



Left to right: Melissa Shaw, Museum Assistant; Susan Warner, Museum Supervisor; Deputy Mayor Sandra Cooper; Mayor Chris Carrier; and Ken Templeman, Town Crier, at the unveiling of Father Time and the opening of the Museum's newest exhibit, *Shifting Focus*.

Father Time, Exhibit Opening

Wednesday, April 14th was an exciting evening for museum staff and members alike. Not only was a 132 year old statue given due honour, but a new exhibit featuring three Collingwood photographers was officially opened. Approximately 60 members, donors and dignitaries joined museum staff for this much anticipated event.

Ken Templeman, Collingwood's Town Crier, robustly greeted guests and proclaimed Father Time's importance for all to hear. Mayor Chris Carrier also highlighted the statue's importance within Collingwood and officially unveiled the statue. Susan Warner publicly thanked donors for their generous support in making this restoration project a reality.

Donations are still being accepted to cover the project's outstanding costs. If you would like further information on this project please contact museum staff.

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Supervisor's Message

As with the spring plants, the Collingwood Museum has experienced much growth over the past few weeks. The museum staff roll has increased from two solely devoted staff members to seven. Since January we have been hard at work writing grant proposals for the provincial government's Young Canada Works Program, the Ministry of Tourism and Culture's Museum and Technology Initiative, and Track's. In total five summer staff positions were applied for and partial funding for all five positions has been received. Please be sure to read pages five and six in this issue of On Track to learn more about our new staff members and become familiar with their smiling faces.

Many inquiries have been received by staff regarding our summer adult programmes. Be assured that a flyer has been included for your review, and another will promptly appear in your email inbox or mailbox. On Wednesday, July 14th we will be travelling to Wellington County to visit three museum sites: The Wellington County Museum & Archives, Guelph Civic Museum and the John McCrae House. Tea, jam, shortbread cookies, and fresh berries will greet us at our final destination for the day. Please refer to the enclosed poster for more details.

The Collingwood Museum's children's programme listing will also be mailed to you in the latter weeks of June. Programmes will run on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday beginning July 5th and ending August 24th. Morning and afternoon time slots will be available; however, the same program will be offered for both to accommodate everyone's schedules.

Please stop by the museum to see the summer staff in action and don't forget to peek your head in the museum office to say hi. Have a wonderful summer! See you soon.

Susan Warner, Museum Supervisor

Local Trivia Challenge

1. The Collingwood Museum is housed in the Station which was constructed in _____.
2. The first Station building was a wooden structure that was destroyed by fire in _____.
3. Collingwood has had rail service since _____. Many settlers used Collingwood's rail station as an arrival or departure point for their new lives in Simcoe and Grey Counties.
4. The present day Station tower is also home to the Georgian Bay Bureau of _____ Television.
5. The first railroad company to serve Hen and Chickens harbour was called the _____, _____, and _____.
6. Mr. Cumberland, an architect and _____ were employed to survey the original railroad.
7. The first brick rail station in Collingwood was built in _____ after the original wooden structure was destroyed by fire.
8. Following the Ontario, Simcoe and Huron Railway was the Northern Railway which was absorbed by the _____ in _____ 1888.
9. CNR passenger rail service ended in Collingwood in _____.
10. The current Station is not only the home of the Museum but also the Welcome Centre and the offices of Arts, Culture, Information Services and Special Events under the auspices of the Town of Collingwood's Department of _____.

The Station
October 1, 1931



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- Answers
1. 1998
 2. c1864
 3. January 1855
 4. "A" Channel
 5. Ontario, Simcoe and Huron
 6. Sandford Fleming
 7. 1874
 8. Grand Trunk Railway
 9. 1960
 10. Leisure Services

Collingwood's Other Station

Few people in Collingwood, other than railway connoisseurs, know that there was a train station in Collingwood other than those located on the site of the current "Station". In 1872, a new railway line was proposed by the Hamilton and North Western Railway, linking Lake Erie at Port Dover with the terminus and port at Collingwood. The Town of Collingwood contributed its share of inducements totaling nearly \$40,000, with the hope that a competing line would force the Northern Railway to drop the exorbitant rates that its monopoly enabled.

Scarcely had the new Hamilton and North Western Railway set a railcar in motion when the powerful Northern Railway announced it had negotiated an annexation of the new line. The new station house on Walnut Street, barely used, was removed and the anticipated benefits of a competing rail line, along with the funding bonus, were lost in the machinery of commerce. In 1888, the Grand Trunk Railway absorbed all of the smaller lines, including the Northern and the Hamilton and North Western, as well as a line from Beeton to

Meaford named the North Grey branch.

The First World War and the Depression had disastrous influences on an already struggling Canadian Railway industry. The federally funded Canadian National Railway (CNR) was formed in 1918 and eventually sheltered, under one roof, all the cash-strapped railway corporations across the country. In 1955, the station at St. Paul Street was closed and five years later the last passenger train made its farewell journey.

In 1962, rail service enjoyed a brief but glorious awakening when the Ski Special, a small passenger service, ferried tourists from Toronto to Blue Mountain. In spite of concerted efforts by the Chamber of Commerce, particularly its president, Jack Saunders, the Ski Special operated for only one full season; the difficulty of quickly revising schedules to accommodate sudden weather changes forced it to close a year later. The Town of Collingwood purchased the station and property at St. Paul and Simcoe Streets from CNR in 1965, erecting a new building, modeled after the original, to house the Collingwood Museum.



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The Station Gift Shop has several books on the topic of railways. Please visit us and make use of your 20% member discount when purchasing books, clothes, and toys.

