

# PRESERVE

## More Than a Museum

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PORT COLBORNE HISTORICAL AND MARINE MUSEUM

2022 ANNUAL REPORT





The many doors of the Museum and Roselawn

Cover photo: Sloane McDowell, Public Programmer welcoming patrons and volunteers at the Pie Social and History Fair

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WE ENVISION A MUSEUM  
THAT SERVES OUR  
COMMUNITY AND  
PRESERVES THE HISTORY  
AND MARINE HERITAGE  
OF PORT COLBORNE  
AND HUMBERSTONE.

Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum

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Visitors looking at A Village by the Canal exhibit during Canal Days

# LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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Plans for the newly-formed Department of Museum and Culture were ambiguous for 2022 as we embarked on a new strategic plan for the department, and solidified roles and responsibilities, as well as community partnerships. It is my pleasure to report that this season exceeded expectations.

Not only did Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival and the Grand Old Christmas Festival have record attendance in 2022, but there was an overall feeling of excitement as the community was once again able to build new memories with family and friends. Another initiative that had a tremendously positive response was the “Through the Windowpane” exhibit that featured volunteers in the community and artifacts they chose to share. This outdoor exhibit moved from the Museum grounds to the Roselawn Centre lawn to allow for a greater reach to tourists who travelled to see the plays at Lighthouse Theatre.

Arabella’s Tea Room and Roselawn Centre reopened their doors to business this season. Volunteers and summer students worked together to serve Edwardian Tea, and guide guests through the galleries to see *Lens and Palette* and *Stitches in Time* art exhibits. The visitors, who were quick to share their thanks for the welcoming atmosphere, were also generous with their donations.

As my tenure as chair of the Board of Management draws to an end, I would like to extend my appreciation to all involved in making this season possible. Our guests, staff, sponsors, and many volunteers have all played a part in that success. This past 12 months have marked a positive and enthusiastic return to our traditional role in the community. We have all experienced gratitude, positive feedback, and so many positive interactions in many ways. Well done everyone.

Plans and preparations are well underway for another banner year. Our newest initiative that has received outstanding feedback is the Francophone community engagement program. This initiative, funded by the Province of Ontario, will provide the Archives with a lasting record of oral histories of our Francophone citizens and share Port Colborne’s Francophone heritage. 2023 will see new displays, new programs, and deeper connections within the community.



*Brian Heaslip*

Chair of the Board of Management  
Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum

# 2022 BY THE NUMBERS

**9789**

TOTAL VISITORS

**343**

HARD-WORKING  
VOLUNTEERS

**642**

MUSEUM  
MEMBERS

**13**

MUSEUM SERVICES PROVIDED

**943**

COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
SERVED BY EDUCATIONAL  
PROGRAMS

**21506**

ARTIFACTS IN  
PERMANENT  
COLLECTION

**5**

ONLINE  
EXHIBITS

**13**

STRUCTURES

*HERITAGE VILLAGE & MARINE PARK*

**17**

TYPES OF  
RESEARCH  
DOCUMENTS  
*AT THE HERITAGE  
RESEARCH  
ARCHIVES*

**14152**

LIGHTHOUSE THEATRE  
SEATS BOOKED

**5**

EXHIBITS  
PRESENTED

**24**

NEWS MEDIA  
MENTIONS

**21**

MARKETING TOOLS  
PRODUCED

**12**

**DEDICATED STAFF**

*4 FULL TIME*

*4 PART TIME*

*1 CONTRACT FULL TIME*

*3 SUMMER STUDENT STAFF*

**511**

**FRIENDS OF ROSELAWN  
INSTAGRAM  
FOLLOWERS**

**1292**

**MUSEUM  
INSTAGRAM  
FOLLOWERS**

**6128**

**PARTICIPANTS IN SPECIAL EVENTS**

**788**

**TWITTER FOLLOWERS**

**456**

**ARTIFACTS  
DONATED  
BY**

**25**

**GENEROUS  
DONORS**

**1623**

**ARTIFACTS  
ON DISPLAY**

**2**

**EXHIBITS  
IN MAIN MUSEUM GALLERY**

**17**

**MUSEUM  
PUBLICATIONS  
FOR  
RESEARCH  
AND  
SALE**

**6**

**TELEVISION &  
ONLINE VIDEO  
APPEARANCES**

**10**

**PHOTO SHOOTS**

**4779**

**FACEBOOK  
FOLLOWERS**

# 2022 FINANCIALS

## MUSEUM-RAISED REVENUE

### ADMISSIONS

Museum	1250
Roselawn	548

### MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships (Bell Marine)	1000
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### MUSEUM & ARCHIVES TOURS

