

Date of Meeting: March 27, 2025

Report Number: A18-25

Report Subject: March 2025 Curator & Heritage Services Manager Report

Recommendation:

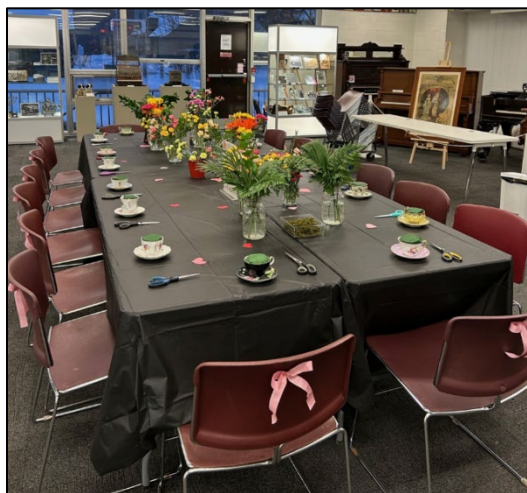
1. THAT the Clarington Public Library Board receive Administrative Report No. A18-25: March 2025 Curator & Heritage Services Manager Report; and
2. THAT the Clarington Public Library Board approve the items listed in the Deaccession List 2025-03 (Appendix A) for removal from the Museums & Archives collections.

Report Overview:

To provide the Board with information about operational highlights from the museums and archives and key activities in March 2025.

Programs

Galentine's Evening



On February 13th, the popular “Galentine’s Evening” event returned to the delight of a sold out crowd. Participants created their own teacup floral arrangements and enjoyed charcuterie refreshments catered by the Pound and Pestle a local culinary business located in Orono.



Attendees finished their evening with a guided tour of Waverley Place.

Images: Galentine's Evening event recently held at the Sarah Jane Williams Heritage Centre

Golden Tales: Chronicles of our Community



The final culminating event of Golden Tales will be held on March 22nd from 1:30-3:30pm at the Sarah Jane Williams Heritage Centre. Attendees are invited to hear the stories that have been shared and to enjoy socializing with other local seniors.

The project, funded by the Seniors Community Grant, was featured in *Durham Region News*.

On March 4th, CLMA hosted a drop-in event in partnership with the Newcastle Village and



District Historical Society. Twelve (12) seniors attended to socialize with other older adults and reminisce about their



memories of Newcastle. On February 22nd, a pop-up event was held at the Orono Library to gather stories from

the community of Orono. Participants were encouraged to bring photos or share memories with our staff. Six (6) people attended, and one person brought her personal family photo albums to share with staff.

Above left: Golden Tales participant B. Lake shares his family's historical collection with the Project Lead at a recent social event for the oral history project.

Above right: Attendees at the Newcastle Village and District Historical Society

Programs

Group Visits and Tours

On February 18th, staff presented an outreach program to a group of 15 people at the Bowmanville Older Adult Association (BOAA), called "A Seated Walking Tour of Historic Bowmanville." This unique presentation guided participants on a virtual walking tour of Historic Bowmanville. With stops along the way at Waverley Place, local churches, the Town Hall, and more, participants learned about the people and architecture of this vibrant community. Participants were encouraged to play along with the "Adult Bingo" card that compliments the presentation.

Tours of Waverley Place have continued to be offered to the public on Thursdays this month with tours leaving the Sarah Jane at 2pm and 6pm. This provides an extra opportunity for visitors to have a guided tour of the historic home.

Exhibits

Community Call-out for Enniskillen material



For the winter months, the pop-up exhibit in the Sarah Jane Williams Heritage Centre will be focused on the community of Enniskillen.

This is part of an initiative aimed at locating artifacts and archival materials relating to the history of the community of Enniskillen. We are looking for any photographs, objects or archival materials related to an individual, business or place in Enniskillen for an upcoming community history celebration project.

Deaccessioning

Deaccessioning refers to the removal of an artifact or artifacts from the permanent collection. To maintain a growing and relevant collection that is aligned with community needs and current professional standards, it is necessary to deaccession artifacts. Deaccessioning must be undertaken in accordance with the Collections Management Policy. Appendix A outlines the items that are recommended for deaccessioning. Staff have conducted an evaluation and based on these factors; the artifacts are considered to no longer be relevant to the Museum's collection.

Approval to deaccession is required by the governing body of the museum, the Clarington Public Library Board. With this approval, the items will be formally deaccessioned from the collection and disposed following The Methods of Disposition, outlined in sections 19, 20 and 20 of the Collections Management Policy.

Staff have submitted the Deaccession List 2025-03 (Appendix A) to the Board seeking approval for the artifacts listed to be removed from the Museums & Archives collections.

Research

Requests for family history information, property research and special research topics continue to be received on a regular basis. There were 11 research requests in

February. The physical archival collections are currently unavailable to researchers; however, research requests are being answered by Museum staff with information and resources that are available in a digital format.

The most interesting request received recently was in relation to a bank robbery in Orono!

Facilities

Waverley Place Renovations and Restoration

Construction work on the porch columns, interior plaster work, and removal of the old eavestroughs began the week of February 24th. The magnolia tree and a few other select trees were also trimmed around the property in advance of the eavestrough replacement. Plaster work inside the building is on-going during March, as well as the porch column and railing replacement. New eavestroughs and downspouts are being installed.

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