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**With Fondness Jan Says Farewell**



Fifteen and a half years ago I stepped through the doors of the Penetanguishene Museum embarking on a new career journey. I was nervous, as any new employee is, but immediately fell in love with working in such a beloved and well cared for building. It is difficult to describe the feeling of warmth, devotion, and sense of responsibility you feel towards working in a historic building as opposed to a more sterile office space. I think a lot of us “museum people” feel the same way. We tend to be a breed of our own, lol.

Little did I know that I would also fall in love with my job and that this building would feel like a second home. I saw great opportunities for growth within the programming area and went to work to grow it. Over the years the process produced new school programs, Saturday workshops for kids, Breakfast with Santa, Fun with Santa, huge growth in our summer camp program, Downtown Historical Walking Tours, Escape the Penetanguishene Museum and Meet the Spirits of St. James on the Lines. Much gratitude to the members and leaders of St. James on the Lines Church and All Saints Anglican Church for all your cooperation and assistance.

At this point I would like to take an opportunity to thank all the families I had the privilege of getting to know through one program or another. So many of you have been very loyal to the museum programs which also granted me the opportunity of watching your children grow from toddlers to young adults. Thank you for your support and all the best for your families in the future. I will miss seeing you. (continued on next page)



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I would be remiss if I didn't give credit to our many loyal volunteers who have always been there whenever I called upon them for help. So many are now close friends who I treasure and will continue to call friends. You won't get rid of me that easily!

When you work in an office of two people, it is of the utmost importance that you support each other, respect each other, be patient with each other and work as a team. Otherwise, you set yourself up for failure and misery. Nicole and I have always worked as a team, with respect and dignity (many laughs are also a must!). Over the years we have grown a friendship and I thank her for all the support she has given me through some tragic and difficult times in my personal life during my tenure. You also will have a hard time getting rid of me, lol.

So, effective February 22nd, 2023, I will officially retire from the Penetanguishene Centennial Museum & Archives with a very fond farewell, and with a hope to bump into many of you perhaps as I work in the role of a volunteer.

Warm regards,  
Jan Gadsdon  
Curator Assistant/Program Coordinator

## FROM THE CURATORIAL ASSISTANT



### Winterama at the Penetanguishene Museum Saturday February 18, 2023

The museum is going to be one of the hot spots to hit on Saturday February 18th for Penetanguishene's 75th Annual Winterama festival.

We will be open from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Admission will be your Winterama button, which can be purchased for \$3.00 at the museum. Between the hours of 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. the museum will be hosting a craft sale consisting of 20 vendors with a definite something for everyone!

You will be able to buy a hot lunch of either pea soup or chili from the Friends of the Museum in our Replica Fire Hall from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Treat yourself to dessert consisting of a yummy hot fudge sundae sold by All Saints Church from our concession stand between the hours of 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

You can then work off all those calories with a friendly game of Crokocurl! (Winterma Button required) If you have never played Crokocurl before, you really need to give it a try! It is just like playing a game of Crokinole only using a curling rock on ice! So much fun! Avid player and volunteer, Jonathon Main, will be here to assist you with learning skills of the game.

So much to see and do! We hope to see you here that day!



### March Break Activities at the Museum

March 13th to March 17th  
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

\$5.00 per child per day

Reserve your spot at

[www.pencenmuseum.com](http://www.pencenmuseum.com)

Pick and choose individual days or  
choose them all!

Sometimes March Break can be challenging keeping the kids occupied. Let us help you with that. Each morning of the week, children can enjoy two different crafts plus a different scavenger hunt themed to the craft of the day.

**Monday:** make your own snowman pillow & do a snowman craft

**Tuesday:** create a birds' nest craft & plant some seeds to watch them grow

**Wednesday:** pioneer candle making & make a bookmark

**Thursday:** assemble and paint a birdhouse & do a bird craft

**Friday:** Catch a Leprechaun craft & a St. Patrick's Day sticker craft

We hope to see you here at the museum that week!

**Yes You Can Hand Drum**  
**March 15th, 2PM to 3:30 PM**  
**\$10 per child**  
**Registration required**

Join Deb Brown of "Yes You Can" Hand Drum for a super FUN workshop, as we explore the joy of rhythm. This workshop is sure to get all children bouncing with joy! Learn the basics of hand drumming using djembe drums and an assortment of multicultural drums. We will playfully explore a variety of rhythms, share interactive drum activities, and encourage self expression on the drum. Drumming is easy, we all have rhythm! Join us, and Lets PLAY those drums!

This workshop is recommended for children 7 years and older. Registration is required for this program.

**Easter Eggstravaganza**  
**Saturday April 8, 2023**  
**\$5.00 per child**  
**10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**  
**Last admission 11:30 a.m.**

Hippety Hop non-stop to the museum on the morning of Saturday April 8th to meet up with the Easter Bunny and help him clean up the grounds from all the colourful eggs he spilled all over the place. He will be so grateful for the children's help that he will give each one a treat bag to thank them. As well as our traditional egg hunt, children can have their face painted by a professional painter from Moonbounce Entertainment, plus receive a craft to take home to make.

Please note: The face painter will be with us only until 12 p.m., so please plan your visit accordingly so no child is disappointed.

We would like to thank the Friends of the Museum and their fundraising partner Delta Bingo & Gamin for supporting the museum's programs and special events.



**Remembering Gwen Patterson**  
**15-Oct-1942 - 23-Nov-2022**

The Penetanguishene Centennial Museum & Archives is sad to hear of the passing of one of our huge supporters Gwen Patterson. Gwen was a founding member of the Friends of the Museum and an instrumental force behind our Genealogy & History Research Centre. For years, she helped countless researchers in our research room and was a wealth of knowledge for our staff and volunteers. Gwen was a very kind hearted dedicated member of our Friends of the Museum and the many success' we have had over the years can be contributed to her and the volunteers that she brought to the museum. She will be dearly missed by the staff and volunteers at the museum.

**THANK YOU!**

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**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Thank you to the following who have renewed their memberships or become new members since our last newsletter. We appreciate the support that you give us during a difficult time.

Gay & Eugene Harrigan  
John & Wendy Crean  
Bev Ward-LeMaitre  
Pat Dubeau  
John Richard Carter & family  
Lisa Zoschke  
Stephen Woods  
Peter and Beth Desrochers  
Doug & Jeannette Leroux  
Sylvia Sutherland

Chris Bagley  
Peter Davis  
Mary Ditomaso

# **Penetanguishene Centennial Museum & Archives Events listing for 2023**

## **Winterama Craft Show & Crokicurl**

Saturday, February 18th  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Free with Winterama Button

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Follow us on our Social Media channels for updates on our upcoming events and interesting historical posts.

