

## Culture Days 2017: School is in session with Historical Society

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The Aurora Historical Society is once again branching out for Culture Days.

This year, we will have not only one, but two locations to share Aurora's amazing history on Saturday, September 30.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Hillary House (15372 Yonge Street) will be open for FREE house tours.

This will be your last opportunity to visit the house during regular open hours and see our latest exhibit 150 Years Yonge.

AHS will take you through the history of Yonge Street and its role in the formation of Canada. Through the centuries, Yonge Street has had a large impact on early Canadian settlement, including the first settlers of Aurora.

We encourage you to come visit this important exhibit before it is gone.

After that, head on over to the Aurora Cultural Centre at 22 Church Street from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., where class is in session with AHS Educator Leigha Cooney, who will be teaching free lessons on the lost art of calligraphy.

First, you will decode a letter from a local Aurora resident, then practice your skills using various methods (including a traditional slate with chalk!) and finally end off with writing your own letter using a dip or feather pen.

Staff will also have a display of the Hillary Archives, so you can see for yourself just how people wrote in the past.

Set in the location of Aurora's very first school, it's the perfect location to learn a new skill, or maybe improve an old one.

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