

Doors Open Markham 2004

On August 28&29, 2004 Markham opened the doors of 25 cultural and heritage sites for public. Everyone was welcome to explore the Town's most notable buildings and tour the historic streets as part of the "Doors Open Markham" celebration.

As the first North American municipality to win the Prince of Wales Award for built heritage, Markham is proud to participate in Doors Open 2004. The heritage districts are part of what distinguish Markham from other municipalities in the GTA.

Building on the success of last year's event, Doors Open Markham offered the public a rare opportunity to explore sites of interest, many of which were normally closed to the public. Participants toured buildings, took guided tours, attended special exhibits and displays during the two-day event—all for free!

Markham Chinese Cultural Centre of Federation of Chinese Canadian in Markham was one of the cultural sites. It is located in the exciting Market Village Shopping Centre, the Centre offers programs in Chinese music, dance, arts, crafts and Kung Fu and plays an important part in the life of Chinese Canadians in Markham. In the two-day event, the Centre provided demonstration on Chinese brush printing and calligraphy, Chinese pottery making (Violet Quartz) and Dough flowers making.

Doors Open Markham was part of the international Doors Open program that began in Glasgow, Scotland in 1990 and has become a popular event in more than 47 countries worldwide. Markham's program was coordinated by a group of volunteers under the auspices of the Markham Village Conservancy and the Town of Markham.

The sites of interest are:

1. Heintzman House, 135 Bay Thorn Drive (Built: 1816)
2. St. Volodymyr's Ukrainian Catholic Church, 15 Church Lane (Built: 1847)
3. Thornhill Village Library, 10 Colborne Street (Built: 1851)
4. Colborne Street Walking Tour
5. The German Mills Schoolhouse, 80 German Mills Road (Built: 1874)
6. The Heritage Schoolhouse, 2 Valleywood Drive (Built: c.1872)
7. Queensbridge Mill, 4160 – 19th Avenue
8. Ashlane Farms, 11270 McCowan Road (Established: 1869)
9. Bethesda Lutheran Church, 20 Union Street (Built: 1910)
10. Unionville Train Station, 7 Station Lane (Built: 1871)
11. Main Street Unionville Walking Tour (from Train Station)
12. Eckardt-McKay House, 197 Main Street, Unionville (Built: c.1835)
13. Varley Art Gallery, 216 Main Street, Unionville (Built: 1997)
14. The Village Church of the Nazarene, 218 Main Street, Unionville (Built: 1913)
15. Benjamin Milliken House, 7710 Kennedy Road (Built: 1855)
16. Markham Chinese Cultural Centre, 4350 Steeles Avenue East
17. Ebenezer United Church, 5000 Steeles Avenue East (Built: 1878)
18. Markham Village Fire Station, 207 Main Street North, Markham (Built: 1985)
19. Markham Train Station, 214 Main Street North, Markham (Built: 1871)
20. Markham Village Walking Tour
21. The Ramer House, 250 Main Street North, Markham (Built: c. 1900)
22. Markham Museum and Heritage Village, 9350 Highway 48
23. The Robert Grundy House, 6 Alexander Hunter Place (Built: c. 1840)
24. Markham Heritage Estates Walking Tour
25. Albert Street Cottage, 41 Albert Street (Built: c. 1870)

「萬錦市門戶開放日」

萬錦市於二〇〇四年八月廿八至廿九日舉辦為期兩天的「萬錦市門戶開放日」，共開放二十五個歷史文化景點供公眾人士參觀。

萬錦市是第一個北美城市贏得建立歷史文化的威爾斯王子獎，並以參加二〇〇四年的門戶開放日為榮，萬錦市的歷史文化資源獨特，有別於大多市其他地區。

由於去年的活動辦得相當成功，大會於今年再接再厲為公眾提供探索罕有景點的機會，甚至開放一些平時不對外開放的景點。參加者可免費暢遊各歷史文化景點、參與導遊講解活動或觀賞特別展覽等等。

萬錦市加華聯會文化中心是其中一個供公眾參觀的文化景點。文化中心位於熱鬧的城市廣場內，為華人社區提供音樂、舞蹈、手工藝及武術等興趣活動。在兩天的開放日中，文化中心提供多項富中國特色的示範節目，如：中國書畫及書法、紫砂陶瓷製作及麵粉花製作等等。

「萬錦市門戶開放日」是國際門戶開放日的一份子，國際門戶開放日始自一九九〇年蘇格蘭的格拉斯哥，日後更成為全球四十七個國家受歡迎的活動。是次活動是由一班義務工作人員籌劃，並由 Markham Village Conservancy and the Town of Markham 協辦。

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