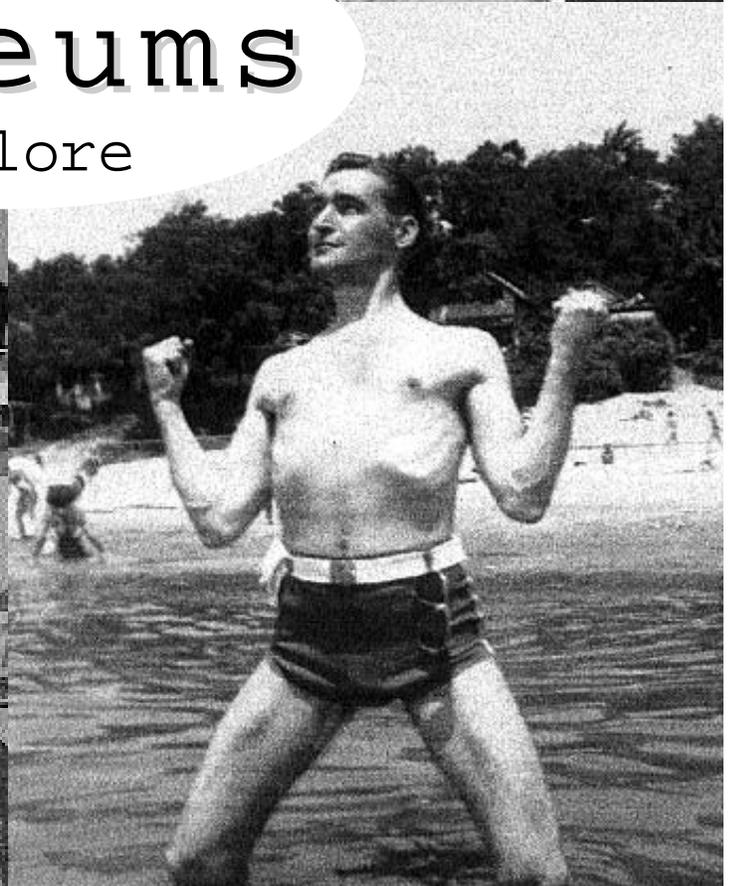


Museums
Explore



Show Kids You Care Day

The Museum teamed up with the Library, YMCA and Leisureplex to show children that Fort Erie cares about its youth.

At the Historical Museum kids were treated to arcade games, face painting, and free admission.

The Railroad Museum and the LaFrance Firefighting volunteers let children explore vintage fire engines with free admission to the Museum.

This family-oriented program was designed to highlight the many children's activities available throughout Fort Erie. An additional goal of the Show Kids You Care program is to encourage adults to become involved in children's activities.



283 Ridge Road Business

The Museum has two new business partners. As part of the fundraising efforts to develop a Museum Cafe on the Trail the Museum has leased space to the Two Door Cupboard and Brunetta's Boutique.

This partnership is expected to last two years and will generate income for the Museum's project while establishing two exciting new shops in Ridgeway.

Brunetta Athoe's shop offers gifts, artwork and the latest fashions and accessories.

Julie Tufts' shop offers specialty foods, gift baskets and a cafe. Stop by and check them out!



+ "Study shows 43% consider Museums more trustworthy than Internet, Television, Books, Magazines or Newspapers."

A study carried out by RKM Research asked people throughout the United States to compare museums with books, newspapers, magazines, radio, television and the Internet on a variety of issues.

When asked what they considered the most trustworthy source of objective information, 43% said Museums, 18% said books, 9% said newspapers, 8% said the Internet, and television, radio and magazines each rated 6%.

Administrator Jane Davies was not surprised by this study, saying that "Museums objectively convey the facts. Whether we are producing an exhibit, book or school program, it is our job not to re-write history, but to present it as it actually happened."

This survey also revealed that 86% of respondents felt "Museums were doing imaginative new things to make them more interesting places."

