



COLDWATER CANADIANA HERITAGE MUSEUM

2021 Fall Newsletter – Vol. 2, No. 2

Happy Fall & Happy Sweater Weather!



We hope you had a good summer. We also hope you enjoy this newsletter as we strive to stay connected with our community and beyond. Once again, thanks to some very dedicated individuals, the Museum re-opened under “modified operations” during July and August. They undertook groundskeeping, gardening, cleaning, painting, repair work and new construction; they also installed new displays, led guided tours, and kept our website and social media updated. Gold stars to all!

We were able to hold our annual **Lawn Sale** on July 24th and also introduced **Canadiana Community Days** at the end of July until the end of August. Crafters and visitors were welcomed every Tuesday to do handwork and explore the site. No admission fee was charged and basic instruction by experienced crafters was provided. There were also some wonderful activities for children in the schoolroom and playhouse.

On September 25th, the rain held off until mid afternoon to ensure our **Canadiana Heritage Mini Fair** was a great success. More than 500 visitors enjoyed all kinds of great activities, displays, vendors, and the

Museum. How wonderful to wrap up the 2021 season on a positive note! -EB

The global arts, culture and heritage sector has lost billions in revenue during the pandemic. Without the monies we received in 2020-21



from provincial and federal programs, along with funds from the various organizations acknowledged below, **AND** generous individual donations, we could not have accommodated visitors safely or paid the bills.

2021 Events, New Exhibits & A-Team Projects

Coordinated & hosted a successful **Lawn Sale & Barbecue** with community partners – Coldwater Lions, Coldwater United Church, Ramara Historical Society

Introduced **Canadiana Community Days**

Hosted a one-day **Canadiana Heritage Mini Fair** in partnership with the Coldwater Fall Fair

Completed Projects

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Clearing for picnic area  
**New ramp for the gazebo**  
New end wall inside schoolhouse  
**New signs on buildings**

Concrete pads for equipment displays  
**Wood chips for river walk path**  
New displays in pole & display barns  
**Model for future gas station**  
White Rose sign

## Under Construction:

Extensions on the small pole barn  
(This was by far the largest and most complicated project of the year)

**We are most grateful to The Cory Team for designing and donating a new sign.**

*Left to right: Catharine O’Leary, Heather Cory, CCHM Curator Patti Turnour & summer staff member Avery Lovering. Photo: Sarah Terry*

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The Coldwater Canadiana Heritage Museum is a legally incorporated not-for-profit organization and registered charity. Financial support from Canada Summer Jobs, Young Canada Works, the Dunkley Charitable Foundation, HODG (Heritage Organization Development Grant [provincial]), Township of Severn, and generous Friends, Patrons and Benefactors is gratefully acknowledged for the **2021 season**. We also appreciated the donations received in memory of Noemi Chellew and George Knegt. The Coldwater Horticultural Society wound up its operations this year and donated a portion of remaining assets to the Woodrow Cabin Restoration capital campaign account.

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## Signs of Spring and Renewal



Curator Patti Turnour cleans and organizes the horse harness hardware display.



A new overhang for the pole barn



Under construction



Spring Cleaning



Gord Smith readies the Auto Trac for is first spring showing



*Photos: E. Blaubergs, June 2021*



## Lawn Sale and Barbecue – Saturday, July 24th – A resounding success as we reopened...cautiously



## Coldwater Community Days



Linda Wilson welcomes and instructs



Judy Laughlin needlepoints the safe way



Socializing and working in a great locale



Ramara Historical Society & CCHM Vintage Vehicles



Completed and in-progress handwork

*Photos: A. Lovering & S. Terry*



## Farewell and all the best to Wendy Hough!

Many folks have already learned that Wendy Hough resigned from the museum Board of Directors and as a museum volunteer in April. She did stellar service for more than 20 years and will be greatly missed. Coordinating our weekly Devon Teas was one of several activities Wendy committed to from June through August. This included purchasing, instruction and supervision of summer student staff, baking - and everything in between! She ran the gift shop at one time, and was a member of the events and gardening committees. When there was something that needed doing, she was always there to help.

