 to the early 1950s. The hall has been preserved as it was more than 75 years ago. On the main level, the Schnurr family is celebrating more than 145 years of business in Linwood.

Sidney Bowman Blacksmith Shop

3615 Boomer Line, at Hergot Road, Wellesley Township

A rural country blacksmith still serving the community with welding repairs and shaping horseshoes. Years ago, blacksmith shops were scattered across towns and villages, as common as the garages that serve transport needs today. Doors Open visitors were invited to see a coal-fired forge and hear the ring of the anvil, the same today as yesterday.

St. Clement Roman Catholic Church

3619 Lobsinger Line, St. Clements

Year Built: 1858

A simple and imposing brick exterior belies the visual feast within. The visitor will be treated to a thoroughly detailed interior: stunning stained glass windows, a profusion of intricate painting, ornately carved and painted altar woodwork, impressive statuary, and other original woodwork. The building celebrates 150 years in 2008.

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

4260 Hessenstrasse, Wellesley Township

Year Built: 1873

Members of the small but thriving congregation, founded in 1852, collected fieldstones and built this picturesque church on a hill overlooking miles of Wellesley Township farmland. Church services are still held four times a year, and the designated heritage building retains much of its original interior and exterior detail.

Wallenstein General Store

7278 Line 86, Wallenstein

Year Built: ca. 1860s

"From bulk food to farm boots, from wrenches to farm fences". Well-stocked with quality goods, general stores, once commonplace, offered one-stop shopping long before there were shopping malls. Originally a hotel, this triple-thick brick building added a store and post office after the railway came to Wallenstein in 1910.

Wellesley Mill

3677 Nafziger Rd., Wellesley

Year Built: 1856; 1910

The Wellesley Mill is rare among existing Ontario mill buildings, both for its age and its construction. Its massive timber framing on a stone foundation makes for dramatic interior spaces, and remnants of original equipment and other memorabilia are in place. Recently purchased, the historic mill awaits its rebirth.

YMCA Outdoor Centre

3738 Hessen Strasse, between Herrgott Road and Moser-Young Road, Wellesley Township

www.kwymca.org

Architect: Charles Simon

Year Built: 1995

A 2007 recipient of a Canadian Environment Award in Sustainable Living, these state-of-the-art buildings are fascinating examples of architectural design and function. Learn about the "living machine" (a natural ecosystem that uses living organisms to clean washroom wastewater), straw bale housing construction, photovoltaic and wind power, and much more.

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WILMOT

B-W Feed and Seed Ltd.

83 Mill St., New Hamburg

Year Built: 1904

This three-storey brick building replaced a three-storey frame structure of the 1830s, destroyed by fire in 1902. Water, supplied via a millrace from a dam on the Nith River, powered a turbine that drove the line shafts of the mill, and some of this equipment is still on site.

The Carmel of St. Joseph

1127 Carmel-Koch Rd., Wilmot Township

www.thecarmel.ca

Architect: Horton and Ball

Year Built: 1963, with additions

The Carmelite Nuns have been part of Waterloo Region for almost sixty years. The sisters moved to this modern, Spanish-style monastery in 1963. Their mission is to pray for the needs of all people. Visit the chapel; join the sisters for prayer at 11:45 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4:40 p.m.; watch a video about the sisters' life of prayer, work and joyful community living; browse the gift shop. Volunteers and some Carmelite Nuns will be on hand to answer questions, or for prayer requests.

Castle Dundee

1439 Bridge St., New Dundee

Year Built: 1921

Originally built as the New Dundee Bethel Missionary Church, in 1969 the building became the New Dundee Community Centre. It was purchased in 1990 by Fantasy Sky Promotions Inc. and converted into a combination home and hot air balloon manufacturing facility. The building was extensively renovated, upgraded and updated to building codes while retaining its original character.

