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the Glengarry, Nor'Westers  
& Loyalist Museum  
Newsletter



The Williamstown Fair has seen its share of historic moments throughout its existence and, since its inception, it has always managed to succeed despite the circumstances. This is largely on part of the many past volunteers and their collective steadfastness and ingenuity. Our 2020 Board of Directors and volunteers of the St. Lawrence Valley Agricultural Society are no different and have, like those before them, rose to this challenging occasion and found a way to transcend the current COVID-19 climate in order to bring the community together once more with the 209th edition of the Williamstown Fair.

Thank you to their dedication we get to see our beloved fair continue in its legacy and thanks to their inventiveness we'll also get to experience the fair as we've never experienced before! Aside from its virtual showcases for the home and garden division, fair goers this year will get to experience a reverse parade where fair themed floats will be on display drive through style. The museum is very pleased to be able to participate in the fair in this way so be sure to check out our float made by museum volunteers which is a tribute to our Glengarry roots and agricultural heritage. The reverse parade is set to take place this Saturday, September 5th, 2020 from 4pm to 9pm admission is free but donations to go towards next years fair are welcome!

The museum was happy this year to 'host' the 209th Williamstown Fair Children's Colouring Contest so that kids could participate in this years fair and have a fun way to engage in the community from home. We received many submissions in both categories and our panel of judges were definitely put to the task in selecting only three winners for each age group. It was a hard choice to make but the winners are as follows:



Ages 0-4  
1st-Alice Brunet  
2nd-Rosie Van der Burg  
3rd-Brynn MacCulloch

Ages 5-7  
1st- Sukraat Singh  
2nd-Sutton Murray  
3rd-Keith McKay

*Congratulations to all and thank you for your participation! Another special thanks goes to Emily Macmillan of "If..." who donated two wonderful prizes! Ribbons and any submitted artwork can be picked up under the museum pavilion on September, 5th from 10am onwards or you can arrange any pick up by contacting the museum at [gnlmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:gnlmuseum@gmail.com)*

Thank you so much to all who attended our Tea For Two earlier this month! It was a fantastic day for a tea party outside and your support for this event has left us feeling like our cup is half full!

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GLENGARRY, NOR'WESTERS & LOYALIST MUSEUM

# GLENGARRY HARVEST LUNCH

Takeaway lunch boxes with a choice of:  
Hearty Beef & Barley Soup OR Zesty Tomato Soup  
Chicken Salad, Ham & Cheese, Egg Salad, OR Cheddar  
Cheese Pate Sandwich  
1 Butter Tart OR 2 Chocolate Chip Cookies  
Served with Tea OR Coffee

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2020  
PICK UP AT 11:30AM OR EAT-IN A 12PM (RESERVATION ONLY)  
BOXES SERVE 2 GUESTS & ARE \$25  
PLEASE PHONE JOYCE LEWIS AT 613-347-1116 TO RESERVE

Dear Members,

As the museum team progresses with work in drastically improving the Loyalist exhibit, we realize that your support is crucial now more so than ever. Despite fundraising efforts with our membership drive, Tea For Two, and upcoming Glengarry Harvest Lunch, the museum is still feeling the effects of COVID-19 and the lost income very severely. Thankfully, some community partners have not forgotten us and have answered our call for aid. Since our fundraising efforts have been greatly hampered by restrictions, we are reaching out to you for financial assistance to complete this project. Whether a descendant of a United Empire Loyalist, Scottish settler, or a general history buff, there is much to see and celebrate in the Loyalist exhibit at the Glengarry, Nor'Westers & Loyalist Museum. We as a community are in possession of a truly rich and longstanding narrative of Canadian heritage which in many cases pre-dates our nation and harks back to the homelands of our varied settlers who made life anew on this ground and created our beloved Glengarry. With this possession comes great responsibility in the preservation of this narrative which, in the case of the museum, means a very real and tangible cost.



We are now asking for your help in sponsoring the preservation of some of our most prized artefacts, such as our ceremonial sword which was owned by Colonel Alexander Fraser or our KRRNY silver breast plate, owned by Captain John Mackenzie and thought to be the last of its kind. Your generous donation would also be put towards creating ways to exhibit these artefacts in a safe and suitable manner, displaying them to their best advantage for years to come. Your generosity would be much appreciated for this exciting venture and as a registered Canadian charity, we would be happy to provide tax receipts for any donations in the amount of \$20 and upwards.

Seeing as we are unable to host our Annual Wine & Cheese, a longtime fundraising staple at the museum, we have instead put together a wonderful gift basket to be raffled off to those who make donations. For each increment of \$20 donated, the museum will enter one raffle ticket for the donor. The winner of the basket will be drawn on September 24th, the day of our Glengarry Harvest Lunch. Donors towards this campaign will also be invited to celebrate at the exhibit vernissage next spring and get the first look at the new exhibit before its opening. Not only will we have a fresh new exhibit to open with next spring but we also have acquired some fresh but not so new artefacts including an original 18th century coat button from the Royal Canadian Volunteers which will display wonderfully with the regiment's colours.

Thank you and we hope we can count on your support!

Best,  
Keleigh Goodfellow-Théorêt  
GNLM Curator/Administrator

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