



Fort Frances Museum & Cultural Centre

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March 2020

Special Dates of Interest

- **SnOasis 8:** March 7
noon to 2 p.m.
Rainy Lake Square &
Fort Frances Museum
Free event for young
families.
- **Community Meeting:**
Climate Change
Mar 25, 5 p.m.
- **Upcoming Workshops:**
-Fused Glass
Suncatchers:
March 28

-Easter Fused Glass:
April 4

-Cupcake Decorating:
April 11
- **Earth Day:** April 22
- **Writers Group** - Meets
every 2nd Wed at 4:30.
Breaks June - August.
Back door entrance.
- **Right Relations Circle**
- Meets every 3rd Wed
at 10:00 - Everyone
welcome.



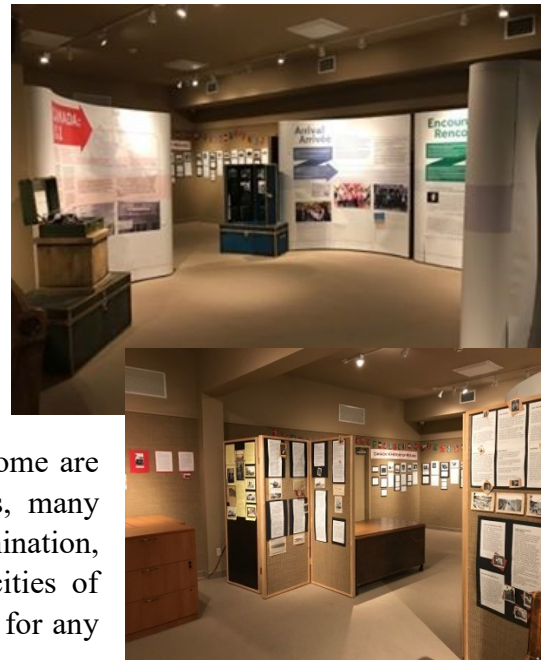
Spring!

Canada: Day One

This exhibit closes March 27, so be sure to stop by if you haven't already done so.

Canada: Day One is a free exhibit produced by **Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada**, and focuses on the experiences of new immigrants coming to Canada for the purpose of making a new home. Although some are merely seeking better opportunities, many more flee poverty, discrimination, religious persecution, and the atrocities of war. Canada seemed their best hope for any kind of future.

In conjunction with the exhibit, Max has pulled out many stories from our archives of those who have settled across the district. Other than our Indigenous neighbours, our communities are built on immigrants, many similarly looking for a better place to raise their families. These settlers of yesterday, have become the backbone of our present day: many have worked hard to obtain educations and good jobs for themselves and their children, they've opened businesses, paid taxes, served on boards and volunteered... all to better the communities they now call home.



More Volunteers Needed!

Friends of the Museum still looking for volunteers to assist with SnOasis, Sat Mar 7, noon until 2 p.m.

Helpers assist with outside events at the Rainy Lake Square or inside the Museum with face painting or serving hot chocolate and cookies.
Call 274-7891, if you can help out.

Friends of the Fort Frances Museum Present:

SNOASIS 8

THE GREAT **WINTER EMBRACE**



SATURDAY
MARCH 7
NOON - 2 PM

FREE

INDOOR / MUSEUM

Colouring Contest
Cookies & Hot Cocoa
Face Painting
Storytime Yoga
Take-Home Craft

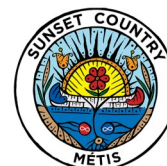
OUTDOOR / RL SQUARE

BBQ
Bannock on a Stick
Kids' Winter Activities
Open-Air Exhibit
Snap a Selfie in the SnOto-Booth

Explore the Canadian Museum of Immigration's **Canada: Day 1 Exhibit + Local Immigration Stories**



RAINY LAKE
SQUARE



Interested in volunteering? Contact the Museum at 274-7891

*Please note, the alley behind the RL Square will be closed to vehicle traffic between 9 AM and 6 PM during this event

Perils of Plastics

From April to June, the Museum's exhibit will once again feature Climate Change, but with a focus on plastics. The exhibit will provide some information on the types of plastics that is particularly harmful to our planet, but also make some suggestions as to what we can do to minimize impact.



