

Museum looking for you to volunteer

Over the past two years, The St. Vital Museum has undergone a dramatic increase in visitors and artifacts which has placed an ever-increasing workload on a small core of volunteers

New acquisitions are catalogued by volunteers while tackling the daunting task of giving past donations a number before entering the information into the system.

The museum officially opened in May 2008 in the area of the St. Vital Fire Hall that was once home

to the St. Vital Police and Magistrates Court. Two years ago, the floor space was expanded to take in the entire main floor and basement of the 104-year old building at 600 St. Mary's Rd.

The opening marked the beginning of the Museum from the St. Vital Historical Society which stored many artifacts etc. in labelled acid-free boxes. The artifacts need to be numbered and entered into a program called File Maker Pro which is installed into computers used by volunteers.

Volunteers will be trained by Co-Ordinator Emma Barkman.

The majority of artifacts need proper descriptions entered into the data base, said Barkman.

"This requires walking through the museum writing detailed descriptions" said Barkman. "There are binders, books and videos that need to be matched to files in the data base as well as a number of newspaper clippings and photos that need to be scanned. Many of the books have not been moved in quite some time and need to be

matched to the proper files."

The agricultural display needs volunteers familiar with vintage farm tools, and tools in general, to catalogue the items.

The museum is also in need of people willing to dust and clean artifacts and is also willing to vacuum etc.

Interested persons should call Emma @ 204-255-2864 or by email @ volunteers@svhs.ca, or drop by any Saturday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and take a look for yourself.

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Welcome to this special edition of the Historian. If you're wondering why a two-page edition, the answer is simple: two elections held back to back made it almost impossible to allow our elected reps to advertise.

The big news is the **Fall BBQ** on Oct. 5 with guest celebrity chefs **Colleen Bready** and **Brian Barkley**. Bready is the resident **CTV** weather expert while Barkley was the traffic expert on **CJOB** for many years. We are excited that both responded quickly to our request.

Please see the poster on page 2 for all the BBQ details.

Since the last Historian, your executive increased membership fees. The cost of a single membership is now \$20 while a family one is upped to \$30.

The increase was forced upon your directors due to the rise in printing, postage and general expenses.

A family membership allows two people from the same family to vote at the **Annual General Meeting** which this year will be held 1 p.m. November 9 in the museum.

The museum is looking for new members on the board, including a recording secretary.

Attendance has once again been strong with a mark of **2,000 visitors** within reach.

The collection of **Guess Who Gold and Platinum** records continues to be a big draw, thanks mainly to **Jon Einarson** and **Don Finkbeiner** and staff. The museum is a scheduled stop on the **Magical Mystery Tour**.

The records were donated to the museum by **bassist Jim Kale** who attended Glenwood and Glenlawn.

In the near future, the Museum will unveil a display that honours an Order of the British Empire winner from St. Vital. The Glenlawn graduate was

presented the OBE by His Royal Highness **Prince William**. Stay tuned for details.

The **1939 Fargo** pumper truck is road worthy and ready to make personal appearances thanks to **Dave Reimer** and **Leon St. Onge**. The guys even have the siren rewired and working..

Congratulations to the winners of the provincial election: Liberal leader **Dougald Lamont** whose riding now extends south to Harrowby Avenue; **Jamie Moses (St. Vital) Rochelle Squires (Riel)** and **Janice Morley Lecomte (Riel)**.

Moses defeated incumbent **Colleen Mayer**. We thank her for her support over her term as MLA.

Canadian Cartridge, 30 Watt Street, owner Herve Collette, donated a printer for the back office and will donate toner for the lifetime of the machine. The company also sells ink to the museum at a discount.

At 1 p.m., Saturday Sept. 28 at the Museum, Winnipeg author and historian **Jim Blanchard** will be speaking on "Opposition to Conscription-Winnipeg 1917-18". Admission is free but donations are welcome. Call Carl at 204 233 4776 for more information

Blanchard is a recipient of the **Lieutenant-Governor's Award** for Historic Preservation and Promotion and a past president of the **Manitoba Historical Society**. Books written by Blanchard include "A Thousand Miles of Prairie", "Winnipeg 1912" and "Winnipeg's Great War - A City Comes of Age".

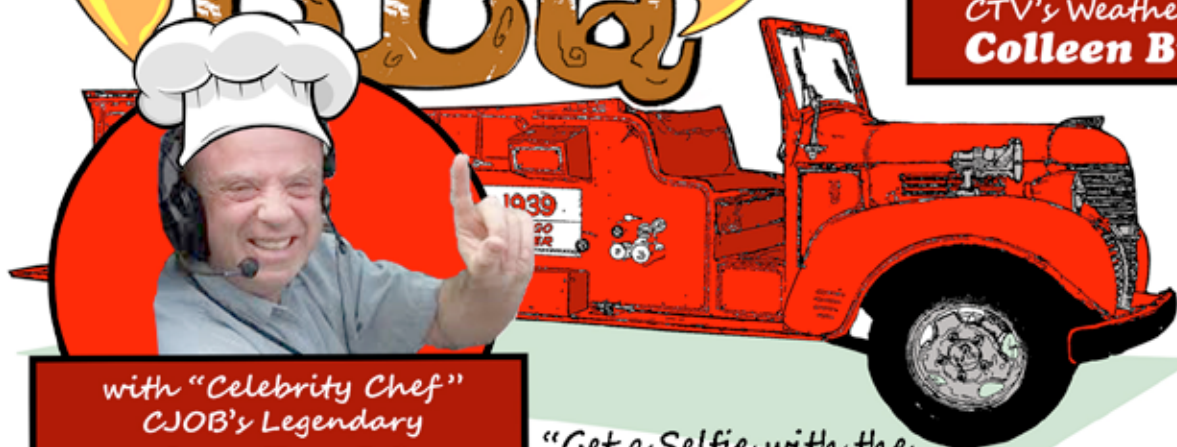
A reminder that winter hours are now in effect. The Museum is open Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Off-hour tours are available by calling 204-255-2864 or by emailing tours@svhs.ca. See you at the BBQ. Details are on Page 2.

St.Vital Museum Annual



Celebrity Chef
CTV's Weather Expert
Colleen Bready

BBQ



with "Celebrity Chef"
CJOB's Legendary
Brian Barkley

*"Get a Selfie with the
Celebrity Chefs"*

Saturday, October 5 /2019
11:30- 1 pm St.Vital Museum
600 St.Mary's Rd. (Old Fire Hall)

Menu

Hamburger or Hot Dog, chips and a drink

Adults: \$6 Children:\$4 (12 + under)

See the
"Guess Who"
Gold record
collection.

**Annual
Memberships
available!**

**Museum
Volunteers
Needed!**