

MUSEUM, LA NEUVEVILLE

# MUSEUM OF ART AND HISTORY

The Museum of Art and History of La Neuveville, founded in 1875, is dedicated to preserving and showcasing the historical heritage of the medieval town of La Neuveville and its surrounding region. Housed in the former Town Hall dating back to the 14th century, the museum features both permanent and temporary exhibitions highlighting various aspects of local history.

Among its highlights are the town's medieval banners and a set of cannons captured by La Neuveville's soldiers from the troops of Charles the Bold at the Battle of Murten in 1476.

Neolithic artifacts from lakeside settlements on Lake Biel and a remarkable dugout canoe offer insight into local archaeology and into Victor Gross, one of the founding figures of the discipline, who spent his childhood in La Neuveville and later became a respected citizen of the town.

Many other items on display — including engravings, paintings, tiled stoves, and weapons — help bring to life the many facets of daily life in La Neuveville from the Middle Ages to the present day.

## OUR COLLECTIONS

The Museum of Art and History of La Neuveville (MAHLN) aims to preserve and complete the collections related to the history of La Neuveville and its region (the former district of La Neuveville, the former Bishopric of Basel and the Canton of Bern). The main themes are economic, political and social life, particularly in relation to public and private buildings, businesses, events, sports and leisure activities, means of transport and communication, and daily life.

Over the years, the museum has been enriched by numerous donations and purchases to build up an important collection of historical documents, including manuscripts and prints, medals and old coins, weapons, paintings and engravings, books, clothing, photographs and postcards.

## PERMANENT EXHIBITION

Housed in the former 14th century Town Hall, the museum presents the rich history of the region. The Salle des pas perdus, which was once a waiting room for the Salle de Bourgeoisie, is now the museum's reception area. Below, the Victor Gross room pays tribute to one of the fathers of modern archaeology and a child of the place. Neolithic objects from the lake stations of Lake Biel and a magnificent dugout canoe are exhibited here. The large hall houses the trophies of the Burgundian Wars, the booty taken from the troops of Charles the Bold at the battle of Murten in 1476. This world-famous collection of cannon and couleuvrines is completed, in particular, by medieval banners. The Neuvevillois and guild halls, housing Landolt stoves from the 18th century, allow visitors to discover furniture, engravings, paintings and everyday objects.

## OPENING HOURS

From 3 May 2025 to 26 Oct 2025                      11:00 - 17:00  
Saturday - Sunday

## PRICES

Prices per person	Free
Pay what you wish	
Prices for groups (max. 20 people)	CHF 80.-
Guided tour up to 10 people	CHF 8.-
Each additional person	Free
Guided tour for schools from La Neuveville	CHF 100.-
Guided tour for other schools	CHF 150.-
Combined tour Museum + Old Town	



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