<b>Tours</b> <i>School (\$155), Bus (\$100), Museum Village (\$25), Cemetery (\$375), Urban History Walking Tour (\$280)</i>	935
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### WORKSHOPS

Hands on Heritage Workshops: Museum & Roselawn	550
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### RENTALS

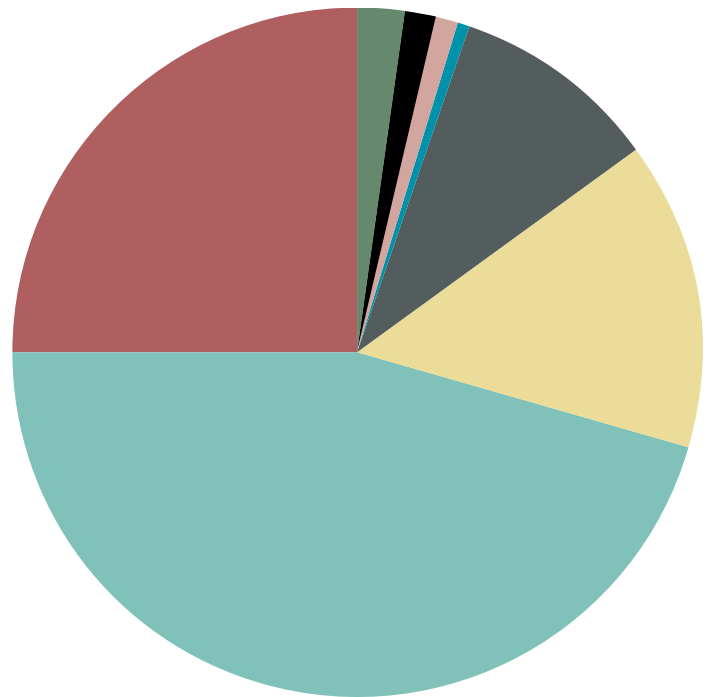
Archives	5120
Roselawn	2375

### SALES

Museum Gift Shop	10177
Archive Sales <i>Publications, research, program</i>	1253

### DONATIONS

Museum	15831
Archives	730
Roselawn	1905
Auxiliary	17000



### FUNDRAISING & SPECIAL EVENTS

Museum <i>Pie Social, Canal Days, Christmas Festival</i>	14216
Roselawn <i>Ghost Tours, Arts in Rural Community, Christmas Dinner</i>	5340

### GRANTS

Community Museum Operating Grant	24093
Young Canada Works	5034
Canadian Heritage Recovery Grant	36525
Senior Community Grant	1440
Museum Assistant Program	28127
Francophone Community Grant	19200
<b>TOTAL Grant Revenue</b>	<b>114419</b>