The study showed that "people appreciate museums because they can have fun, but they also know that they're going to come away with something more substantial."



283 Ridge Road
Lawn Sale Fundraisers

\$4,023 raised from lawn sales!!!
Museum Curator Erin Wilson outlined the benefits of this type of fundraiser.

Landfill — Our volunteers salvaged items from the now-demolished Bay Beach cottages. This saved countless pounds from going to the landfill site.

New Volunteers— Once the word got out that proceeds from the lawn sales would support the new Museum Cafe, truck loads of old and new items arrived from old and new Museum volunteers. Many thanks to Vaughn Gibbons, Leona Hall, Evelyn and Hugh Brady, Janet Cocksedge, Gil Bilodeau, Wendy Hodgkins, and Val McCormick for donating items.

Traditional Values — The museum volunteers who salvaged, cleaned and priced these items truly believe in the adage “Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.” Our ‘throw-away’ society could benefit from re-visiting these traditional values. Many thanks to the lawn sale volunteers, Ted Jewson, Russ Pooler, Stan, Josephine, Robert and Russ Davies, Andrew Robillard, Larry Williams, Joan McNeil, Bev Jewson, Jerry Fretz, Sharon Dell, Jean Tripp, Dorothy Dorge, Norma Benner, Judy LaCroix, Mary McKinnon, Carolyn Baer, Pat Mitchell, Jeanette Beroud, Janice Gibson, Dorothy Pyne, and Ruth Schaffer.

Treasurers — People who shopped at our sales were thrilled with their purchases proving that “One man’s trash is another’s treasure!”



Cleaning out your garage,
basement or attic?

+ We need your stuff!

Your lawn sale items will
benefit the Museum.
Goods can be left at the
Historical Museum or call for
a pick-up (894-5322).

Archaeology Discovery

Dr. Ron Williamson
announced that one of
the thousands of points
found at the Peace Bridge
site dates to 9000 B.C.



At a press conference Dr. Ron commented that “This find is proof that people have been living in this area for the past 11,000 years. Up until now, the points we have found date back 4,000 years. Each additional excavation expands the area of the Peace Bridge site and now the time-line is expanding as well. This is truly an amazing site.”

Waves of Change Waterfront

Fort Erie's



Developments along Fort Erie's waterfront are being featured in the Historical Museum's temporary exhibition gallery.

"People have used the waterfront in many different ways over the past 11,000 years" said Administrator Jane Davies. "Uses include industrial, residential, commercial, recreational, and transportation." The most successful and long-lasting developments were those that worked with the natural resources instead of "using them up" for short-term gain. Examples of this are the developments along Point Abino. The pristine sand-hills no longer exist because tons of sand were shipped to Buffalo to make sidewalks. After this mining was complete the entire point was sold for \$27,000.

Contrast this to the longevity of developments that used these resources in a renewable way...40 years of recreation at Erie Beach, 70 years of residential use at Bay Beach, 60 years of transportation with ferries, 200 years of commercial developments like ice harvesting and photography, and 200 years of recreation with ice hockey and ice fishing.

The exhibit finishes by highlighting the Town's future plans for waterfront development, all of which focus on long-range planning and renewable development. "Our waterfront is our greatest asset," said the Town's Waterfront Coordinator Signe Edgecombe. "It's great to see the Museum educating visitors about all Fort Erie has to offer."

Museum's Provincial Funding Increased



The Honourable Minister of Tourism, Culture and Communication, Tim Hudak announced an increase in the Fort Erie Museum Board's annual operating grant. "In recognition of the excellent community service provided by the Museums in Fort Erie, the Provincial government will contribute \$18,444 annually to the Museum's operation." An appreciation reception was held at the Historical Museum on Jan. 19. Mayor Redekop is shown here thanking Minister Hudak on behalf of the community. Museum Chair Bruce Cummings commented that "this increase in funding is something the Museum Board has been working on for several years. Our grant will now be comparable to what other museums in the Peninsula receive. We thank the Province for correcting this inequity." Seventy of the Museum's volunteers shared in the reception.

