

**Dufferin Historical Museum Newsletter  
March 2011**

The Dufferin Historical Museum has had a busy winter. We have had a series of speakers at our monthly meetings since November, organizing our 1<sup>st</sup> ever cookbook and are planning a Multi-culturalism day on June 25.

In February, we heard from Mary McGill who gave us a talk about the Dufferin Agricultural Society. Her speech was based on personal knowledge and history from the book "Ribbons and Races". Did you know that the Dufferin Fair was originally held in Nelsonville and was moved to Carman in 1883?

In March, we had two speakers from St. Claude who talked about their historical projects.

Mr. John Quayle spoke about the history of the St. Claude Gaol museum project. The gaol was originally built in 1912-1913. It operated as a gaol until the 1940's at which time the building was enlarged and used as the village fire hall. It became too small in the 1970's and was used as a village storage shed. In the 1990's it was used as recycling depot. In 2005 it was to be demolished until a group of citizens decided to restore it.

It now serves as a tourist information centre as well as a Gaol Museum where you can visit the cells and dress in a prisoner's uniform and have your photograph taken. It is the only place in Canada where you can have fun in prison!

We then heard from Mr. Raymond Phillipot, the curator of the Manitoba Dairy Museum. He warned us that he had never made a public speech before in his life but one would never know that. He gave us a very interesting talk about how the museum came to be and all the research that went into making the Dairy Museum what it is today. Did you know that St. Claude, MB is the dairy capital of Manitoba?

The Dairy Museum of Manitoba is the only one of its kind in the province which features local dairying from early practices to modern processing. While visiting the dairy museum, you can also tour the old St. Claude CPR station, an agri-shelter filled with farm machinery from the past century, and a chapel.

Our next speaker in April will be Mrs. Betty Brasier who will give us a talk about the history of Girl Guides in Carman.

Then in May, we will hear from Shirley Snider and Ina Bramadat who will be talking to us about the history of Roseisle and their upcoming 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration.

We have collected over 400 recipes for our first ever cookbook which will be printed locally. We hope to have it ready to sell in June.

In June, we are excited to be hosting a multi-culturalism day on June 25<sup>th</sup> in King's Park. We are planning to showcase the different cultures that make our community diverse and vibrant. Some of the cultures that we have already lined up are French, German, Ukrainian,

**Morrocan, Metis, and Philippines. If you or someone you know would be interested in setting up a display to showcase their culture, please let us know.**

**There will be entertainment that day by way of some local bands and we are excited to have Tom and Lori Neufeld better known as Lulu and the Tomcat perform. They are showcased on the Folklarama website as French-Canadian performers. Also we plan to have some celtic dancers entertain us as well.**

**We will be entering a float in the Roseisle's 125<sup>th</sup> parade on July 1<sup>st</sup> and the Carman parade held during the fair. We plan to be at the Carman Fair too, with a very interesting pioneer display. As part of this year's fundraising we are selling tickets on a deacon's bench, a set of 4 hand painted T.V. tables and a gift basket with a Arthur Brooke's framed print.**

**With all of these plans in place, we are always in need of volunteers and new members. If you would like to join us in carrying out these plans please call Wendy at 379-2314 or Jen at 745-4364. You may also contact us by way of our website at [www.dufferinhistoricalmuseum.ca](http://www.dufferinhistoricalmuseum.ca).**

**We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!!!**