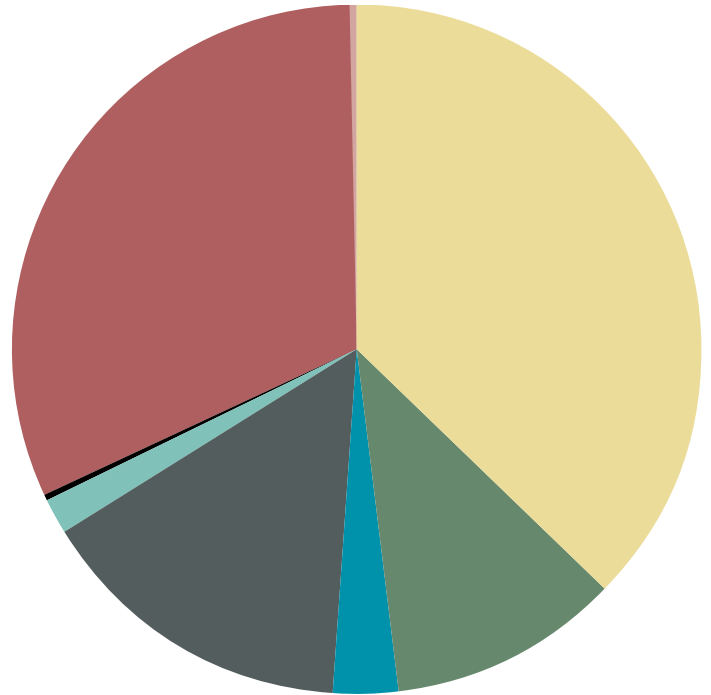


# 2022 FAMILY

## MUSEUM VISITORS

Daily Museum	7270
Tea Room	2095
Heritage Research Archives	594
Daily Roselawn	2930
School Tours *Museum School Tours (102), Roselawn School Tours (215)	317
Bus Groups	60
Education and Outreach*	6128
Weddings/Photography Bookings	60
<b>TOTAL Visitors</b>	<b>21269</b>

\* Pie Social (300), Canal Days (4455),  
Christmas Festival (1373)



## MUSEUM MEMBERS

Year 2022 Members	330
Life Members	312
Corporate Sustaining	19
Archives Advocates	41
<b>TOTAL Members</b>	<b>702</b>

## VOLUNTEERS

Board Member Volunteers	13
Grounds and Gardens Volunteers	7
Research and Collections Volunteers	15
Special Events Volunteers	265
Arabella's Tea Room Volunteers	32
Friends of Roselawn Board	6
Roselawn Conservation Volunteers	14
Roselawn Events Volunteers	23
<b>TOTAL Volunteers</b>	<b>375</b>



Volunteers Manon & Frank Krahn selling teacups,  
fundraising for Arabella's Tea Room.

# STAFF

## FULL TIME:

Director of Museum and Culture: Stephanie Powell Baswick

Curator: Michelle Mason

Assistant Curator: Tami Nail

Archivist: Michelle Vosburgh

## PART TIME:

Archives Assistant/Community Engagement Officer: Meghan Chamberlain

Custodian/Maintenance: Frank Habjan

Public Programmer: Sloane McDowell

Receptionist/Gift Shop Coordinator: Susan Nicholson

Registrar: Katelynn Best



Museum staff showing their carved pumpkins after a team building activity.

## BOARD MEMBERS

### 2022 CITIZEN APPOINTEES:

Bonnie Johnston (1981)

Cheryl McMillan (2001)

Brian Heaslip, Chair (2009)

Terry Huffman, Vice-Chair (2009)

Margaret Tanaszi (2015)

Claudia Brema (2018)

Bert Murphy (2018)

Jeff Piniak (2019)

John Maloney (2020)

Arlene Lessard (2021)

Gary Hoyle (2021)

### ASSOCIATE MEMBER:

Eric Beauregard (2020)

### PROJECT STAFF:

Heritage Outreach Officer: Isabella Favero  
(*Young Canada Works in Heritage Institutions*)

Heritage Interpreter Research Assistant: Darius Maddalena

Arabella's Tea Room Assistant: Malakai Turner

### CO-OP STUDENTS:

Collection Assistant: Rylee Clow  
(*Port Colborne High School*)

Museum Assistant at the Roselawn Centre: Miles Myers  
(*Port Colborne High School*)

Facilities Maintenance Assistant at the Roselawn Centre: Rylee Myers  
(*Lakeshore Catholic High School*)



Summer Students Isabella Favero and Darius Maddalena modeling the Canal Days T-shirts



Frank Habjan, our museum custodian

# 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

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## EXHIBITS

### ON-SITE EXHIBITS:

#### Through the Windowpane:

This installation is a collaboration between volunteers and Outreach Coordinator Susan Nicholson, who together created an exhibit featuring an object of meaning from the home of each participant. In this project the volunteers were able to engage and share the stories of their chosen artifacts.

#### A Village by the Canal:

Take a look back to 150 years ago when Port Colborne was incorporated as a village. This exhibit explores the remarkable history of daily life in the village, and the skills and trades which were characteristic of Port Colborne's inhabitants in the era of 1870-1917.