Historical • Daily 9-5 until Labour Day • Weekdays year-round

Summer Students
2002



Zachariah General

This is Zach's second year working at the Museum. An avid lacross player, Zach runs every morning then bikes to work. He hopes to pursue a career in Science once he completes his studies at Lakeshore High School.



Amanda Longfellow

A Grade 11 student at Ridgeway/Crystal Beach High, Amanda is well known in the community for her volunteer work with the Memorial United Church and Ridgeway Sparks. She hopes to pursue a career in teaching.



Brandy Barnhart

Brandy has completed her first year at Sir Sanford Fleming College, majoring in Social Services. Brandy brings valuable landscaping experience to this job and can be found rollerblading to work most mornings.

Since 1987, the Museum has hired 56 summer students, helping Fort Erie's youth finance their post secondary studies.

The Museum appreciates the financial assistance provided by the Ontario Student Works program.

Research Requests
Photographs and Information

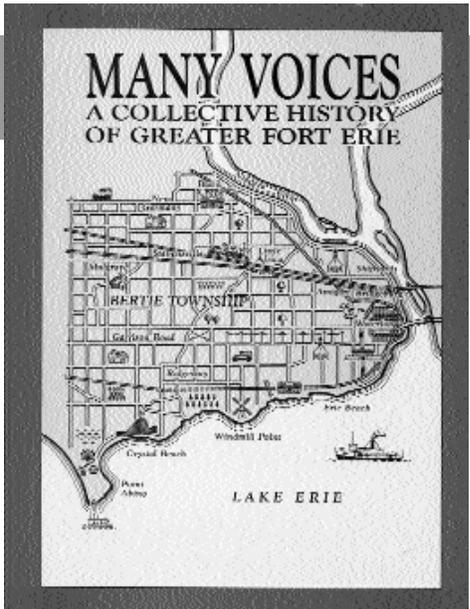
Museum staff help hundreds of researchers each year. If you haven't seen our reference room lately, stop by! With our new scanner, printer and software, we are constantly expanding public access to our archives.

A recent request for assistance came from New York City. Irish America magazine, published in NYC, will feature an article on the Battle of Ridgeway, including pictures and facts from our collection!



Railroad • Daily 9-5 until Labour Day • Weekends until Oct. 13

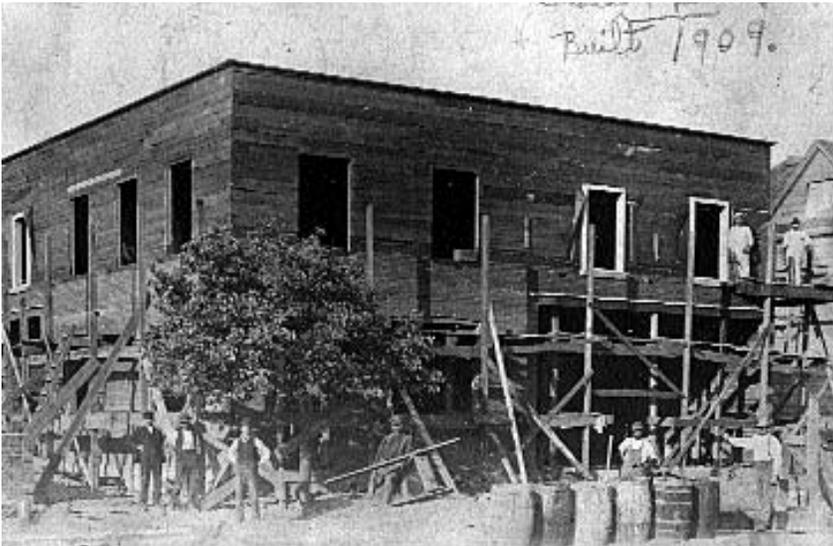
Many Voices
Part II



Have you been wondering why it's so hard to get a copy of Many Voices lately? Well, we're happy to report that it's nearly SOLD OUT!

