

# FREDERICTON REGION MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

October 2017

It all starts here!!

## Summer Wrap Up

The museum was busy this summer with artists, summer camps, and new exhibitions!

With help from the City of Fredericton Arts, Culture & Heritage Funding Program, the FRM was pleased to host two artists-in-residence. Melissa Kennedy, worked on a small scale clay sculpture based on the New Brunswick poet Charles Roberts' *Philander's Song* while rug hooker Mary Grant worked on a rug displaying the story of the well-known Loyalist family, the Ingrahams.

Alongside our artists-in-residence, we hosted *FAB: Fredericton Artists' Boutique* in our summer retail space. The pop-up boutique featured pewter, purses, buttons, and more. A big thank you to all of our artists, who were incredible to work with!

Our summer camp program expanded once again to five weeks. The campers visited museums, historic sites and local attractions across Fredericton and had a great time discovering the city's history.



Our annual open house was a huge success. The event was made possible with a grant from Downtown Fredericton Inc. and continues to be the busiest day at the museum each summer. This year the Open House coincided with the opening of our new exhibit on Immigration and Multiculturalism in New Brunswick. Over 450 people attended the Open House, enjoying musical performances, crafts, and food.

The Multiculturalism exhibit features an overview of the history of immigration in New Brunswick, interviews with members of different cultural communities (everything from the descendents of Celtic immigrants in the 19<sup>th</sup> to those who arrived in the last few years), and a participatory element where visitors can submit their own thoughts and stories.

The Multiculturalism exhibit was one of several new exhibitions that opened this summer. The Museum also opened exhibits honouring the Fredericton Fire Department's Bicentennial and the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fredericton Society of Saint Andrew Pipe Band and an exhibition on timepieces curated by Alex Cummings. We also collaborated with the Asian History Society of New Brunswick on a temporary exhibition of Asian-Canadian history.

The highlight of the summer however was the opening of our new First Nations gallery curated by Ramona Nicholas. Titled the "Wabanaki Way", the gallery displays artefacts from the earliest stone tools to modern crafts. The exhibit opened in June with a traditional feast and full moon ceremony. A great event!



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## October Program, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October New Brunswick Loyalist Journeys

Please join us on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in Government House for our October Program. Leah Grandy will be presenting a talk entitled *New Brunswick Loyalist Journeys: An Interactive Historical Map*.

“New Brunswick Loyalist Journeys” recreates the stories of loyalists of the American Revolution utilizing Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology and historical research. The initial phase of this project features the lives and Atlantic migrations of ten loyalists settling in York County, New Brunswick, illustrated through maps, images, documents, and biography. The stories of these fascinating individuals will be introduced, along with the new resource, during this lecture.

Leah Grandy holds PhD in History and is employed in the Microforms Unit of UNB Libraries where she works with The Loyalist Collection.



### Thank You!

This past summer, the museum was fortunate to have another excellent team of summer students and volunteers. They did an incredible job taking care of the day-to-day business, improving collections, running our summer camp programs, and promoting our organization. Without them, our success would not be possible. We extend our thanks for their dedication and hard work. We wish them the best and hope to see them again!



### 2018 Membership

Don't forget to renew your York-Sunbury Historical Society memberships for 2018! To enjoy another year of history and fun, simply fill out the included renewal form.

### Martha J. Harvey Award of Distinction 2017 Candidate Nomination

*The York-Sunbury Historical Society is announcing a call for nominations for the annual Award of Distinction for outstanding individual contribution to the field of history of Central New Brunswick.*

Any member(s) in good standing may nominate a candidate for the award.

The committee believes the award should be considered in two select categories:

For outstanding contribution in the field of New Brunswick history, with particular interest and applicability to central New Brunswick.

– OR –

For long and meritorious service or contribution to the Society.

Nomination Deadline: **November 1**  
Please forward nomination documentation to the museum office.