

Museum Messenger



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Family Day: Museum to Host a Free Event for All Ages

Family Day at Goulbourn Museum will feature an array of free activities for all ages.

Families can pose for a kitschy keepsake in our photo booth, get creative at the craft station, play games, win prizes, and pretend to be pioneers in the Museum's replica village shop. If weather permits there will also be outdoor games and activities as well as a fire pit where you can roast marshmallows.

Visitors will also be able to see a piece of Goulbourn history that put the former township on the map, at the top of the world!

In April of 1999, former Goulbourn Township resident, Jack Mackenzie became

the World's Oldest Person at the age of 77 years 10 months and 13 days to ski to the North Pole as part of a ski expedition to celebrate the International Year of Older Persons.

When MacKenzie finished skiing from the 89th parallel and reached the North Pole, he pulled three flags from his pack. The first flag was for Canada Post, the second celebrated the International Year of Older Persons (IYOP), and the third was the flag for Goulbourn Township, the place he called home. That flag will be on display



There will be outdoor & indoor activities for all ages on Family Day.

in the Museum on Family Day.

The Family Day event takes place Monday, February 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All ages are welcome, admission is free and so is the hot chocolate and Tim Bits!

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March Break: Three Craft Workshops for Creative Kids



At the "Little Monsters" workshop crafty kids will transform socks and mittens into loveable stuffed creatures of their own design.

Get your kids off the couch and let them explore their creative side at the Museum this March Break!

We are offering three craft workshops: Tuesday, March 17 to Thursday, March 19 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. The workshops are geared to children ages 6-11 and kids can sign up for all three or just for one.

At the Tuesday workshop, children will make "Little Monsters" out of colourful socks and mittens.

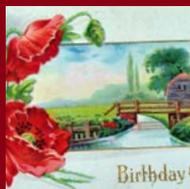
Wednesday's theme is "Letter Art". Using colours and patterns, kids will produce a one-of-a-kind piece of art they will be proud to display.

Kids will pretend to be spies at the Thursday workshop as they convert an ordinary flower pot into a "Spy Garden" featuring a secret compartment!

Cost is \$20 per day or \$50 for all three workshops (snacks are included). Please note that parents will be required to fill out a drop-off waiver for each child.

To register call 613-831-2393 or send an email to: education@goulbournmuseum.ca

During March Break the Museum will be open Monday - Sunday from 1-4 p.m. for extended playtime! **GM**



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Recent Musings: Letter from the Curator-Manager



Kathryn Jamieson

Did you know that 2015 marks the Museum's 25th anniversary? On July 8, 1990, Goulbourn Museum opened its doors to welcome and serve the community. To celebrate this milestone, we will be incorporating an anniversary theme into many of our events and activities this year, most notably at our signature event this Father's Day.

On June 21 we are hosting a fabulous community event with an old fashioned birthday feel. As part of our anniversary celebration, we would love to share some photographs of the former Town Hall and Clerk's Building (now the Museum and History Centre). If you have any photos of the buildings – interior or exterior shots – please consider allowing us to scan them and make a copy for our collection. Whether you have photographs of meetings, dances, storage or the early days of the Museum, we would love to see them. If you know where we could find some of these photographs, please email me at kathryn@goulbournmuseum.ca.

We are proud to announce our new website is live! Over the past several months we have been working with a local company to redesign it. The website is now bilingual and compatible with not only your computer, but also your mobile phone and tablet. We have incorporated our old blog into the site and added brand new features, including a photo gallery, FAQ page and our heritage driving tours.



I would like to thank everyone who purchased raffle tickets, Christmas greenery, bales of hay, or holiday greeting cards from us in the fall. Those sales, in combination with those from our silent auction, helped us to increase our fundraising revenue by 55% from the previous year. With your help, we hope to continue on this upward trend.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Kathryn Jamieson
February 2015

1000 Words: We're Seeking Old Photos of Goulbourn Museum

Do you, or someone you know, have any vintage photographs of the Museum or History Centre buildings?

In celebration of the Museum's 25th year in Goulbourn, we would like to round up as many images as possible for our "Birthday Bash" on June 21st.

We've heard stories about meetings, dances, and soirees being held in the Museum in its past life, but don't have any photographic evidence.

We are looking for any interior or exterior shots taken before these buildings became what they are today.

The older the better!

With your permission, we would also like to scan them and make a copy for our collection.

If you can help, please call 613-831-2393 or send an email to: kathryn@goulbournmuseum.ca

Museum Highlights: From our staff



Education & Community Programmer

Tracey Donaldson

Well a new year has begun and we have lots of great new things coming your way at the Museum. Keep your eyes peeled for a brand new reading area nestled in the corner of our pioneer exhibit in

March. We will have a wonderful assortment of colourful children's books in both French and English. Little readers will have a chance to sit down in a cozy chair, get lost in a book and let their imaginations soar.



