



FORT FRANCES MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTRE

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Find us on Instagram & Facebook!

July 2021

Special Dates of Interest

- **Garden Tour**
Saturday July 3, 2021.
Tickets are \$25
- **Museum Re-Opening**
July 27, 2021 we will be Reopen to the Public by appointment.
- **Market Thursday**
Every Thursday, weather permitting.
Call Sarah at 274-7891, Ext. 1 to book a spot.
- **Rainy River District Right Relations Circle**
Meets every third Tuesday at 10:00 am
Everyone welcome.
Virtual Meetings are held until we can meet in person again.
- **Friends of the Museum** - new members welcome.
Call 274-7891
- **Writers Group** - Meets every 2nd Wednesday at 4:30. (Summer break from June - August)
We'll see you in September! New members welcomed.



Point Park in the Spring!

Museum Re-Opening



After closing our doors on March 14, 2020, the Fort Frances Museum & Cultural Centre will once again be open to the public on July 27, 2021. Although we will be open by appointment and at a limited capacity; we couldn't be happier to see you come through the doors again!

Of course, there will be changes implemented. Adapting to the all of the new normal protocols has become second nature to us. When you visit us, please expect to see visitor screening, mandatory masks, social distancing, and hand sanitization stations.

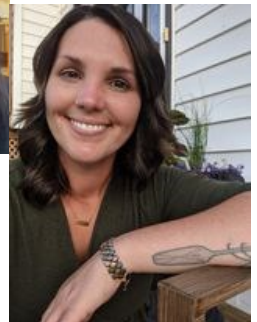
Museum Staff Updates

Since closing our doors in March 2020, we've had the following staff changes:

- Former Curator, **Sherry George** had retired in April 2020.
- **Beverley Cochrane**, former Assistant Curator was promoted to Curator.
- **Sarah Marusyk** has rejoined the staff in January 2021 as the full-time Museum Attendant.
- **Alyssa Armstrong** will rejoin us as one of our Summer students as Museum Educator.
- We will also be hiring another **Student Museum Attendant**; so watch for that posting.



Beverley Cochrane



Sarah Marusyk



Alyssa Armstrong

The Friends of the Fort Frances Museum & Cultural Centre present the 2nd Annual Self-Guided Garden Tour Fundraiser!

Tour 6 diverse gardens following our COVID-friendly schedule* Guests will be placed into 6 groups of 10 garden-goers per group.

**FRIENDS
OF THE
MUSEUM**



SELF-GUIDED
Garden Tour
2ND ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, JULY 3, 2021
10 AM - 4 PM



6
LOCAL
GARDENS

60
TICKETS
AVAILABLE

\$25 TICKETS INCLUDE

- CUSTOM TRAVEL SCHEDULE + PASSPORT
- ACTIVITIES + TRIVIA ALONG THE WAY
- 10% OFF LUNCH AT PARTNER RESTAURANTS

For more information or to
volunteer, contact Caren:
(807) 275-8542

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
Lowey's Greenhouse & Market Garden
Rainy Lake Market
(Thursdays @ the Rainy Lake Square)



Project Petunia

You may have noticed pops of fuchsia, violet, and white petunias along King's Highway this summer. The hanging baskets – purchased from **Lowey's Greenhouse & Market Garden** – were sponsored by community members from across the district as part of Project Petunia – another new undertaking for the Museum. We continued to add to the program's 20 years of success, attracting several new sponsors this year.

We had help from our friends at the **Fort Frances Power Corporation** in placing the hanging baskets. **The Town of Fort Frances' Parks Crew** waters the baskets three times a week with a water/fertilizer mix.



Rainy Lake Square

The Museum hosted its first ever Rainy Lake Market on Thursday, May 20th with five vendors, and a steady flow of both shoppers and rain! As per provincial COVID regulations, only food vendors were permitted to participate in the first four weeks of the season. However, we opened participation up to other vendor types on June 17th and have received an influx of interest from folks new to the Market scene!

The Market seems to contribute to a more vibrant downtown and it's encouraging to see the sense of community it creates. As the season continues and restrictions ease, we look forward to inviting additional community groups to participate in the Market and other events in the Rainy Lake Square – including Community Living's in-person Open Air Art Studios.

