

# HERITAGE CORNER

## Victorian Tea welcomes avid tea drinkers and new guests

A beautiful spring day greeted the recent Victorian Tea event at the Moore Museum. The weather not only helped to bring out the avid tea drinkers and museum supporters, but new guests as well. Left: One of those new guests was Sarnia-Lambton MP Marilyn Gladu, who enjoyed her tea and scones al fresco on the veranda of the museum's Victorian Era cottage. She was served by Emily Moore, 13, who has already been volunteering with the museum for four years.



Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

### Restored Dominion organ now graces Trinity Chapel

For years, the Dominion organ has been on display in the Victorian section of the Moore Museum. It is now in service once again thanks to Rodney Jantzi of Baden, Ontario, who has restored the old beauty. It received its final tuning on Jan. 17 of this year, exactly 135 years to the day it had its final tuning at the Dominion Organ factory.

The organ was built in 1881 by the Dominion Organ Company of Bowmanville, Ontario and it was originally purchased by Mount Zion Presbyterian Church in Ridgetown, Ontario. Then, in 1899, Mount Zion purchased a pipe organ and the Dominion was purchased by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Corunna where it served until the 1950s.

The organ has been silent for almost six decades but thanks to the great work of Rodney Jantzi, it sings again. It has taken its rightful place in the Moore Museum's St. Clair Trinity Chapel where it will be heard in concert on Friday, July 8 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The featured musicians for the evening will be Mr. Jantzi and the museum's own volunteer organist Jeff Searson. During the concert, Mr. Jantzi will provide a brief glimpse into the restoration project, which involved 220 hours of skilled volunteer labour.

Only 70 tickets were made available and many have already been sold. The cost is only \$15 per adult and \$7.50 per child. Don't be disappointed. Get your tickets today by calling 519-867-2020 or emailing: [lmason@twp.stclair.on.ca](mailto:lmason@twp.stclair.on.ca)

Right: Moore Museum volunteer organist Jeff Searson demonstrates the Dominion organ's sweet sound with a selection of sacred and contemporary melodies.

Museum volunteer Jeff Searson is shown putting the newly-restored Dominion organ through its paces. The organ will be featured in an evening concert on Friday, July 8.



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### Summer is Model Train Time

It's model train time again at the Moore Museum on Sundays, July 24 and Aug. 21 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors of all ages are invited to enjoy an enhanced viewing of the



Lionel model train displays and even try their hand at operating the trains. Volunteers will be on hand to discuss model railroading as all of the layouts operate.