Wendy was instrumental in securing numerous silent auction donations and prizes for our very first and successful two-day 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in 2015; she regularly supported this annual event with donations of her own. Her smiling face and wonderful laugh were a welcome addition to all museum events. “Wendy Wisdom” will be missed around the board table.

Wendy front and centre at the 2019 Christmas Pot Luck lunch. *Photo: E. Blaubergs*



Ralph Hough resigned from the CCHM board in early 2020, shortly after being appointed Deputy Mayor of Oro-Medonte Township. His kind and quiet counsel was always appreciated. He helped out at many of events and worked on the restoration of the *MB*, along with a number of other projects.

One of the most unique and enjoyable museum event bookings every spring was Ralph and Wendy’s Micro North car gathering. We will miss those adorable Messerschmitts and other models in our parking area. Thank you both for your many contributions. You are already missed and we wish you all the best as you begin a new chapter in your life story! Come and have a cuppa when it’s safe again!

Ralph and Wendy Hough in one of their micro cars. *Photo: W. Scott*

## Annual General Meeting

Our spring AGM was postponed and will be held on October 27, 2021. The 2020 AGM minutes and 2020 reviewed financials will be presented for approval. Reports on 2021 activities, nominations for the 2021-2022 board of directors, and some plans for 2022 are also on the agenda.

## Appreciation to the Orillia Museum of Art and History (OMAH)

We are grateful to OMAH for publishing two articles about artifacts in the CCHM collection, in *The Muse E-News* (February 18 & July 22, 2021 editions). OMAH History Committee members Mary Ann Grant and Dave Osborne encouraged our participation, along with Museum Executive Director Ninette Gyorody. Bob Turnour noted that this was “great exposure for us. We hope to post these articles on our own website and begin featuring some of them in our newsletters.





Canadiana Heritage Mini Fair – September 25, 2021 – An unexpected and amazing turnout!





## More Canadiana Heritage Mini Fair Memories



Mini Fair Photos: Pat Bromley, Sarah Terry, Laraine Smith, Margo van Muyen



*Autumn is a second spring when every leaf's a flower.*

Thank you to the **Coldwater Horticultural Society** for many years of beautiful blooms in our community. The Society wound up its operations earlier this year and donated a portion of the remaining assets to the Coldwater Canadiana Heritage Museum. We appreciated this generous gesture very much! As requested by the Society, the \$481 donation has been deposited in the Woodrow Cabin Restoration capital campaign account.



**A donation to the Museum in honour or memory of a loved one makes the perfect gift this Holiday Season.**

Not only is it safe and meaningful, it's a great way to say, "I'm supporting something important and local in your honour or a loved one's memory."

We'll send the recipient in whose honour the donation is made, a special seasonal note card announcing your gift and we'll send you a receipt for income tax purposes.

Any amount is welcome and will be placed in the **Woodrow Cabin Restoration Fund.**

The donation can be made through our web site (please provide address of recipient for announcement card) or by cheque to the address below.

## **COLDWATER CANADIANA HERITAGE MUSEUM**

### **2020- 2021 Board of Directors**

**President:** Richard Jolliffe • **Vice President:** Gord Smith  
**Secretary:** Linda McDowell • **Treasurer:** Margo Van Muyen  
**Curator:** Patti Turnour • **Curatorial Advisor:** Lynda Whiston  
**Property Manager:** Bill Wilson  
**A-Team Coordinators:** Richard Jolliffe & Bob Turnour  
**Staffing:** Gord Smith, Patti Turnour, Margo Van Muyen & Lynda Whiston  
**Directors:** Bill Prentice, Linda Wilson

**Note:** Director Wendy Hough stepped down from the Board in April 2021. Thank you for 20+ years of service! Director Wanda Frost also stepped down earlier this year. We appreciate all of her contributions!

**2021 Seasonal Staff:** Sarah Terry and Avery Lovering  
Thank you for your efforts, accomplishments & good cheer!

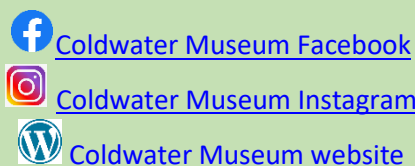
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Thank you Lee sisters, J. Blaubergs, and Linda and Bill Wilson for contributing to our Mini Fair Lucky Draw prizes!

**Please continue to stay safe and hopeful!**