



“Capturing Mississauga’s Heritage” 175th Anniversary of the Rebellion of 1837



We are inviting artists and photographers to walk in the footsteps of history and to retrace and capture an image from the route of William Lyon Mackenzie’s escape following the failed Rebellion of 1837, 175 years ago in 2012! Mackenzie’s flight from authorities took him through historic Mississauga in late December of 1837, following the rebel uprising at Montgomery’s tavern. Mackenzie’s story, and the Rebellion of 1837, has become a famed part of Canada’s history.

We are asking submitting artists to capture a scene along the route that was taken by Mackenzie through Mississauga – a modern scene or streetscape, nature, a historic house or setting, anything that might strike your fancy and in any format that you wish.

Prizes will be awarded to the winning entries, and all entries will be part of the ALFEW show “Celebrating Mississauga’s Heritage 2: The 175th Anniversary of the Rebellion of 1837”, which runs from June 19th, 2012 to August 24th, 2012. For more information on the contest, Mackenzie’s historic route of travel, sites along the route, or information about the Rebellion of 1837, please contact Heritage Mississauga.

Criteria:

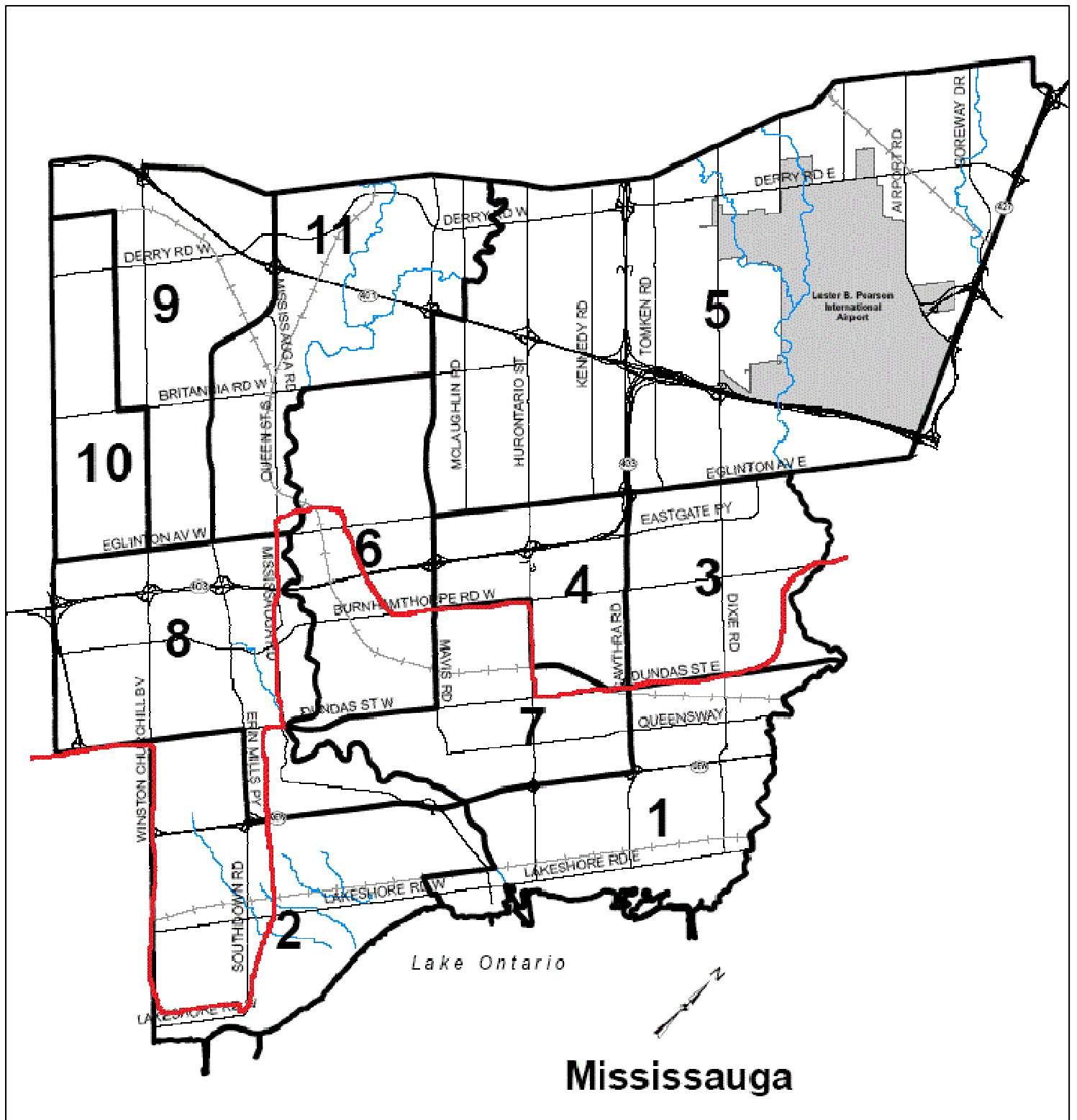
- To enter the contest, artists must be members of Heritage Mississauga. There is no contest entry fee.
- All types of media accepted (pencil drawing; pen and ink drawing; painting; photography; carving; sculpture; collage; weaving; macrame; embroidery, etc)
- All submissions must connect to the route of Mackenzie’s flight through historic Mississauga (map on reverse).
- Completed artwork must be submitted at The Grange no later than 4pm on Friday, June 8th, 2012
- Artwork to be hung must be a minimum 15 x18 and no larger than 21 x 28.5 (framed).
- Stand alone artwork such as sculptures cannot be larger than 4'x3' and must have a secure stand upon which they can be displayed
- All submissions must be framed and wired for hanging (please contact ALFEW for the appropriate types of frames) www.alfew.com

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Rumours have placed William Lyon Mackenzie at many locations throughout his flight from authorities. We have been able, in part, to determine his route (red line above) through the three known places where he found shelter in his efforts to evade capture. On the evening of December 8th, 1837, he found shelter with Rebel sympathizer, Absalom Wilcox, whose house stood on the north side of Dundas Street, west of Dixie Road. The second night, December 9th, 1837, he found shelter with William Comfort, where modern Barbertown Road crosses the Credit River, north of modern Eglinton Avenue. It is surmised that Mackenzie took a route that followed modern Hurlingham Street to Burnhamthorpe Road, and then north on Old Creditview Road (now known as Perivale Road and Rathkeale Road), and likely forded the Credit River near here. On the morning of December 10th, Mackenzie narrowly avoided capture as he fled south on Mississauga Road (William Comfort and his wife were not as lucky), and then south on Hammond Road and Clarkson Road, possibly finding shelter in a barn on Warren Clarkson's property that evening. On December 11th, 1837, Mackenzie likely travelled north on the old Town Line (modern Winston Churchill Boulevard), and returned west on historic Dundas Street and headed into Oakville.