#### Judging:

Helen Kinnear was called to the bar 100 years ago, beginning a legal career during which she accomplished a number of firsts for women, including becoming the first federally-appointed female judge in Canada. Raised in Port Colborne, it was here she first practised law. This exhibit takes a journey through her remarkable legal career and accomplishments.

#### Keep Me Warm at Night:

Century-old coverlets, quilts, and rugs warm the gallery in this winter display. Come and explore Port Colborne's rich heritage of local weaving and skills and traditions of textile arts.

### ON-SITE EXHIBITS:

#### The Welland Canal:

Using an interactive touchscreen display and dozens of archives and photographs, this permanent exhibit looks at the people who built the canal, the economic impact of the canal, and its role in shaping the community.

#### Nigh Agora Museum:

Originally housed in a barn on Pinecrest Road, the Nigh Agora Museum now has a new home in the museum's Carriage House. Started by the late Mildred Nigh, who discovered a collection of handcrafted tools, utensils, and baskets—some almost 200 years old—when she and her husband bought their farm from Olive Knisley in 1972, the collection was generously donated to the museum in 2020.

#### Graf Family Weavers:

The Graf family produced a wide variety of woven textiles for everyday use, though they are best remembered for their production of jacquard coverlets. The Graf exhibit in the museum's Timber Cabin explores the history of their weaving business, and showcases one of the original Graf looms in a recreated workshop.

## MARINE EXHIBIT LIGHTHOUSE

### Misener Family Shipping:

Over a century ago Captain Scott Misener began investing in ships, the start of decades of involvement in the shipping business. This exhibit sails into Misener Shipping, with items from the museum's collection on display in the Marine Lighthouse.

## TRAVELLING EXHIBITS FROM MUSEUM:

### CITY HALL EXHIBITS

#### 100 Years of Lionism:

The exhibit celebrates and highlights the impact of the Lions Club on the community in Port Colborne over the past 100 years.

**Remembrance exhibit** in Council Chambers to honour Port Colborne's veterans.

### ROSELAWN

#### Through the Windowpane:

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“Having the option to book a private tour for us with the grandchildren was a perfect way to visit the museum and we will definitely be back again. We spent the whole afternoon here...”

TONI HAYES

Visitors looking at **Keep Me Warm at Night** exhibit during the Grand Old Christmas Festival

## **TRAVELLING EXHIBITS TO MUSEUM:**

### **Holomodor:**

Mobile classroom and exhibit which tours the country to raise awareness and educate visitors on the famine-genocide that killed millions of people in Ukraine between 1932-1933.

## **ROSELAWN EXHIBITS:**

### **Lens and Palette:**

This exhibit features the work of local artists Chris de Laat and Josh Vail. The works depicted are from places, ordinary everyday day scenes from across Port Colborne and the Niagara region made extraordinary in Chris' photography, interpreted in oil paint by Josh.

### **Stitches in Time:**

A collection of community quilts from the museum's collection that recognize anniversaries, friendships, and events that celebrate our Port Colborne heritage.

## **ON-LINE EXHIBITS:**

### **Through the Ages: Port Colborne's Lighthouses:**

The Welland Canal has gone through four major construction periods. Each of these construction phases created a new version of the canal, designed to accommodate larger and more technically-advanced ships. Each version of the canal also required new breakwalls, piers, and lighthouses to protect the expanded harbours.

### **Early Images of Port Colborne: Stereoscopic Views from the 1870s:**

There are 11 unusual stereoscopic views mounted on cards in the archival collection of the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum. By virtue of their age, the local scenes they depict, and their uniqueness, these photos represent a significant visual resource for local and marine history.

### **Graf Family Weavers:**

This new online exhibit on Our Ontario website highlights the Graf family's woven textiles from the museum's collection. Included in this collection is the Graf jacquard coverlets, wool blankets, rag carpets, and several photographs of the Graf family. The detailed account of this collection is accessible to researchers and anyone looking to explore the interesting history of settlers' textiles produced locally.