Castle Kilbride National Historic Site

60 Snyder's Rd. W., Baden

www.castlekilbride.ca

Architect: David Gingerich

Year Built: 1877

Castle Kilbride was the Italianate home of James Livingston, Canada's "Flax Mill King." The fully restored and furnished museum boasts nationally recognized trompe l'oeil ("fools the eye") wall and ceiling murals throughout. A tour through the magnificent mansion is a journey into the lavish Victorian era.

Erb's, Schneider's (Snyder's), and Bleams Roads

The first successful inland white settlement in Upper Canada was established more than 200 years ago in what is now Waterloo Region. Erb's, Schneider's, and Bleams Roads were built in the 1820s to open Wilmot Township for settlement. They were named for, and provided direct routes to, three important Waterloo Township mill sites.

Hartman Bridge * Designated

Huron Street at the Nith River, New Hamburg

Designer/Engineer: D.J. Emery

Year Built: 1936; restored 2006

The Hartman Bridge is an attractive centerpiece in New Hamburg, and has been well preserved and only slightly modified in its recent restoration. It is the last remaining steel truss bridge on the Regional road system. The designated heritage bridge was nominated to the Ontario Heritage Bridge List in 2005.

Herrle's Country Farm Market

1243 Erb's Rd., St. Agatha

www.herrles.com

Year Built: 1988 (farm market); 1877 (farmhouse)

For over 150 years the Herrle family has cared for the land at 1243 Erb's Rd. Wagon tours will depart every half hour, rolling past the heritage barn and farmhouse to the field where visitors will see crops growing and learn about how food is grown in our region. The Herrle's Country Farm Market retail area will be open as usual. Come and see why freshness makes a difference!

The Huron Road

The Huron Road was built just south of Erb's, Schneider's, and Bleams Roads by the Canada Land Company to open up the Huron Tract, west of Wilmot Township. It extended all the way to Goderich, became the primary means of western passage through the region, and was superseded by the Grand Trunk Railway in 1856.

Kitchener-Waterloo Gurdwara

(Golden Triangle Sikh Association)

2070 Snyder's Rd. E., Petersburg

Architect: R. Ritz, Stratford

Year Built: 1983; additions 2005, 2011

The land for the Gurdwara (Sikh temple) was purchased in 1978, making it a first for a Sikh temple in Ontario. The original temple opened in 1983, with a major addition and renovation in 2005. Another addition is in progress. For Doors Open there will be guided tours throughout the facility, and snacks will be served. Places of worship are popular with Doors Open Waterloo Region visitors, and the Gurdwara is a rare and interesting addition to this building category.

Livingston Presbyterian Church

44 Beck St., Baden

Year Built: 1895

The congregation was formed in 1890 and the building erected on the initiative of James Livingston. His son, J. P. Livingston, had memorial stained glass windows installed in 1928 and 1931, and was instrumental in having an addition built in 1935. Other Livingston family remembrances are found here.

New Dundee Bandshell

New Dundee Community Park, Main and Bridge Streets, New Dundee

Year Built: 1944

Designated in 2008, the bandshell has a rock-finish cinder block rear section containing two large dressing rooms, and a wooden shell and front with decorative trim. There is a finished basement underneath the bandshell. It took Albert Fiederlein and carpenter Ed Koehler nearly a year to complete the structure, which was built to accommodate summer evening concerts.

New Dundee Baptist Church

1173 Queen St., New Dundee

Year Built: 1862. Renovated 1934

Step back in time as you enter the original sanctuary of New Dundee Baptist Church. In 1934, the church was turned 90 degrees, set on a new foundation and veneered in brick. For Doors Open, view a 10-minute PowerPoint presentation highlighting the history of the building and hear the original steeple bell at 15 minutes past each hour.

The New Dundee Emporium

169 Front St., New Dundee

Architect: Designed and built by Gottlieb Bettschen

Year Built: 1887

Built of yellow brick by prominent New Dundee citizen Gottlieb Bettschen to honour Queen Victoria's 50th year of reign, the Emporium is a fine example of Victorian mercantile architecture. Originally a general store, the designated heritage building retains much of its original interior and exterior detailing.

