

HERITAGE CORNER

Moore Museum's school programs put students in touch with history

The new school year is underway and the Moore Museum's engaging school programs are ready to help teachers



bring their student's studies to life with a variety of Ontario Curriculum-related school programs designed for Kindergarten through Grade 7. The programs help students "become" pioneer children as they write with quill pens in the one-room school house, dip candles at the log cabin, try their hands at making poked rugs, or churn butter and sample it on fresh bread.

Moore Museum education programs are especially beneficial in connection to the continuity and change concept of social studies thinking. As students interact with first-person "pioneer" interpreters surrounded by artifacts inside

historic buildings, they are able to compare various aspects of their lives to those of early settlers.

Particularly popular is the annual Christmas program. Students have the opportunity to learn about the origins of many Christmas customs. They also learn about pioneer celebrations by visiting the decorated log cabin and schoolhouse, creating a tree ornament to take home, and enjoying a good old fashioned taffy-pull.

Elementary teachers are invited to call the Moore Museum at 519-867-2020 or visit the school programs page at www.mooremuseum.ca to learn more about how the museum's programs can give students an up-close, hands-on exploration of the skills, lifestyles, and challenges of past generations.

-Moore Museum Curator
Laurie Mason

Sombra Museum seeking baseball memorabilia

Sombra Museum is working on an exhibit to explore the history of St. Clair Township baseball. Stories, photos, memorabilia, or artefacts like baseball bats, gloves pre-1970 girls/women's baseball uniforms and trophies are being sought to be taken on loan during the 2018 season. Photos and documents can be scanned and returned promptly. If you can help, please call 519-892-3082 or email:

sombramuseum@hotmail.com

Canada 150 books available at Moore Museum

Copies of *The History of Canada* colouring books are still available at the Moore Museum. Each book sells for \$19.95 and quantities are limited, so call the Moore Museum at 519-867-2020 or drop by from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Monday to Friday.

Seasons In St. Clair Canada 150 photo contest

There is still time to enter the Seasons In St. Clair photo contest! Until Dec. 15, 2017, St. Clair Township residents are invited to photograph their favourite spots in the township and enter up to three photos in Seasons In St. Clair, a photo contest celebrating Canada's 150th anniversary. Details are available online at: www.mooremuseum.ca

Christmas organ recital set for Moore Museum chapel

Enjoy the sounds of the season on the recently restored 1881 Dominion reed organ in the Moore Museum's Trinity Chapel at a recital slated for Friday, Nov. 24 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. During the intermission, refreshments will be served and the audience will be given a sneak peak at the decorations in the log cabin, school house, and main building.

Tickets are \$20 per adult and \$10 per child, and advance tickets are strongly recommended based on the last recital, which sold out quickly. To order, call the Moore Museum at 519-867-2020.

1881 Dominion reed organ



Farewell to a dear friend

The Beacon lost a dear friend in October. Allan Anderson was a regular contributor to Heritage Corner and a constant source of support and positive change in his community. His enthusiasm, his good humour, his caring heart, and his friendship will be profoundly missed.



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Moore Museum gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the community

Moore Museum's "Adopt-a-Project" campaign each year seeks funding for a variety of projects needed for the Museum's maintenance, growth and programs. In 2017, community-minded industries, businesses, organizations and individuals again generously sponsored these projects, and Moore Museum gratefully acknowledges their support.

Specific projects were funded by the following:

- "Outdoor Art Creating Awareness of Community Heritage" - Creation of a mural on the main building to enhance the façade by showcasing local artistic talent - Lambton Creative County Fund
- Sponsor of 2017 School Education Programs - Ontario Power Generation
- Fire Hall expansion to better display the Museum's emergency vehicle collection and to improve access to the upper level lodge hall exhibit - Moore Community and Recreational Foundation; Port Lambton Fire Association
- Restoration of antique railroad equipment - CN Rail-

roaders in the Community in recognition of volunteer work of CN retiree Leo Griffiths

- Improvements to Lionel model train room - Lambton Mutual Insurance Company; John Kimmerly
- Enhancement of youth programs - Optimist Club of Moore
- Antique vehicle maintenance - Steadman Brothers Funeral Chapels; Leopold Lodge #397

- The following donors contributed to 2017 capital project and operating costs, including preserving artifacts, maintaining historic buildings and offering engaging programs: Royal Canadian Legion Br. 447, Corunna; ARLANXEO Canada Inc.; Knights of Columbus Council 9447; Eleanor Vargo; Diana Colborne; Bruce & Margaret MacPherson; Mayflower Rebekah Lodge #324; Earle & Joanne Clysdale; Bonnie Lester; Lady Martha Rebekah Lodge #245; Rosemary Bradshaw; Alice Gibb