### **Port Colborne and the Welland Canal:**

The city of Port Colborne's website now features an exhibit on the Welland Canal where you can learn about the transformation of the canals through the years, focussing on the Welland Canal in Port Colborne: the construction, the commerce and industry it influenced, the people, and pleasures of living close to the canal.



“Thank you for your hard work and keeping Roselawn Centre the jewel in Port Colborne’s crown.”

JUDITH BORONIEC

Artist Josh Vail and his friend at Lens and Palette exhibit at Roselawn.

# PROGRAMS & EVENTS

## ONTARIO HERITAGE WEEK 2022 | FEBRUARY 21-27, 2022

During the Ontario Heritage Week the Roselawn Centre virtually shared history of Roselawn's architectural features and a project entitled "A Enlightening Experience" displaying lamps in the windows of the historic home. The L.R. Wilson Archives launched the online exhibit *Stereoscopic Series: Early Images of Port Colborne*.

## FAMILY DAY 2022

Humberstone scavenger hunt on Goose Chase where you followed clues to solve the hunt was launched to celebrate Family Day.

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

In honour of International Women's Day the museum virtually showcased the brilliant efforts and impact of women in our local history.

## TOP HAT PRESENTATION | MARCH 24, 2022

The 2022 Top Hat ceremony at Lock 8 Gateway Park celebrated the opening of the Welland Canal welcoming the CSL Tadoussac as the first downbound vessel of the shipping season. Assistant Curator Tami Nail presented the top hat to Cpt. Wilson Walter.

## ARCHIVES AWARENESS WEEK | APRIL 2-8, 2022

In honour of Archives Awareness Week, the L.R. Wilson Archives' Archivist presented a virtual behind the scene and activities from a week in the Archives.

## MAY IS MUSEUM MONTH | MAY 2022

Museum Month is an annual program created by the Ontario Museum Association and celebrated by Ontario's 700+ museums, galleries, and heritage facilities. The Port Colborne Museum celebrated Museum Month by launching the second part of History Chasers, members received a monthly letter from the perspective of Jennie Johnson as she details her life in 1911 Port Colborne.

## INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY | MAY 18, 2022

A tribute to William J. Thomas at the Roselawn Centre. William J. Thomas was honoured for donating his manuscripts to the Port Colborne Museum, his work to save Roselawn, and conducting 180 Canadian Author Series.

## 38<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PIE SOCIAL AND HISTORY FAIR | MAY 29, 2022

Visitors enjoyed delicious pie and beverages at Arabella's Tea Room, and experienced traditional skills, like blacksmithing, spinning, and printing in the heritage village, along with a chance to play heritage games. The plant sale offered perennials for home gardens.

## CANAL DAYS | JULY 30-31, 2022

44<sup>th</sup> Annual Canal Days at the museum, we welcomed all our demonstrators, vendors, volunteers, and visitors back. The museum is where you can discover and celebrate marine heritage through displays, photographs, and fun-for-all-ages activities.



## **SPARC CENTRAL & SOUTH NIAGARA COMMUNITY CONSULTATION** AUGUST 15, 2022

Bringing artists, presenters and community animators together at Roselawn. A day of networking, creative solutions, brainstorming and discussing the arts in rural Niagara.

## **EXPLORE HALLOWEEN AT THE ROSELAWN | OCTOBER 31, 2022**

Roselawn Centre extended their hours on October 31. The grounds were decorated with carved pumpkins and a fall-themed installation was provided for photos.

## **REMEMBRANCE DAY | NOVEMBER 7-12, 2022**

In honour of the remembrance poppy in Canada, 2022 poppies were displayed on the fence around the museum. The museum worked in partnership with the Niagara Falls Museum's Poppy Project to bring the hand knit poppies to Port Colborne.

## **GRAND OLD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL | DECEMBER 4, 2022**

44th Annual Grand Old Christmas Festival offered all the favourites to bring holiday cheer; roasted chestnuts, Christmas pudding, photos with Santa, caroling, horse-drawn carriage rides.