New Dundee Public School

1430 Bridge St., New Dundee

<http://nnd.wrdsb.on.ca/>

Year Built: 1928; 1966; 2007

The 1928 school building, built by Anson Hallman, retains much of its original woodwork and floors. Additions were built in 1966, when the amalgamated school board was formed, and also in 2007. A New Dundee Women's Institute 100th anniversary project – digitization of the invaluable Haysville, New Hamburg and New Dundee Tweedsmuir Village History Books – will be on display for Doors Open.

New Hamburg Christian Centre

177 Jacob St., New Hamburg

Year Built: 1909

The current congregation bought this former Baptist church building in 1981. Original sanctuary details include a beautiful, unusual barrel-vaulted wooden ceiling, large stained glass windows, an organ with its stenciled, built-in cabinet, and much additional woodwork. A later foyer and an addition currently under construction have not altered these details.

The Oasis in the Centre

Bleams Road at Road #51 (Wilmot Centre Road)

Year Built: 2000

Built to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Wilmot Township. Leap of Faith, a bronze statue by Wilmot sculptor Ruth Abernethy, overlooks a fieldstone foundation marking the site of the original township hall of 1850. Native trees and plantings surround the courtyard; a stainless steel map shows early township roads and settlements.

Philipsburg Heritage Walking Tour

Meet at the intersection of Nafziger and Erb's Rds., Philipsburg

Tour leaders with deep roots in this picturesque crossroads hamlet will bring the past to life. Settled in the mid-1800s, Philipsburg is a little piece of living history where a surprisingly large number of heritage buildings have survived to tell the story of how rural Ontario took shape. The one-hour sidewalk tour will include the former blacksmith shop, carriage shop, hotel, store and school, in conjunction with Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church's open house and cemetery tour.

Pinehill Wesleyan Methodist Burial Ground

Huron Rd., #2726, Wilmot Township

5 kilometres west of Regional Road #12 between Pinehill Road and Wilmot Centre Road

Legacy of an early settlement period that saw the English-speaking community here surrounded on all sides by settlers of German descent. Young people of all faiths attended a flourishing Sunday school in the chapel that once adjoined the cemetery. The oldest stone dates to 1841.

Puddicombe House

145 Peel St., New Hamburg

www.puddicombehouse.com

Architect: William Hamilton

Year Built: ca. 1868

Built by Samuel Merner, businessman, M.P., and Senator, the Italianate house was in the Puddicombe family from 1888 to 1969. Restored in 2006 to accommodate a restaurant, spa, hair salon, and B&B, the richly decorated house has 12-foot ceilings with plaster cornice mouldings and painted detail. Original blueprints were on display.

Punkeydoodle's Corner

A hotel for travellers going between Hamilton and Goderich, a blacksmith shop, stables, a sawmill, and a cider mill occupied this intersection in the mid-19th century. Colourful but unproven theories abound as to how this famous spot earned its name.

St. Agatha Roman Catholic Church and Cemetery Chapel

At Erb's Road and Notre Dame Drive, St. Agatha

Year Built: 1899 (church); 1857 (chapel)

The cross-topped steeple of this Gothic-style church is a local landmark, easily visible from the surrounding countryside. The original windows are noteworthy. Thousands of faithful pilgrims have sought supplications and offered devotions at The Shrine of the Sorrowful Mother within the nearby Cemetery Chapel, which houses relics and original furnishings.

St. George's Anglican Church

3 Byron St., New Hamburg

Architect: Darling; Toronto

Year built: 1888

A beautiful example of Canadian Victorian architecture, and home to a thriving church community. The interior highlights include traditional church furnishings, historic plaques, and stained glass windows - memorials, a roundel, and a five-light rainbow window designed in 1894 by Robert McCausland of Toronto.

