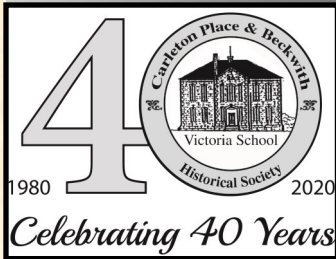


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We are Open!

Beginning on August 20, the museum will be open three days a week: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm.



Nurse Ida will greet you at the door, offering hand sanitizer, wipes and masks if you forgot yours!

Distancing protocols are in place, and we will allow 8 visitors in the building at a time.

Masks are mandatory.



Our 6th annual Vintage Clothing Sale is back for 2020! We've tweaked this fundraising sale to accommodate social distancing protocols. This year's sale will take place inside and outside under the tents!

New this year: Vicki and the Vintagewear team are offering EXCLUSIVE ONE HOUR PREVIEWS of the sale on Thursday, September 10. \$5 per person. Call 613-253-7013 to reserve your time slot.



Our annual "Junk and Disorderly Sale" was about to happen when COVID-19 knocked our socks off. Thanks to so many generous donors, we are full to the brim here with good "junk" to sell. SO... Get ready for surprise pop-up sales coming soon! (So much great stuff... cash only please.... social distancing protocols will be in place... wear your best mask!)

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS!!



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Celebrating 40 Years!



The Victoria Street School, should provide Carleton with a fine site for a museum. Originally scheduled to open in 1984, the museum opening was pushed ahead to 1985 because of funding problems. The museum committee recently approached Carleton Place Town Council for \$20,000 to fund the museum. — Photo by Lorraine Nephin.

School to come alive again

By Lorraine Nephin
CARLETON PLACE — After three long years of hard work and determination, the plan for a school museum in Carleton Place has materialized into a plausible reality.
The idea was first introduced in 1979 by the Carleton Place and Beckwith Historical Society. They left the need for an historic facility in Lower County because of the rich heritage the community had to offer.
The plan was set in motion and by 1980 a sub-committee was formed to investigate the possibilities of establishing a museum in the building and few objections arose to the group using the facility for their museum site. The committee had to determine the type of museum that would be established. The group was split into two sections. One section looked into the Ontario Government regulations on setting up museums and the other part did research on the more successful facilities that were already present in the area.
The group found upon examining the government regulations that there were numerous stipulations in regard to planning a museum if they proposed to obtain government grants to run it, who owned the building, parking, temperature and legal considerations.
The committee decided to stay within the guidelines to obtain the grants and to focus on the educational aspect in choosing their theme.
Nick Manning, chairperson for the group said "We decided to go for broke and make a world class museum. The history of Carleton Place warranted such an approach."
The most difficult part of the whole adventure was writing a statement of purpose. "We had to condense into a few lines, exactly what the purpose of the museum was."
An elaborate feasibility study began. Harold Kahan was the consultant hired for the project. He worked for nine months with councils to form the study which was presented to the public in May of 1983. The group was very fortunate in acquiring the study at a minimum cost because of the use of professional volunteers. These volunteers offset the cost of the study by two-thirds. The rest of the finances were obtained by Wintario, the Town of Carleton Place, the National Museum of Canada, and by



Curator's Message

Yes, the museum has been closed for most of the summer, but that hasn't stopped people from visiting our property! We are fortunate to share our grounds with both the Community Labyrinth and the Victoria School Garden.

Members of the Carleton Place and District Horticultural society donate hours of their time to maintaining our beautiful shady garden, and it's much appreciated. It's a perfect spot to come and enjoy a picnic. (Look for the bunny!)

<https://cphorticulture.ca>



All are welcome to walk the outdoor grass labyrinth at any time. Ours is a Seven-circuit Classical Cretan style labyrinth. Walking "the path" is reported to support healing, meditation and personal growth.

carletonplacecommunitylabyrinth.blogspot.com



Don't miss the Museum Murals out back! They were painted by local artists to represent the different uses of the building over time.



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VICTORIA SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

This garden was created by

The Carleton Place and District
Horticultural Society on the site of the former
Victoria School playground.

The playground's surface was covered in sharp cinders, a cast-off from Findlay's Foundry on High Street. It included swing sets, chain-link spinners and a baseball diamond at the rear.



Miss Mary Cram's Senior I class, October 1910



Wendy and Wayne Robertson,
first day of school, 1954

*"Some of our favourite school
yard games were Red Rover,
Red Light-Green Light,
and bouncing marbles off
the foundation walls into the
'potsies' we had formed."*

-Wendy Robertson LeBlanc



Doreen Argue at bat, circa 1945

Look for this plaque, coming soon to the Victoria School Garden!