

Museum Messenger



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Construction Delays: Museum closed until early 2018

In August the Museum's renovation project hit a bump in the road when the crew discovered that a wall support had disintegrated. Construction had to be stopped until engineers could go back to the drawing board and come up with a solution.

New floor plans were submitted to a mechanical engineer for review and the City had to wait for shoring drawings from the contractor's engineer.

In September we learned that in order to safely replace the rotted support beams, the crew would

have to pour a new sill beam by lifting the Museum's wooden structure ¼ inch. Needless to say this will not happen overnight.

In light of this additional work, construction will not be complete in October as initially hoped. Instead it is anticipated that the Museum will be closed until early 2018.

As a result we have had to move our programming offsite. *Yap & Yarn and Family Craft Days* are taking place at the Stittsville branch of the Ottawa Public Library and we are relocating our popular *Old-Fashioned Christmas & Outdoor Artisan Market* to the Goulbourn Municipal



Building at 2135 Huntley Rd. (just 350 meters away south of the Museum).

Staff will continue to work full time in the History Center and research appointments can be made upon request.



Old-Fashioned Christmas relocated to Goulbourn Municipal Building

Due to construction delays our annual *Old-Fashioned Christmas & Outdoor Artisan Market* will be held at the Goulbourn Municipal Building, **2135 Huntley Rd.**

Vendors at this year's event will be selling a diverse array of handmade gifts including heirloom preserves, baked goodies, natural soaps, stained glass, children's clothing, toys, pottery, woodwork, jewelry, textiles, dog treats, fresh Christmas

greenery and more!

Families can pose for a photo with Santa, pen letters to the North Pole, watch a bone fide blacksmith at work and try their hand at vintage holiday crafts. Visitors can also enjoy free hot chocolate and apple cider, and roast marshmallows by the fire!

The fun takes place Sunday, November 19th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free!



This year's *Old-Fashioned Christmas & Outdoor Artisan Market* will take place at 2135 Huntley Rd.



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Recent Musings: Letter from the Acting Manager



Tracey Donaldson

With the winter season approaching, the Museum has a lot of things going on behind the scenes. Even though the Old Town Hall building is closed for renovations staff has been busy in the History Center preparing for the day we will eventually re-open. In addition, we're busy with regular outreach activities including new travelling exhibitions, community programs, attending community events and hosting our own events such as the *Old Fashioned Christmas & Outdoor Artisan Market*. (The event is on Sunday, November 19 from 10 - 3pm at the Goulbourn Municipal Building...just 350 meters south of the Museum.)

The Museum has also had some great success with grant applications this fall. In October we received news that our application for the *Young Canada Works - Building Careers in Heritage Internship* was approved. 2018 brings with it a huge celebration for the Goulbourn Community with Richmond turning 200. The funds provided by this grant have allowed the Museum to hire an intern, Kathryn DeMarsh, who will help the Museum develop some great programs to commemorate this anniversary. Kathryn started at the Museum in mid-October and will be with us until the end of March next year.



Kathryn DeMarsh

I am also pleased to inform our members that in early November the Museum received notice that the *Community Museum Operating Grant (CMOG)* we applied for had been reviewed and funding in the amount of \$22,081.00 was approved for the 2017-18 fiscal year. The ministry provides this annual operating grant to eligible community museums across Ontario to help strengthen their role as custodians and interpreters of the Province's irreplaceable heritage collections.

In October staff had the opportunity to attend the *Ontario Museum Association* conference in Kingston. The overall theme of the conference was "renewal," which fit remarkably well with the changes currently occurring at our site. Workshops, lectures and guest speakers focused heavily on how to direct museums towards the future in a practical way. Staff returned home from Kingston with a wealth of new information and contacts that will help to lead our Museum into the future.

Museum construction is still ongoing and over the last couple weeks we've seen a lot of activity in the Town Hall building. If things stay on track staff should finally have access to the building sometime in mid-December. As for when we'll re-open, we finally have a date! Our grand re-opening is scheduled for March 1st, 2018! Stay tuned for your invitation!

Tracey Donaldson, November 2017

Museum Highlights: From our staff



Communications Officer

Sue Woodford

At last month's OMA Conference I had the opportunity to attend a hands-on workshop called "Hacking Immersive Digital Content for Museums." In addition to being introduced to a host of different programs and equipment, I downloaded the app SCANN3D and tried my hand at scanning a plastic dinosaur and converting it into a 3D image. I'm not going to lie, my first attempt failed miserably! However, the process piqued my interest and I'm keen to hone my skills by practicing on some of the Museum's artefacts. Digital technology isn't just cool, it brings people to places they can't ordinarily go and will make our collection much more accessible.



