

Glengarry, Nor'Westers & Loyalist Museum 2017 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! Lettuce, tomatoes, and cucumbers were picked to prepare some delicious summer dishes with as well as edible flowers. To add some history to this harvest, the kids also planted the 'three sisters:' corn, beans, and squash. We've got our fingers crossed that once the ground thaws we will bet able to build a 30' X 40' post and beam structure on the museum grounds so that our gardeners can have a bit of shade from the sun and shelter from the rain if need be.

GNLM Annual General Meeting May 8th 2017

Our second Annual General Meeting will outline our activities and reports from the previous year as well as what we 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. Similar to last year's meeting, the AGM will be followed by a dinner provided by the museum.

Education Day May 12th, 2017

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. Due to extensive construction at the Sir John Johnson Manor House slated for 2017, the activities of the day will be hosted solely at the museum whereas they usually take place on both grounds in the village.

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 nominal \$5 charge asked per attendee to cover the cost of refreshments. To see a list of speakers scheduled for this summer's talks then got to our 'Tea Talks' page

Grand Ceilidh Saturday, June 17th 2017 3-8pm

Join us on the museum grounds for good auld Glengarry-style craic!

There will be live music, good food, children's games, cash bar, and a country market!

Admission is \$5/person (dinner not included)

FAMILY RATE Admission \$15 for 2 adults and 2 children

Live music from the County Lads 3-5pm & 6-8pm & David McPhee 5-6pm

Bus Trip to the Midlands June 19th, 20th & 21st 2017

We are pleased to announce that, after a successful 2016 trip, the museum will be hosting another three day excursion which this year will be focused

on the 150th anniversary of Canadian confederation. Last year's trip, organized by Wendy Wert, was quite the sell out and enjoyed by many and, as a result, we've been urged to plan another one. You can read about our previous trip to Grosse Ile in our 'archive of past events' in case you missed out on it. Click on the button at the bottom of this page for a PDF of our Midland Bus Trip brochure.

Heritage Hall "GNLM's 50th Anniversary" Display August 11th, 12th, & 13th 2017

Come visit our display in 'Heritage Hall' at the Williamstown Fair where we will be showcasing some artefacts from the museum's own history as it turns 50 years old on September 2nd, 2017. Featured artefacts will be some of the past favourites that have been on display as well as some of the museum's favourite treasures!

Fair Weekend Art Display August 11th, 12th & 13th 2017

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. Last year's turnout of art showed a great deal of public interest with record numbers competing. We look forward to seeing the submissions of our talented local artists and cannot wait to use our recently redone exhibit hall to showcase this talent! Be sure to stop by, admission on the weekend of the Williamstown Fair is free!

Artists wishing to submit their work should visit www.williamstownfair.ca for regulations and details.

Wine & Cheese August 23rd, 2017

The museum will be hosting its Annual Wine & Cheese Fundraiser again this year on Wednesday, August 23rd, 2017, 7-9pm. This is always an enjoyable evening for all and the perfect chance to catch up with friends and neighbours in the community. We offer a variety of wines as well as

appropriate snack pairings and will also have beer on hand for those who prefer it. This evening is also a great time to peruse our new exhibit, 'Glengarry School Days' where you'll be sure to see a few familiar faces from when the museum operated as a school. In past years, this event has taken place under a tent on the lawn but this year it will take place under the new pavilion on the grounds. Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased by calling the museum and all are welcome to attend this event!

British Home Child Weekend September 23rd-24th, 2017

The museum will be hosting a British Home Child Weekend in partnership with the Ontario East British Home Child Family on September 23rd and 24th. This weekend is intended to foster awareness of the British Home Child history and movement within the community and is open to all in the public. There will be guest speakers, reenactments/presentations, and book readings/signings. A dinner will also be hosted at the Lancaster Legion on Saturday night as well as a church service at St. Andrew's United Church on Sunday morning. For details and times please see our tentative schedule.

Click on the button at the bottom of this page for a PDF of our BHC Weekend schedule.

Williamstown Ribfest September 30th, 2017 5-8pm

This fall will mark the return of our Williamstown Ribfest, an evening hosted by the GNLM and Williamstown Fire Department here at the museum. There will be a few changes to the order of business this year with 3 teams competing in a rib cook off. We'll have a mix of museum personnel and mostly firefighters lighting up their barbecues to see who can serve up the best ribs in the village. We'll also have a panel of judges to taste test to really make things official! We had awesome weather last year for the event and we're hoping for the same thing this year but if not we have prepared for the worst and will have inside seating, outdoor heaters, and a bonfire to keep folks warm! Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased from local

firefighters, museum directors, or at the museum itself for \$20 for a half rack of ribs and all the fixings followed by dessert and coffee. Kids under the age of 10 can also eat for \$10-with a half portion for half the price! A cash bar will also be made available serving up the regular stuff as well as Cornwall's own Rurban brews.

Tickets are first come first serve and sold out last year so make sure you get yours soon!

Museum Festive Market Saturday, November 18th, 2017 10am-8pm

Back by popular demand will be the Museum Festive Market here in plenty of time for the holiday season. At the market you'll find a range of festive pieces to decorate your home as well as hostess gifts, freezable baked goods, and stocking stuffers. Items are made locally by hand and all the proceeds go to the museum! It is the perfect way to get some of your Christmas shopping done all why giving back to your community! Check out our Facebook page as the season approaches where we'll be having draws and giveaways leading up the event!

Hogmanay New Year's Eve Celebrations December 31st 2017

We ushered out 2016 with an encore of New Years 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. So join us in wrapping up 2017 in true traditional Scottish fashion and enjoy free food, live music, horse wagon rides, a bonfire, and fireworks! A cash bar will also be available to toast to 2018.

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.