



# COLDWATER CANADIANA HERITAGE MUSEUM

**2020 Fall E-Newsletter – Vol. 1, No. 2**

**A-Team's List of 2020  
Completed and In-Progress  
Projects**

by Bob Turnour

**Carriage Barn – completed  
cleaning, back wall repairs, and  
installation of new displays**

**Display Barn – completed  
cleaning, installation of new  
displays, and organization of  
Borland Tool Collection**

**Completed painting of doors  
and trim, including a lovely job  
on the Woodrow cabin front  
door by Roelof Knegt**

**School House Roof, Print Shop,  
Fordsen & Steam Tractors, Pole  
Barn extension & doors on old  
Pole Barn, old wagon parts  
cleanup –ALL in-progress**

**Other completed projects,  
including a website overhaul,  
new email, and more seasonal  
displays will be included in the  
Spring 2021 Newsletter.**

Woodrow cabin at dusk. *Photo  
credit: Sarah Terry 2020.*

## **Greetings and Happy 1<sup>st</sup> ever Covid-19 Fall!**

As we continue to live and function during the pandemic, the importance of staying connected to our supporters, volunteers, and community remains paramount. Welcome to our first ever fall e-newsletter!

Thanks to some very dedicated individuals, the museum re-opened under “modified operations” during July and August. This small but vital team undertook groundskeeping, cleaning, painting and repair work, installed new displays, and led guided tours. Among other projects, our seasonal paid staff modified the museum website to reflect current health and safety protocols, and added new content. If you haven't already, check it out!

The spring AGM was postponed to September 28th and held outdoors on the patio beside the cabin. The 2019 AGM minutes and 2019 financials were presented and approved. Several reports on 2020 activities were provided, along with some interesting plans for future initiatives. Stay tuned!



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So much effort and dedication went into planning the 2020 season at the museum, especially events. These bring significant revenue to our coffers. Admission to our museum is “by donation” and those monies were certainly missed this season. Apart from the revenue loss, we also missed the social interaction that occurs before, during and after our events. Many of us enjoy the planning and promotion part, while others are incredibly helpful “on the day of”. We love to share our museum with visitors from near and far. Over these past eight months, have you missed our museum family? Emailing and texting just doesn’t seem to replace that personal connection and virtual hugs are for the birds!

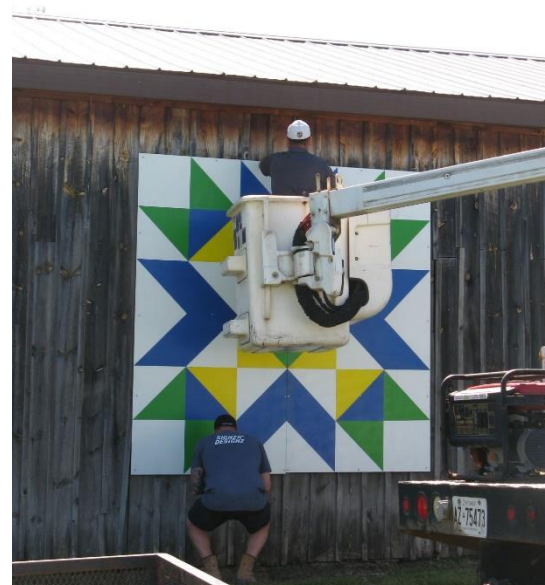
There were some new additions to the event roster this year and it’s a shame that they too failed to launch. Fingers and toes are crossed for **2021** when a “Vintage Crafts & Trades Festival” will be inaugurated in August. “Crafty Tuesdays” were planned for July and August and we look forward to just changing the dates (and that dreaded 2020, to **2021**) on our promotional pieces. We also look forward to participating at the Coldwater Fall Fair.

On a more cheerful note, The Sawbones Society (as part of Steampunk on-line) filmed six episodes of Season One at the museum in the spring. The Woodrow cabin and several outbuildings featured prominently in this quirky tale involving a group of nefarious malpracticing medics. It’s very “steampunky” and interestingly, all of the female actors are former museum summer staff.



As you may know, we joined the Simcoe County Barn Quilt Trail in June. Affixed to the Highway 12 side of the Firehall, our painted quilt is among many along a touring

route through the Simcoe County countryside. These quilts are a celebration of all things rural and engage us in the exploration of community heritage and history, family traditions, and agriculture. Hopefully, ours will attract new and returning visitors for many years. It’s been a nice distraction to “spot the barn quilt” during our limited travels.



Barn Quilt installation in June.  
*Photo credit: E. Blaubergs 2020.*

### What’s New and Different?

Under the curatorial leadership of Patti Turnour, and assisted by summer staff members Sarah Terry and Larisa Pakalns, along with members of the A-Team, a number of new displays and permanent exhibits were installed in the Woodrow cabin, on the grounds, and in several outbuildings. We hope you will be able to visit them all next season. In the meantime, enjoy the following images, captured recently by **Sarah Terry**. More to come in the next newsletter.





Summer 2020 table display in the Fireplace Room featuring mid 19<sup>th</sup> century flow mulberry-black dinnerware donated by Ruth Woodworth. Ruth was one of the CCHM's founding members. *Photo credit: Sarah Terry*

## GoFundMe

**\$500,000 is required to restore and preserve the heart of our museum –**

### **The Woodrow Homestead hand hewn log cabin**

The CCHM recently added a GoFundMe feature to our website. Approved earlier this year, the board of directors established an ambitious fundraising goal of **\$500,000**. That is the amount required to complete much-needed exterior and interior work on the Woodrow cabin. The list is long and will probably not be accomplished in one year or season, but we must start raising significant capital beyond what is required to pay the annual bills.

With GoFundMe, we are attempting to appeal to as wide a funding base as possible. Thousands of people have visited us over the years for Devon Teas, Heritage Day, the Coldwater Steampunk Festival, pancake breakfasts, the Heritage Craft Festival, Tea Time Talks, our annual Lawn & Plant Sale, school group tours, studio tours, and many other happenings. We are hopeful that many will see our appeal and respond with any size of donation.

This is the most ambitious fundraising initiative ever undertaken by the museum. More details related to the restoration and preservation will be shared on the website and elsewhere once they are known and approved. In the meantime, if you haven't already done so, we ask you to consider locating that GoFundMe tab and making a donation. Receipts for income tax purposes can be requested during this process. We guarantee that you will feel extra good about yourself and what you have just done!



With the holiday season nearly upon us, a donation in honour of a family member or friend makes the perfect gift this year. No shopping malls or packages on the front porch. This gift is the safest one you can possibly give!

**Please note** that we are endeavouring to bring the GoFundMe feature to our website's Home page. Currently, it is a bit of an archaeological quest but you will get there by following these instructions:

Go to **coldwatermuseum.com**, then to **Support**; click on **Donate** and look for the Search **magnifying glass** in the upper right corner, click on that and type **gofundme**; hit Enter on your keyboard, and then go to **MUSEUM** **INIATIVES**; look for the underlined **GoFundMe campaign** in the centre of the page. Click on that, and then **Donate now**.



**The Coldwater Canadiana Heritage Museum  
has registered to participate in the first**

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Note: The positions of “Chair” and “Vice Chair” were changed to “President” and “Vice President” at the September 2020 Annual General Meeting.

**2020 Seasonal Staff: Sarah Terry & Larisa Pakalns**

**Thank you for coming back this year and for all of your contributions!**



**We are grateful to Patti and Bob Turnour, Margo Van Muyen, and Sarah Terry for contributing content and some great images for this issue.**

**Stay safe and hopeful everyone!**