Crowd watching McKay School Choir at the Grand Old Christmas Festival



A Steele St. School tour group learns about the Village of Port Colborne



Hands on Heritage, Dry Felting Workshop

## TOURS

### CEMETERY TOURS

Overholt Cemetery Part 1 *May 7, 14, 28, 2022 morning*  
 Overholt Cemetery part 2 *May 7, 14, 28, 2022 afternoon*  
 Oakwood Cemetery *October 8, 2022*  
 Oakwood Cemetery Tour to Honour Military Service,  
*October 15, 2022*

### URBAN HISTORY WALKING TOURS

Offered Friday mornings on a rotating schedule  
 West Street *June, July, and August 2022*  
 Humberstone Village *June, July, and August, 2022*  
 Humberstone Club & Tennessee Avenue *June, July, and August, 2022*

### SCHOOL TOURS

Oakwood Public School *June 3, 2022*  
 Dewitt Carter School *June 13, 2022*  
 Steele St. School *October 14, 2022*

### MUSEUM & GROUNDS TOURS

*June 10, 2022, June 28, 2022, August 26, 2022*

## HANDS ON HERITAGE WORKSHOPS

Hand Weaving at the Museum *July 16, 2022*

Shadow Boxes at Roselawn *July 23, 2022*

Nature Collection and Textile Dyeing at the Museum  
*August 6, 2022*

Blacksmithing at the Museum *August 20, 2022*

Dry Felting at Roselawn *August 27, 2022*

## OUTREACH

Wainfleet Historical Society *Jan 24, 2022*

**The Graf Family of Humberstone, Professional Handweavers**

Pelham Historical Society *Mar 26, 2022*

**Resilient Community: Disease, Epidemics, Pandemics in Port Colborne's Past**

Port Colborne Historical Society *May 16, 2022*

**Resilient Community: Disease, Epidemics, Pandemics in Port Colborne's Past**

Archives Association of Ontario Annual Conference Facilitator and Moderator *May 26-27, 2022*

Brock Speakers Series *Sept 12, 2022*

**Race and Myth in Local History: Preparing a Walking Tour of the Humberstone Club**

Lundy's Lane Historical Society *Nov 6, 2022*

**Port Colborne and the Welland Canals**

Dundas Valley Historical Society *Nov 10, 2022*

**Port Colborne and the Welland Canals**

Pelham Historical Society *Nov 26, 2022*

**HMCS Port Colborne and HMCS Humberstone: Local Namesakes**

## SPEAKERS' SERIES

The Graf Family of Humberstone, Professional Handweavers *Sept 29, 2022*

Graves in the Dunes: A History of Gravelly Bay Burial Grounds *Oct 13, 2022*

HMCS Port Colborne and HMCS Humberstone: Local Namesakes in the Royal Canadian Navy *Nov 3, 2022*

Editorial Cartooning in Niagara with Guest Speaker Arden Phair *Nov 24, 2022*

“Thank you for the excellent presentation on WWII in Port Colborne. It was very informative and so relative to us being citizens of the Welland Canal areas and Port Colborne (Bethel). You always make our history so interesting and memorable that we can easily share what we have learned.”

Beck Utz

# SERVICES & FACILITIES

## MUSEUM SERVICES PROVIDED:

- Free admission to museum, exhibits, heritage village and marine park
- Guided group tours
- Public programming/speaking engagements
- Research room
- Museum gift shop
- Covered pavilion
- Picnic tables, benches, gardens and pathways
- 7 washrooms (4 accessible)
- Free parking

## RESEARCH ASSISTANCE IS PROVIDED FOR:

- Heritage consultants
- Environmental and industrial researchers
- Genealogical researchers, students and general researchers
- City staff
- Archaeologists
- Journalists and reporters
- Authors



November winter scene.

## RESEARCH FACILITIES PROVIDED:

Fully accessible Heritage Research Archives providing documentary history of Port Colborne, Humberstone and the Welland Canal:

- Historic maps
- Historic photographs
- Indexed deeds and property records
- Directories (business and telephone)
- Microfilm
- Census records
- Cemetery records
- Welland Canal files and marine documents
- Ship files
- Family history files
- Local history books
- Microfilmed historic business ledgers
- Assessment and collector rolls
- Land registry records
- Historic newspapers
- Florence Neff Young collection

## ROSELAWN SERVICES PROVIDED:

- Rentals
- Art and Heritage Workshops
- Volunteer and Staff Training
- Networking
- Live Theatre and Music
- Reference Library
- Kitchen Facilities and Meeting Rooms

