

# SUNDRE & DISTRICT MUSEUM

## The Way We Were

Honesty | Teamwork | Commitment | Respect

### Welcome Summer Staff: Donovan & Nicole



We again were lucky to obtain grant funding for two summer staff. Donovan and Nicole were with us for just over eight weeks. Donovan helped organize the Halloween event, while Nicole spent all of her time in our archives. She organized and labeled artifacts, and input information into our virtual collections database. Both played a large role in our success and we want to thank them for their time with us.



### NEW Safety Training and Orientation for New Board Members and Volunteers

COVID-19, along with the recommendations set out by AHS, has our museum ready to clean and disinfect. If you are interested in volunteering or it's been a while and you are anxious to get back please contact the ED so she can make special arrangements to show you the new ropes.

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## Haunted Village a Success!



With over 200 people in attendance and over \$1000 in donations, we spent a spooky evening decked out in spooky gear. From 6 - 9PM you could enter our village buildings and get a fright. We were so honoured to have Donovan, the son of high school science teacher, Mr Beck, on hand to help with all the details. As a seasoned veteran of the event, the high school graciously donated all their Halloween items to the museum so we can run the haunted village for years to come. We honour you Mr. Beck as you fight the cancer that has invaded your body but not your spirit.

## Village Trees Fall Down

We were able to remove the remaining dying popular trees in the village. All wood has been donated to the local non-profit and we anticipate they will be here in the spring to remove the timber. Thank you Ken, Len, Annette and Tim for your volunteer time. And thanks also to James and Gerta Edwards for your expertise and professionalism. In addition to felling the dangerous trees, we were able to utilize Mr. Brander's tree mulching machine - thank you so much! This newly cleared area is going to be a wonderful place where our board has decided to honour all of its volunteers. Coming soon...a volunteer memory garden. Bearberry Greenhouse has a wonderful tree headed our way in the spring. We look forward to showing more to you at that time.

## Village Vandals Escape with Baby

We are sad to report we lost a baby prop from a village break-in two days before Halloween this year. It took the man 7 minutes to jump the iron fence, smash the kitchen window of the ranger station and steal baby Annabelle from her crib. (sob) We were all so sad, but no one more than the ED who had just had a featured Halloween article in the Vigour Magazine

## Santa and Mrs. Claus Came to Town

We had to get creative with our events and were happy to have been able to host Photos with Santa and Mrs. Clause this year. Thank you Heather and Robert Dales for your time and your holly, jolly characters.

## Museum Closes to Public - gallery renovation project starts

So many signs to post and then repost. As the pandemic swept the nation, our museum had to tune in and follow the new recommendations. Sadly, just before Christmas all museums in Canada were closed according to the government health restrictions. It has been hard not having our friends and community visit, but we have taken the time to apply for grants and to ensure that our facilities are clean and that all those small back-burner projects get done.

## New Training Certificates Available for Volunteers: object handling, quilt restoration, virtual collections

In the meantime, we have created even more training opportunities for our volunteers. An online "object handling", "quilt restoration" and "data entry" course will be offered and available soon. We are just finishing up a large storage build inside the gallery and we cannot wait to reveal its charm. The safety of our visitors, staff and objects are always our prime concern. This project will definitely create some talk and we invite you all back again soon to see what we have been up to.



### Timeless Antique Photos - Welcome

Until that day, we leave you with a photo of happier times. Timeless Antique Photos is a new addition to the museum. Veronica is happy to take bookings and turn you into a western, pioneer character. The north part of the barn has been transformed into a studio and we cannot wait for the restrictions to lift, the museum to open, and the sounds of laughter are ringing out once again.

**RENOVATION TIME!**

COVID will not keep us down. While we have not seen the normal visitor numbers we are not going to be discouraged. Instead, we have focused time and energy on obtaining grants that will enhance our museum space, archives, storage, and collections. With the slower months ahead the Historical Society have decided to close the museum and focus on these repairs.

BE safe everyone.  
You were missed  
and we hope to  
see you soon.

