

HERITAGE CORNER

Time Traveller visits Bury House during Blueberry Social



The Sombra Museum Blueberry Social not only offered visitors a huge variety of blueberry baked goods and lovely live music, it also had a special guest hiding in the Bury House across the street. It was up to museum assistant Jesse Vanderveeken to seek out a time traveller who found the Victorian house a comfortable and familiar place to rest from his exertions. Being a mischievous fellow, the traveller stashed clues throughout the rooms that could be used to discover his location should the museum staff wish to communicate with him.

Throughout the Blueberry Social, Jesse led groups of visitors through the house looking for places where the clues might be hidden. *The Beacon* photographed the search that ultimately revealed the traveller's whereabouts.

1. In the Victorian kitchen, Jesse discovered one of the clues hiding in the oven under a freshly-baked baguette. After following several clues, Jesse was directed upstairs.

The first upstairs bedroom Jesse searched held a collection of vintage dolls who greeted his intrusion with silent, indignant stares. He quickly moved on.

2. Continuing on his quest for the final clue, he eventually found it in the drawer of a vintage chest-of-drawers. As directed, he hurried downstairs again to meet the mystery visitor.

3. When Jesse arrived in the Victorian dining room he discovered he was just in time for High Tea, hosted by the time traveller. Jesse was treated to a perfectly-brewed cup of Earl Grey tea, blueberry scones, and other sweet comestibles while the tiny traveller regaled him with tales of his adventures through the space-time continuum. Before he disappeared, the traveller promised to return soon with his good friend, Herbert George Wells.



Volunteer retirements announced at Moore Museum volunteer dinner

At the Moore Museum's annual volunteer appreciation dinner, held July 19 at the Corunna United Church, Museum Coordinator Fiona Doherty announced the retirement of three long-time volunteers: Marilyn Johnson, with 31 years of volunteering, and Shirley Warner and Joyce Brock, both with 26 years as volunteers. Fiona told the assembly of volunteers the museum welcomed over 3,000 visitors in 2022, and several public community events were hosted on the museum site. The educational programming attracted over 800 students from 27 classrooms. She praised the volunteers for their dedication. "Your willingness to share both your time and talent by volunteering with Moore Museum says a lot about each of you as human beings and speaks to both your strength and the quality of your character, she said.

New volunteers are always welcome at Moore Museum.

Our volunteers enjoy participating in productive activities and spending happy hours with new friends.



Shirley Warner with Fiona Doherty

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SOMBRA MUSEUM'S 2024 CALENDAR WILL CHANGE YOUR MIND ABOUT BARNs

Barns of the past were necessary to the running of any farm. They were built with massive support posts cut from single stout tree trunks and finished with rough hand-hewn timbers. Those who study the construction of barns can tell the approximate age of a structure by looking at its roof line and at the inside construction of the skeleton.

Barns were crucial to the success and growth of any agricultural community, but many have disappeared, victims to the march of time and to the new innovations made in agricultural building materials and methods.

Fortunately, many have survived. Some have been maintained and are still in use on working farms, but some have been given new purpose.

The Sombra Museum's full-colour **Barns of Sombra Township 2024 calendar** will reveal how some old Sombra barns have defied time. This calendar is not only a practical way to keep track of the things we need to do and when to do them, it's a reminder of the ingenuity, resourcefulness, and stubborn determination our early farmers brought to their use and stewardship of the land. Barns featured in the calendar are monuments that should inspire us to reflect on what we will leave behind for future generations.

The Barns of Sombra Township 2024 calendar is in the production stage and will soon be on sale.

Keep an eye of the Sombra Township website, Facebook page, or The Beacon for more information.

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A BARN LECTURE BY DARRELL RANDELL

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Bear Creek Cemetery has submitted by-laws to the Registrar of the Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002. Any interested parties may contact Russell Marsh at 519-331-1798 for information, or to make copies. By-laws or amendments may be reviewed or copied at 3393 Telfer Road, Mooretown, ON.

These by-laws are subject to the approval of the Registrar, Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002. Telephone: Bereavement Authority of Ontario 1-647-483-2645 or 1-844-493-6356.

Lambton County Library branches offer much more than books

Your Lambton County Library lends out much more than hard copy and online books: the Library's *Active Living Lifestyle* collection loans out a number of items to keep Lambton County moving. Enrich your wanderings through nature or just your neighbourhood by borrowing a pair of walking poles, go bird-watching with a set of Tasco 10x42 binoculars, find out how many steps you take with a borrowed pedometer, then find out where you are with a GPS unit. These are available to those who have a current Lambton County Library card, which is free to anyone who lives, works, studies, or owns property in Lambton County, or who resides in a First Nations community. For more information on locations, services, and hours of operation, visit: lclibrary.ca. Summer reading program in progress. See page 16 for more information.

Weekly St. Clair Township libraries hours of operation

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***Sombra** (519-892-3711): Tuesday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Thursday, Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

***Port Lambton** (519-677-5217): Monday, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.