

HERITAGE CORNER

Winter can't stop the volunteers at Moore Museum



The summer tourist season may be over, but Moore Museum volunteers have plenty to do during the winter lull.

The two-year pandemic shutdown made it impossible to winterize the site, and many benches and other outdoor items had to be left out in the elements over two winters. The restoration and refurbishment effort to bring those items back to their former beauty is proving to be a big job. Every Tuesday, volunteers gather at the site to take on this massive task as well as other new projects.

Above: Three of the museum's dedicated volunteers were in the museum workshop on Nov. 15 sanding the wood items that could be saved and cutting new pieces for items that needed a more aggressive facelift. At the back of the workshop, left, Dan Hayward works on wooden louvers for the fire hall. In the middle of the shop, Dave Taylor looks for safety issues and keeps the workshop tidy and clear of hazards. In the foreground, Leo Griffith cuts wood planks to size as he builds a wheel chair ramp that will make the new *Lodge Room* accessible for everyone.

The Lodge Room is being created in one of the two large storage pods to the south of the Shaw Building, which houses large vintage vehicles and a number of displays that illustrate various facets of daily life as it was in early Moore Township. Items for the room will be used to

reconstruct what the inside of a typical lodge room would look like. Those items have been donated to the Moore Museum by several local lodges including: I.O.O.F. (Oddfellows); Masonic Lodge; Women's Institute; etc. The room is painted a striking shade of red to set the scene. When completed, the room will become part of the museum's tour offerings.

Right: Large projects aren't the only things on the agenda. Newly recruited volunteer Joe Doherty was busy with the restoration of some old oars in need of refinishing.

Bored this winter?

Handyman and handywomen volunteers are always welcome to join the Tuesday work bee. Call the Moore Museum at 519-867-2020 for more information.