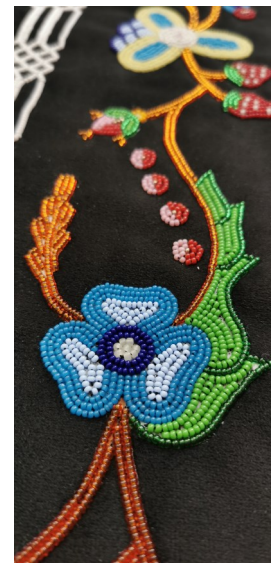


Nindinawemaaganag: My Relations

Come to see an exhibit curated by local artist Cassandra Cochrane; an Anishinaabe artist from Rainy River First Nations.

Nindinawemaaganag: My Relations is a collection of varying mediums of work created over the past several years dedicated to Cassandra's friends, family and her spouse.

Cassandra utilizes contemporary and traditional Indigenous art imagery to lead the visitor through themes of love, growth, resilience, history and identity. Cassandra uses her personal history, as well as collective stories from her many relations in the stories she tells. Each piece is either dedicated to her loved ones or are pieces which were gifted to (and on loan from) her loved ones.



Think Outside the Box Activity Boxes

We teamed up with Community Living Fort Frances & District to offer free monthly activity boxes for the young and young at heart. Each box will include supplies to play, create, learn, and engage with the community.

The June box included supplies and instructions for puffy sidewalk chalk, a Pride craft, STEM activity, and a Park Passport with a stamp to 'tour' local parks.

In less than 24 hours after the launch of the June box, they had all been pre-registered. Looking ahead, we'll be increasing our numbers and looking forward to offering in-person activities in tandem with the Rainy Lake Market.

The Park Passport is also available for free at The Scoop (AKA Sorting Gap Marina) during regular business hours.



Museum Volunteers

Maxine Hayes (below) has been a dedicated volunteer at the Fort Frances Museum & Cultural Centre for many years; even a “Global Pandemic” could not stop her. She may not have been able to come into the Museum, but that didn’t stop her from conducting research for us!

Maxine is shown here describing the photos of the Fort Frances Businesses throughout the years along Scott Street.

We are currently looking for stories and objects to enhance Maxine’s valuable research. If you have a story or some history to share about a new business or from long ago, we would love to hear them. Call us (807) 274-7891 or email ffmuseum@fortfrances.ca



The Fort Frances Museum and Cultural Centre is planning an exhibit highlighting

Business through the Years

in the Fort Frances area

Do you have a story, an old photo, an interesting anecdote, about any local business or business person? Perhaps a long ago store name and sequence of ownership, or a reminiscence about their unique product lines?

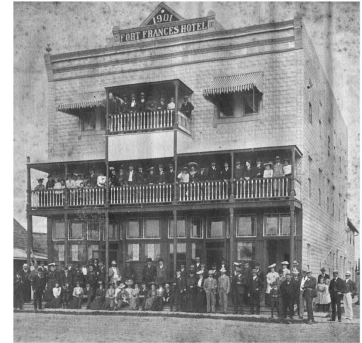
We are seeking and gathering all sorts of business related information, memories and pictures.

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**In Memory of
dedicated volunteer
and
Museum Advisory
Committee Member**

“Neil Laur”

We miss you!



As Covid-19 had put some many things on hold or lockdown; we did not conduct our Annual Membership Drive this year, but we could use your support. If you’d like to support the Fort Frances Museum, please complete the application form below and drop it off after July 27, 2021 or send by mail to:

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Fort Frances Museum & Cultural Centre

Please print

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Anyone on our email listing will receive our quarterly newsletter.

- New Membership Renewal
- Individual \$30 Family \$50
- Patron \$100 - \$249 Sustaining \$250 - \$499
- Sponsor \$500 - \$999 Benefactor \$1000 or



Museum Fees

Prices for our membership fees went up last year after staying the same for ten-plus years. Please note the prices on the left.

This summer, admission fees also go up; we’ve held to the same rate for 5 years, so the time has come.

Adults: \$5, Seniors/Children \$4, Family Rate \$15

Admission through the off-season — September to mid-May — will be by donation. We will hold to this rate as long as it continues to work. Please be generous.

We sincerely thank all of you for your continued support of the museum, workshops and initiatives!