

The Collingwood Museum

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BECOME A

Patron of Collingwood's Heritage



Grade 10 students from CCI at the Patrons Gala hosted by Cranberry Resorts Ltd. on June 11. *Photograph courtesy of jcard-mycollingwood.ca.*

The Collingwood Museum and Collingwood & District Historical Society (CDHS) are pleased to announce a new partnership program called *Patrons of Collingwood's Heritage*. This unique program is membership-driven and designed to foster awareness in, and an appreciation for, Collingwood's rich history through the production of audiovisual vignettes by local high school students for academic credit.

While researching the history of Collingwood, students visited

the Museum to access primary documents, including recruitment posters, photographs, minute books, and CCI yearbooks. The resulting information was compiled into video presentations that will be featured at the Museum and Cranberry Resort for the enjoyment of residents

and visitors alike. The videos are also showcased at CDHS meetings, and a special viewing for the students and their families is hosted by Cranberry Resorts Ltd.

Current Collingwood Museum members are already on their way to becoming *Patrons of Collingwood's Heritage* as the only program requirements are annual memberships with the Collingwood Museum and CDHS. Please see the enclosed flyer to see how you can support student learning initiatives and promote Collingwood's history within the community as a *Patron*. Please do not hesitate to contact staff if you have any questions.

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Supervisor's Message

The changing seasons have signaled a series of routine changes at the Collingwood Museum. With four summer staff joining our team, the Museum has become a hive of activity as we prepare for a summer of interactive and heritage-based children's programs. A complete listing of this summer's offerings is included for your viewing pleasure. Programs are three hours in length, making them perfect for visiting nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and of course any children of your own.

On May 24, staff and sixteen museum members left Collingwood for a day of adventure, touring the famed S.S. *Keewatin*, Martyr's Shrine, and Penetanguishene Museum and Centennial Archives. We also enjoyed a delightful lunch on Midland's harbourfront. To view photographs of the excursion, please visit the Museum's Facebook page www.facebook.com/collingwoodmuseum. Liking our Facebook page is a great way to stay up-to-date!

Staff are pleased to be partnering with Gaslight Tour for the second year in a row. This sellout event is scheduled for November 6-9 with tickets going on sale in September. This year's theme, the Great War, honours the 100th anniversary of the First World War. Museum staff have assisted local playwrights with research inquiries about Collingwood's war years, and the Museum building will be a venue for one of this year's plays. Other venues include Theatre Collingwood's Studio Space, Blue Mountain Foundation for the Arts (BMFA), the Telfer House and the Beild House. The Museum will also be unveiling a feature exhibition about the Great War on September 25. Invitations will be extended to all current museum members.

We look forward to seeing everyone throughout the summer!

Susan Warner, *Museum Supervisor*

Introducing Our Summer Staff

Hello, my name is **Ashley Conroy** and I am very excited to be spending a third summer at the Collingwood Museum. I moved to the area with my parents and younger brother eight years ago from a town called Oldham in the northwest of England. After visiting lots of different areas throughout Ontario my family and I decided that the beautiful Georgian Bay area would be an ideal place to call home. Upon our arrival I enrolled at Jean Vanier High School from which I graduated in 2009. Since then I have continued my studies at The University of Western Ontario in London.

My summer position at the Collingwood Museum as an educational programmer is very rewarding and I am delighted to have the opportunity to work at the Museum again this summer.



Left to right: Hailey Arts, Siobhan Brandreth, Ashley Conroy, Katelyn McCarl

My name is **Hailey Arts** and I am proud to say I am a recent graduate from the University of Guelph with a Bachelor in Arts, Honours Major in History and a Minor in Museum Studies. My love of history and local heritage preservation has led me to continue my studies at the University of Victoria for a graduate certificate in Museum Collections Management this fall.

You could say I'm an old hat when it comes to museums. For the past three years I have had the opportunity to be a team member at several museums across Southwestern Ontario. Last year I had

the experience of going on a semester study aboard in Krakow, Poland. While there I was able to not only see the wonders of the world and various cultures, but also reconfirm my passion for history and the power museums have in preserving and sharing local history as a piece within the larger Canadian heritage.

I am excited to start my career in the heritage field as the collections management assistant for the summer, as well as being a part of the Collingwood community.

Hello, my name is **Katelyn McCarl** and I am excited to be working at the Collingwood Museum for the summer. I grew up in Nottawa and have a deep-rooted appreciation for Collingwood and the surrounding area.

I will be entering my final year in Brock University's concurrent education program in September, and will graduate with a degree in history and a Bachelor of Education. My lifelong dream is to become a teacher and I hope to attain a teaching job in Canada, or someplace beyond its borders, following my studies. My passion for learning about the past will enrich my role at the Museum. I am excited to explore Collingwood's vibrant history in the upcoming programs.

Hello! My name is **Siobhan Brandreth** and this is my first summer in Collingwood. My parents decided to retire up here so I now call Collingwood home. I am thrilled to be a part of the Museum staff as a children's education programmer for the summer months.

When I am not exploring our four-season playground, I am busy studying nursing at the University of Western Ontario in London. My goal is to be a pediatric nurse and all my jobs have been working with children. One unique aspect of this position to me is the incorporation of the Town's history in program development. I am so thankful for this opportunity and have felt very welcomed as the "new kid on the block." I cannot wait to see what the upcoming months have in store for me!

Programming: Lighthouse Legends



Sixteen local students kicked off the last P.A. Day of the 2013/2014 school season with staff at the Collingwood Museum. The morning's topic was Collingwood's historic lighthouse, and the program was a sellout success. Participants discussed the long history of the Nottawasaga Lighthouse and its role in keeping local and visiting sailors safe in the dangerous waters of Georgian Bay. Each participant created a whimsical lighthouse with a working light to take home.

For a complete listing of upcoming programs, check out www.collingwood.ca/museum or www.facebook.com/collingwoodmuseum.

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Membership News

Interested in receiving a green newsletter?
Send your email address to
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A special thank you from the staff at the Collingwood Museum to our new and returning members:

Balmoral Adult Lifestyle Village, Peter de Vries, Al Woolnough,
Barbara Hillis, Ladell Family, Judith Perry, Merle Gogo,
Veronica Miller, Reeder Family, Davenport Family, Case Family,
Jean Young, Lindsay Lyall, Dunn Family, Glenn Copeland,
Joan Miller, Melissa Shaw, Rod Paget, Susan Thibert, &
Millie Mirrlees

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