St. James Lutheran Church

66 Mill St., Baden

Year Built: 1862

St. James Lutheran Church New Dundee celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2009 with heritage displays and an open house. The altar, font and other furniture were made for the congregation's original building and relocated to the present one. St. James was designed by prominent Kitchener architect William H. E. Schmalz, designer of the 1924 Kitchener City Hall (demolished).

St. James Wilmot Church and Cemetery

4339 Huron Rd., New Hamburg

Year built: 1854; 1880; 1896

The nave, chancel and porch, and bell tower were completed in three stages between 1850 and 1900. St. James features beautiful original windows, a uniquely simple interior, an original pump organ, and a very quiet, peaceful setting. The bell has a lovely ring; please take the opportunity to ring it.

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The Station House

216 Steinman St., New Hamburg

www.waglerandseebach.ca

Year Built: ca. 1890s

The interior of this historic house retains many original details, including rich woodwork throughout, wall paneling, door transoms, decorative fretwork, carved columns and capitals, a winding staircase, stained glass, and an interesting black ash floor in the formal dining room. Originally built for the Railway Stationmaster of New Hamburg.

Trinity Lutheran Church

23 Church St., New Hamburg

www.telc.ca

Year built: 1910 (sanctuary), 1957, 1983, 1990.

Trinity's people first gathered in 1834. Constructed on a familiar "New York Plan", the present sanctuary retains much original detail and decoration. Visitors may explore a church that has gracefully and inventively integrated the original facility and its three additions into a building that welcomes and serves the contemporary community.

The Waterlot

17 Huron St., New Hamburg

www.waterlot.com

Year Built: 1847

The Italianate home erected by local merchant and industrialist William Scott was a medical office and dwelling from 1909 until it became the Waterlot restaurant in 1973. A campanile, dormers on four sides, grouped chimneys, decorative fascia board, and an interesting interior are a sampling of what awaits the visitor.

Wilmot Heritage Fire Brigades Museum

80 Tannery St., Baden

www.whfb.ca

Learn about the history of firefighting in Wilmot Township. This museum has the unique distinction of having all the motorized pumper trucks from the Baden fire station since that department was formed. There is plenty to see, including vehicles, equipment, and uniforms.

Wilmot Line Road

This scenic heritage road, along with Trussler Road to the south, marks part of the western boundary of the land granted to the Six Nations in the late 1700s; a tract approximately twelve miles wide encompassing the length of the Grand River. Wilmot Line also marks part of the western boundary of the German Company Tract of 1805, 60,000 acres settled largely by Mennonites from Pennsylvania.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

3357 Erb's Rd., Philipsburg

www.philipsburglutheranchurch.ca/Home.php

Architect: Conrad Forler

Year built: 1929

This brick church, designed by a former church member, replaced a clapboard church built in 1850 by German Lutheran settlers who had been worshipping since 1834 in homes and a log schoolhouse. The church features a beautiful handmade altar, a large folk-art painted pipe organ from Germany, the original church bell hauled from Hamilton by horses, and excellent stained glass windows. The cemetery dates to 1844. Enjoy historical displays, live organ music, comforter-knotting sessions for Zion's Project R.E.D. blanket-making project, a cemetery tour and refreshments available all day.

Zion United Church

215 Peel St., New Hamburg

Year Built: 1879; 1919; 2000

Zion United Church, originally an Evangelical Brethren church, first began as part of the Waterloo Mission. With humble beginnings in a small, wooden building established in 1843, Zion United is a growing, active congregation of over 200 people, worshipping in a newly renovated, beautiful historical building.

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WOOLWICH

1842 Bed and Breakfast

1842 Sawmill Rd., Conestogo

www.bbcanada.com/10849.html

Year Built: ca. 1840s

At different times a carriage factory, blacksmith shop and roadhouse, this renovated building was nearly derelict when the current owners took possession. Elements of the original construction visible today include hand-sawn and hewn wood beams, and a thick firewall separating the residence and workshop areas. Now a bed and breakfast, residence and art gallery/studio.

