

## MEMBERS ONLY



# We wish you all "A Prosperous and Happy New Year!"

While 2021 was an unusual year for us, it <u>was a good year!</u> Although the museum was physically closed to the public until August, we were able to continue our work in collecting, safeguarding and sharing our communities' history.

Municipal grants, membership dues, Covid relief grants, two successful fundraising sales, and ongoing merchandise sales kept us going financially this year.

We were able to offer virtual programming during the lockdown, and once things opened up, staff were out in the community sharing our history through walking tours, displays and events.

Whatever 2022 brings us, we will carry on. You can help by renewing your museum membership, following us on social media, and encouraging others to do so. We look forward to welcoming you into the museum in 2022!

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#### MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP

#### IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP!

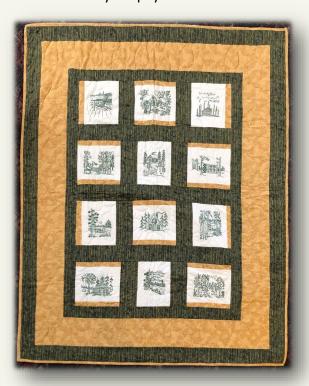
The Carleton Place and Beckwith Historical Society is a non-profit organization that relies on grants and donations to provide our services to the community. We thank the Town of Carleton Place and the Township of Beckwith for their generous, on-going support of our work.

As a member of the Museum and Historical Society you are giving us the means to preserve and protect our community's heritage and culture for future generations.

Your donations, including memberships and individual or monthly giving, are greatly needed to continue the collecting, safeguarding, and sharing of our community history.

To renew your Museum membership or gift one to someone, you can

- go to our website's "Join Us" tab at <a href="www.cpbheritagemuseum.com">www.cpbheritagemuseum.com</a>. There you can choose your membership level and input the necessary information. Email us back the completed form along with an etransfer to cpbmuseum@outlook.com
- print off the membership renewal form included with this newsletter and mail or drop it off at the museum with your payment.



Purchase or renew your membership by February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and be entered into a draw to win this beautiful quilt, handsewn by long-time museum supporter and volunteer Lorna Drummond!



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## THE DAVID FINDLAY DEVELOPMENT FUND

### Introducing The Carleton Place and Beckwith Heritage Museum "David Findlay Development Fund"

Our museum has a not-so-secret superpower: our student employees!

One of the Museum's roles in the community is that of educator; we teach people about our history and our past. We appreciate that this role also includes educating future museum professionals.

The Carleton Place and Beckwith Heritage Museum has a long history of hiring summer students and of hosting co-op students. Students are an important investment in the future of the museum industry. They obtain valuable work experience, gain transferable skills, and build professional networks.



Be assured however, that the students are educating us as well! Our young students help the museum stay relevant. They act as community ambassadors, digital engagement officers, online marketeers, hands-on project managers, and educators.

Several provincial and federal government grants are available to assist in the hiring and financing of summer positions, and the Carleton Place and Beckwith Museum takes full advantage of these yearly programs. However, a portion of the student salary is NOT covered by these grants, and it is the responsibility of the Museum to make up the difference of any financial shortfall. Museums are traditionally cash strapped, resulting in uncertainty when applying for student help. Each year there are concerns those funds won't be available to allow funding.

Thanks to a generous donation by the Findlay family, The **David Findlay Development Fund** will ensure that finances are available to assist in the hiring of students each year. Money earmarked for this Fund will be used to support the museum in our ongoing work and our commitment to mentoring and educating young people as they follow their career path. The Carleton Place and Beckwith Heritage Museum knows the future is in the hands of our youth, and that their knowledge of the past will be a valuable thing for all.

Please be assured that donations to the Fund will be separated from the regular cost of ongoing museum operations. Receipts are issued for all donations, whether towards this new fund or towards the general operations of the museum.

We would be pleased to discuss our programs and efforts with you. Thank you for your support.



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#### "THE WINTER"

TONY PERCY

The winters were longer and colder then, but we were always warm, with our hand knit socks, mitts, scarves, toques and sweaters.

Shoveling snow one evening near the street, a horse came down the sidewalk pulling a wedge snow plow, which was made of two pieces of plank tied together in a "V" shape at the front and also at the back where the horseman could stand. There were log fences on the north side of the Town Line then from the corner of Flora Street to High Street, which at that time was the highway. In the winter time you would seldom see the top log on that fence, the snow was so deep.

On a mild day, the Henry's used to roll the snow from the upper farm across the field and from the lower farm, across the field diagonally out to Joseph Street. When it got cold again this would be a road to get to town with horse and cutter and loads of wood or whatever. In winter time we would hitch a ride on a sleigh loaded with cord wood going to school and catch an empty sleigh on the way back.

Many times we would play shinny with crooked sticks and horse dung across Bridge Street. We used to play hockey behind Frank Lancaster's and also in Happy Valley (Lanark Street). We would use second hand hockey sticks and for shin pads we used old magazines and Eaton's catalogue split in two for goalie pads.



A game of shinny on High Street, 1940

Sledding at Stoddard's Hill, 1912 (Morphy Street looking east)

We used to take our sleighs to Stoddard's Hill and slide as far as the main street sometimes because the roads were not sanded at that time like today so the sleighs would go quite a distance.

The Museum will be closed December 24 , 2021 - February 9, 2022

#### CALENDARS

As we look forward towards a new year, we'd like to share with you some of the calendars in our collection. Giving away calendars to clients is a great way to advertise, and it gives us a glimpse into the businesses of the past.

