

## CARLETON PLACE AND BECKWITH HERITAGE MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

March 2023

#### March Hours:

Thursday 10 - 4
Friday 10 - 4
Saturday 10 - 4

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## The Value of Networking!

Our Curator Jennifer Irwin took part in the City of Ottawa's Heritage Day on February 21. The theme 'Recovering and Connecting Ottawa's Heritage – Stronger Together' recognized the unique and unprecedented events of the past few years and the COVID-19 pandemic. Our heritage and cultural organizations kept us connected and strong, by persevering and showcasing the value of heritage to forge a way forward together.

Prior to opening displays to the public, the participating organizations had time to visit and chat. Jennifer was thrilled to re-connect with former summer student Lauren Thompson, now working at Cumberland Village Museum.



A chat with staff from the Ottawa Jewish

Archives about Jewish families in the Ottawa Valley led to two amazing finds!

#### **Shochet Knife**

We were familiar with the Movshovitz family who lived in Carleton Place from 1917-1976. Max Movshovitz was a merchant and a licensed shochet originally from Lithuania. Shochet is the practice of slaughtering animals in a way that makes it kosher and therefore, fine for them to eat. According to records he only ever slaughtered poultry. Well it seems the Ottawa Jewish Archives have the shochet knife Max used while living in Carleton Place! So exciting!





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#### Eli Ain

The Ottawa Jewish Archives also had information on Mr. Eli Ain, who lived in Carleton Place in the 1930s. They sent us this a photo of him standing in front of a storefront that clearly reads "Ain's" and is identified as Carleton Place. His name was unknown to us but we found him in the Carleton Place Directory of 1936 at 79 Bridge Street.

Street addresses have been changed since that time, but using the photo, we placed the building. The reflection in the store front window is of 205

Bridge Street, known locally as "Dr. Johnston's House". (before 1945 fire) Ain's store must have been in one of the frame "false front" buildings across the street.

Other Jewish families living in town at that time included those of Abe Levine and Oscar Okilman.



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#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Carleton Place and Beckwith Historical Society is looking to rejuvenate its Board with fresh faces and imaginative ideas. If you have an interest in the history and cultural memory of our communities, please consider joining the Board to support our mandate and help promote our work to the broader community.

Visit our website for more information or call Rob at 613-253-7013.





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## Our upcoming Pysanky workshops are SOLD OUT!

However, you'll still have a chance to learn about Ukrainian culture at our upcoming Ukrainian Culture Day! We're working with recent arrivals from Ukraine to put together a day of art, music, dancing and food.

Details to come soon!

# March is Maple Month!

Norman McDiarmid (1920 - 2013) gathering sap at his farm on the 9th Line of Beckwith.

"We made maple syrup every spring for most of my life. We never used pipeline, but used the horse and bucket method. We could tell by the weather, almost to the day, when we should start tapping."