# PROJECTS & PUBLICATIONS

## BUILDING & PROPERTY PROJECTS:

### Museum

- Exterior painting of Arabella's Tea Room
- Renovation and conservation of the Hochelaga lifeboat
- Restoration and painting of the picket fence
- Creation of additional office
- Security lights installed on garage and Arabella's Tea Room

### Roselawn:

- Replace lighting in Kitchen
- Paint offices
- Restore wood floors
- Replace ramp with stairs on Southwest Corner

## PUBLICATIONS PRODUCED:

- 3 museum newsletters: *Spring, Summer & Fall*
- Posters: Pie Social and History Fair, Lens & Palette Exhibit, Hands on Heritage Workshops, Cemetery Tours, Walking Tours, Museum & Grounds Tours, Canal Days, Stiches in Time Exhibit, Grand Old Christmas Festival.
- Invitations: Members Preview Reception, Tea Room Volunteer Appreciation Tea, Christmas
- Volunteer Appreciation.
- Museum site maps

## MUSEUM PUBLICATIONS FOR RESEARCH & SALE

- Golden Age of Humberstone Village
- A-Z Documentary History of Humberstone Village
- Port Colborne: Tales from the Age of Sail
- Coming Home—The 1901 Neff Steam Buggy
- Humberstone Township—The First Fifty Years
- Memoirs of Pat MacDonald
- Scruples of Conscience—The War of 1812 in the Sugarloaf Settlement
- David Sherk and Descendants
- Caspar Sherk and Descendants
- Sherk-Troup House
- Kendricks: Port Colborne Lighthouse Keepers
- The Locktender's House
- Port People—Builders and Shapers of our Culture and Community
- Port Colborne and The Fenian Invasion of Canada June 1866
- Along the Lakeshore-Builders and Shapers of our Community in Port Colborne and Wainfleet



Summer Student Darius Maddalena painting picket fence

# JOIN US IN 2023!

## 2023 EVENTS

<b>January 17</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting</b>
<b>February 20-26</b>	<b>Heritage Week</b>
<b>February 22</b>	<b>Heritage Week District School Board of Niagara Indigenous Drum Making (Roselawn)</b>
<b>May 1</b>	<b>Museum open daily for the season 12 pm - 5 pm</b>
<b>May 7</b>	<b>Coronation Tea (Roselawn)</b>
<b>May 28</b>	<b>37<sup>th</sup> Annual Arabella's Pie Social &amp; History Fair 12 pm - 5 pm</b>
<b>June 1</b>	<b>Arabella's Tea Room open daily 2 pm - 4 pm until Sept. 30</b>
<b>August 5-6</b>	<b>44<sup>th</sup> Annual Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival 11 pm - 5 pm</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Archives Speakers' Series</b>
<b>November 18</b>	<b>Christmas Makers' Market (Roselawn)</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Arabella's Tea Room Christmas Pudding &amp; Sauce 2 pm - 4 pm</b>
<b>December 3</b>	<b>Grand Old Christmas Festival</b>

# EXHIBITS 2023: MUSEUM

## MUSEUM EXHIBITS:

### OLD SCHOOL: PORT HIGH'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

The Blue Bears are celebrating 100 Years! Experience high school through the decades and see how the school developed, changed, and expanded with the growth of Port Colborne.

### BRITISH HOME CHILDREN: LOCAL STORIES

The Industrial Revolution saw the migration of over 100,000 children from Britain to rural Canadian communities under contract. Their history, however, is rarely known. This exhibit will shed light on the stories and lives of the local Home Children.

### CHRISTMAS BY MAIL

Reminisce in the excitement of choosing gifts from the much anticipated annual Christmas Wish Books and Catalogues. Also, experience the joys, from years gone past, of receiving Christmas greetings, gifts, and letters in the mail.

## ROSELAWN EXHIBITS:

### A ROYAL AFFAIR

Stroll through the double parlour and explore royal scrapbooks, portraits and china that adorned the homes and offices of Port Colborne. This exhibit will open this spring honour the coronation of King Charles Charles III.

