Cambridge Poppy Project Poppy Tour

Please join us in honouring our Veterans and take the Poppy Tour and visit each of our installations listed below.

Unless noted, all of the installations below will be available for viewing from October 29 to November 12th.

• Idea Exchange - Queen's Square, Cambridge (Galt)
Team Leads: Danny Ingrouville & Jayne Herring

This installation located above the entrance facing the Cenotaph features an original work of art created and designed by Artist Danny Ingrouville and is similar to the displays in Preston & Hespeler. It features a male and female soldier, back-to-back, standing watch. The poppies begin at their feet and cascade down the side of the building.

• The Royal Highland Fusiliers of Canada Cambridge Armoury (Galt)
Light Armoured Vehicle (LAV)

Team Lead: Susan Cresswell

This Tudor influenced-style building erected in 1914-15 is listed on the Canadian Historic Register and the vehicle is situated in front of the Armoury in Valour Place. Our installation is a cargo net covering the Light Armoured Vehicle (LAV) covered with 158 larger poppies in honour of the 158 Canadian Soldiers who died in Afghanistan. The Cambridge Poppy Project Team were honoured to provide this installation at the request of Regimental Council.

• Jenny Wren Statue - Queen's Square Idea Exchange (Galt) Team Lead: Danny Ingrouville

Located in front of the Idea Exchange near the Cenotaph, this statue was given to the city of Galt in October 1972 by the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service (or Wren's) who completed their basic training in Galt during WWII (1943-45). This was the first statue to commemorate servicewomen in Canada. Our installation around Jenny will feature poppies incorporated in an original work of art by Artist Danny Ingrouville.

• Garden of Remembrance - Galt War Memorial (Cenotaph), Queen's Square, Cambridge (Galt) Team Lead: Sue Sturdy

This installation consists of poppies covering the trunks of the 14 trees that surround the Galt War Memorial in the Garden of Remembrance. The Galt War Memorial (Cenotaph) was unveiled on November 10, 1930 in front of a crowd of 10,000. Our hope is that the trees covered in poppies will serve as an honour guard for the Cenotaph during this 100th Anniversary of the Poppy as a symbol of Remembrance.

• Interior of the Queen's Square Idea Exchange (Galt) Team Lead: Danny Ingrouville

Located when you enter the Idea Exchange via the entrance door nearest the Cenotaph, this visual display created by Artist Danny Ingrouville, is located above the main foyer of the Idea Exchange and the installation of poppies can be found hanging in the foyer.

• Historic City Hall Steps - Cambridge (Galt)

Team Lead: Pam Wolf

The Historic City Hall building was completed in November 1858 and served as the original City Hall and serves as the chambers for the current Cambridge City Council. The building was further renovated in 1990 to become the home of the Galt Archives. Our installation of poppies can be seen displayed on the glass railing which run parallel to Dickson Street.

• Fiddlesticks Neighbourhood Association (Galt)

Team Lead: Jayne Herring

The Cambridge Poppy Project Team would like to give a special thank you to Executive Director Kim Fowler & the Fiddlesticks Neighbourhood Association for their help with our project. Our installation in this location is on the front porch of the Duncan Ferguson homestead, which serves as the headquarters for the neighbourhood association and can be seen from Cowan Boulevard. This granite 1856 home was the home of the first Deputy Reeve for North Dumfries and is on the Canadian Register of Historic Places. Please stop by the Ferguson Homestead to see their display on the far side of their building.

• Cambridge Memorial Hospital (Galt)

Team Leads: Danny Ingrouville & Sue Sturdy

Our installation at this location will only be available for viewing by the staff, patients and prescreened visitors to the hospital due to COVID protocols. Inside the new Main Foyer of Wing A, Level 1, this installation of poppies can be found on the glass railing just outside the Hospital Gift Shop. This installation of poppies is especially appropriate as the Poppy is also the symbol of the Cambridge Memorial Hospital Foundation. If you have an appointment at the hospital, please take a moment to view our installation.

• Idea Exchange - Cambridge (Preston)

Team Leads: Danny Ingrouville & Jayne Herring

This installation which is located on the front of the building facing King Street above the Main Entrance to the Idea Exchange. This installation is similar to the Galt & Hespeler displays and features an original work of art created and designed by Artist Danny Ingrouville. It features a male and female soldier, back-to-back, standing watch. The poppies begin at their feet and cascade down the side of the building.

• King Street Bridge - Speed River, Cambridge (Preston)

Team Lead: Sue Sturdy

This bridge is located on King Street, the main street for the Preston section of Cambridge and will be covered with approximately 90 feet of poppies. The bridge is located across from the 102 hectare Riverside Park and the Riverside Dam. Parking is available at nearby Riverside Park, or you can drive across the bridge to view.

• Central Park - Cambridge (Preston)

Team Lead: Heather Campbell

Central Park is located in central Preston and features open green space, floral displays and the Preston Legion Cenotaph. The park officially opened on September 30, 1899. The Cenotaph was unveiled on November 8, 1926 to a great deal of excitement and fanfare. In 1949 the names of those who died in WWII were added to the Cenotaph. Of special note is a mural on the side of the Royal Bank building beside the Cenotaph commissioned by the Preston Legion by Artist Sir David (Dave) Sopha, to honour and recognize those who served our country. Mr. Sopha was a renowned local artist who completed many works of military-themed art and passed away in May 2018.

In 2017, two benches featuring the images of soldiers were added in front of the Cenotaph as a special tribute by the Kimpson and Schmidt families. Our installation in the park consists of trees covered in poppies and a display of poppies on the Central Park Bandshell (the Central Park Bandshell display will begin on November 10th).

• Idea Exchange - Cambridge (Hespeler)

Team Leads: Danny Ingrouville & Jayne Herring

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• Hespeler Heritage Centre - Cambridge (Hespeler)

Team Lead: Carla Johnson

This installation of poppies adorns the beautiful Georgian columns on the front of the Hespeler Heritage Centre which is part of a not-for-profit organization "*The Company of Neighbours*." This community resource centre contains over 5,000 pieces of local memorabilia and is located in the old Hespeler Town Hall in downtown Hespeler Village. In front of the Hespeler Heritage Centre is the Hespeler Cenotaph. It was erected in 1948 and contains the names of major battles and World Wars.

November 6th to 12th

• Cambridge City Hall - Cambridge Sign (Galt)

Team Lead: Pam Wolf

The lights on the CAMBRIDGE sign in front of Cambridge City Hall, in Civic Square, will be red and white and will be covered in poppies beginning on November 6th.

• Pedestrian Bridge - Cambridge (Galt)

Team Lead: Pam Wolf

The lights on the Pedestrian Bridge in Cambridge (Galt) will turn red as part of the Cambridge Poppy Project in honour of our Veterans.

• November 10th to 12th

• Central Park Bandshell - Cambridge (Preston)

Team Lead: Heather Campbell

This well-known Preston landmark located behind the Cenotaph in Preston will be covered in Poppies. For additional information on the park, see the comments under Central Park above.

A total of

33,530 poppies were used in our installations.

These poppies were lovingly made, and graciously donated, by the citizens of Cambridge and surrounding area, from all across Canada, and throughout the world.

Thank you for supporting our Veterans!

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