

Meeting date: July 23, 2024

Department: Museum Strathroy-Caradoc – Community Services

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SUBJECT: Curator's Report: April - June 2024

Museum Strathroy-Caradoc

Exhibits

- High school Art Show
- Through the Architects Lens opened June 19
- Sydenham Discovery - Volunteers, under curator's guidance, has been working to revamping the display to highlight the connection and the ever-popular aquarium feature.
- History of Strathroy-Caradoc (permanent display)
 - Partnership with the Masters of Museum Studies program at the University of Toronto.

Collections Management

Collections Database - PastPerfect Update: As of June 30 2024, 907 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 3 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 June 30 2024 is 426.

Research

Research requests come in on a regular basis through email and in person, as of June 30 2024, 81 requests have been completed. Recent research requests include but are not limited to the following: Strathroy Fairgrounds history, WWI Soldiers, historic local newspapers, Lions Carnival history, 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*: Camp advertisement
- Flyers and pamphlets

Programming/Events:

- April 2 – Pathfinder Poppy Workshop (6 attendees)
- April 3 – Carving workshop (10 attendees)
- April 4 - Poppy Drop-in (7 attendees)
- April 10 – Carving Workshop (10 attendees)
- April 17 – Carving Workshop (8 attendees)
- April 18 – School Group (30 attendees)
- April 19 – Norm Christie Guest Speaker (41 attendees)
- April 23 – Mount Brydges Poppy Drop-in (2 attendees)
- April 25 – Murder Mystery Night (10 attendees)
- May 2 – Poppy Drop-in (10 attendees)
- May 6 – High School Art Show Opening (140 attendees)

- June 1 – Market (46 attendees)
- June 15 – Market (35 attendees)
- June 19 – Through the Architects Lens Exhibit Opening (15 attendees)

Upcoming events and activities...

July 2024	
1	Canada Day – CLOSED
6	Strathroy Downtown Market
6	Strathroy Architecture Walking Tour
8 - 12	Summer Camp Week 1 – Nature Of Things Jr.
13	Market
15 - 19	Summer Camp Week 2 – Nature of Things Sr.
18	Cupcake Frosting Beginners Workshop
22 - 26	Summer Camp Week 3 – M.A.S.H. Jr.
27	Market
29 – Aug 2	Summer Camp Week 4 – M.A.S.H. Sr.

August 2024	
5	Civic Holiday – CLOSED
10	Market
12 – 16	Theatre Camp
17	Museum of Archeology – Hands on Heritage Day Booth
24	Market