

Maple Leaf Pottery

Maple Leaf Pottery was a pottery company from Alliston, Ontario, and at the time, it was Alliston's third largest industry (ca. 1955). They were in business until 1973, when it was purchased by Donna Legge, who changed the name of the company to Alliston Pottery.

Maple Leaf Pottery was privately owned by Mr. and Mrs. Saddler, who employed three full-time staff and two part-time students. The pottery was made from clay imported from Toronto and then was exported across Canada.





Alliston Pottery

Alliston Pottery began about 1972-73, as a ceramic and pottery company that was purchased by Donna Legge from the Saddler family. Kathy Galbraith, a former art student at York University, purchased Alliston Pottery in 1974, and hoped to produce more hand-made and hand-painted pieces.

The store was called “Alliston Pottery and Crafts”, and Kathy was responsible for the day-to-day production of the pottery, but also taught classes where you could learn how to paint pottery. There were over 2000 molds which brought many different designs to the business, as well 4 large hobby kilns to “cook” the clay and turn them in to the ceramic pieces you see on these pages.

A newspaper article from 1977 mentions that the Alliston Pottery company provided pieces, such as mugs, to the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto every year.

Maple Leaf Pottery and Alliston Pottery pieces are on display at the Museum on the Boyne in Alliston.









Do you have any information about Maple Leaf or Alliston Pottery? Do you have any MLP or AP pottery pieces that you may like to donate to the museum?

If so, please contact boynemuseum@newtecumseth.ca and we would be happy to discuss with you!

Thank you.