
COMMANDA GENERAL STORE MUSEUM

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello one and all, tall and small! Here we are in August full of anticipation and excitement for this wonderful month - named after Augustus Caesar.

This month will see us host our first annual Summerfest on August 17th, featuring talented bands, games, bingo, a quilt display, wine and beer tent, and food vendors featuring yummys like pulled pork on buns! Most importantly, there will be laughter, meeting up with old friends and new neighbours, touring the Museum, and 10 hours of non-stop fun and entertainment.

You will also find amazingly talented vendors offering unique articles and services. Summerfest will take place on two properties - the Museum proper and the grounds of our good neighbours, the Commanda

Community Centre. Parking will be at a premium, so please, please double up with someone if you can. Bring your lawn chair so that you can relax and enjoy the entertainment.

On August 17th, besides simply celebrating community, we are also acknowledging the 150th Anniversary of the Old Nipissing Road. On August 18, more celebrations will be taking place at the Nipissing Museum. This will be an authentic Community weekend.

As you drive by the Museum, please take note of the painting and scraping going on as part of the refurbishment of the Juliet Balcony, on the west side, the new garage and outdoor area. Seeing our passion project move forward is so encouraging!



Last month, the paranormal research group the Paranormal Seekers conducted an investigation at the Museum. You can see their reports here: (<https://youtu.be/Cio4bLUI4N0> https://youtu.be/Hd3_6dqCudQ <https://youtu.be/tcJLuCQTTu0>).

705BLACKFLY.COM attended the paranormal investigation and produced the following: <https://705blackfly.com/paranormal-investigators-visit-the-commanda-museum/>

An author is currently investigating numerous ghost stories told about the Commanda Museum. If you have a story you would like to share, please email us at museumincommanda@gmail.com.

One last item of which we are rather proud - the Board determined there was no commercial establishments all along the 522 from Trout Creek to Loring. This is a very fundamental issue, but where do police officers and paramedics go to the bathroom? We contacted three different agencies and offered our safe, clean, convenient washrooms to them and the opportunity to select any cold drink compliments of the museum staff to take with them. The response has been most satisfying. First responders - thank you for your service, and thank you to the good folks of Commanda, Loring , Trout Creek, Bear Valley, Arnstein and Port Loring. Your ongoing support, horn honks, big waves , wide smiles and thumbs up means a lot to all of the hardworking Board Members and summer students. Keep 'em coming!

I leave you with a sincere wish for a perfect and productive daystay safe and cool and hope to see you on the 17th!

**Yours in Community Service,
Darlene Erskine, President**

Commanda Museum's visitors are always so interesting, and so interested! Recently we were lucky enough to welcome sisters Gina and Linda who came by, after enjoying a 100+ family reunion in Powassan. The sisters reviewed documents in the Genealogy Exhibit to add to their knowledge about their Hanselman (former store proprietor) and Clarke family histories. Coincidentally, a photograph of a painting was recently shared with the Museum, also depicting the time period that the Hanselmans owned the store.



We also recently enjoyed a delightful afternoon tea with 17 members of the North Bay Probus Clubs. We just love welcoming visitors to the Museum, especially when they have never visited in the past!

COMMANDA MUSEUM PRESENTS

2024 SUMMER fest

EVENTS:

FOOD LIVE MUSIC GAMES BEER WINE
QUILT SHOW VENDORS ANTIQUE TRACTORS
BINGO

AUGUST 17 | SATURDAY

COME EXPLORE THE ONLY HISTORICALLY DESIGNATED BUILDING IN THE AREA AND CHECK OUT OUR INTERNET CAFE, GIFT SHOP WITH LOCAL ARTISANS' GOODS, OUR (ALMOST) WORLD-FAMOUS MILKSHAKES AND OUR NEW INDIGENOUS AND GENEALOGY EXHIBITS.

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