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## HOURS

*May to October*  
*(Victoria Day to Thanksgiving Day)*  
Tuesday to Sunday 10am - 3pm

*November to May*  
By Appointment Only

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## GIFT SHOP

Open during museum hours

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## ADMISSION

Adults: \$5.00 Students: \$4.00  
Seniors & Children (12 and under): Free

Please visit our website for more information

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The Chiefswood Board of Trustees  
on behalf of the people of Six Nations



*West wind, blow from your prairie nest*  
*Blow from the mountains, blow from the west,*  
*The sail is idle, the sailor too;*  
*Oh wind of the west, we wait for you.*  
*Blow, blow!*  
*I have wooed you so,*  
*But never a favour you bestow.*  
*You rock your cradle the hills between,*  
*But scorn to notice my white lateen.*

- excerpt from The Song My Paddle Sings



CHIEFSWOOD

Birthplace & Childhood Home of  
*Tekahionwake*  
E. Pauline Johnson

## Chiefswood Meadow

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Photographs of the era suggest that the Ontario Tall Grass Prairie Meadows surrounding Chiefswood, consisted of shorter grasses and was not especially flower-filled. The balance of 80% grasses and 20% wildflowers in

the meadow, is then historically correct. All planting is representative of species that are indigenous to Southwestern Ontario and the Six Nations of the Grand River.



## Chiefswood Museum National Historic Site

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Located on the Six Nations Territory in southern Ontario, Chiefswood mansion is situated on the banks of the Grand River. Designated as one of Canada's heritage rivers, the Grand flows through Six Nations and the nearby city of Brantford. Mohawk chief, George H.M. Johnson built

the mansion between 1853 and 1856, as a wedding present for his English bride, Emily Howells. Comprised of approximately 2100 sq. ft. on 2 floors, Chiefswood was built using rare plank on plank construction, from walnut trees harvested from the estate.

## E. Pauline Johnson *Tekahionwake* 1861-1913

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In recognition of her literary contributions to Canada, E. Pauline Johnson has been designated as a, 'person of national significance.' Pauline was born at Chiefswood in, 'the square room overlooking the Grand River' on March 10, 1861, and was the youngest of 4 children born to Chief Johnson, and his wife Emily. Proud of both her Mohawk and English heritage, Pauline was a very gifted author of poems, and frequently gave dramatic recitals of her works, throughout the country and even abroad. Pauline is generally acknowledged as Canada's first nationally acclaimed female poet, and subsequently opened the literary doors for both native and female writers in the country.

