



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2022

- Inquiries are being made about weddings, both service and reception, being held at the Museum.
- Production companies are scouting the Museum for potential movie scenes.
- Historians and genealogists continue to advance their knowledge of Cannington and are asking about our collection, exhibits, house and family histories.
- Guest speakers are awaiting the opportunity to present to the membership the topic of their passion.
- And wouldn't it be nice to greet visitors to the Shop and Museum! We all will welcome the companionship of social interaction, sharing a moment with another, satisfaction with group volunteering and completing a project.



REMEMBERING

Since we last met, the Society has lost two members who made significant contributions to preserving the heritage of Cannington.

Orma Lillico, along with her husband Russell, devoted much of her retirement years to the Society. Orma re-claimed antiquities, researched genealogy, managed the office and she was a stalwart of the Q & C show. Charles Cowan provided sound advice and support for the Society. He is revered for his recollections about growing up in this Village and his stories about the many colourful characters along the way.

Our heartfelt condolences to their families.
These charter members will be missed.



Olden Times



GREETINGS from the
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Merry Christmas 2021 & Best Wishes for a Very Healthy, Happy New Year!



COVID-19

It has been quite the year - again! As an Ontario corporation, the Society must abide by provincial regulations. With the 'pause' in Phase 3 re-openings, the restrictions on gatherings are reduced to 10 for indoor meetings with proof of vaccination. The Society serves an important role in encouraging socializing. Gatherings are significant opportunities for meet and greet. Interactions are vital to our health and wellbeing however, an abundance of caution is being observed to protect our members.



As we are vaccinated and get the *3rd dose*, the expectation is to resume general meetings in the new year. It remains to be seen how the new Omicron variant will further postpone any resumption in Society activities and return to normality.



HAPPENINGS at the MUSEUM

With few humans at the Museum, the squirrels have been aggressive. Access holes have been chewed as soon as repairs are made. Electrical and security lines, made of the soya-based wire coating, have proven to be tasty and needed replacement. New wood, metal screening and even aluminum siding has not deterred these critters.



With the organization of the Township, the severed electrical and security lines were replaced. The Station and Driving Shed are now back with electricity and security protection.

WORKINGS of the SOCIETY

- Your Historical Society continues to be viable with the Executive meeting regularly. Utility bills are being paid and maintenance of our century old buildings / artifacts is being addressed.
- Replacement / replica windows were manufactured for the caboose. Glazing and painting will be done over the winter for installation [behind Plexiglas] next spring and the van will also be re-painted.
- Grant opportunities are being pursued.
- The Society's Facebook group is active and inspired by the 'quizmaster'. Topics include identifying local characters from days gone by, and old, sometimes lost buildings in town. We recognize local veterans, link members to outside interests and resources and members are updated on Museum projects.
- The McLachlan Foundry has been an integral part of the Cannington community since 1876. The building would initially have used the waterfalls to power the shop. The McLachlan Foundry became famous the world over for its invention and manufacture of the attrition grinder.
- Correspondences have been received on all aspects of Cannington's past and local artifact donations continue to be received.
- A partnership has been established with the Legion, Township, and others, for the restoration of the Cenotaph.
- Due to new security lines being required at the Museum, the Society no longer has an active telephone line. Until further notice, all inquiries should be directed to President Ted at 705-432-2430.