### DISCOVERY OF THE TITANIC

This summer dive to the depths of the sea and rediscover the Titanic in this exhibition. You will see numerous photographs of the Titanic, taken when the wreck was first discovered, on loan from the Royal Ontario Museum.

### COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

Engage in the spirit of the season as the Carter mansion illuminates day by day for the countdown to Christmas.



Visit with Santa, Grand Old Christmas Festival



Stephanie Powell Baswick enjoying tea at Arabella's Tea Room.



## TOURS

The museum and archives offer a number of different tours, including various Urban History Walking Tours in the city of Port Colborne, Cemetery Tours, a step-on bus tour, and tours of the museum's own heritage village. These tours offer residents and visitors an entertaining and informative glimpse into our community's past, sharing the stories of the people and places which give Port Colborne such a rich cultural heritage.

Please call for rates and schedules, or follow us on Facebook.

## L.R. WILSON HERITAGE RESEARCH ARCHIVES

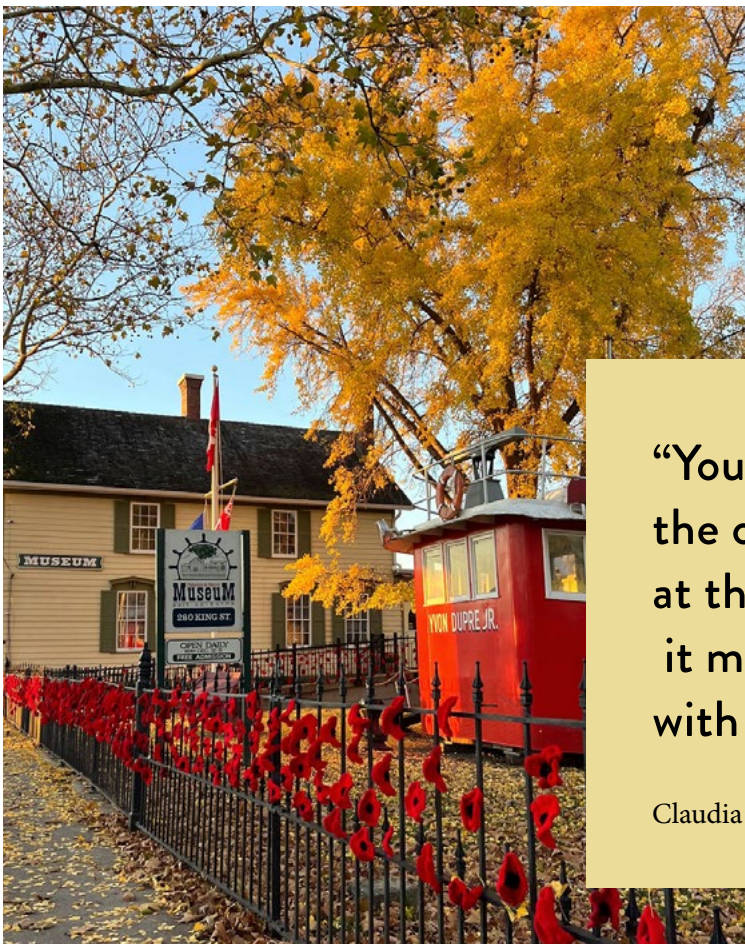
The archives is open by appointment from January to April, and from May to December, open daily Monday to Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. for heritage research specializing in genealogy, heritage home research, local history and marine heritage.

The McDonald Conference Hall at the L.R. Wilson Heritage Research Archives is available for rent, and large enough to accommodate groups with diverse purposes. Hall rental includes 8 tables, 52 stacking chairs and access to a kitchenette which includes a small fridge, microwave, coffee maker and kettle.

### Rental Fees:

8 Hour rental: \$120.00 plus HST

*Note: Payment of rental fee required when booking the Conference Hall.*



“You all are to be commended on the outstanding display of poppies at the museum... it was stunning! it made me proud to be associated with the museum.”

Claudia

Poppies Remembrance Display



Port Colborne Historical & Marine  
**MUSEUM**  
*...more than a museum!*

**PORT COLBORNE HISTORICAL & MARINE MUSEUM**

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A couple having fun trying on heritage costumes during Canal Days