Product that we display will be given away when the exhibit comes down (end of June) so be sure to enter for the draws.

Community Meeting: Climate Change

The museum also wishes to host a public meeting to gauge interest in starting a group that will explore what we can do at the community level to make better choices environmentally.

We've started a list below, but these are suggestions only. Many are things you may already be doing; others are something to think about. If you would like to help, please join in the discussion March 25. We welcome your input.

Some changes are expensive and will require planning. Others are easily doable with little investment.

- Switch to re-usables (drink cups/bottles, own straws/utensils, shopping bags, bowls with lids)
- Use biodegradable when reusables not practical (take-out, trash bags, pet-waste bags)
- Be an informed shopper. Are parts recyclable? When product dies, what happens to it?
- Invest for the long-term. Think: fewer, better quality and less often.
- Buy natural and sustainable: wood, stone, linen, wool.
- Consider a hybrid vehicle for next purchase.
- When building, buying or remodeling a home, consider solar, wind and thermal energy.
- Reduce lawns; plant a garden; compost waste for fertilizer; use rainwater.
- Consider natural shorelines and vegetation at the cabin. Less work!
- Walk & bike. Lobby for bike paths and public transit, if not now, for the future!
- Plant trees to reduce erosion and provide cooling. Consider root systems around underground structures.
- Replace inefficient appliances with energy-saving devices and LED.
- Use cold water for laundry and hang to dry.
- Use programmable thermostats.
- Eat less meat; use less in a casserole, reduce portion size and consider meat-free occasionally.
- Vote. Write letters. Voice your concerns. Be heard.

Re-Shaping the Perils of Plastics

In conjunction with the exhibit, we have reached out to schools, grades 5 to 8, inviting classes to work on a group sculpture that depicts the lasting harm single-use plastics have on the environment. The winning submission will merit a pizza party for their class, generously sponsored by **Dominos Pizza**. *Sculptures will be on display at the museum beginning **Earth Day, April 22**.*

Sarah Warrack from **IISD - Experimental Lakes Area** will also join us some time in April to speak on plastics. Sarah is one of IISD-ELA's Outreach and Education Officers; part of her job is to study the settling rates of different types of micro-plastics in freshwater systems, and how biological processes help them to settle and breakdown. Sarah gave three presentations here last year and is happy to return. We are delighted to have her back. We are very proud of the work the IISD - Experimental Lakes Area is doing in North-western Ontario — the only project of its kind in the world.



Community Meeting: Climate Change

Wed Mar 25
at 5:00 p.m.
Upstairs
at the Museum
Everyone
welcome.

Update on Hallett & Owandem

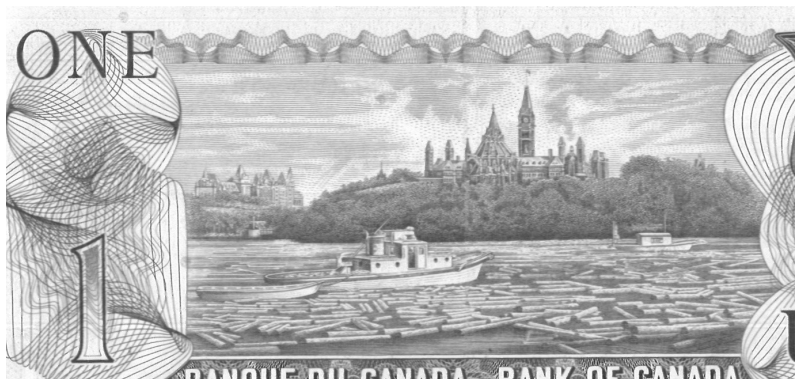
Hallett

If you have toured the Hallett in recent years, you will have seen that it's in need of some TLC. The Town does have it on their radar for capital funds in order to replace all windows and doors, plus repaint, inside and out. Unfortunately, as it is a boat, all windows and doors are custom sizes and the repairs will be costly.

