

Newly updated Heritage St. Clair page features map showing historic plaques and storyboards situated throughout the township Heritage St. Clair has updated its page on the St. Clair Township website, and one of the features now on view St. Clair Township's Historic Points of Interest map. This interactive map points out the locations of these colourful and educational installations and includes photographs of them so you'll be sure not to miss them. Here's a link you can use to go directly to St. Clair Township's Historical Points of Interest page: <u>http://stclairtownship.ca/st-clair-townships-historical-points-of-interest/</u>

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## Long-time member retires from Moore **Museum Advisorv**

The Moore Museum Advisory Committee recently bid farewell to long-time museum volunteer and dedicated committee chairman since 2006 James (Jim) Townsend, who has retired after 21 years of service.

During that time, he provided tours for groups, assisted with special events, and with school programs, interpreting the role of rail-road conductor for the *Exploring* Early Careers program. Jim helped to promote the museum while staffing off-site exhibits, the distri-bution of brochures, and much more. He was also part of the Tuesday Boys volunteer mainte-nance and project group, specialize nance and project group, specializ-

ing in gardening. Jim's valuable contributions and leadership of the museum was noted by Mayor Steve Arnold during the Nov. 15 meeting of council. "Jim has served this municipality very well and I'd like to thank him for his dedication and service. It's much appreciated and the museum has really thrived under his leadership," he said.

The names of the members who



Victorian greeting card from the Moore Museum archives

Griffiths, Marg Griffiths, Susanne Hodg-ins, Marilyn Johnson, David Pattenden, also served his community on Moore Dave Taylor, and Shirley Warner. New Township and St. Clair Township Coun-appointees include: John Richardson of cils. Mooretown and Louis Townsend of Co-

will comprise the 2022 committee was who served as chairperson for three recently announced. Re-appointed for years and for many years as vice-chair. next year will be: Joyce Brock, Leo In total, Arnold volunteered his time

runna. Note: The museum was pleased to The Moore Museum also acknowledg-es the loss of a valued long-time Advi-sory Committee member, Arnold Pole, ing Grant program for 2021-2022.

# Artifact searches on at Moore Museum

Two separate artifact searches are on to create new collec-tions and displays at the Moore Museum. All current and retired St. Clair Township firefighters are invit-

ed to contribute past and current patches from each of the fire stations in St. Clair Township. They will be used to create a feature in the fire hall exhibit building on the museum site. Anyone with one or more patches to donate can call the Moore Museum at 519-867-2020.

When creating a display of fashions or lifestyles, small decorative pieces can put the finishing touch on an exhibit. With this in mind, Moore Museum would like to create a small collection of ladies' compacts. These fashion accessories were popular from the Roaring 1920s to the 1970s, so they represent an era especially interesting to this generation of museum visitors. Anyone with a decorative compact they would be interested in donating can contact Moore Museum at 519-867-2020. While all offers are appreciated, only a limited number of compacts can accepted into the collection to provide a small representative sampling of styles.

## Moore Museum gratefully acknowledges the financial support of its community

Moore Museum gratefully acknowledges the community-minded industries and individuals who have supported the ongoing heritage preservation and programming activities of the Museum in 2021:

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- Eleanor Vargo
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- Earle & Joanne Clysdale
- Jack & Catharine McKenna
- Scott, Susan and Laurie Shaw •
- Sally Townsend
- Wilhemine Mason

Moore Museum seeks information about history of old Moore Township schools

Moore Museum continues to accept information for a virtual exhibit for the museum's website. It will feature brief histories and photos of the schools in the former Moore Township prior to centralization in 1963. There were 19 school sections in Moore, four of which were union schools - two shared with Sombra Township and

two with Sarnia Township. To see the map that indicates where the schools were located, see the March or April 2021 Beacon (can be found on the St. Clair Township website- click on The *Beacon*). It can be accessed, along with further information, by going online the St. Clair Township website home page. Click on *The Beacon*, top right of the page.