

Rental Packages- Celebrate with Us!

Is there a special celebration in your future? If so, why not host it in an attractive, historical setting? The old-fashioned charm of the Amos Wright House, combined with the beautiful gardens of Amos Wright Park, is the perfect answer for your next meeting, bridal shower or a get-together with friends. Ask about the *All Occasions Package* - your solution to hassle-free entertaining.



Happy Birthday!

Birthday parties are designed for children five and older. Choose a basic craft package or go all out with a *Victorian Tea Party*! Book your party today by calling the Birthday Party Hotline at 905-771-5504.



Enjoy Afternoon Tea!

Served in the Gardenview Room or on the patio, a variety of tea blends and scrumptious desserts are offered, making for an unforgettable afternoon. Call the Centre for the latest schedule and to make your reservations or visit RichmondHill.ca/HeritageCentre.



Programs and Camps

The Heritage Centre is committed to presenting quality programs and workshops for all ages. Adults will have the opportunity to learn new skills or enjoy an informative lecture, while children will love the fun and "edutaining" workshops and camp activities.

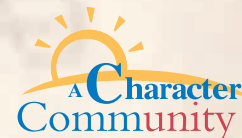


The Richmond Hill Heritage Centre



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For more information, visit
RichmondHill.ca/HeritageCentre
or call 905-780-3802.

The Heritage Centre is fully wheelchair accessible.



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Preserving and Celebrating our Community



Our History

Richmond Hill - A Traveller's Roost

The rise of ground on which Richmond Hill stands was a natural stopping place for travellers on Yonge Street. And, in the 1800s, a settlement began to appear on the hill as Squire Abner Miles built a log house and opened a hotel for travellers. Miles soon became the hill's most prominent resident and inhabitants decided to honour him by naming the settlement *Miles Hill*. It is presumed the hill remained known as Miles Hill until Abner Miles' death in 1806, at which time it was changed to Mount Pleasant.

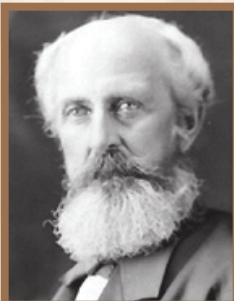


Charles Lennex,
4th Duke of Richmond

According to legend, in 1819, the village was renamed Richmond Hill to honour Charles Lennex, the fourth Duke of Richmond and the Governor General of Canada. When the Duke stopped on the hill to rest and feed his horses during one of his trips up Yonge Street, he spoke with the workmen who were building the Presbyterian church building. Those who talked to Mr. Lennex found him very charming and pleasant. The crest and the motto of the Richmond Family were officially adopted by the Town in the 1920s.

The Amos Wright House

The Heritage Centre was the original home of Amos Wright, a lumber dealer in Richmond Hill and the first Reeve of Markham Township. Located in picturesque *Amos Wright Park*, the Heritage Centre is an architecturally restored 1840s Regency-style cottage. The home was purchased by the Town of Richmond Hill to ensure its preservation 1989. In 1997, it became the Richmond Hill Heritage Centre.



Amos Wright

Mission Statement

The Richmond Hill Heritage Centre highlights the rich history of its community and contributes to the understanding of the cultural heritage of its residents by collecting, documenting, researching and preserving its resources. The Centre serves as an educational tool by exhibiting and interpreting its collection, by presenting educational programs and special events, and by making its resources available to scholars, students and members of the community.



- 1 c. 1872-1884 Brown's Store, Yonge and Centre Streets
Photo courtesy of The Richmond Hill Public Library
- 2 c. 1880-1881 Building of the Methodist (United) Church, Yonge and Centre Streets. Photo courtesy of The Richmond Hill Public Library
- 3 c. 1918 Arthur Cooper, World War I. Photo courtesy of Marion French
- 4 c. 1920 Swimming at Lake Wilcox. Photo courtesy of The Richmond Hill Public Library
- 5 c. 1926 Richmond Hill Public School Class. Photo courtesy of Margaret Buckmaster
- 6 c. 1900 Florence Chapman, Ethel Chapman, Carol Langstaff and Birdie the Horse. Photo courtesy of the Langstaff Family

Educational Packages

The Centre's educational packages support some of the Ontario Curriculum requirements and are designed to build knowledge and skills through an interactive approach to learning.



Don't miss out on this wonderful enrichment opportunity for your students. You can review the Centre's educational brochure by visiting RichmondHill.ca/HeritageCentre or drop by the Heritage Centre.

Group Tours and Activities

Unique outings for groups of all ages can be found at the Heritage Centre. There are many programs and tour options to meet your group's needs. There is even a selection of activities to assist Guides and Scouts in earning a special badge!



In the Galleries

Heritage Centre exhibits are designed to provide both an educational and entertaining experience. Reflecting the Richmond Hill community, exhibits are sure to be enjoyed by all ages.

