

The Carleton Place & Beckwith Heritage Museum Heritage Happenings

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January 2021

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Join our Board!

The Carleton Place and Beckwith Historical Society is currently seeking an individual to fill the role of Treasurer. Interested?

Contact President Rob Probert at cpbmuseum@outlook.com



New! Self-guided walking tours of Carleton Place



Here's a great isolation activity!
Pick up your copy from the museum's mailbox and get walking! A joint effort of the Historical Society and Chamber of Commerce, these are available free in our mailbox. Take a selfie of your walk and tag us on Instagram!



Fundraisers

Historical Society Membership Drive

"The more you know about your history, the better prepared you are for the future."

During the challenge that was 2020, the Carleton Place and Beckwith Historical Society continued to collect, safeguard, and share our community history.

We need your help.

Become a member today!

By renewing or becoming a member, you are helping us preserve and protect our community's heritage and culture for future generations.

Our Society is a non-profit organization that relies on grants and donations to provide our services to the community. Your donations, including memberships, help us to continue with our mission.

To sign up for your Museum membership please go to our website's "Join Us" tab, fill out the attached membership form and send to us with your payment.

**Join by February 11 for your
chance to win a free night's stay
and a dinner from the Grand
Hotel!**



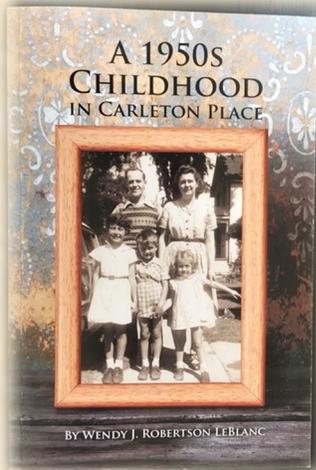


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Do you have your copy?

A 1950s Childhood in Carleton Place by Wendy LeBlanc

Copies of this autobiography by former mayor LeBlanc have been flying off the shelves! We're expecting shipment of a third reprint soon so call 613-253-7013 now to reserve your copy.



Old photo albums?

Have you discovered any old photo albums during your lockdown clean ups?

If they contain local photos, we'd love to see them!

Staff can often scan photos and return them to you in the same day.

Call us at 613-253-7013 to arrange a pick up!

Curator's Message

Here we are in 2021. While the world and yes, the Museum, has been shut down periodically through the last year, I am still very much here!

The mandate of The Historical Society is to collect, research, preserve and share the history of our communities and their people. This is an important mission, and the work goes on.

Artifacts continue to be donated, researched, and added into our collection. Photographs are scanned and researched and often shared on social media where we discover even more about the people or buildings depicted. Archival materials are sorted, digitized, and safely filed into acid free boxes. There is always something to do!

The museum was able to reopen to the public in late August, and we had a busy fall and winter with sold out cemetery tours, an outdoor version of our Vintage Clothing Sale, and a remarkably busy gift shop leading up to Christmas. Thanks to all who joined in, who shopped, and hopefully checked out the exhibits in the Museum.

No one knows what the coming year will bring, but we are determined to continue to offer up our collection, our stories, and our enthusiasm with our community. I thank you for your support.

Jennifer Irwin



Curator Jennifer Irwin shows off one of the new heritage plaques installed on the old train bridge, now part of the Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail.

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A first look at new acquisitions!

Police Cap

Worn by Herb Cornell,
Carleton Place Chief of Police
from 1953 - 1975.
Donated by the late Blaine Cornell
in memory of his father.



Girl Guide Hat

Belonged to "Captain Irma Willoughby, First
Beckwith Girl Guides, 1973-1974 and
1977-1978."
Donated by Laurie Lewis in memory of her
mother Irma Willoughby.

Bugle

Donated by Donald Brown who played bugle in
the Carleton Place High School Army Cadet
Bugle Band from 1950 to 1955.
Cadet Corps Director was Herman Vout,
Industrial Arts Teacher. Redge Cross, a parent
volunteer acted as the Band's Music Director.

