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Museum Exhibits

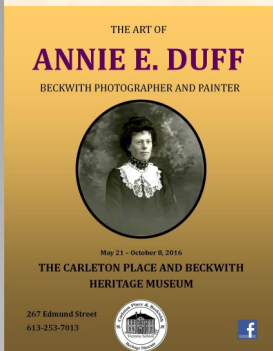
FOREVER YOUNG ...

Staying warm in a Carleton Place winter



Exclamations of "I remember this" and "We had one of those" were often overheard as long-ago childhood memories were jogged by this popular exhibit. From underwear to bedcovers, crokinole games to parlour piano sing-alongs, plum pudding to cold remedies, children of all ages celebrated an old-fashioned Canadian winter.

And speaking of old-fashioned, the Eaton's Christmas Catalogue display in the meeting room was a joyful celebration of the season, thanks to the creativity of Linda Seccaspina.



A force to be reckoned with, Beckwith's own Annie Elexey Duff will star in the Summer 2016 exhibit, opening May 21. Born in 1873 at Orena Villa, the Duff family home on Mississippi Lake,

Annie was a fascinating woman—a naturalist, painter and avid photographer. Join us as we honour this local woman who was truly ahead of her time.

Fundraisers



One of our members donated the proceeds from a mid-winter **Garage Sale** to the Museum. She cleared the final items out of the sold house, and the Museum cleared a cool \$1550.00!

**It's a
Vintage
Clothing
Sale!!!**

Friday April 22 through
Sunday April 24
10 am - 4 pm

Vintagewear/ware presents their 2nd Annual Fundraiser at the
Carleton Place and Beckwith Heritage Museum 267 Edmund Street

CASH ONLY

Already the talk on social media is the Vintagewear/ware's **Vintage Clothing Sale** to be held in our meeting room on April 22 - 24. Following last year's success, this is a not-to-be-missed event.



We're shaking things up a bit with our fourth annual **Heritage Fundraising Dinner** on May 12th, 6:30 p.m. This year we're celebrating all things Beckwith as the Township marks its Bicentennial. Reeve Richard Kidd will entertain us with Beckwith anecdotes following dinner at Brunton Hall. Tickets available April 1.



The Carleton Place & Beckwith Historical Society Heritage Happenings

What's New?

The Museum's positive presence in the community on- and off-site and online, has resulted in an increased number of donations of photos and artifacts to our collection.

A large collection of Carleton Place Police records dating from the 1920s, handcuffs, uniforms, badges and billyclubs will certainly garner interest when they are displayed. The Chatterton House hotel guest register dating from 1886 to 1889 was transferred from the City of Ottawa Archives, and arrived at the Museum with a large quantity of drug prescriptions from local doctors from the same period. These acquisitions delighted Jennifer who noted that they are now in the queue for transcribing.

Jennifer has worked to open up the office area by repositioning furniture and is looking forward to converting the upper hall's former principal's office to the Museum Manager's office.

We've applied for several grants including the Community Museum Operating Grant, through Library and Archives Canada to digitize Carleton Place newspapers currently on microfilm, a Roy Brown Virtual Museum grant, and funding from the Canadian Conservation Institute to conserve the Brown Family deer skin covered rocking horse.



A Picture is Worth...



... so much to the heritage hunters in our community. Identifying buildings and businesses, signs and street corners, family homes and heritage architecture can become addictive! By year's end, visitors to our website will be able to access our extensive photographic collection in the comfort of their own homes.

Still hoping for...

... *any* photos of our beautiful Town Hall under construction.

Keyes Block 107-109 Bridge Street

This new-to-us photograph of the original version of a well-documented building in our collection adds to our bank of information dating back to 1873. Reconstructed after a 1897 fire, the present brick building housed a wide variety of businesses over the years including the Union Bank of Canada, Moore's Central Grocery, Mi Lady Dress Shop, Ken's Discount Shoes and The Granary.



Jennifer's Wish List

- * New vacuum with beater bar
- * New or used apartment-sized or upright freezer
- * Cast-iron antique-look mailbox
- * Free-standing OPEN flag

If you can provide the Museum with any of these items, please call Jennifer.

