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Museum Exhibits

Our winter exhibit "Ready, Set, Snow!" is on display until March 31st. Visit us to learn more about how Carleton Place residents celebrate winter both now and in the past. A large collection of vintage skis forms part of this show and is on loan to the Museum through the generosity of Treff Peters.



Also on exhibit until March 31st is a fascinating collection of buttons put together by The Ottawa Valley Button Club. You will be amazed at what we can learn from one button!

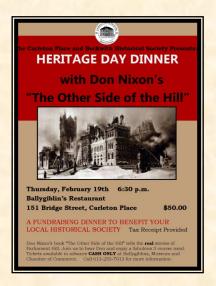


Winter Hours at the Museum: Open Tuesdays through Saturdays 1 pm to 4 pm or by appointment.

Fundraisers



The Museum was a busy place during our **Vintage Clothing Sale!** Over 400 people came to shop and to view the exhibits, many visiting the Museum for the first time. We thank Vicki Racey of Vintage Wear for organizing the sale and for her generous financial donation to the Museum.



Our third annual **Heritage Day Dinner** at Ballygiblin's Restaurant was a success! The sellout crowd enjoyed a fabulous three course meal as well as an entertaining talk by local author Don Nixon. Plan to attend next year's event!

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"Window Art at the Museum" A New View of the Past

An exciting new project will bring several art murals to the dreary façade on the back wall of our Museum...

At some point in its history, the ten windows on the back wall of the building were removed and covered with board and parging to resemble cement blocks.

Members of Arts Carleton
Place, Carleton Place in
Bloom and the Carleton
Place Horticultural Society
are working with The Historical
Society to "open up" the
blocked Museum windows.

Local artists Mary Jane Lancaster, Adrian Baker and Angelique Willard are busy creating these panels for a spring installation.

Murals will depict scenes from the building's history as the first Town Hall, a lock-up, a school and as a museum.

The unveiling will take place on opening day, Saturday May 23, 2015. Plan to attend!

Donations to this project are gratefully accepted—make cheques payable to The Carleton Place and Beckwith Historical Society. Thank you!





Counter Restoration

Look at this beautiful counter! It was originally used in C.W. Moore's Grocery store at 107 Bridge Street (now The Granary). Thanks to many generous donors, the Museum acquired the counter. Having been in storage in a barn for many years, it needs some work! One of our volunteers has built a sturdy base (it was built right into the floor originally) and tightened up each drawer (there are 12) and they now glide in and out smoothly! After sanding and oiling, this beauty will be the centerpiece of our new exhibit room this June.

C.W. Moore's Grocery Store c.1919

The counter is visible at the back right corner. 107 Bridge Street was built in 1887 to replace an earlier frame store destroyed by fire. It has been home to several stores including Deachman and Weir and Maynard Argue's. It is now the home of The Granary.

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www.cpbheritagemuseum.com

for more information on upcoming exhibits, events, our "artifact of the month" feature, and to download and print your membership renewal form!

