

## Press Release

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### **May is Museum Month!**

Come and celebrate Museum Month on Victoria Day, Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, at your local community museum, the Dufferin County Museum and Archives.

For this special day, DCMA drops its admission and opens our doors to the community. Bring your family, friends and neighbours along for this wonderful chance to see the Museum facility. Visit our reception area and pick up information on upcoming Museum events and programs. Ask about our *Kids Medieval Summer Workshops* and our “*Canada Collects*” Festival this fall.

***Museum displays currently include: “A Day in the Life”*** The Dufferin County Museum and Archives 2010 exhibit in the main gallery will introduce you, through objects, to some of the people of Dufferin County. Whether it is a soldier, a housewife, a farmer, someone famous or someone long ignored, hundreds of objects from the museum’s collection will reflect some light on their story.

There are displays which will introduce you to three historic retailers, milliner Sadie Little of Orangeville, James Reith of Grand Valley and Edward Berwick of Shelburne. Representing their lives are period advertising, invoices, photographs, crocks and, in the case of Miss Little, actual examples of hats she made between 1925 and 1955. Another display will feature the many hobbies and talents of Carrie Reid, Mono. The visitor will be amazed at what a farm woman could accomplish when the day’s work was over.

***Corn Flower Cut Glass Exhibit – “Cupboards of Corn Flower”*** The 2010 Dufferin County Museum and Archives W.J. Hughes Corn Flower Exhibit features treasured pieces from the Museum's extensive collection of Corn Flower glassware, displayed within the Mezzanine Gallery's permanent display cases and finely crafted cabinets selected from the Museum's collection. For collector's and enthusiasts of the coveted glassware, take note: this year's Corn Flower Exhibit features the largest portion of the Museum's huge collection on display at one time . . .over 80%!

***Dufferin County Virtual War Memorial Exhibit*** - A series of displays throughout the Museum's Main Gallery and inside the Lodge showcase artifacts, archival material, and uniforms from a number of conflicts.

In the making for the last two years, the Dufferin County Virtual War Memorial was officially launched and presented publicly for the first time on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The Virtual War Memorial is a compilation of genealogical and service information for more than 3,500 men and women who have any connection to Dufferin County and have served in 16 different conflicts, from the War of 1812 to the present day war in Afghanistan. This event is open to the public.

***Annual "Student Art Show"*** - In partnership with Headwater Arts, the Dufferin County Museum and Archives (DCMA) is proud to present a show and sale of original art works, featuring the very best talent from local high schools in the Museum's Silo Gallery. High schools participating in this year's show are: Westside Secondary School, Orangeville, Orangeville District Secondary School, Orangeville, Mayfield Secondary School, Caledon. Erin District High School, Erin, Humberview District High School, Bolton, Banting Memorial High School, Alliston, Centre Dufferin District High School, Shelburne and Robert F. Hall, Catholic Secondary School, Caledon.

Watch demonstrations on how pioneers would have cooked on a wood burning cook stove. And be sure to pick up your tasty treat. Funnel cakes will be made to order on a parlor stove and available to purchase from 11:00am till 4:30pm. Ruthan Johnson, DCMA Education Co-ordinator will be in costume making the delicious funnel cakes from scratch from an early 1800's German recipe. Ruthan will be available all day to answer your questions on pioneer life and funnel cakes.

Regular Museum hours are Tues – Fri 10am-5pm ; Sat 10-5; Sun noon-5pm; Mon Closed, but we will be open this Victoria Day, Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 celebrating "May is Museum Month". Dufferin County Museum and Archives, Highway 89 & Airport Rd. 705-435-1881 / 1-877-941-7787

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