Chalmers Presbyterian Church

4 Katherine St. N., Winterbourne

Year Built: 1870

Scottish families who settled in the area in the 1830s founded the Chalmers congregation. The simple, rectangular interior of the brick church is practically unchanged, with a high ceiling, interesting woodwork, and four tall, narrow Gothic-arched windows on each side. The original large and ornate front-door key remains in use.

Dreisinger Furniture

7 Arthur St. N., Elmira

Built ca. 1860s

The Wachsmuth Block housed many early businesses, then Dreisinger Furniture and Undertaking from 1905. Features include sheet-tin ceilings, pine floorboards, a wooden freight elevator, woodwork in the former chapel, light fixtures from 1912, and a 19th century walk-in bank safe. A picture and artifact display traces the family and business.

Edward Halter Home

1338 Maryhill Rd., Maryhill

Year built: ca. 1850

The Edward Halter Home became the official headquarters of the Historical Society of St. Boniface and Maryhill Community in 1979. Two floors have been turned into a resource centre housing pictures and artefacts from area residents. Early birth, marriage, and death records of local families can be accessed for research.

Evenholme Estate & Spa

16 Isabella St., St. Jacobs

www.evenholmeestate.com

Year Built: 1898

This elegant 1898 Queen-Anne-style mansion features an interior with inlaid wood flooring and original mouldings, doorframes and stained glass in every room of the main floor. Surrounded by five acres of towering pines, groomed gardens, tennis courts and a swimming pool, Evenholme has 10 elaborately furnished guest suites.

Gale Presbyterian Church

2 Cross St., Elmira

www.galepresbyterian.com

Year Built: 1868; 1906; 1986

The oldest section of the Gale Presbyterian Church building, built at a cost of \$450, is one of the oldest church buildings remaining in Woolwich Township. By 1876, the congregation was united with the Chalmers Presbyterian congregation, whose historic church building in nearby Winterbourne is also still in use today.

Gore Park Bandstand

Arthur Street South at Park Avenue, Elmira

Year Built: 1892; 1912

The octagonal stage originally stood behind the Anglo-American House hotel in Elmira. After fire destroyed the hotel in 1898, the bandstand was moved to Gore Park. The bell-cast roof was added in 1912. The Grand River Brass Quintet will provide live music on the bandstand between 1 and 3 p.m.

Martin's Family Fruit Farm

1420 Lobsinger Line, Woolwich Township

www.martinsapples.com

Architect: Frey Brothers

Year Built: 1996

The Martin's Fruit Farm land has been in the Martin family since 1820. The apple packing plant, in the middle of the apple orchard and adjacent to the retail store, will be open for tours. Fresh fruit production and packing on this scale is rare in this part of Ontario. Come and see how we package and market our apples.

Maryhill Inn

1302 Maryhill Rd., Maryhill

www.maryhillinn.com

Year built: 1853

Maryhill Inn was originally built as a stagecoach stop. The great room features the original tin ceiling from its days as the St. Boniface Hotel. In 2000, the front of the inn was restored to its 1910 appearance. An intricately decorated, locally hand-carved ca. 1835 door will also be shown.

NextEnergy National Headquarters

35 Earl Martin Dr., Elmira

www.nextenergy.ca

Year Built: 2005

NextEnergy's 25,000 sq. ft. National Headquarters is a showcase of geothermal technology and heating and cooling efficiency. We have the ability to measure and adjust the performance of our renewable energy heating and cooling system to a degree never before seen in a commercial (or residential) installation.

Roxton Furniture

1 Union St., Elmira

Year Built: 1903, with additions

To visitors interested in industrial architecture, the sprawling Roxton complex offers original interior components behind the scenes, including heavy post-and-beam construction elements, window bays, a conveyor, a freight elevator and a steam boiler. This building - an operating furniture factory until 1988 - now also houses The Shops at Roxton retail businesses, as well as mixed-use office spaces and workshops.

