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In this issue of the Newsletter we are highlighting some of this summer's visitors and outreach activities.



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Sixty-one St. Mark's Coptic Orthodox Cathedral Summer Camp (Markham) participants from SJ to Grades 6 and their counsellors spent two days at the Museum and St. Mark's Coptic Orthodox Church. The summer camp's spiritual programme focussed on learning about the seven sacraments.

At the Church and the Museum, an interactive learning experience was prepared collaboratively with the summer camp staff to meet the following goals:



"Reading" the stories of saints on icons



Children view a display of the Museum's liturgical vessels collection used in the early history of St. Mark's Coptic Orthodox Church

- To learn about the history of St. Mark's Coptic Orthodox Church and the Coptic Museum of Canada.
- To learn about the seven sacraments through objects in the Museum.
- To explore the Museum and ask questions.
- To learn how to "read" icons in the Church.



As a follow up of the Museum's exhibition at the Ontario Legislature, MPP Aris Babikian, Scarborough-Agincourt visited the Museum on July 2. (See Museum Facebook)



Egyptologists Thomas Greiner and Tracy B. Woodcock from Nile Scribes explored the Museum on July 29 and posted their reflections on the blog <https://nilescribes.org/2019/08/03/toronto-coptic-museum/>



Hoda Khouzan, researcher, writer and translator at the Institut Français D'archéologie Orientale (IFAO) in Egypt thoroughly engaged with the Museum's collection! (September 4).



Dr. Maged Fahmy, President & founder of Lovers of Coptic Heritage (Egypt) and family (July 2). Dr. Fahmy gave a series lectures on Coptic heritage when the Museum was opened to the public in 2001 and has been in touch with the Museum since then.



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Between April and July, nine-teen thousand people visited the Ontario Legislature, including the exhibition of nine Ontario museums and heritage centers at the Legislature's Exhibition Hall. Our Museum was one of nine Ontario cultural institutions selected for this exhibition. (See Museum website "Publications", Winter 2019 Newsletter)

From September 6-8 the Museum participated at the 19th Annual Coptic Festival at St. Mark's Coptic Orthodox Cathedral (Markham).

We seem to have been too busy promoting the Museum's collection to take photographs!

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Promoting the Museum at the Ethiopian Community Annual Gathering at Christie Pits, Toronto. (see Museum Facebook)



September 3 visit of MPP Sheref Sadawy, member of the Ontario Provincial Parliament for Mississauga – Erin Mills. Mr. Sabawy is the first parliamentarian of Egyptian origin to be elected to the Ontario Legislature. On June 6, 2019, the Legislative Assembly of Ontario unanimously passed the second reading of Bill 106, proclaiming the month of July of each year as "Egyptian Heritage Month — a private member bill tabled by Mr. Sabawy.



Sarah McCabe, Project Manager and Librarian at The Ontario Historical Society intrigued by Marguerite Nakhla's painting 'The Miracle of the Great Catch' (September 21)