Owandem

As noted in previous newsletters, the Owandem has been sandblasted and painted, and now requires a berth by the Hallett. It was our hope to see construction this summer.

Part of the reason for the delay, is that we have applied for a provincial grant to cover work on both



tugboats, and must wait for a response. If successful, we may yet see work completed on a berth for the Owandem this fall. Work on the Hallett would follow over the next year.

Tugs like the Owandem and Hallett are not only an important part of our local history, but of significance to Canada's heritage as well.

February Flashbacks

Come Listen to Them Tell Legends

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Sat, Feb 15



As part of our **Indigenous Arts Workshop Series** and in partnership with *Kay Nah Chi Wah Nung Historical Centre*, a great crowd enjoyed an evening of storytelling with Nancy Jones and Dorothy

Medicine. The women were so captivating, you could hear a pin drop in the round house!

Borderland History:

Immigration Story

Thurs, Feb 27

In conjunction with the **Canada: Day One** exhibit, the Truong family shared their remarkable journey from Vietnam to Canada over 40 years ago. Encountering everything from overloaded boats to pirates, separations and reunions, they finally found themselves in Emo, Ontario—their new home.



Thank You!!

The **Fort Frances Museum** and **Friends of the Museum** are most grateful for the wonderful support we have in the community. Your generous donations to the Museum and Friends fundraising causes, and for simply coming out in support of exhibits, events and workshops tells us that we are on the right track.

Do let us know if there is anything more you would like to see... perhaps an exhibit idea that interests you. Your feedback is important to us.



Patron (\$100-\$249)

Jack & Elaine Allen
CDean
Shelley DeGagne
Glen & Silvia Gunderson
Ed & Laurel Halvorsen
Mary & Dave Hickling
Teresa Jordan
Edna Marsh
Patricia Maurer
Bonny & Dave Montgomery
Paul & Gay Ryan
Luke & Josie Schill
B.E. June Smith
St Anna's Ukrainian Women Association
Sunset Country Metis
Writers Group

Traveling Exhibits

The museum raised enough money over several years to bring in *Echoes in the Ice: Finding Franklin's Ship*. What we hoped for, but hadn't counted on, was grant funding that covered most of the costs.

It means that we still have fund-raising dollars that we will be using to bring in another exhibit very soon.

Individual Members

Patricia Basaraba
June Caul
Maxine Hayes
Nell Laur
Diane Martin
Richard McKinnon

Family Members

Fred & Pat Boustead
Bob Brown
Marilyn & Roy Brown
Bud & Flora Danylchuk
Don & Rhoda Dickson
Andrew Hallikas

Sustaining (\$250-\$499)

Lorna & Gary Angus
Roy & Barb Avis
RI Algie Medicine Prof Corp
Allan & Loneta Robertson
Safeway

Sponsor (\$500-\$999)

Marg Kircher
Robert & Kathie Nugent

Benefactor (\$1000 or more)

New Gold Inc Rainy River Project
Dalton Taylor & Lydia Sharp

Thank You!!

Fort Frances Museum & Cultural Centre Annual Membership Application

Please print

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Anyone on our email listing will receive our quarterly newsletter.

☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

☐ Individual \$30 ☐ Family \$50

☐ Patron \$100 - \$249 ☐ Sustaining \$250 - \$499

☐ Sponsor \$500 - \$999 ☐ Benefactor \$1000 or more

Cash or cheque payable to Fort Frances Museum.

Museum Fees Increasing

Our membership fees are going up this year after staying the same for ten-plus years. Please note the increases on the left.

This summer, admission fees also go up; we've held to the same rate for 5 years, so the time has come.

Adults: \$5, Seniors/Children \$4, Family Rate \$15

Admission through the off-season — September to mid-May — will be by donation. We will hold to this rate as long as it continues to work. Please be generous.

We sincerely thank all of you for your continued support of the museum, workshops and initiatives!

Your generosity is much appreciated!

