

## HERITAGE CORNER

### *Christmas organ concert at Moore Museum draws capacity crowd*



Jeff Searson entertains on the 1881 reed organ while, below, he explains the operation of the vintage instrument to some curious members of the audience.



The sold out *Sounds of the Season* Christmas organ concert at the Moore Museum filled the 80 seat Trinity Chapel to capacity. Organ virtuosos Rodney Jantzi from Baden, Ontario, and local favourite Jeff Searson, delighted their audience with a wide range of performances on the 1881 reed organ that was fully restored by Mr. Jantzi two years ago. From sacred tunes like *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*, done by Jeff in a number of variations that used additional piano and synthesized flute harmonies, and a gentle Polish lullaby, *Infant Holy*, *Infant Lowly*, to *The Skater's Waltz* and *Jingle Bells*, there was never a dull moment. Singer Lori Jantzi joined her husband at the organ to perform two Christmas carols and audience members were supplied with song booklets so they could add their voices to the mix.

During intermission, the audience was invited to roam the museum, school house, and log cabin, which had been decorated for the season, and to enjoy refreshments and sweet treats.

*Photos by Bonnie Stevenson*

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## Moore Agricultural Society holds volunteer appreciation dinner

The Moore Agricultural Society paid tribute to two long-time members at its annual volunteer appreciation dinner on Nov. 25. Above: Mary Robinson, this year's Brigden Fair parade marshal, was honoured for her many years of volunteer service as a catering consultant as well as Homecraft Division President in 1993/94. The presentation was made by Homecraft President Michelle Evanitski, left, and MAS President Bill Myers. Donna Taylor, who could not attend the event, was also honoured for three decades of service. The "Apple Lady" as she was called, was a common sight in the Jr. Building during each Brigden Fair, talking to the visitors about apples and keeping a watchful eye out for any mischief that might occur.

*Bonnie Stevenson photo*



## Sombra Museum seeking baseball memorabilia

The Sombra Museum staff and volunteers are 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. A number of much-appreciated items have been received at the museum, including a trophy, pictured left, from Margaret Clancy, who received the award for Most Valuable Player while playing with the 1964 Sombra Blue Denims women's team. A newspaper clipping of the award accompanied it.

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