



Medicine in War: The invaluable role of medicine during wartime

In the fall of 2015 the Goulbourn Museum received \$22,450 from the Government of Canada's World War Commemorations Community Fund. *Goulbourn's World War Commemorative Project* will focus on the invaluable role medicine played during both World Wars and will consist of several parts including a travelling exhibit, temporary exhibition, interactive activities, educational programs, and a historical presentation. This grant is also funding a project coordinator to bring

these deliverables to fruition. On February 4, 2016 Goulbourn Museum members will be invited to join us for light refreshments from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for the launch of this project's travelling exhibit. Project Coordinator Jennifer Adams, says the exhibit looks at lesser known facts about medicine and the World Wars with a focus on Nursing Sisters, Veterinarians, and the Canadian Red Cross.

Adams says the evening will be a preview of this year's big exhibit at the Museum. "It's a 'soft launch'



Nursing Sisters and patients outside a ward tent, No. 2 Canadian General Hospital, Le Tréport, France. The dog with the bandaged paw may have been a regimental mascot or kept at the field hospital to be a comfort to the injured soldiers. Photo is a copy from the Alice E. Isaacson fonds on the Library and Archives Canada website: <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/first-world-war/canada-nursing-sisters/Pages/canada-nursing-sisters.aspx>

and a sliver of what is yet to come in June when the full exhibit will be installed with

artefacts on display." Invitations will be mailed to the membership in January. **GM**

Record Attendance! Old-Fashioned Christmas a Success

Nearly 650 visitors joined us on November 22nd for the 3rd annual *Old-Fashioned Christmas & Outdoor Artisan Market* making it the most successful event in the Museum's history!

We couldn't have done it without our amazing volunteers, sponsors and donors including each of the vendors who donated handmade goods to our fundraising raffle. The

raffle raised over \$300 and additional donations made throughout the day at our Santa photo booth and refreshment area totaled \$578.

Next year's event will be held on Sunday, November 20th. It's never too early to mark your calendars! If you make handmade goods and are interested in being a vendor, applications will become available in September 2016. **GM**



Cyndie Carruthers, right, of Carruthers Cakes and Candies and her sister Sandy were among the 15 talented vendors at this year's *Outdoor Artisan Market*. Photo by Jordyn Simpson



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Recent Musings: Letter from the Curator Manager



Kathryn Jamieson

I would like to start by thanking everyone who participated in the site needs discussion either at the meeting in October or through email.

We received numerous comments and suggestions which have given

both the Board and staff a lot to think about. At the meeting, the Museum's 10-year Development Plan and images of the current site were reviewed and discussed. There was a quick review of other museum sites, including the Glengarry Pioneer Museum, Osgoode Township Museum, Bytown Museum and the Middleville & District Museum. Following that, there was a lively brainstorming session where possible solutions were presented. The conversation included questions and comments regarding the community's needs, the Museum's parking spaces, uses for the woodlot next to the History Centre, programming and exhibition needs, options for community and heritage gardens, bus routes, expansion options and even the potential for a new site. This is just the first step of a long process expected to take at least eight to ten years to complete. Updates will be provided in the newsletter and I encourage you to follow us on social media, too. If you have any further comments, please feel free to send them to me at kathryn@goulbournmuseum.ca and I will share them with the Board.

Please allow me to introduce Kaitlin Normandin. Kaitlin joined the Museum team in November and will be working at the Museum part-time until December 2016. She will be filling in for Sarah Holla while Sarah is on maternity leave for the next year. Kaitlin is a graduate of the Master of Museum Studies/Master of Information program at the University of Toronto and has also earned her Bachelor of Humanities from Carleton University in Ottawa. Her experience includes working in research and archival settings as well as volunteer work for conferences and with both community and national museums.

Welcome Kaitlin!

Kathryn Jamieson
December 2015

Museum Highlights: From our staff



Education Officer

Tracey Donaldson

With the New Year upon us it's time to start thinking about the next wave of programs and events happening at the Museum. And it's never too soon to start making plans for March Break. During the week of March Break the Museum will be open to the public every day from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. We will also be offering creative kids' workshops on Tues, Wed and Thurs. Workshops will run from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and are geared to children ages 6-11. Cost is \$20 per day or \$50 for all three days (snacks are included). To register call 613-831-2393 or email register@goulbournmuseum.ca



Communications Officer

Sue Woodford

This year's *Old-Fashioned Christmas & Outdoor Artisan Market* was a success in large part because of the wonderful volunteers who chose to spend the day with us. Some baked dozens of cookies and served them to our visitors while others kept children safe by the fire, helped at craft stations, or donned period costumes and greeted guests. Fifteen-year-old Jordyn Simpson was one of three volunteer photographers at the event. When she wasn't snapping pictures of kids with Santa she was capturing the day's activities on camera. We liked one of her photos so much that we chose it for the cover of the Museum's 2015 Christmas card! Perhaps we'll make this an annual tradition!



