

HERITAGE CORNER

Looking ahead to Christmas at Moore Museum

The leaves aren't off the trees yet, but at the Moore Museum, planning is an on-going thing and Christmas is one of the highlights of the year. As always, the museum's *An Old Fashioned Christmas*, its most popular school program, is already being fine-tuned for another season. About 1,000 children attend each year to experience Christmas in the past. The log cabin is decorated for a pioneer family Christmas while trees and toys in the main building bring Victorian Era traditions to life. Students taste history when they participate in a taffy pull and sample the results. And each student creates a pioneer or Victorian-style decoration to take home to add to their family's Christmas tradition. Adults who visit the museum often recall attending the program as kids and making a decoration that still hangs on their tree each year.

This program is available for school groups from Nov. 24 to Dec. 18 this year. Morning and afternoon bookings are offered, and evenings can be booked for children's groups, although these slots fill up quickly. Programs must be booked in advance and teachers are advised to call the museum early to ensure the best choice of dates. The cost of the program is \$4.50 per student. For more details, call the Moore Museum at 519-867-2020 or visit the website at: www.mooremuseum.ca

Sombra Museum seeks WWI items

World War I items, memorabilia or stories are being sought for the Sombra Museum's new exhibit to commemorate the 100th anniversary of "the war to end all wars". Call 519-892-3982 for more information.



Royal Canadian Legion Service Bureau assists veterans and their families

The Royal Canadian Legion Service Bureau's motto, "We Care", means Veterans and their families can find help when it's needed.

The bureau provides free representation with disability claims to Veterans Affairs Canada and with appeals to Veterans Affairs Canada and the Appeals Boards.

The bureau's Last Post Fund program provides

Museum hosts model train summer



Moore Museum's new model train exhibit attracted a large number of visitors this summer. Four Model Train Time events were held with almost 300 people in attendance. Volunteers brought model railroading to life for the visitors, and the experience for some included operating the remote control trains. A group of children from Camp Creations summer camp were among the visitors who enjoyed their railroading experience through participation in train-themed activities.

Here, the summer campers enjoy making their own train hats with the assistance of museum summer students Kaitlin Randall, left, and Nicole Selman.

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permanent markers for Veterans who have been buried for at least five years and whose grave is unmarked. And the bureau provides assistance to all Veterans and their families in financial need to meet emergency requirements.

For information and/or assistance, call Corunna at 519-862-1240 or Brigden at 519-864-1395. Legion membership is NOT required.



Moore Foundation Chair Mary Jane Marsh, right, with Jim Townsend of the Moore Museum and Elsbeth McCormick and Darlene Pepper of the Brigden Community Decoration Team, with Mayor Steve Arnold during the Sept. 15 meeting of council.

Moore Foundation grants awarded

Two St. Clair Township groups recently received grants from the Moore Foundation to further their good work. The Moore Museum's grant is being used to help fund a reserve collection holding facility. Artifacts the museum cannot use at any given time will be documented, safely stored, and preserved in the room, which features environmental control. The room was modified by volunteers. The Brigden Community Decoration Team used the grant to purchase new flags for the town and to buy low-maintenance 'everlasting' planter arrangements that can be reused from year to year. The team members also do general cleanup tasks throughout the year and participate in seasonal efforts such as decorating the town for Christmas. These two groups were honoured at the Sept. 15 meeting of council.