



Committee Report

To: Chair and
Members of the Museum Committee

From: Cathy McGirr
Director, Museum & Cultural Services

Date: December 1, 2022

Re: Collections Report - December 2022

Staff Recommendation:

The Collections Report - December 2022 is for information.

Background:

Exhibits

Mid-September saw the opening of Streetscapes, by Port Colborne artist Mary Burke. Streetscapes features 73 pieces of acrylic on wood featuring various historic downtowns throughout Ontario, including several Bruce County communities. The exhibition, being shown in the Bruce Gallery, will be on display until December 31st.



South Wall of Bruce Gallery featuring Streetscapes by Mary Burke

October 1st was the opening of Farm Fresh Bruce County, an exhibition that explores the history of agriculture within the County. This exhibition is supplemented with a travelling exhibit created by the Archive of Ontario, also called Farm Fresh. The exhibit features 66 objects from both collections and the Archives that range from historical implements, prize lists from fall fairs, records from Farm Forums to shipping crates from local dairies. The exhibit was featured in the November issue of The Rural Voice magazine. Located in the OPG Feature Gallery, Farm Fresh Bruce County will be on display until December 31st.



Farm Fresh Bruce County

Loans

Collections staff have been working with the staff of Point Clark Lighthouse while they are in the process of renewing their exhibits. Since the late 1980s, the Museum has been loaning objects to the lighthouse, with the majority going on loan in 2004 when the lighthouse re-opened to the public. With the new exhibitions planned, the lighthouse returned more than 150 objects, both collections and archival materials. Several items were re-loaned for their new exhibitions.

Students

At the end of September, Collections welcomed a co-op student from Saugeen District Secondary School. Working with collections the student will be helping with collection digitization, social media posts, researching businesses and shipwrecks and linking them to museum records, as well as helping with exhibit set-up and take down. The student will be with collections until the end of January and will contribute approximately 240 hours of work to collections projects.

Programming

Working with programming staff, Collections aided in creating videos known as Deep Dives, where artefacts from the collection are highlighted and brief histories are given. In the fall months, seven videos were created with subjects including furs, smoking, dolman capes and autoharps. A Deep Dive presentation, focused on military artefacts was created for an in-person tour given to the Air Cadets in November.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

There are no financial, staffing, legal or IT considerations associated with this report.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

There was no interdepartmental consultation.

Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:

Museum Strategic Plan Objective 2.3 - Enhance Digital Outreach and Engagement
Strategic Goal 3: Find Creative News Ways to Engage our Public

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