

Garden City Echoes: A Visual Legacy of St. Catharines

Presenter: Will MacEachern – St. Catharines Museum

This presentation focuses on showing the visual legacy of St. Catharines through historical photographs from the St. Catharines Museum. It will cover from 1870-1990's and will be entirely comprised of digitized historical photographs. It will show the growth of St. Catharines over the past 150 years, using photographs as a gauge. We will learn about the early photographers of the city, see glimpses of old St. Catharines through their work, and really get a sense of how much the city has grown.

Presenter Bio Will MacEachern

Will MacEachern is the photographic collections technician at the St. Catharines Museum & Welland Canals Centre. He spearheads the cataloging and digitization of the museum's photographic collections, including the St. Catharines Standard negative collection that consists of over 600,000 negatives from 1936-1998. He also conducts photographic research for the museum's exhibits and programs and assists members of the community with photographic research projects. Will has been with the museum since 2015.

Will has a bachelor's degree in Canadian history from Wilfrid Laurier University and a post graduate diploma in Museum & Gallery Studies from Georgian College. Will has an affinity for Canadian History and photography and enjoys conserving and digitizing glass plate negatives. Apart from his work and interest in photography, Will enjoys fishing, cooking and hiking with his dog Atlas.