



# WINGS & TAILS

**THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NO. 6 RCAF DUNNVILLE MUSEUM**

*Telling the stories of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, the No. 6 Service Flying Training School, and the RCAF Veterans, to the Communities of Canada.*

## December General Membership Meeting



The Museum resumed monthly general membership meetings on August 8. Members have been diligent in following COVID protocols, wearing masks and social distancing. As expected, though, the turnout has been lower than experienced in the past.

At the moment, we are planning to hold our usual monthly meeting on Saturday, December 12, 10 a.m. The Executive Committee, however, has decided it is inadvisable to have the annual large gathering with additional guests. Therefore, we will not have the Annual Christmas Social after the meeting. A few of our members may provide a light lunch.

If this meeting is cancelled, you will be notified by telephone or email.

The Museum wishes you and your families a happy and safe holiday season.

## Yard Sales Net \$10,000

The COVID-19 pandemic prevented the Museum from holding its annual events and fundraisers, but that did not stop volunteers from bringing in revenue. The Annual Yard Sale (usually held in May) was held on Labour Day weekend, September 5 and 6. A second yard sale was held on October 12. And the Museum held two 50/50 draws plus the Annual Super Draw.

Setup and operation of the yard sales was more challenging this year, as the Museum wanted to provide a safe shopping experience for customers and volunteers. Customers sanitized their hands upon entering and leaving the building. They were required to wear face coverings and leave contact information. The number of people allowed in the building at one time was strictly observed. Directional arrows were put on the hangar floor to ensure a smooth flow of traffic. Shopping carts were available for customers, and volunteers sanitized them after each use. Customers made a donation for their purchases instead of negotiating a price. Some of the adjustments turned out to be useful and will be used at future yard sales.

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Carolyn Burrage coordinated the Labour Day yard sale. John McKay coordinated the October 12 sale. In addition, volunteers washed the hangar floor, sorted donations, set up tables, arranged items, did publicity, picked up and returned grocery carts, created signage in the hangar and worked at the sale. Many thanks to: Cathy Boyko, Carolyn Burrage, Jeanne Cowan, Anne Gallant, Veronica Head, Don Hart, Roxanne & Rick Johnson, Jackie Kleniewski, Jamie Logan, Tim Logan, Lori Lymburner, John McKay, Steve McKay, Don & Grace Messner, Tonya & Dave Mundell, Sandy & Jack Murphy, Pauline & Frank Phillips, Joy & Paul Segui, Suzanne Smith, Sherrie & Stan Swayze, Joanne Villeneuve, Ross Watterworth, and Kate Wilson. If we missed anyone, our apologies.



Ready for the Labour Day weekend Yard Sale



Customers waiting their turns

Volunteers at the welcome table



## Past Presidents Plaque Planned

A plaque acknowledging the past presidents of the Museum association will soon join the plaques on the walls in the meeting room. Honoured will be first president the late Jack Harris, a World War II and No. 6 SFTS veteran; second president James Hopper; and third president Don Oatman who served for 18 years. These individuals had a vision and worked tirelessly alongside many other volunteers to create our unique Museum.

## Congratulations to Our 2020 Draw Winners!

### Annual 50/50 Draw

October 10 - Michael Berry won \$425.00.

### Special One-Day Draw

October 12 - Tonya Marcotte won \$203.00

### Elimination Draw

\$100 prize winners: Barbara Gough & Steve Ellis, Art Gerry, Rob & Mindy Veldhuizen, Peter Murphy, Veronica Head, Leah Ramsey, Vic Powell, Joan Anderson, and Ken & Lorri Tomlinson.

\$1,000 Grand Prize winner - Bev Mustard.



## Letter from the President

As you all know, our activities at the Museum have been significantly restricted due to the COVID pandemic. The new Executive Committee held its first 2020 meeting in June, observing mask and social distancing protocols. Even though the Museum is closed to visitors except by appointment and only for very small groups, we've continued to meet monthly as a lot needed to be done.

On Labour Day weekend, we held our Annual Yard Sale. The amount of donations was enormous. Because of the pandemic, people stayed home, purged, and generously donated their unwanted items to the Museum. We had 749 customers come to the sale. Many waited 1-1/2 hours outside and another 1/2 hour in the meeting room before entering the hangar. We made close to \$9,000. As we had a fair amount of items left, John McKay organized another yard sale on Thanksgiving Day, where we made close to \$2,000 with 211 customers. The customers were good at adhering to COVID protocols and being pleasant to each other. We had a great time...and no one caught the virus.

An extra special thank you to everyone who helped make these events a success. **Canadians are great!**

In addition to the yard sales, volunteers took on several projects at the Museum. But the projects never end. If everyone could donate a half hour to an hour at a time, work could be done easier and faster.

Every Tuesday morning, volunteers come out to keep up with maintenance and regular chores, and to work on special projects. The size of the meeting room and hangar make it fairly easy to maintain social distance; masks are available when distancing is not possible. Come out between 9 a.m. and noon and see what's going on. The coffee pot is always on.

