



Remembering the Great War



Photographs (left to right): Museum Supervisor Susan Warner and Mayor Sandra Cooper at the official Gaslight Tour Launch; Original artifacts and archival documents in the Remembering the Great War exhibition.

Collingwood Museum members and staff officially opened *Remembering the Great War*, an in-house exhibit about Collingwood's involvement in the First World War, on Friday, September 26, 2014. The event drew a crowd of fifty community members who were also treated to the unveiling of a new iPad exhibition made possible through the Federal Government's Enabling Accessibility Fund.

The museum gallery and newly installed exhibit were also utilized for the official launch of Gaslight Tour 2014, *The Great War: 1914-1918*. The evening began with a reenactment of the soldiers' send-off parades of 100 years ago, led from Town Hall to the Station grounds by Town Crier Ken Templeman and the Beinn Gorm High-

landers. Over 100 participants marched in the parade. Following a wreath laying by the Ridgway family at the Honour Walls, participants entered the Museum to view the exhibition, and enjoy each other's company, and refreshments.

The new exhibition features artifacts from the Collingwood Museum's collection, as well as select items on loan from the Royal Canadian Legion, Collingwood Branch Museum; the Simcoe County Museum; and Private collections within the community. The exhibition will be available for public

Viewing throughout 2015 as staff focus on improvements in the largest of three onsite storage rooms. The exhibit includes original gas masks, weaponry, photographs, and much more.

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Supervisor's Message

Brrrrr! Winter is definitely upon us. I hope everyone is bundled up and keeping warm.

I am pleased to report that the Collingwood Museum has been accepted into an exciting program called RE-ORG Canada (Ontario) as part of an international effort to reorganize museum storage worldwide. RE-ORG Ontario is among the first projects to be launched, and Collingwood Museum staff are one of six teams chosen to form the first RE-ORG Ontario Storage Network. Through RE-ORG, the Collingwood Museum has access to grant funding from Canadian Heritage. We are patiently awaiting the outcome of our grant application. If successful, the Museum's large storage room will be undergoing a dramatic change. Stay tuned for updates.

The Collingwood Museum, in partnership with the Collingwood & District Historical Society (CDHS), is pleased to announce the completion of the first Patrons of Collingwood's Heritage Video of the 2015/16 school year. The video was previewed at the March meeting of the CDHS and will be available for viewing in the museum gallery in the coming weeks. At least four more videos on Collingwood's history are expected to be completed before the end of the school year. If you are interested in learning more about this exciting program, and how you can support Grade 10 history students in our community, please contact staff.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Susan Warner, Museum Supervisor

Children's Programming



What do leprechauns, spies, and dinosaurs have in common? They're all at the Museum this March Break! The Collingwood Museum is offering three exciting programs for children ages 6-12. Each program runs from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and costs only \$10/program. Join us for one or all three of the following programs: *Shenanigans Spectacular*, *Station Spy Kids*, and *Dinosaurs Rule* on March 17th-19th respectively. Call to register today!

Staff are also offering *Shipwrecks*, a morning P.A. Day program for students in the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board, on April 20th between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Participants will create a shipwreck-themed craft, and enjoy games and a delicious snack. To register or find out more, please contact staff.

Teacher-Candidate Placement

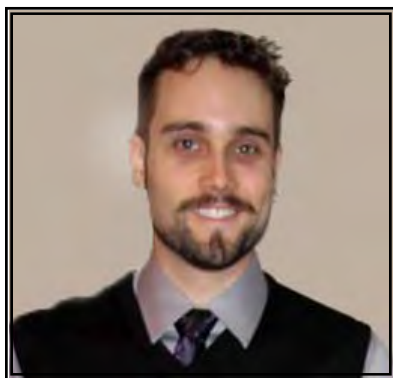
During the month of January, museum staff welcomed Laura Werbitsky for a four week alternative placement as part of the Concurrent Education Program at Nipissing University. Please find a message from Laura below:

“I have lived in the area for about ten years and visited it many times before that with my family. Through this experience, I am exploring the opportunity of using my teaching degree outside the regular classroom. I hope to try my hand at developing various programs for the museum during my stay, and I aspire to teach internationally to start my career. I am thankful to Susan and Melissa for this wonderful opportunity and I am eager to learn more about the town I call home.”

Photograph: Laura Werbitsky with Father Time



Meet Our Newest Staff Member



Tyler Cleary, Station Attendant (Casual)

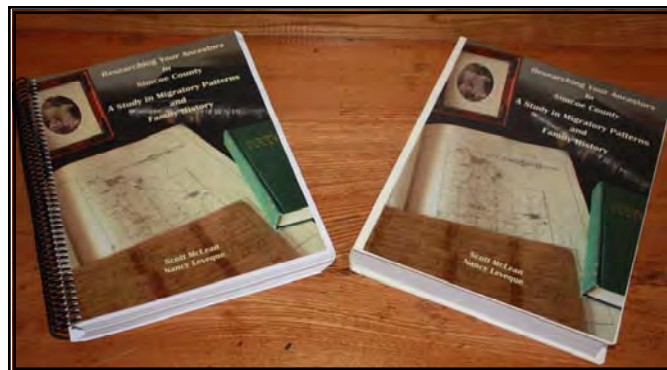
Long-time subscribers to the museum’s newsletter may recall my name in the 2011 & 2012 summer newsletters. My name is Tyler Cleary and I am thrilled to be back at The Station. With degrees in history & archaeology from Trent University, you can imagine my excitement to be reunited with the museum’s collection as well as its knowledgeable staff & volunteers. Having grown up in Stayner, trips to Collingwood were often. Certainly, it was my experiences in Collingwood that led to my passion for history. As a child my father frequently took me to two destinations – the Collingwood Regional Airport and The Station. Given the choice of my future career, between watching planes on the runway and exploring the exhibits at the museum, I chose the one which didn’t require ejection seating or inflatable life vests – although, coincidentally, both do share overhead storage compartments.

I hope to see you all at The Station someday soon.

Gift Shop News

The gift shop features a new, must have book for anyone researching family history in Simcoe County. **Researching Your Ancestors in Simcoe County: A Study in Migratory Patterns and Family History** by Scott McLean and Nancy Leveque is available in both hard and soft cover editions. Hardcover copies are listed at \$59.95 and paperbacks at \$49.95, both subject to GST. Collingwood Museum members receive a 20% discount. Both books are 438 pages in length.

Gently used children’s books are also available for purchase by donation. Drop in and see what is available.



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Membership News

Interested in receiving a green newsletter?
Send your email address to
museum@collingwood.ca

**A special thank you from the staff at the Collingwood Museum
to our new and returning members:**

Marguerite Burk, Janie Jardine, Kathryn Scott, May Reynolds,
David & Patty Ladell, Peter & Nancy Case, Judith Piper,
Tom Iatzko, Janet Trimble, and Twylla Fay Goad

Hours of Operation

Daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please visit us anytime online at
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