

MUSEUM ADVISORY REPORT

Meeting Date: September 24, 2024
Department: Museum Strathroy-Caradoc – Community Services
Report No.: CS-2024-41
Submitted by: Michelle Wright, Museum Curator
Approved by:
SUBJECT: Curator’s Report: July-August 2024

RECOMMENDATION: THAT: MAC receive report CS-2024-41 Curator’s Report: July-August 2024 for information.

Exhibits

- Through the Architects Lens closes October 2, 2024
- Broken Promises – travelling exhibit scheduled to come October 4 and be open for visitors for Thanksgiving weekend. Exhibit made possible that to Strathroy Middlesex Museum Foundation.
- Sydenham Discovery – vinyl and wall panel complete, funds donated by the Strathroy Middlesex Museum Foundation
- History of Strathroy-Caradoc (permanent display)
 - Partnership with the Masters of Museum Studies program at the University of Toronto.
 - Plans continue, sourcing for monitor continues, STQRY too do programming on device, etc.

Special Projects

- Middlesex Heritage Trail - updating of heritage signs throughout the community, Mount Brydges, South Caradoc, and Melbourne signs to go in this Fall, Strathroy’s to come.
- Poppy Project – See programs and events for specific dates, more possibly coming. Over 9700 poppies have been donated. Next phase is attaching, followed by installation and events.

Collections Management

Collections Database - PastPerfect Update: As of August 31 2024, 992 records have been updated. This includes adding new records, images, and locations as well as new information to existing records. See Collections Report for recent acquisitions.

Volunteer Hours

There are currently 4 volunteers that are working on Collections, Exhibition, and Programming related activities. Projects include database management, rehousing artifacts, exhibit creation, markets, etc. Total hours accumulated up to August 31st is 454.

Research

Research requests come in on a regular basis through email and in person, as of August 31 2024, 100 requests have been completed. Recent research requests include but are not limited to the following: Strathroy's Entomological Field Lab 1920s, longest serving Council member, general information on Kerwood as well as a number of property searches of homes and businesses in town.

Marketing/Public Relations

- *MYFm*: Different pieces on events and programs.
- *Social Media*: Facebook, Instagram and website are regularly updated
- *Keepin' it Local*: Poppy Article
- Flyers and pamphlets

Programming/Events:

- July 6 – Strathroy Market (45 attendees)
- July 6 – Strathroy Walking Tour (2 attendees)
- July 8-12 – Camp: Nature of things Jr. (37 attendees [7 weekly sign-ups, 2 single days])
- July 13 – Strathroy Market (63 attendees)
- July 15-19 – Camp: Nature of things Sr. (90 attendees [18 weekly sign-ups])
- July 18 – Frosting Workshop (10 attendees)
- July 22-26 – Camp: MASH Jr. (40 attendees [8 weekly sign-ups])
- July 27 – Strathroy Market (30 attendees)
- July 28-Aug. 2 – Camp: MASH Sr. (75 attendees [15 weekly sign-ups])
- Aug 10 – Strathroy Market (23 attendees)
- Aug 17 – Heritage Fair at Museum of Archeology in London (136 Attendees)
- Aug 24 – Strathroy Market (47 attendees)
- Aug 24 – Cemetery Walking Tour (6 attendees)
- Aug 29 – Murder Mystery Night (14 attendees)

Upcoming events and activities...

September 2024	
30	Truth and Reconciliation Day – CLOSED

October 2024	
1	Downtown Strathroy Walking Tour
8	Strathroy Cemetery Walking Tour
14	Thanksgiving – CLOSED
17-19	Poppy Project: Attaching Days

November 2024	
1	Day 1 of 11 Days of Remembrance: Documentary Night
2	Day 2 of 11 Days of Remembrance: Unveiling Ceremonies
4	Day 4 of 11 Days of Remembrance: War Artifact Day
6	Day 6 of 11 Days of Remembrance: Book Talk by author C.J. Fredrick

7	Day 7 of 11 Days of Remembrance: Cemetery Walking Tour of War Graves
9	Day 9 of 11 Days of Remembrance: Historian
11	Remembrance Day - CLOSED
21	Library Workshop - CLOSED