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Winter Programming



Working through the Winter

As we start the new year off we find ourselves in the old predicament of being closed to the public due to provincial regulations to keep the public safe from Covid-19. We are not sure how long this closure will last, but we will continue to service the public in the best way that we can. This includes assisting with research requests, offering giftshop curbside pick-up and providing virtual programming to our residents. Some of our virtual programming includes our Museum Show & Tell Show with the staff at Huronia Museum. This weekly Youtube series started in November 2020 and involves us showcasing one artifact each from our collections based on different themes. We can get very creative with our themes each week and we learn something new each week about our varied collections. To view our series just visit our Youtube channel Penetanguishene Museum and find the playlist for our Museum Show & Tell Show here: [Show & Tell Show #1: Something that starts with the Letter N - YouTube](#)

Along with our weekly Show & Tell Show, we are also providing a little game twice a week on our our facebook or Instagram pages called Where's Crystal? If you recall last winter we had a little

friend that stayed with us at the museum named Blizzard. He was a little snowman that loved to hide all over the museum. Blizzard didn't return this winter, but a little snowflake whom we have named Crystal, has come to stay for a while. She just "drifts" from place to place and spends the day wherever she happens to land. Your job every Tuesday and Friday from now until February 11th, is to visit either our Facebook or Instagram pages and see if you can find her. If you have missed any, just scroll back to view the previous posts. We will be revealing all her hiding places at the end of her stay with us, so if you can't spot her right away, don't worry.

Here is a picture of Crystal so you know what you are looking for.



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FROM THE CURATORIAL ASSISTANT



Winterama Community Shared Comfort Food and Memories

It is that time of the year once again. Winterama is just around the corner. To contribute to the celebrations the museum is inviting you, the community, to get involved and help us out. Last year we asked that you submit your favourite recipe along with a photo of the finished product and yourself. It was such a hit, and we had so much fun with it, we are reaching out again this year for more of the same. Don't be discouraged if you submitted last year, this is a whole new year, and we know you have more than one favourite winter recipe. Feel free to send in another one. It could be a dessert, a casserole, main course, a soup or just something that your family particularly fancies. Just be sure to include the recipe and a photo of yourself/family with the finished product.

This year we are also broadening our horizons and requesting Winterama memories. Do you have a particular memory that you would love to share? Maybe of a particular event, a concert, a house party, an ice or snow sculpture or a special photo with a story behind it. We would love to receive them and share them on both our Facebook and Instagram pages along with the recipes.

We will be sharing these posts from Monday February 14th to Monday February 28th. Please contact jgadsdon@penetanguishene.ca with your submissions.



Last year we were very fortunate to have the original Winterama Pea Soup recipe shared to us from Toni Juneau of Penetanguishene.

French Canadian Pea Soup

Ingredients

Whole yellow peas - 1 c. dried peas = 3 cups cooked peas
Water - for every cup of dried peas, add 3 cs. cold water
1 chopped cooking onion
1 piece of salt pork cubed and well rinsed
Black pepper
Salt - be cautious as salt from pork may be enough

Cover dried peas with water and let stand 12 hrs. or overnight in the fridge. Drain and rinse peas well. Using the proper ratio of water to peas, bring to a boil and reduce to a simmer. Add all other ingredients and simmer for 1.5 to 2 hours.



Toni Juneau's Winterama Memory

Way back, many years ago when everyone called Winterama the "Greatest Winterama", everyone who originated from Penetanguishene would come back home for that weekend. We could count on seeing all our friends and school mates because everyone came home for Winterama.

My Dad, Tony Juneau and many of his friends and co-workers would make the "HOMEMADE FRENCH CANADIAN PEA SOUP". They would put on an old woodstove and a large pile of wood on a trailer and set up on either the corner of Main & Simcoe St. or Main & Jefferey St. That way they had easy access for refills, that were brought by Joey Reynolds in a vehicle from the Mental Health Centre where the soup was made by the chefs and porters the day before.

The soup was always hot and in 10 gallon soup pots. They would sell the styrofoam cups for 5 cents, then it went up to 10 cents and eventually 25 cents. They had helpers down on the ground to hand the "Good Old Pea Soup" to the public. It was delicious hot and it was always cold weather it seems.

"Good Old Winterama"

Easter Eggstravaganza
Saturday April 16, 2022
\$4.00 per participant
Parents/Guardians free of charge

We are very excited to be able to hold our annual Easter Eggstravaganza this year. Outside events fall within the Health Department Covid parameters for museums. Our plan is to offer our regular egg hunt, Easter Bunny will be on site and children will take away not only a treat bag from the bunny but crafts to do at home as well. What you will find different is that you will be required to register as we will have continual egg hunts throughout the day as opposed to one. Please follow our Facebook and Instagram pages



Winter Musings from Catherine Parr
Trill (1802-1899)
The Backwoods of Canada written by
Catherine Parr Trill

In March of 1834, the author advises newcomers to the protection of eyes

I find my eyes much inconvenienced by the dazzling glitter of the snow on bright sunny days, so as to render my sight extremely dull and indistinct for hours after exposure to its power. I would strongly advise any one coming out to this country to provide themselves with blue or green glasses; and by no means to omit green crape or green tissue veils.

She further extolls the wonders of a wintery night in early Ontario

A merry party we were that sallied forth that evening into the glorious starlight; the snow were

bending beneath their brilliant burden; every sparkled with a thousand diamonds on its frozen surface, over which we bounded with hearts as light as hearts could be in this careful world. And truly never did I look upon a lovelier sight than the woods presented; there had been a heavy fall of snow the preceding day; owing to the extreme stillness of the air not a particle of it had been shaken from the trees. The evergreens twig, every leaf, and spray was covered, and some of the weak saplings actually bowed down to the earth with the weight of snow, forming the most lovely and fanciful bowers and arcades across our path. As you looked up towards the tops of the trees the snowy branches seen against the deep blue sky formed a silvery veil, through which the bright stars were gleaming with a chastened brilliancy.

I was always an admirer of a snowy landscape, but neither in this country nor at home did I ever see any thing so surprisingly lovely as the forest appeared that night.

If you look out your window and struggle to see the beauty of the snow, perhaps this brief description of the magic of winter nights will help.

MEMBERSHIP
RENEWALS

Thank you to the following who have renewed their memberships or become new members since our last newsletter. We appreciate the support that you give us during a difficult time.

Peter and Beth Desrochers
Fred W. Beck
Gay & Eugene Harrigan
Peter Davis

Penetanguishene Centennial Museum & Archives Events listing for 2022

Winterama Weekend

February 18—20

March Break Activities

March 14—March

Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 16th

9:30 to 11:30 am, 1 to 3 pm

\$4 per child, Registration is required

Easter egg hunt, visit with Easter Bunny and take-away crafts.

Rotary Champlain Wendat Walking Tours

May 17, 31, June 14, 28, July 12, 26, August 9, 23,

September 6, 20, October 4, 18

10:30 a.m. \$7 per person, must pre-register.

Take a walk with the staff of the museum and learn about the indigenous and franco-ontarian history of our area.

Downtown Historical Walking Tours

May 19, June 2, 16, 30, July 14, 28, August 11, 25,

September 8, 22, October 6, 20

10:30 a.m. \$7 per person, must pre-register.

Join the staff of the museum on a historical walking tour of downtown Penetanguishene. Take a step back in time to when oxen roamed the streets and fur traders came to our shores. Learn the history of and view original photographs of, many of the current homes and businesses on Water and Main Streets.

Follow us on our Social Media channels for updates on our upcoming events and interesting historical posts.

