

Collingwood Museum

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Museum Staff to Offer Free Storage Tours

Have you heard the exciting news? The Museum's storage reorganization project has been completed and staff will be offering free storage room tours during Collingwood's Sidelaunch Days Festival on August 6th and 7th. Drop by for a tour anytime between 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m. or 2:00p.m.-4:00p.m. No reservation required. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity.

The Collingwood Museum received more than \$20,000 in grant funding to complete its reorganization project awarded through the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund and the Department of Canadian Heritage. Mobile storage units were purchased and installed to safely accommodate the Museum's largest and heaviest objects, as well as its boxed textile collection.

Since 2014, Museum staff have been working to implement storage solutions and reorganize the Museum's largest storage room, utilizing RE-ORG Canada methodology, which does not advocate building or acquiring new storage facilities. Rather, the methodology promotes the effective use of existing space to ensure artifacts are accessible and protected, and that public access to the collection is enhanced. Over \$30,000 in funding was received from the Government of Canada for this project over the past two years.

Supervisor's Message

We're back! Since September 2014 staff have been working to RE-ORGanize the largest of three onsite storage rooms. I am delighted to report that the new shelving units have been installed and the south gallery has been reopened to the public. Make sure to join staff for a free, guided tour of the new storage system during the Sidelaunch Days Festival. No reservation required!

It's hard to believe that 2016 marks the 30th anniversary of the Collingwood Shipyards' closure. In honour of this, the Museum will be featuring a community-inspired exhibition entitled *Memories of the Shipyards*. Please see the poster below for additional information about how you may become involved. An afternoon of shipyard-inspired activities and events will coincide with the exhibit opening on September 10th.

I am excited to announce that the Museum is an official site for the Collingwood Art Crawl on Friday, September 24th. Stay tuned for an exciting announcement about the unveiling of a painting by local artist Ernie Taylor that once graced the walls of Collingwood's Mountainview Hotel.

The Museum is also a proud partner of Gaslight Tour for this November's Lighthouse Legends event. For additional information, please visit www.gaslighttheatreproductions.com.

Have a wonderful summer!
Susan Warner, Museum Supervisor



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Upcoming Exhibit

the COLLINGWOOD MUSEUM invites you to lend your favourite keepsake to the upcoming *Memories of the Shipyards* exhibition honouring the 30th anniversary of the Yard's closure. The exhibit will feature objects collected and cherished by community members during Collingwood's 103 years of shipbuilding.

What did you save from the Yard?

Contact 705-445-4811 or museum@collingwood.ca by August 31st to lend your favourite memento for the exhibit.

The 30th Anniversary of the Collingwood Shipyards' closure is quickly approaching and staff are reaching out to community members for their assistance.

If you have an item connected to the history of shipbuilding in Collingwood that you would like to loan for the duration of this exciting community exhibit, please contact staff today. We're looking for anything, from lunch boxes and tools to ship memorabilia.

The exhibit opening is set for September 10th at the Collingwood Museum. Stay tuned for additional information about celebratory activities, onsite vendors, walking tours, a shipyard tool identification table, and more!

If you are interested in becoming involved, contact staff today!

Summer Staff



The Museum is pleased to welcome four students to our summer team. Three Summer Programmers (Jacob Gardhouse, Emily Fachnie, and Sabrina Morabito) have been busy leading and planning summer programs for children aged 6-12, while Collections Management Assistant Kassandra Hanslep has been researching and locating “mystery” artifacts discovered in large storage. Three of this year’s students were with us last year and their return has resulted in a seamless transition from last summer’s achievements.

Left to right: Sabrina Morabito, Emily Fachnie, Jacob Gardhouse, and Kassandra Hanslep

Volunteer News

On Thursday June 9th, Collingwood Museum volunteers Judith Pipher and Barb Pepper were recognized at the Ontario Honours and Awards Ceremony in Barrie.

Both Judith and Barb received their 15 year service pins. Thank you both for your dedicated years of service to the Collingwood Museum! You have enriched the lives of staff, volunteers, and community members. A very heartfelt congratulations to you both!

Left to right: Judith Pipher, Susan Warner, Barb Pepper.



Gift Shop Additions



If you're planning day trips in the Georgian Bay area this summer, or looking for a thank-you gift for your cottage hosts, stop by the Museum gift shop to check out the latest collection of travel and tourist-inspired books.

Titles include: 100 Nature Hot Spots in Ontario; Backroads of Ontario; Paddling and Hiking the Georgian Bay Coast; Ontario's Ghost Town Heritage; Great Lakes Lighthouse Encyclopedia and Top 50 Canoe Routes of Ontario.


The gift shop is open daily during regular hours and Museum Members receive a 20% discount on most books and gift shop items!

Membership News

Are you interested in receiving a green newsletter?
Please share your email address with us at museum@collingwood.ca

A special thank to our new and returning members:

There have been so many renewals since our last newsletter that we cannot possibly list everyone's name here. Thank you, again, for your patience during the Museum's storage reorganization project. For up-to-date information on what's happening onsite, please check out our Facebook page at

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Left: 41 members of the Markham Federation of Filipino Canadians began their Elvis festivities at the Museum.

Right: Jan Trimble, Jackie Plater, and Irene Pradyszczuk representing the Museum at Jazz @ the Station.

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