Thank you to everyone who has helped keep our Museum alive. We'll get past this difficult time, and our lives will get back to (the new) normal. I feel that the inconveniences we're experiencing enable everyone to stay healthy.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Give your loved ones a big kiss and hug because you still can.*

Your President, Carolyn Burrage

## Volunteers Keep On Working...

Though the Museum was not open for its usual public hours this past year, regular maintenance was necessary, and volunteers took on several special projects:

- Building #9, the white building on the left as you drive into onto the property, was scraped and repainted. The artwork and signage on the side of the building, originally created by the late Derek Burrage, was refurbished.
- In the Memorial Garden, the flagpoles were repainted and re-rope, and the lawn around the Memorial weeded.
- The No. 6 Museum sign on the front of the building was repainted.
- The fire hydrant and direction sign at the Museum door were refurbished.
- Grass cutting is an on-going chore, now finished for 2020. The Museum could use one or two more volunteers next year to help with the trimming.
- The Meeting Room was made wheelchair accessible.
- New shelving was installed in the furnace room for storage of large pots and pans.
- One of the Museum signs at the entrance was moved to the south side, so a Museum sign now faces traffic entering and leaving the property. Our website address was also added to the signs.
- A No. 6 RCAF Dunnville Museum display was created for the front window of Flyers Bakery and Café. (See story to the right.)



Thanks for all this work go to: Arnold Link, Tim Logan, John McKay, Don Messner, Frank Phillips, Paul Segui, Stan Swayze, and John Van Luttkhuisen.

## Flyers Bakery & Café Supports Museum

When Barb Wilson became the new owner of Flyers Bakery & Café, a popular Dunnville restaurant, about a year ago, she wanted to enhance the restaurant's vintage aircraft theme and highlight the No. 6 RCAF Dunnville Museum. She invited us to put a display in the restaurant's front window, giving the Museum a permanent presence in downtown Dunnville, and offered to support Museum fundraising efforts.

In early June, Tim Logan and John Van Luttkhuisen set up the window display shown at the right. The wreath and poppies were added for Remembrance Day. Changes are planned for Christmas.



Flyers also sold scrumptious, chocolate "airplane" cupcakes (left) as a Museum fundraiser through the first part of November to Remembrance Day.

Flyers Bakery & Café is located at 144 Queen Street. It has been renovated and vintage aircraft and related photos line the walls. Flyers offers takeout and dine-in options, and the dining areas have been reconfigured to provide a safe dining experience. Open hours are: Wednesday through Saturday, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Flyers' delicious breads and pastries are also available at the Dunnville Farmers' Market.

Stop in and see our window display, enjoy some of the best food in Dunnville, and meet Barb!

### VISIT THE NO. 6 RCAF DUNNVILLE MUSEUM

**Location:** 536 Port Maitland Rd. (Hangar 1), Dunnville (former Dunnville Airport)

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 232, Dunnville, ON N1A 2X5

**Phone:** 905-701-7223

**Website:** [www.rcafmuseum.org](http://www.rcafmuseum.org)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/rcafdunnvillemuseum/](http://www.facebook.com/rcafdunnvillemuseum/)

**Hours:** **Normal open hours are suspended.**



**Tours for small groups are available. Please contact the Museum.**

Normal Hours: Victoria Day weekend through Labour Day weekend: Sat. & Holidays, noon-5 p.m., and Sun. 1-5 p.m. Tues. year round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Remembrance Day, noon-4 p.m. To arrange a tour, send email through the website or call 905-701-7223.)

### 2020-2022 EXECUTIVE

#### **Officers**

Carolyn Burrage, President                      Tim Logan, Secretary  
First Vice President, Frank Phillips      Joanne Villeneuve, Treasurer

**Directors:** Don Hart, Lori Lymburner, John McKay, Steve McKay, Sandra Murphy, Paul Segui, John Van Luttkhuisen

**Past President:** Don Oatman

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Building/Grounds - Arnold Link & Stan Swayze      Membership - Joanne Villeneuve  
Facebook Page - Don Hart                      Merchandise - Lynne King  
Fundscrip - Pauline Phillips                  Museum - John Van Luttkhuisen  
Lottery - Sandy Murphy                          Newsletter - April Cormaci  
Website - Tim Logan

# Holiday Shopping at the Museum!

## Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association 2012 Calendar

**NEW!**

Different photos of Harvards every month!  
\$20.



## Black T-Shirts with “Aircraft in the Clouds” Design on Back

Black & white crest on front, aircraft design on back.  
Sizes small to large. \$20.



## **NEW!** Cozy Black Hoodies with “Aircraft in the Clouds” Design on Back

Med-Large \$40    XL-3XL \$45



## Gift Cards

Perfect for family, friends, service providers and charities. Available for Sobeys, Food Basics, Giant Tiger, Canadian Tire, and Home Hardware. For every gift card you buy, the Museum receives a rebate. Call the Museum for information.

## RCAF Shoulder Bags



14" long, 11" high, 3.5" wide, heavy cotton twill with appliqué patches. \$40.

## World War II Aircraft Puzzle



1,000-piece jigsaw puzzle for puzzle lovers and aircraft enthusiasts. Finished size 19-1/4" x 26-1/2". Aircraft of Allied and Axis forces, including many of the greatest warbirds. \$20.

## Camo T-Shirts

Trendy tees in style everywhere. Sizes small to 2XX. \$20.



## 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mugs



We still have mugs in vintage design commemorating our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. \$10.

**PLUS hats, polo shirts, sweat shirts, golf shirts, books, posters, and stocking stuffers!**