In fact over 3,100 copies have been sold — a best-seller for a local history book!

"This fall we will be updating the book instead of just reprinting the current volume" said Assistant Curator Joan Lyons-Felstead. "The second edition will include corrections, additions, and updated information in some of the chapters."



We will also replace many of the photographs with alternate images." The second edition will have a different look but will still retain the information compiled by the 46 volunteers who worked on the original.

Barb Ruegg let the Museum copy her photograph of men building the store and bank in downtown Stevensville. It was taken in 1909 and today the building houses Mae's Restaurant.



Bay Beach Cottages
Inventory

In a race against time, the Museum stepped in to photograph and inventory 29 Bay Beach homes before they were demolished.

This unique cottage enclave was structured around the beach and communal courtyards, and represented over a century of seasonal living. The Museum now has 29 binders of floor plans, photographs, and architectural sampling. We hope that former residents will add their memories to this collection.





Co-op Students
Fort Erie High School

As part of the new educational curriculum, all students must volunteer 40 hours during their high school term. This co-op program benefits the Museum by providing us with help for our special events.

Shown at left are Fort Erie High School students Michelle Barker, Alesha Cummings, Holly Lemaire, and Jill Bondy. The Museum is grateful for their enthusiastic support!

 **Attention
High School
Students!**

The Railroad and Historical Museums offer work experience in exchange for your community volunteer service hours. Give us a call at 905-894-5322.

N-TEC Work
Placement Program

**Happy 10th Anniversary
John Wanless!**

This summer marks 10 years that John Wanless has been working at the Historical Museum. In return for work experience, John types the Museum's catalogue sheets and artifact accession registers. John is excellent with numbers and keeps our volunteer cataloguers on their toes!



Canada Day Fireworks
Railroad Open House

Since the Canada Day Fireworks were held at the old Horton Steel property this year, coordinator Rob Everett suggested that the Railroad Museum might benefit from this attraction. He was right! The Museum was open until 10 pm that evening and 350 people toured the site while waiting for the show to begin. Happy Canada Day!



Happy Birthday 6218
You're 60 years old!!!

Built in 1942 by the Montreal Locomotive Works, it hauled both freight and passengers up until 1960. It was temporarily retired for four years and then brought back for special excursions or "fan runs." In 1973 it was presented to the Town of Fort Erie and has delighted visitors at the Railroad Museum ever since.



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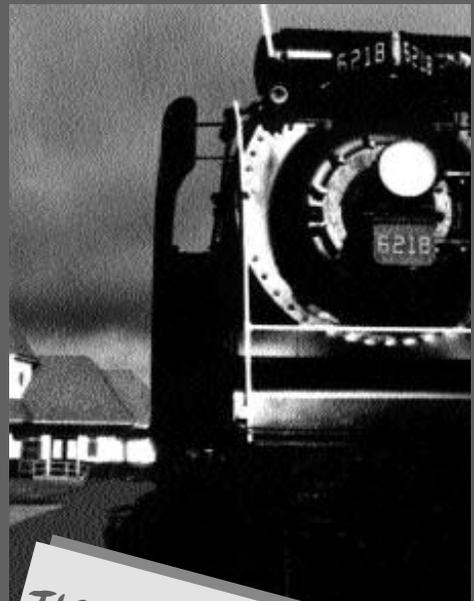
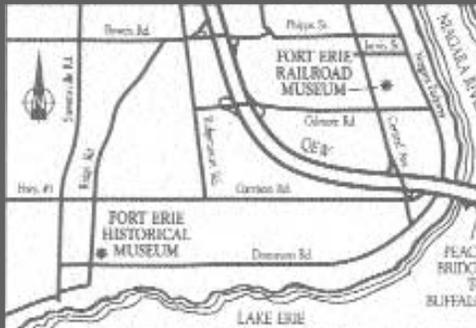
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