Books:

The Train Doesn't Stop Here Anymore: An Illustrated History of Railway Stations in Canada, Third Edition. Ron Brown. *Non member: \$29.99, Member: \$23.99*

W. Watts & Sons Boat Builders: Canadian Designs for Work and Pleasure 1842-1946. Peter Watts and Tracy Marsh. *Non member: \$24.95, Member: \$19.96*

A History Of Simcoe County. Andrew F. Hunter. *Non member: \$29.95, Member: \$23.96.*

Sir Sandford Fleming: His Early Diaries, 1845-1853. Edited by Jean Murray Cole. *Non member: \$30.00, Member: \$24.00*

Sneak Peeks: *April 14, 2010*



Above: Museum Staffers and Volunteers Melissa Shaw, Judith Pipher, Susan Warner and Sharon McNabb.



Above: Christine Cowley, Ella and Charles Garrad, and Mayor Chris Carrier.



Above: Christine Cowley and Cathy (Saunders) de Ruiter in front of the Shifting Focus exhibit featuring Cathy's father, Photographer Jack Saunders.



Left: Museum members Irene Carswell and Joyce Brown at the unveiling.

Right: Artist Nick Hodson at the exhibit opening.



Summer Staff Intros:



Hello,

My name is **Tiffany Taylor** and I will be working as a Collections Management Assistant for the next six months. With the good fortune of the Ministry of Culture's Museums and Technology grant I will be helping to digitize the Museum's collection. I previously attended Wilfred Laurier University where I earned a BA in Archaeology and then continued my studies at the University of Leicester in England where I earned an MA in Museum Studies. I have worked as a summer student at the Castle Kilbride National Historic Site in Baden, Ontario and as an intern at the Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery and New Walk Museum whilst studying in England. As a new resident of Collingwood I am very excited to have the opportunity to immerse myself in the history of the town I now call home and look forward to learning more about the people and artifacts which make up Collingwood's fascinating past.



My name is **Venetia Boehmer-Plotz** and I am one of the Museum Education and Exhibit Summer Students. I am excited to create programs that bring our local history to life! I have a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in History from Brock University and am returning in September to do my Master's. I will be researching Aboriginal land claim settlements in Saskatchewan as a framework for my future law career. I grew up in Collingwood, first as a weekender and then as a resident, and am looking forward to the opportunity to connect to our community and inspire others to do the same!



Hello everyone, my name is **Noah Morritt** and I am one of the Collections Management Assistants working here at the Museum this summer. With a heritage connected to both Collingwood and Canadian shipbuilding history, I am both honoured and excited to be working and researching at the museum this summer. I have a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology and am currently working on an Honour's Degree in History at Laurentian University, with an interest in cultural anthropology, ethnohistory, and folklore studies. I am also a founding member of the Laurentian University Association for Social Cultural, Linguistic, Archaeology, and Physical Anthropology and hope to include an article on Collingwood in our upcoming association newsletter.



My name is **Deanne Rowbotham** and I will be working as one of the Education and Exhibit Assistants for the summer 2010 period. I am a long time resident of Collingwood and have grown up taking part in many of the activities the Museum has offered. I have worked previously with the Museum and am extremely excited to return to assist in educational children's programming, as well as creating new exhibits. This is a wonderful opportunity to share our local history with the community and I am pleased to take part in the many happenings at the Museum. I look forward to meeting many new faces this summer.




My name is **Jessica Crawford** and I have just finished my third year at Trent University in Peterborough. I am currently working on an Honours BA in Ancient Greek and Roman Studies with a minor in German. I love every aspect of history and the research it takes to really understand how something was created, for what purpose, and what its relevance is in today's society and environment, if any. Once I have graduated from Trent I hope to enroll in a Museum Technology Program and become a museum conservator. For the summer I am working at the Collingwood Museum as a Collections Assistant. This position fits my personality, aspirations, and interests perfectly, and I am doing everything I would love to do on a daily basis. I was born in Collingwood and have lived here all my life. Until I was lucky enough to get a job at the museum, I knew virtually nothing about how historically rich Collingwood is with the Shipyards, the railroad and Blue Mountain. I love that I am learning how great my hometown is.

MUSEUM MONTH**May 2010**

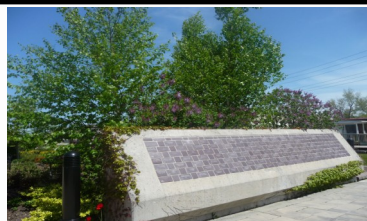
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23	24 Victoria Day	25 Museum Gallery open every day	26	27	28	29
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June 2010

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20 Fathers Day	21 First Day of Summer 	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Registration Deadline for Adult Trip	1 Canada Day		

The Collingwood Museum

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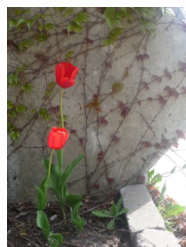
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Membership News



Interested in receiving a green newsletter?
Send your email address to
museum@collingwood.ca and we will add you to
our e-newsletter database.

A special thank you from the staff at the Collingwood Museum to
our new and returning members. We are pleased to welcome:

**Greta & Ken Horton, Christine Cowley, Veronica Miller,
Donna Chappell-Bowen, Judy Ferguson, Jacqui Holden,
Mark Thomson, Heather Macdonald, Elaine Turnbull, Julie
Card, Jim Worts, John Shortt, Ruth Roberts, Mary Thompson,
Dr. Murray & Jean Thompson, Jim Robson, Frances Todd,
Marcia Everitt, S & C von Herrmann, Jim Trott, Noble Family**

Hours of Operation

9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.: Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday
10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.: Sunday
Closed —Wednesday and Thursday (from Thanksgiving to Victoria Day)

The Collingwood Museum

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Take a Look Inside

