
COMMANDA GENERAL STORE MUSEUM

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MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD MEMBERS

Hello everyone - welcome to March! Spring is hiding just around the corner searching through bags and bags of crocuses, baby birds, barbeques, porch swings, sunlight and open windows...trying to decide what to give us first. We will take it all at once, please.

So, just as everything is waking up and moving forward, so are we at the Museum. Many issues and ideas are being discussed and acted upon such as penny candies for kids visiting the Commanda Museum, Deb's ongoing - and hopefully successful! - search for grant money, improving and enhancing our Indigenous exhibit, Pancake Breakfast update, repairing the LRBA community board in the parking lot, continuing the Church repairs (windows and foundation) sourcing Seniors to film in order to expand our Genealogy Exhibit. Whew!

Two very important items right now are the ambitious plans being made for our upcoming Summerfest and celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Old Nipissing Road. What an amazing and wonderful celebration it will be - food trucks, bands, games, (adult and child) beer tent, wine tent, bingo, milkshakes. It's an all-day affair, spread between the Museum and the Commanda Community Centre, our beloved neighbours. All the excitement happens August 17th. Make sure you visit our website and social media page for updates. We could use some quality volunteers....no pay, long day, free foodlots of fun!

Next is our recent acquisition of the Tweedsmuir Community History Books. Our very own Deb made a sterling presentation to the Valley Belles, offering to house their precious Women's Institute historical papers in a safe and secure place at the Museum. The papers will be added to the ever-growing Genealogy Exhibit and will be held safe for future generations to access and read. So strong was Deb's address, the Valley Belles gifted our Museum with a wonderful donation, for which we are truly grateful. At that meeting, we were treated to an authentic reading of the Minutes for the Women's Institute, circa 1926 - so charming. My tablemate said quietly, "I am related to all of those ladies that were mentioned." My heart and spirit were warmed and touched by her statement. Whether your roots here, are 20 or 200 years deep, these are the things that will unite and strengthen our community...our sense of belonging...our home.

Please join us on April 14th for our 2024 Pancake Breakfast. Stay tuned to our social media for details and order forms. Through a generous donation, one of the Museum's fundraising efforts this season will be the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets and win a beautiful quilt. Raffle tickets can be purchased online or at events or the Museum.

Well, my friends, I hope this day is perfect and productive for all of you.
Yours in Community
Darlene Erskine - President, Commanda Museum

SUMMERFEST

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PAST

Commanda
Museum's
1st Annual
Summerfest
is on its way!

PRESENT

Local businesses can
support our efforts
to preserve our
community's rich
history by purchasing
one of our
sponsorship packages
for as low as
\$100.00.

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great option
for families!
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more
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*Stay tuned to our website
and social media for
updates!*

More great videos from our genealogy project are now online!

Hear the about how previous generations worked so hard to build the thriving community we now call home. We speak to longtime residents:

*Larry & Tamara Bain
Wanda Aultman
Judy Merrick*

*Their stories can be heartbreaking - but also heartwarming.
You don't want to miss them!*

We're looking for your stories!

The Commanda Museum is looking for residents or past residents of the region to share their stories for our genealogy video series. Our goal is to preserve the memories of our seniors for future generations.

For more information email:
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TO SEE PREVIOUS VIDEOS GO TO
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Please come and join us as we celebrate in 2024 - Pancake Breakfast in April, Canada Day and Annual Opening Day Celebration on July 1st, our HUGE 1st Annual Community Festival in August, our ongoing celebration of 150 Year Anniversary of the Old Nipissing Road, afternoon teas, internet café, the best milkshakes ever, croissants and coffee and oh so much more!

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COMING IN 2024

PANCAKE
BREAKFAST

—
APRIL 14

VENDOR'S
MEETING

—
MAY 5

AFTERNOON
TEAS

—
BEGINS MOTHER'S
DAY - MAY 12

CANADA DAY
CELEBRATION

—
JULY 1

SUMMER
FEST

—
AUGUST 17

CHILI
DINNER

—
OCTOBER 19

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IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR MUSEUM

KEEP
HISTORY
ALIVE

The Commanda Museum had record-breaking attendance this summer as the community embraced our educational tours, new Internet Cafe, and gift shop featuring the work of local artisans. As we look forward to 2024, we are appealing to the community to help fund the restoration of sections of the building. Your donations will help us preserve the history of the region and serve the community. Tax receipts will be given for donations.

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Thank You For Your Support!



A vibrant spring scene featuring purple lilacs in the foreground and background, framing a sunset over rolling green hills. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow across the landscape. The text "See You In April!" is written in a purple, cursive font in the center of the image.

See You
In April!