

GLENGARRY, NOR'WESTERS & LOYALIST MUSEUM 2016 EVENT ABSTRACTS

Gardening Group at the Museum Begins the month of May

The gardening group hosted at the museum will begin again this spring as we embrace the sun and warmer weather. In this group, old and young alike, can spend time outdoors learning about plants and growing food from some of our local green thumbs. It is a great way to get children involved in the outdoors and to foster a mindset that is both appreciative and informed of how our food gets to the table. Last years' garden was truly a sight to behold! Lush flowers such as cosmos and marigolds were picked and pressed by the kids. Lettuce, tomatoes, and cucumbers were picked to prepare some delicious summer dishes with. To add some history to this harvest, the kids also planted the 'three sisters:' corn, beans, and squash. To top it all off, a scarecrow was made to ward off any unwanted visitors

GNLM Annual General Meeting May 9th 2016

Our first Annual General Meeting will outline our activities from the past year as well as what we'll have in store for the year to come. Executive board members as well as directors will be appointed for the year and this event provides a good opportunity to meet the GNLM team. We hope to have a good turnout and welcome all who are part of our museum community or are interested in becoming a part of it.

Education Day May 13th, 2016

The Glengarry, Nor'Westers and Loyalist Museum will be partnering up with the Sir John Johnson Manor House to teach local Grade 7 students

from Williamstown Public School and Iona Academy about life in early Glengarry. On Education Day the children will get to see and experience the settler lifestyle firsthand as they learn about food, medicines, clothing, activities, work, and much more. We'd like to thank the dedicated local volunteers that make this highly interactive learning opportunity possible for students.

Salute to Farmers Exhibit Opens May 21st, 2016

To kick off our opening exhibit on Victoria Day Weekend, we will be having an indoor and outdoor exhibit and barbeque to celebrate our agricultural heritage. While the indoor exhibit will continue until the end of July, the outdoor exhibit will only be for Victoria Day weekend and will feature farm equipment, old and new, as well as a small spring market and bake sale. We would like to thank the Federation of Agriculture for supporting this exhibit and the museum's goals to showcase our rich agricultural history.

Tea Talks Thursdays in the months of June, July & August

Our Thursday Tea Talks are a great way to catch up with folks in the community while learning about different aspects of Glengarry related history. We have a wide range of topics that will be discussed by local history enthusiasts and invite you to join in these fun and informative oral history presentations. There is a minimal \$2 charge asked per attendee to cover the cost of refreshments. To see a list of speakers scheduled for this summers' Tea Talks click [here](#).

Bus Trip to Grosse Ile June 21st, 22nd & 23rd 2016

In June we will be heading across the border and into Quebec to make the trek to Grosse Ile, the Canadian version of Ellis Island where tens of thousands of immigrants were held before being allowed entry into the country. We will also be visiting the old stomping ground of Roderick McKenzie, Terrebonne, a beautifully preserved village steeped in heritage.

The bus is full with interested community members and we all have Wendy Wert to thank for this wonderful outing to come.

Heritage Hall "Unsung Allies" Display August 5th, 6th, & 7th 2016

Come visit our display in the newly added 'Heritage Hall' at the Williamstown Fair where we will be depicting the native involvement in both loyalist and Nor'Westers history. The booth will feature original artwork as well as intriguing native artefacts that stand as testaments to quality craftwork and rich heritage. The spirit behind this mini-display will be carried over on a much larger scale in our upcoming 2017 sesquicentennial season as we look to modernize and rework our Nor'Westers exhibit and give accurate and respectful representation to all native parties involved.

Fair Weekend Art Display August 5th, 6th & 7th 2016

Supporting our local artists, the museum is pleased to have once again been asked by the St. Lawrence Valley Agricultural Society to exhibit the art entries for this year's Williamstown Fair. We look forward to seeing the submissions of our talented local artists.

Swift Canoe Raffle Draw August 7th 2016

Tim McDougall pitched an exciting fundraising opportunity to the museum this past winter, outlining a plan on raffling a custom canoe to raise money. We are very thankful to him for bringing this idea to us and for really seeing to the success of this venture. Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10 and each ticket is a chance to win a 16' long Kevlar canoe made by the Swift Canoe & Kayak Co. in Gravenhurst, Ontario, accompanied by two cherry paddles. The draw will be held at 5pm on August 7th at the Williamstown Fair. Tickets are available at the museum all summer and the canoe will be displayed at our summer events as well as places like the Highland Games in Maxville and the Williamstown Fair.

Cheese Factory Exhibit Opens August 12th 2016

Our late summer and early fall exhibit will focus on the cheese factories of Glengarry that used to operate throughout the county in the days before Kraft slices and Cheese Whiz were available. We would like to thank the Glengarry Dairy Producers Committee for their support in preparing this exhibit and we look forward to its opening.

Annual Wine & Cheese Fundraiser August 24th 2016

Our Annual Wine and Cheese Fundraiser, a staple in our summer line up of events, will take place at the museum as per usual. As many of you know from previous years, this is an excellent chance to mingle with other like-minded community members. Not only will there be ample conversation and refreshments, there will also be prizes to be raffled off some lucky winners.

Williamstown Ribfest Dinner October 15th 2016

Last October we hosted a Buffalo Roast at St. Mary's Community Centre which ended up completely selling out, much to our delight! This year we will be teaming up with the local firefighters to host the villages first Ribfest! The funds raised will help the GNLM launch some of its new educational programming on the Native component to the fur trade. The firefighters will be using proceeds to fund a new hall. So join us for an evening of delicious ribs and fixings. You can also wet your whistle with local craft beers while you're here. Given our previous success, this year we have decided to host a Fall Harvest Dinner and hope to see you all there!

Hogmanay New Year's Eve Celebrations December 31st 2016

We ushered out 2015 with an encore of New Year's Eve Hogmanay festivities. The repeat success of this venture has solidified our decision to make it an annual event at the museum. It received much positive feedback from the community and proved once more to be an event enjoyable for all ages. It affords the museum another chance to meaningfully open its doors

to the public during the off season, something that we are looking to do more often.

Age Friendly Community Action Plan Ongoing Initiative

Last fall, the Township of South Glengarry invited representatives from various community groups to form a Senior Advisory Committee for their new Age Friendly Community Action Plan which is aimed at providing accessible and inclusive activities for seniors in the county. The museum is one of the contributing organizations that will be a part of this new plan. We are currently brainstorming ways in which the museum and its resources can be better used to benefit the senior population year round and we welcome any suggestions or feedback to how we can serve this initiative.