



# Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum

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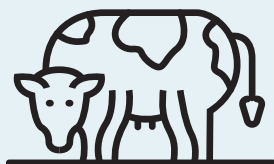
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# Claybelt Spreader

Spreading the news..

**Preserving the history of the southern Little Claybelt Region 1880s to 1950s.**



The Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum is dedicated to preserving the cultural heritage of South Temiskaming through the collection of artifacts and documentation that focuses on the settlement history of the Little Claybelt.

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## A Message of Thanks

Thank you to everyone who supported the **Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum** this summer. Your visits, enthusiasm, and encouragement helped make this one of our most successful seasons yet.

We launched the summer with a bustling yard sale and welcomed our wonderful student employees at the end of June. Their energy and warm presence helped create the friendly atmosphere our visitors enjoyed all season long.

Behind the scenes, our Board of Directors and dedicated volunteers worked tirelessly to prepare our new storage and display building—now home to many beloved farming artifacts that help tell our region's rich agricultural story. Our outdoor farm-scene photo station quickly became a crowd favourite, and Ms. Claybelt charmed guests young and old. She's now wrapped in her winter scarf and stands ready for the colder months ahead.

As we look toward next summer, we hope you'll consider purchasing a museum membership. Your support helps us preserve and celebrate the history of our area for future generations. Thank you once again for a wonderful season! We look forward to welcoming you back soon.

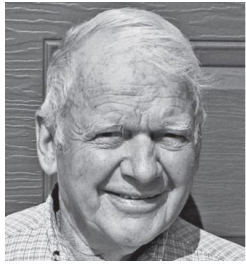
### Notice of Annual General Meeting

Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum will hold the **Annual General Meeting and Election of Board of Directors:**  
Monday, February 9, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at the museum  
883356 Hwy. 65, New Liskeard, Ontario

# Honouring a Vision

## *A Legacy Remembered*

In 2021, our late Director, Jim Runnalls, brought forth the idea of building a new storage and display area. Jim was a successful farmer and collector of antiques. You may remember him by the extensive flower garden display he had every year on his property, and how he invited local school children, as well as the public to tour his gardens. Jim was a beloved school bus driver for forty-eight years, delivering all local school children to Kerns Public School.



Jim's dream was to create an exhibit area that would feature farming equipment and tools from pioneer days in our area. This vision sparked a collaborative effort that brought new life to our museum grounds. As you tour our new outdoor building, you will discover a rich display of antique farm equipment that once shaped daily life on the land. You will see well-preserved plows, a wooden seed drill, two antique sleighs, tools, and other implements used by early farmers to work the soil and sustain their families. Each piece tells a story of ingenuity, labour, and the evolution of rural life.

Whether you're a history buff or just curious, this hands-on look at the past offers something for everyone. We are very proud of our accomplishment creating this display in Jim's memory.



# *Thank you!*

The Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum extends our gratitude to these generous individuals and businesses whose support made our new storage and display building possible.

- Friends of the Museum
- Agnico Eagle Mines Limited
- City of Temiskaming Shores
- Desjardins
- Earlton Timber Mart
- Ebert Welding Ltd.
- Enbridge
- Farm Credit Corporation
- Fifth Wheel Training Institute
- Ken and Bev Byberg & Family Foundation
- Nor Arc
- Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation
- Ontario Power Generation
- Ramsay Law Office
- Rod Inglis Memorial Steam and Antique Society
- Story Environmental
- Township of Armstrong
- Township of Casey
- Township of Harley
- Township of Hilliard
- Township of Hudson
- Township of Kerns



### Ms. Claybelt

Like many heritage sites across Northern Ontario, the Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum joined in the fun by using AI to outfit our beloved Ms. Claybelt in a Blue Jays jersey. It was a light-hearted way to celebrate the Blue Jays in the World Series while showcasing Ms. Claybelt! 

# New Liskeard Fall Fair Harvest Queen Pageant



The New Liskeard Fall Fair partners with the New Liskeard Friends of Festivals to sponsor the Harvest Queen Pageant at the fall fair. The pageant is an opportunity for young women of our area to compete for the title of Harvest Queen and represent the Temiskaming region at various events throughout the area, as well as representing our area at the Canadian National Exhibition and the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies which are both held in Toronto over the next year. The pageant is an opportunity for young women to gain self-esteem, confidence, meet and have fun with new friends.

This past September, the Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum sponsored our summer employee, MeLynda, in the New Liskeard Fall Fair Harvest Queen contest. She represented our museum with pride and professionalism, and we are delighted to share that she was crowned Harvest Queen.

## Catch the Ace 4 History

**Catch the Ace  
4 History**  
Progressive Lottery



Catch the Ace 4 History is a progressive jackpot game organized by the Bunker Military

Museum of Cobalt. The five local museums that profit from this lottery are the Bunker Military Museum, Cobalt Mining Museum, Latchford House of Memories, Haileybury Heritage Museum, and Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum.

Draws are held every Thursday at 4 p.m. at the Bunker Military Museum. Tickets are \$5 each and are available from various local businesses. Please check the Catch the Ace 4 History facebook page for information on e-transfers for ticket purchases.

## Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale

On November 8, 2025, we held our annual bazaar and bake sale. Shelves of baking, crafts and a raffle were all part of the bazaar. Our friend, Crafts by Diane, was also on hand selling her hand knitted mitts and slippers. **Thank you** to all of our bazaar supporters, and a big thank you to the generous friends of the museum who donated baked goods. Without your support, we could not keep our museum operating.

## Christmas Parade

The museum had a float in the Christmas parade on November 22, 2025. Thank you to our special friends for their support at the New Liskeard Lions Club Santa Claus parade.



# Membership

The Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum is a small, volunteer-driven heritage museum in New Liskeard, Ontario. As a not-for-profit with very limited municipal funding, we rely deeply on the generosity of our community.

Your donations, memberships, and participation in fundraisers truly keep us going. Every book

purchased, every gift-shop item, and every event attended helps preserve and share our region's history.

We are sincerely grateful for your ongoing support and encourage you to continue standing with us. Together, we can ensure the stories of the Little Claybelt live on for generations.

## 2026 Membership Form

Below is the 2026 Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum membership form. Please complete the form and mail it to us at **Box 1718, New Liskeard, Ontario, P0J 1P0**.

Donations are appreciated and charitable receipts will be issued for all donations. It is your museum and we cannot do it without your help. Thank you for your continued support.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cheque # \_\_\_\_\_ *(Keep this top portion for your records and mail the completed form below with your cheque or money order.)*

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## Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum 2026 Membership Form

Individual Membership (\$15.00)

Family Membership (\$25.00)

Also, please consider donations to the Museum:

\$20

\$50

\$100

Other

Please tell me how I can volunteer.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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