

HERITAGE CORNER

Kids and their families enjoy PA Day at the Moore Museum

The Moore Museum was a P.A. Day wonderland on Feb. 2 when it hosted a drop-in afternoon of activities, crafts, and games. Children and their families were invited to enjoy hands-on experiences with the braille typewriter, handcards for wool, and pioneer toy replicas.

Clockwise from top right: *The art of carding wool was explored by St. Joseph's Catholic School student Amani as she got hands-on experience with a set of hand carders (wooden blocks with wire faces). After sheep were sheared and their wool cleaned and free of lanolin, the wool was carded by hand to untangle the wool fibres and align them in one direction to make it easier to spin into yarn. Today, commercial wool production, including the carding process, is done with large rotating machines, but true artisans still handcard their wool before spinning it into yarn.

*A challenging game of checkers was interrupted by the photographer while Reece, left, and his sister, Harlow, were playing. They probably didn't realize the game they were playing dates back to the 12th Century, and some historians believe the earliest form of the game dates back to around 3,000 B.C.

*Homemade snow globes were among the crafts visiting families could make. While visiting from Wallaceburg, Claire wasn't sure about what colour of glitter to use in her snow globe, while brother Cameron tried shaking his to see if it worked. **Fun fact:** The first version of what we call a "snow globe" came about when an Austrian inventor of surgical instruments was attempting to develop a brighter surgical lamp.



Kari Boone photos



Moore Museum seeks volunteers for the Advisory Committee and the *Tuesday Group*

The museum is also looking for anyone who would be interested in joining the **Advisory Committee**. We meet at the museum once a month (with a few exceptions), at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday. We discuss all matters concerning the museum, including upcoming events, maintenance needs, the accepting of large donations/artifacts, etc.. Anyone with an interest in the Museum or local history would be welcome to join!

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The Moore Museum is currently looking for volunteers who may enjoy being part of the **Tuesday Group** on Tuesday mornings. The group comes to do general maintenance around the grounds, such as painting or building shelving or display mounts, etc. and they enjoy the camaraderie of working together. They usually stay until early afternoon.