



Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum

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Dear Friends

2019 was another busy year at the museum. Our display about the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway and the Ontario Northland Railway was completed with much help from artifacts on loan to the museum from Dan Spiegelman.

We participated in the Earleton Steam Show, New Liskeard Fall Fair and Culture Days. We made a donation to the Temiskaming Shores and Area Chamber of Commerce Bursary Fund and we hosted a school visit for Grade 3 from École publique des Navigateurs. Throughout the year we held two successful yard sales and our annual Christmas Bazaar.

The Board of Directors held the Annual General Meeting on February 20, 2019 and welcomed John Peters to the Board. In addition, we held nine regular meetings. As usual, we are always looking for volunteers to assist in the important work of preserving all aspects of our local heritage.

Our biggest project in 2019 was the removal of most of our larger artifacts from the barn at the Agricultural Research Station. This made it necessary to re-organize the storage of artifacts at the museum. Our fire alarm system was inspected and upgrades have been done to our security system.

Two students were employed again during the summer of 2019 to operate the museum under the direction of various members of the Board of Directors. Work has continued on our publishing projects with Claybelt Chronicles Volume 9 nearing readiness for publication. Work also is continuing on Claybelt Memories Volume 4, and Claybelt Tapestry Volume 4.

Once again, we are involved in the Catch the Ace 4 History Lottery with the Haileybury Heritage Museum, the Bunker Military Museum, the Cobalt Mining Museum and the Latchford House of Memories. Draws are held weekly at the Bunker in Cobalt.

Looking forward to 2020, we have removed the lumbering exhibit from our main display area. A new display about hockey in New Liskeard, and in particular the New Liskeard Cubs, is being prepared by Rolly Forget, Lois Forget and Ruth Shepherdson. This display will be open to the public sometime in June 2020.

We appreciate your interest in our museum and hope you will continue to support us.

Margaret Villneff
President