Marketing & Visitor Services

Sue Woodford

The Museum's main entrance is getting a much needed "marketing makeover". For years we have displayed our promotional literature wherever space allowed and our guest book consisted of a

clipboard and a sheet of paper. Over the next several weeks visitors will notice a fresh coat of paint, welcome sign, brand new literature rack and a "sign in" area complete with feather pen and personalized guest book atop a custom podium.



Curatorial Assistant

Sarah Hella

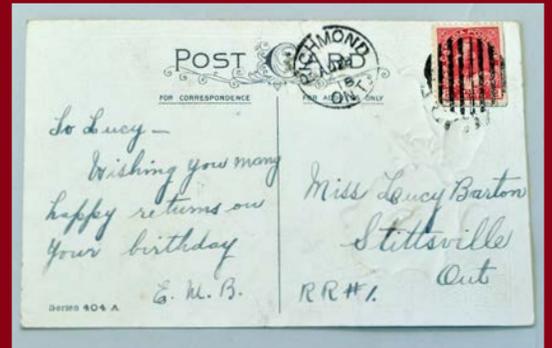
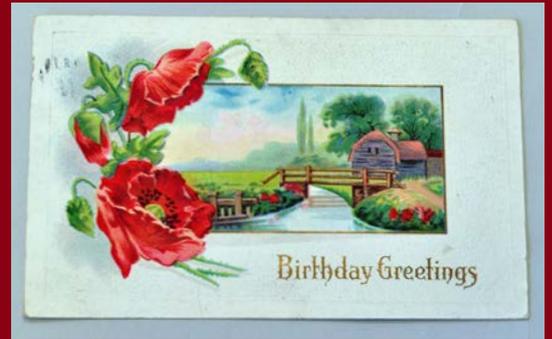
How time flies when we're having fun! It has been two years since I joined the Goulbourn Museum team and my favourite Museum program remains

our fibre arts circle "Yap & Yarn." In January, over 30 knitters joined us for our first arm knitting workshop. By the end of the workshop each participant had handcrafted their very own cowl or infinity scarf. With all of the interest generated by the workshop, we are pleased to announce that on February 22nd we will be hosting an arm knitting workshop for youth, age 9-14 years. Those interested in attending this free workshop are required to bring one ball of "super bulky" yarn (check the label for this logo). We hope to see you at the Museum Sunday, February 22nd from 1:00 to 3:00pm.



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From the Collection



Greeting cards were originally handcrafted, hand delivered, and expensive luxury items that only the wealthy could afford. By the 20th Century, advancements in printing and affordable postage, made sending greeting cards accessible to a greater number of people.

This example of a birthday card, with the message "Birthday Greetings" was post-marked in Richmond, Ontario on August 28, 1918. The reverse of the card preserves a simple birthday wish for its recipient, "To Lucy - Wishing you many happy returns on your birthday. E.M.B."

With 2015 now upon us, the theme of birthday celebration is in the forefront of our thoughts. In 1990 Goulbourn Museum first opened its doors to the public and we are excited to celebrate the Museum's 25th birthday throughout the year.



Recent Events



Homeschool Visit The Museum hosted a group of homeschool children for an afternoon of hands-on learning in December. Here they get a feel for the weight of a cannon ball.



Fiber Arts Arm knitting is a new trend that's all the rage (no knitting needles required!). We offered a free workshop in January and it was so popular we're offering another one for youth on Feb. 22nd.



Family Craft Day Kit Club members Zoe & Jamie show off the emu marionettes they made at G'Day Goulbourn in January. The theme for the day was art inspired by the land down under.

Coming Events

Family Craft Days

Activities are geared to children ages 4-11. Cost is \$4 per child. Registration is necessary and parental accompaniment is required.



Giggles & Gags - March 29

1-4 p.m.

With April Fool's Day around the corner we're getting goofy! Dress as silly as you can: backwards, upside-down or inside-out!



Go Big or Go Gnome! - April 26

1-4 p.m.

Spring is in the air! Come & explore the miniature world of the garden gnome. Dress like you're going to spend a day in the garden (bonus points if you look like a gnome!).

Call or email to register

LEARN TO ARM KNIT



Free Workshop for Teens & Tweens
Sunday, February 22 from 1 - 3 p.m.

Yap & Yarn

Goulbourn Museum's Monthly Knitting Circle

JUST DROP IN!

2015 Dates

Feb. 15 • Mar. 15

Apr. 19 • May. 17



We meet in the Goulbourn Museum from 1-3 p.m.



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