Snider Flour Mill

1441 King St. N., St. Jacobs

Year Built: 1851

The mill was sold in 1870 to E.W.B. Snider, who improved waterpower to the mill and later helped to establish Niagara hydroelectricity as a public utility in Ontario. The water-powered turbine once used to power the mill, as well as village lights, is still housed here. An operating mill until the 1970s, and a museum, exhibit and retail space since 1981. See the Ontario Maple Syrup Museum, Home Hardware Retrospective, St. Jacobs Quilt Gallery, Model Train Museum and the Short Story of Electricity display.

St. Boniface Roman Catholic Church and Cemetery

1355 Maryhill Rd., Maryhill

Architect: Matthew Bell, Guelph

Year Built: 1877

Gothic architecture in local stone on a hilltop setting. The ornate high altar of 1896, original stained glass windows, and original Stations of the Cross are all notable. The old walled-in cemetery next to the church is well known for the handmade iron crosses on many of its grave markers.

St. Boniface School

1354 Maryhill Rd., Maryhill

Year built: 1898, with additions

After 110 years, this is the oldest Roman Catholic school still functioning in the Waterloo Catholic District School Board system. By 1834, New Germany (Maryhill) had a school building that probably doubled as a church. This fourth school retains much of its original character, with additions made in the 1960s.

St. Jacobs Branch, Region of Waterloo Library

29 Queensway Dr., St. Jacobs

www.rwl.library.on.ca/stjacobsbranch.html

Architect: B.A. Jones, Kitchener

Year built: 1934

This charming Georgian-style library was built with funds bequeathed by Lola Snider, daughter of E.W.B. Snider, local entrepreneur and proponent of public hydroelectricity in Ontario. A staircase leads into a bright room with two wings and a central alcove. The library was refreshed in 2008 with a family reading corner and comfortable furnishings, while retaining all the original shelving.

St. Jacobs Schoolhouse Theatre

11 Albert St., St. Jacobs

http://www.draytonentertainment.com/theatre_information/schoolhouse_theatre/

Year Built: 1867

The building served as a schoolhouse until 1929, and although renovated much of its original integrity remains evident in the tin ceiling, windows, wood floor, paint colours, and elsewhere. The St. Jacobs Schoolhouse Theatre incorporated in 1991, and established a performance series of dance, music, and theatre almost immediately.

St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church

60 Arthur St. S., Elmira

Year Built: 1914

A prominent Elmira landmark, St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church was established in 1850. In its large sanctuary, the current church building includes recently restored stained glass windows, impressive woodwork, and a Schlicker pipe organ in the choir loft.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

27 Mill St., Elmira

www.execulink.com/~stpaulsweb

Architect: Jonas Knechtel

Year Built: 1889

Built in 1889 in a style described as Upper Canada Vernacular Gothic, the building has beautiful pointed-arch stained glass windows emphasized by connecting drip mouldings. The 130-foot tower is topped by a nine foot cross on an octagonal spire. Historic photos will be on display to mark the congregation's 150th anniversary.

Waterloo Wellington Flight Centre

Waterloo Region International Airport, 4881 Fountain St. N., Woolwich Township

www.wwflightcentre.com

Begun as the K-W Flying Club in 1932, and moved here in the 1950s to the then-new Waterloo-Wellington Airport.

Tour the original hangar, and see historical displays tracing the story of this unique training facility, recently renovated, where one's dreams can - quite literally - learn to take flight.

West Montrose Covered Bridge

on the Grand River, West Montrose, Woolwich Township

Built 1881

The famous West Montrose covered bridge, sometimes known as the "Kissing Bridge", is the last remaining covered bridge in Ontario. Nearly 200 feet long, oil lamps lighted the bridge until 1950. Originally built of "good sound timber" and painted with "residue oil and brown fireproof paint".

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