

Donalda Freelance

Donalda & District Museum Society

June 2018 edition

Welcome!

Welcome to another edition of the Donalda Freelance, a newsletter that was published in Donalda around the time of World War I. Now it is used as a means for the Museum to communicate its activities and plans to the Museum members and to the community



*“Look Backward with gratitude,
Look upward with confidence,
Look forward with hope.”*



World's Largest Lamp at Night

Grants, Grants, Grants!

This past year we have been very active in applying for and acquiring grants.

With the Community Initiatives Program grant, we have finished constructing a wheelchair ramp at the Art Gallery, this way persons with reduced mobility will have access to any exhibits that are displayed.

We applied for the Operational Staffing grant through AMA, which we were successful at receiving

in January. This is a grant that we apply for every year which covers the wage for a full time staff member. This enables us to be open more days of the week, as well as complete more projects.

The Donalda Museum would like to thank the Alberta Museum Association for their continual support, without their vital grant programs, we would not be able to accomplish what we have.

We have also applied for the

Community Agricultural Grant from Peavey Mart. We are hoping to receive this grant, and put this funding towards restoring the Co-operative Creamery Restoration Plan.

We have again received the Canada Summer Jobs Grant, which allows us to have two students over the summer to help manage and maintain the museum during our tourist season.

The Donalda Co-operative Creamery: Looking Forward



The Donalda Co-Operative Creamery

The Donalda Creamery Restoration Plan is marching forward in progress, as we now have an official plan with each phase of restoration budgeted and described in detail. This is thanks to receiving a grant from Historical Resources that covered 100% of the cost of the Architect Report.

The first phase will be removing all of the hazardous

materials within the creamery. This is the most costly step as it requires professionals to do the abatement

To be able to complete this stage, we have applied for a grant from Peavey Mart and are looking into other funding. We have also been hosting Fundraiser Dinners to support our goal, as well as sending out requests of support from local businesses, families and corporations that would have an interest in the creamery restoration.

Once we get past the Hazardous Material Abatement, we can start to contact specialized local businesses to tackle each

phase.

Please keep a look out in the Donalda Lite when the call for volunteers is made, or if you want to contact us to volunteer phone 403-883-2100.



The Donalda Creamery Restoration Thermometer. Donations are now just over \$20,000

Battle River Endowment Fund: Sustainability for the Future

The Donalda Community Endowment Fund is a way for the community to maintain and grow its historical resources, by providing ongoing funding for operations and administration of the local assets. This alleviates the need for constant fundraising just to

pay the day-to-day bills. Simply put, these are funds that are invested in such a way as to give a return on the investments that allows the interest to be used, yet leaves the principal intact to generate more revenue. This allows people to make one donation that will have a

continual impact.

To contribute to the endowment Fund, simply make your cheque payable to The Battle River Community Foundation and mail it to the Museum, or drop it off at the Museum office. If you have any questions please feel free to give us a call.



New to the Museum

This year the museum has received quite a few artifact and archive donations! We received two scrapbooks from Lee Erickson that hold newspaper articles & clippings from 1962 to 1978 that were made by his grandmother.

We also received an auction poster from 1926 that had two local area men as the auctioneers, as well as an engraved spatula from a business that was in Donalda. These donations were made by Leona Konschuh.

There was also a collection donated which will be

displayed in the Bank Building. This collection consists of a bank teller's stool, a working postage scale, a wooden coin sorter, a bronze ashtray stand & glass ashtray, and a bank teller's ledger shelf. We also received a Pictorial Medical guide from 1951, all from the Ina Damberger family.

Another donation was from the Deanne & Louie Bell Family. We received a donation of a large wooden trunk with all of its contents. The Trunk was a family heirloom that was lost in transit for an entire year

until it was located in New York City. The trunk contained a wooden spinning wheel built in Norway the year 1871, two convex photographs of Knut & Anne Haugejorden, a sweetie pie doll of Shirley Temple, and one Aladdin lamp with its glass chimney.

We would like to thank everyone who have donated to our collections this year for their help in preserving local history. We look forward to displaying and caring for these historical pieces in our museum

Upcoming this Year at the Museum

This year there are a lot of larger projects happening with the historical buildings, but there are also plenty of projects here at the museum as well!

We are currently going through our lamps and artifacts and correcting data on each item that is in our system.

This involves taking out the pieces, cleaning, photographing, and measuring them and putting in a detailed

description of the object as well as the state it is in. It will be a long term project as it is time consuming to say the least.

Another task will be digitizing our photographs and archived paper materials, that way we will have an easy way to share this history with visitors and guests whom have an interest.

One of our goals this year is repairing & re-framing two

large maps that were exposed to water damage. This will be an arduous task as the maps are stained, wrinkled and possibly adhered to the glass.



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“The Donalda & District Museum is Dedicated to the purpose of preservation, conservation, interpretation, and exhibition of objects of educational and cultural value.”



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The Donalda Museum Annual General Meeting will be held on **February 26th, 2019.**

The Museum Board meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month. New members are always welcome!



Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Annual individual membership dues:\$5.00

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\$5.00

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Membership to the Donalda & District Museum Society is open to any Individual who has an interest in the history of Donalda and area.

