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Museum Musings

BM & District Historical Society Highlights:

- We were open 7 days a week for the past summer!
- The "Call of Copper" is still available for sale this coming season.
- Copper Country Cookbooks are also available.
- Embossed copper postcards are now available.
- Opening in June or Call to arrange a tour!
705-785-2429 or
705-785-3508

*"Not to know
what happened
before one was
born is always
to remain a
child."*

Cicero

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Sanctuary Painted ... Trillium Foundation

This past summer Bill Fraser from Willguard Co painted the ceiling and inside walls of the Museum Sanctuary. Grant money we received from the Trillium Foundation funded the project.

Our summer students were kept busy packing up the artifacts and helping to move the display cases from place to place. Despite the fact that the Sanctuary was closed to visitors for a

couple weeks, attendance remained steady. The facelift to the Sanctuary brightens the room and highlights the displays.

Children from the Kool Kids Kamp, a summer program operated by the local Library, were among the first visitors to the newly painted room. The children showed great interest in our collection and asked many questions.

The future of the Museum lies in the hands of these young people so it was encouraging to see their interest.



Archival Room – Keep your family history alive!

Our next project is to install new shelving in the Archival room; to organize and store all the paper material.

We hope to add to the collection of family histories and local and district information.

Our goal is that people interested in the towns' history and those seeking information on their families will be able to conduct research here.

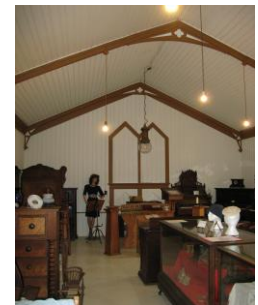
If you would like to share your Family Tree and/or pictures from the past

please contact jstrumsmith@gmail.com.

Jane Smith has been working diligently this winter to sort and scan archival material.

Jake Mulder loaned us Census records of the Bruce Mines and District of Algoma from 1871, land records and cemetery records. Jane has copied these and they will soon be available to the public in the Archival room.

Volunteers are essential to the operation of the Museum. We have them to thank for keeping the Museum open from June through September.



If you are interested in volunteering please contact Connie at 705 -785-3508. or by email at conniebennett44@hotmail.com.

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Call of Copper

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purchasing your copy at:

The Public Library

Or

M&J Hair Boutique

Contact any Historical Society
Board Member

Presentations and Fundraising...

Jane Smith gave a power point presentation on the history of Bruce Mines & District to the Sault Ste Marie branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society on November 20, 2012.

Jean Kettles spoke to students at Arthur Henderson Public School about the history of Bruce Mines and answered questions about the Museum and the Simpson Mine Shaft.

Ms. Petrocco's class visited the museum in September. Students were interested to learn the co-founder of the museum was Arthur Henderson, whom their school was named after. They also enjoyed guessing the purpose for many of the artifacts.

Connie Bennett set up a Remembrance Day display of uniforms and military memorabilia at the Arthur Henderson School.

Fundraising activities and applying for grants are ongoing activities. During the Car Show in June, Art and Reg Bennett sold pulled pork on a bun and donated the proceeds to the Historical Society. In September during the Sylvan Circle Tour, The Call Of Copper, Copper Country Heritage Cookbook, Arts' Articles and our new copper embossed postcards were sold.

In November volunteers contributed food and helped serve at a luncheon held at the Arthur Henderson Public School. Poinsettias were also available to purchase. A successful bake sale was held a week later at Fosters' Freshmart. Our Thanks to Darren Foster for allowing us to set up a table for this event and to all the people who supported us by either baking or purchasing the goods.



Exchange Hotel...Bruce Mines, On..



Bayview Hotel, Bruce Mines, On

Looking for a place to stay in Bruce Mines...in the early 1900's ??

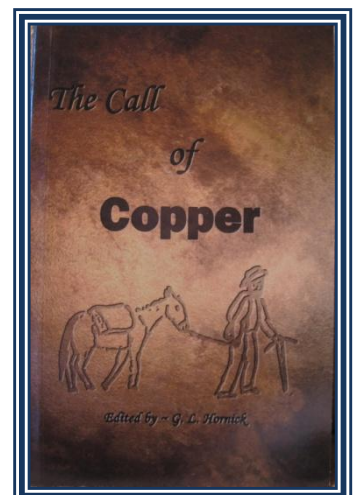
Did you know.... that the register for the Exchange Hotel can be seen at the Bruce Mines & District Museum.

Come and visit us this season, refresh the memories or learn something new from our past.

Look for the "OPEN" sign in June and enjoy a visit looking at the past.

About Our Organization...

We are funded through your donations and our efforts will only continue with your assistance. If you would like to volunteer please call any Board member. We help with grant proposal writing, archival organization as well as conducting tours, baking etc.



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is a non-profit corporation with charitable status.

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