
COMMANDA GENERAL STORE MUSEUM

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COMING SOON

**SEE YOU JULY 1 & AUGUST 17
FOR EVENTS NOT TO BE
MISSED!!!**

MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD MEMBERS

To our guests, wearing their fanciest fascinators and white gloves, who were lucky enough to attend our sold-out tea on May 12, 2024, it seems you had as much fun as we did! (actually, I thought our guests were a tad rowdier than they were supposed to beit being a staunch, stiff English Tea and all). :) Our white linens, vintage tea cups, and a gifted pianist (playing only pre-1940s music) set the scene to the main event - the outstanding food!!

Served on 3-tiered platters, we started with savoury, then sweet.....rolled sandwiches, finger sandwiches, two types of scones served, of course, with whipped butter and jam, smoked gouda and bacon biscuits, and the sweet OMG!!! - lemon curd-filled phyllo baskets, butter tarts, tiny pound cakes with raspberry filling and cream cheese icing, stuffed strawberries, and more, every single thing, handmade and served, with love.

Warm regards,
Darlene Erskine
President of Command Museum



Last month we noted that a local Women's Institute group (from Golden Valley) had chosen the Commanda Museum as the safe repository of their oh-so-valuable local historical records. The Restoule community has now also chosen the Museum to keep their Women's Institute Records safely. We are honoured and thrilled – come and see these records at the Museum!



As you visit us this summer to enjoy our internet café, reading nook, gift shop (filled with local artisan's goods), baked goods and, of course, our ice cream cones and world-famous milkshakes, you may see that we are still actively working on some projects that were started last year. With the assistance of grants received from NOHFC and Caisse-Alliance, and generous donations from Port Loring Home Building Centre and some local contractors, the museum now has a brand-new storage shed with roofed bbq area attached (to be christened on July 1), an outdoor washroom, a firepit, a stage, foundation repairs to the Museum and Church, new Church windows. There are too many other smaller projects to even list but...rest assured.... the Museum is here to stay!

Along with the building improvements, Commanda Museum continues to build an Indigenous Exhibit and a Genealogy Exhibit (supported by a grant from the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility)! The Indigenous Exhibit is anchored by the magnificent artwork of Bradly Dreamwalker MacDonald, with a written interpretation by Norm Dokis, as well as a historical overview of the Indigenous population, pre-colonialism, by Norm Dokis.



The Genealogy Exhibit is now the local repository for historical records and books while we continue to film our local seniors to capture their stories to add to the historical records. Come in and see if your relatives have been recorded yet, and add to their stories!



Commanda Museum will be celebrating Canada Day (and our season opening) on July 1st! Come enjoy our bbq, Canada Day cake and strawberry social.

Speaking of celebrating.... did you hear about Summerfest on August 17? What a party that will be!! Join us as we celebrate the community, the Museum and the 150th anniversary of the Old Nipissing Road with live music, great food and so much more! St. John's Alsace Church History Room will be open August 17 and 18 and Nipissing Museum will be celebrating August 18 – why not make a weekend of it?



**SEE
YOU
*In July!***