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April , 2020 MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING A MUSEUM IN THE COMMUNITY

Submitted by Mary Ann Playford, Curator:

Home Routes presented Cape Breton's multi-award nominees, Bill Miller, Anita MacDonald and Zakk Cormier on March 3, 2020. The next day they toured the Museum on their way out of town and very much enjoyed it. Very positive comments. "For a small town you can be very proud of what you have done." A question? "How did we ever get all the work done so it looks new? How long did it take? Who did it? " Where necessary such as new shingles, hired someone. 4 month summer workers hired young unemployed men from the community supervised by a volunteer. And the rest ... volunteers. They were most impressed.



Hopefully they will talk about our little museum in their travels and at home.

And then we got news of Covid 19 and as the Museum is considered a non-essential public building it is now shut down to all visitors. We are hoping, as all of you are, that this will soon be over, lives can return to normal, and we will be able to open the museum for the upcoming summer months.

WISH SOMETHING MEANINGFUL TO FILL THE HOURS OF BEING HOUSE BOUND

The museum has a wall of Family History booklets completed by many of the Cranberry Portage families and these are very popular to visitors. If you have not submitted yours, Family History Questionnaires are available from the Museum.

Email cphmuseum@gmail.com. to request a copy to fill out. The information will then be typed into booklet form. Pictures can also be added. If assistance is needed we will

assist you. These histories apply to all residents, new, old, even temporary, living or having lived in Cranberry Portage at any time.

APRIL IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH

Please support your museum by becoming a member or renewing your membership now. This may be the only income the Museum will have this summer and our bills (heating, insurance, etc.) still have to be paid. For your information we fundraise by selling raffle tickets each year, 50/50 draws, sale of t-shirts, hoodies, hats, postcards, etc. and have a sale table at the Artisan Markets. Admission to the museum is by donations. These funds are our only sources of income. When the museum is open we also have payroll to meet for our one employee. Everyone else helping out at the museum is a volunteer and we are very thankful for all of you.

Regular Memberships residents

Individuals/Family \$15.00/year
\$20.00

Student \$10.00 per year

Institution \$20.00 per year

Associate Membership

(those who live outside of community)

Contact Mabel Brewer 204 472 3031 for information regarding your membership. Make cheque payable to CPHMuseum and mail to the above address.

By renewing your membership or purchasing a new membership you have pledged your support to this most worthwhile community project. Thank You.

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