Acting Education Officer

Sarah Holla

We're all excited for December and the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. On Sunday, December 10th from 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. join us at the Stittsville Public Library for "Spruced up Selfies." This adult workshop will transform your favourite family photos into holiday keepsakes. Registration is required to reserve your space, cost for each participant is \$20 and all craft supplies are provided. There is some homework to prepare for this workshop! Pick three of your favourite photographs and bring digital copies with you on a USB. Museum staff will demonstrate how to transfer the images onto wood. Participants will leave with three one-of-a-kind wooden holiday ornaments for their tree. To register email: register@goulbournmuseum.ca or call the Museum at 613-831-2393.



Collections & Programming Administrator

James Riley

Although our site has been under construction the Museum has never had a busier fall season! In mid-September we attended the *Richmond Fair* where we talked to over 900 people about the importance of rationing during the World Wars and about

Goulbourn Museum's role in the community. We also attended *Munster Harvest Fest* on September 30th and shared the Museum's photo booth with hundreds of happy participants who took festive fall photos with their families. In October we hosted *Yap & Yarn* at the Stittsville Public Library, and tried our best to scare the 383 participants who posed for 136 spooky photos at the GRC's Halloween event. Last but not least, in November the Museum spoke to Grade 2 and Grade 4 classes at St. Philip Catholic School about Remembrance Day, with emphasis on soldiers from Richmond who served our great country.

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From the Collection



The sled is a staple of Canadian wintertime. This sled dates from around the 1920's to the 1930's. It is made from gray cedar wood with metal supports and wooden runners. Runners are attached to the bottom of the sled and used to glide over the snow.

Though it could be used to transport objects, this sled measures just 35 inches in length and was most likely used for play. No seat was attached so the child would have sat on strips of wood laid flat between the two frame beams. Sleds like this one were all handmade with each piece of wood and metal being hand cut to fit together.

Sleds have been around for hundreds of years and for most of that time they were used for transportation. Before modern transportation the fastest way to travel during winter would have been to rig up a horse team to a sled. In more northern areas smaller sleds were hitched up to teams of dogs. This method is still used both for transportation and for racing. Other sled related sports are the luge and bobsled. Bobsledding was one of the original sports featured at the Olympics and dates back to the first modern winter Olympics held in France in 1924.

Currently sleds can still be made out of wood, but most are now constructed from synthetic wood or plastic materials.

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Recent Events



Richmond Fair: Grade 3 students from various schools in Ottawa learned about the importance of rationing during the World Wars and what it meant for local families at that time.



Learning to Carve: Members of the International Women's Club of Ottawa spent an afternoon carving pumpkins and learning how the tradition began. It was a first for some including one member from Korea, right, who is brand new to our country's customs.



Halloween at the GRC: Over the course of two hours we had 383 visitors through our photo booth at the GRC's Halloween event. We took 136 pictures in total - that's a record number of smiles!

Coming Events

NOVEMBER 19, 2017
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Old-Fashioned Christmas & Outdoor Artisan Market

Location: 2135 Huntley Road (former Municipal Building)

Get a head-start on your Christmas shopping at our annual holiday celebration featuring local artisans, baked goodies, old world entertainment and festive crafts. Pose for a photo with Santa, pen letters to the North Pole and make vintage holiday crafts. Admission is free!



NOVEMBER 26, 2017
1:30 - 3:30 pm

'Reindeer Games' Family Craft Day

Location: Stittsville Library - 1637 Stittsville Main St.



Dress in holiday colours, make festive Christmas crafts & just be jolly! Activities are geared to children ages 4-11. Adult accompaniment and registration is required. Cost is \$4 per child. To register call 613-831-2393 or email: register@goulbournmuseum.ca

DECEMBER 10, 2017
2:00 - 4:30 pm

Spruced Up Selfies - Christmas Workshop

Location: Stittsville Library - 1637 Stittsville Main St.

Turn family photos into vintage tree ornaments at this one-of-a-kind adult workshop. Cost is \$20 and covers all supplies. Participants will need to bring three photographs on a USB. To register email: register@goulbournmuseum.ca or call the Museum at 613-831-2393.



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Open all year: Wednesday to Sunday from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.