



The Arnprior & District Museum

ADMISSION

Adult: \$3.00 Family: \$8.00
 Students/Seniors: \$1.50 Under 8 yrs: free

DATES AND HOURS

The museum is open by appointment from Sept. to May. To make an appointment, contact the Curator, Janet Carlile, by phone at 613-623-4902 or e-mail at jcarlile@arnprior.ca.

Situated in one of the most historic buildings in Arnprior, the Post Office Customs House, which was built in 1896, was saved from demolition in the early 1960s by the foresight and generosity of David and Jessie Gillies. It is the first building in Arnprior to have been given a historical designation. Major renovations financed by the Town of Arnprior and the Ontario Trillium Foundation have opened three floors of this heritage building to the public. Unrivalled views of the Town of Arnprior along with the best view in town of the Madawaska River make the Museum a must-visit this year. A meeting room is available on the third floor.

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This autumn the Museum welcomes an exhibit from the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh entitled the "Emigrants Kist." With only one trunk or Kist to hold their earthly possessions, whole families of Scottish settlers journeyed months nearly 200 years ago to a new life in Upper Canada or indeed Arnprior. The Emigrant's Kist is a travelling exhibit from the National Museum of Scotland and will include additions from this museum's own collection.

This exciting exhibit arrives in the middle of October and will be open to the public on Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Watch the local news for further opening times.

Quilt Exhibit

After a year's hiatus we are pleased to present the annual quilt exhibit, which will feature over 100 quilts and coverlets from across the province: Nov. 7 to 14 inclusive; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. daily

Children's Program

We are pleased to offer a children's program throughout the school year tailored to the school curriculum. Please contact the Curator for details or for an appointment at 623-4902.

Volunteers

The Museum is a hive of activity throughout the year. Our volunteers gather on various days of the week to create exhibits, work on antique textiles, build storage and display frames, research and make labels, catalogue and access new acquisitions and much more. Our textile conservation group meets on Thursday afternoons. Contact Cathy Rodger at 623-6289.

Volunteers have become the life blood of this Museum, and we need your donation of time and expertise to make us even better. If you have a couple of hours a week to spare, we are looking for you. We always welcome volunteers who may have skills in wood working, painting, display creation, historical research, computing and secretarial skills. This year we specifically need people who are able to help restore a train station, which will eventually be installed in the building as a permanent exhibit. We also need people who are interested in researching some of the items in the collection.

High School Volunteers

On Tuesdays, high school volunteers who are gathering their 40 community service hours get together for label making, painting and display/exhibit creation improvement. The laughter would suggest that it is not all hard work! If you are a high school student looking to top up your hours or just have a historically good time please contact the Museum; September-June.