Collections & Programming Administrator

Sarah Holla

Big news! I will be away on a new adventure and starting my maternity leave in December. I wanted to take a moment to thank my Museum colleagues, Goulbourn Museum's Board of Directors, Yap & Yarn and Family Craft Day participants, volunteers and Museum visitors for all of their kind thoughts over the past nine months. My husband and I are very excited to meet baby Holla! I hope that you will all join me in giving Kaitlin Normandin a warm welcome to the Goulbourn Museum team. Kaitlin will be playing a prominent role in the care of the Museum's artefact and archival collection, implementing public programming like our Yap & Yarn and Family Craft days, as well as delivering educational programming and developing Museum exhibitions over the next year. Welcome and best wishes Kaitlin!

From the Collection



This delicate teacup is stamped with the emblem of the Women's Institute, a collection of community-based organizations that were founded in Ontario by Adelaide Hoodless. She created the first WI to help instruct women in farm and household management. Women's Institutes fostered a strong sense of community among rural women and undertook important work during the First and Second World Wars.

In addition to knitting warm clothing and rolling bandages, members also engaged with fund- and consciousness-raising to assist the war effort and the home front. Members actively raised money for Victory Loans (as shown by this pin from 1918) or for charitable organizations. Many of their efforts focused on increasing food production and reducing waste.

In areas where local Red Cross chapters didn't exist, Women's Institutes were instrumental in putting together care packages for soldiers serving overseas, refugees, and prisoners of war. Our lucky soldier may have received some Tetley tea, plug tobacco, E.B. Eddy safety matches, new blades for his razor, a shaving brush, a box of chocolates and a reminder that someone was thinking of him.

Recent Events



Vintage Ornaments: Children created handmade ornaments by threading fruit and popcorn onto string at the *Old-Fashioned Christmas & Outdoor Artisan Market* in November. Photo by Ashley Fong



Artisan Market: Pencil artist Sheila Cain-Sample, left, chats with a customer at the *Outdoor Artisan Market*. Photo by Ashley Fong



Postcards of the Past: During a recent visit to the Museum the 1st Carp Guides were intrigued by the handwritten messages (in cursive!) on Christmas postcards from the early 1900s.

Coming Events

Family Day: Join us Feb. 15th

The Museum will be open from 9 a.m. to noon on Family Day. Come in from the cold to enjoy some games, make a craft and let the kids dress up and play in our Village Store.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Museum staff will be taking part in Family Fun Day at the Goulbourn Recreation Complex. We will be running our popular Old-Fashioned Photo Booth so be sure to drop by the GRC at 1500 Shea Rd. and say 'hello.'

Tickets cost \$10 per family and will be sold at the GRC in advance of Family Day or 300 will be available at BMO Stittsville at no charge. There will be giant inflatable play structures, carnival style games, hot chocolate & cotton candy, Disney and superhero characters, and story time with a princess! There will also be free skating and swimming.

Yap & Yarn
Goulbourn Museum's Monthly Knitting Circle
2016 Dates
Jan. 17 • Feb. 21 • Mar. 20
Apr. 17 • May 15 • Jun. 4 & 5
We meet in the Goulbourn Museum from 1-3 p.m.

Goulbourn Museum's
2016 FAMILY CRAFT DAYS

January 24:	Lookie it's a Wookiee!
February 14:	Call Me Cupid
March 13:	Plug In & Power Up!
April 24:	Mystery at the Museum
May 29:	Happy Campers
June 26:	Fossil Frenzy!
July 17:	Paging Dr. Doolittle!
August 14:	Under the Sea
September 11:	If I Only Had a Brain!
October 23:	Capes & Crusaders
November 27:	All Wrapped Up!

Family Craft Days run from 1-4 p.m. and are geared to children ages 4-11. Cost is \$4 per child. Parental accompaniment & registration is required.
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