

*Matheson House
National Historic Site
&
Home of the
Perth Museum
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Newsletter*



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Sylvia's Christmas workshops

We will again hold 2 Christmas centerpiece workshops with Sylvia Vanoort on Dec.11, 10-noon or 2-4. She will take only 15 people in each so register early by calling the museum. The cost is \$20.00 and includes all materials.

Christmas Activities

The Perth Museum will be decorated for a Victorian Christmas from November 21 to Christmas and don't forget "Our Quilting Heritage" exhibit which also continues until Christmas. Come and see our new wallpaper in the dining room too.

Saturday, November 24th

Festival of Good Cheer.

11:00am to 4:00pm.

Spend the day in downtown heritage Perth and drop into the museum for cider and cookies served by the cosy fire in the kitchen. Carollers and musicians will perform seasonal music at the museum and the downtown area.

At 6:00pm the Perth Citizens Band will perform at the Crystal Palace followed by fireworks from the Drummond Street bridge and the lighting of the Christmas trees in the Crystal Palace.

Sunday, Nov. 25th 2:00 to 4:00pm

Kingston's dynamic "Shout Sister!" choir is making a "joyful noise" at St. John's

Church in Perth on Sunday, November 25th. Directed by multi-award winning singer songwriter Georgette Fry, the phenomenally successful all women choir will perform a fundraising concert for the Perth Museum.

"Shout Sister" will share the stage with Perth's own "Men of the Tay" who will perform first with seasonal songs including a sing-a-long of well-known favourites to put us all in the holiday spirit. This is an all-ages show so bring the whole family. Admission is by donation to this afternoon event

Saturday, December 1st 1-5pm

A Victorian Christmas Open House at the museum with cider and cookies by the fire in the kitchen to warm up before the Santa Claus Parade.

Sunday, December 2nd, 11am-4pm,

Heritage Perth Christmas House Tour: Explore private homes and architecturally important structures including the Perth Museum. Sponsored by the Canadian Federation of University Women with tickets available at the Wood Knot.

Pioneer Textile Production;

an exhibition from January 15-March 15, produced by the Heritage Weavers at MERA. The exhibition showcases early equipment and techniques used in Lanark County. There will be demonstrations and workshops for children and adults as well; dates to be announced.

February 16th from 6-10pm is the date of the **14th Annual Gala Heritage Week Dinner.** Join us at what has become the social event of the season. This year the annual fundraising dinner will feature a silent auction and an 1880s-style political rally featuring Sir John A. Macdonald. himself!

Tickets \$55 (of which \$25 is tax deductible) will be available at the museum or from Board Members. We hope to see you and your friends at this popular mid-winter event.

Perth Historical Society

Members of the Historical Society have formed a Co-ordinating Committee as follows:

Ex-officio: Curator of the Perth Museum
Honorary President: Gus Quattrocchi
Past President: Peter Code

Committee Chair: John Fowler

Secretaries: Honor Bolger, Jim Winton

Program: Beth Graham, Frances Rathwell, Clark Theobald

Publicity: David Taylor, Ellen Dean

Membership Secretary: Gus Quattrocchi

The Committee welcomes additional members, and encourages the active participation of the members of the Perth Historical Society.

The Perth Historical Society

meets the third Wednesday of the month at the Perth Museum and all are welcome to attend.

Wednesday, November 21st, 7:30pm

Charlotte Gray,

one of Canada's best-known and highly respected writers will be the guest speaker. You will hear about her latest book, "*Reluctant Genius, the Passions and Inventions of Alexander Graham Bell*" which explores the brilliant mind of an eccentric, obsessive man.

Wednesday, January 16, 7:30pm

Ellen Good,

from the Heritage Weavers at MERA, will talk about the new exhibition "*Pioneer Textile Production*" and demonstrate the use of these tools as well.

Wednesday, February 20, 7:30pm,

Roy MacSkimming,

is the guest speaker he is the author of the newly published and very popular book about Sir John A. MacDonald.

Donations

If you are making end of the year donations please consider the Perth Museum. Donations to the Perth Museum are always welcome and charitable tax receipts are issued.

The Perth Museum's role is to foster an appreciation and understanding of our local heritage through our events and exhibitions. Please tell your family and friends about our award winning museum and bring them in for a visit.

If you wish to donate to the proposed expansion to the museum please use the enclosed form and make your cheques out to

The Museum Foundation of Perth.

This is a registered charity.

Open Monday to Friday, 10am-5pm

Saturday & Sunday and holiday Mondays, 1-5pm.

Closed November 12, Christmas, Boxing Day and January 1.

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It's Time to say Goodbye

This will be the last newsletter written by me as I am retiring as Curator at the end of the year. I have enjoyed my last 8 years at the Perth Museum. It has been a pleasure working with the staff, board and volunteers of the museum and I will leave with many fond memories.

Susan McNichol, Curator