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Festive Season at the Museum



Victorian Christmas Carols

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the way! What better way to get in the spirit of the season than by singing some of the old classics. Jingle Bells is just one of those which the Victorians wrote and sang with hearty spirit. They were very much into writing songs which sounded and felt joyful while at the same time reviving and altering those which were more from the medieval period.

Some were intended more for family and friends' gatherings and some more religious in nature for church and choir purposes. Silent night was a well-known favourite that used to be sung during the Victorian era. Just another few songs the Victorians created or modified are Away in a Manger, and We Three Kings. Instruments used would have been pipes, drums, and voices!

The practice of caroling originated from the ancient English custom of travelling house to house as they sang to get the return of food. Modern times have romanticized caroling a bit, but it is still a very welcome sight to see at various seasonal events. Sadly, the practice of going house to house seems to have become a rarity these days.

Of course, another carol that shouldn't be forgotten is A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. Not of the singing kind but a literary classic of its own. Published in December 1843, it became an instant bestseller. Since then, it has been reprinted countless times, reinvented into movies and stage productions, and for some has become in one way or another a Christmas tradition.



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FROM THE CURATORIAL ASSISTANT



Festival of Lights Friday, December 2nd 5:30PM to 8PM Admission Free

The museum is participating in the Town of Penetanguishene's Festival of Lights on Friday, December 2nd. After the tree lighting ceremony, visitors are welcomed to the museum grounds for some festive good times. Horse and wagon rides, outdoor inflatables, face painting, visit with Santa, music, entertainers, take away crafts and hot chocolate and cookies are available for FREE for all visitors. This is an outdoor event so make sure that you dress for the weather. We hope to see you all out and celebrating the beginning of the festive season in Penetanguishene.



Fun with Santa Saturday December 17, 2022 10AM to 1PM \$6.00 per child

The weather is finally showing signs of the season, but Christmas does tend to sneak up on you, so it is best to be prepared and plan ahead. On the above stated date, the museum will ring out with the warm jolly sounds of Ho Ho Ho as Santa and Mrs. Claus welcome the children to a morning of seasonal fun. Not only will the little ones get to visit with the happy couple, but they will also receive a little treat bag from them.

The museum itself will be decorated with all things Christmas while the children take part in a scavenger hunt for which they will receive a prize for finding all the hidden items. Upstairs they will be able to play games and do a very special activity of decorating a Snowball Cookie! There will be a table for writing a letter to Santa as well as entering your family name for a door prize. Before leaving they will receive a craft to make at home.

Adults are free
Registration is recommended
(When registering, please only register the children's names)
www.pencenmuseum.com



Polar Express Movie Viewing Saturday December 17, 2022 2PM to 4PM **Please register at** **www.pencenmuseum.com** **Bring your own snacks**

Who doesn't love a movie about Santa, his elves, adventure for children aboard a train, building trust and friendships and a giant bag of presents! Join us for a movie viewing of the classic, Polar Express, with the first six family registrations receiving a Polar Express themed fun gift (one per family). This is a movie guaranteed to put you in the spirit! May you never be too old to watch the sky on Christmas Eve. Admission is by donation.



Don't Worry about the Mess Christmas Slime Recipes

There isn't any doubt about it, kids love playing with slime!! Now that my granddaughter is three years old, anything goes when she visits Grandma. I find I worry far less about mess than I did with my own son. I am sure a lot of grandparents out there feel the same. So go ahead parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles, dig out the child in you, and have some fun with the kids! (If you are still hesitant, think of it this way, it is a sensory educational experience).



Source: <https://www.thebestideasforkids.com/christmas-slime/>



Celebrating 75 Years of Winterama Saturday, February 18th

The longest running Winter Carnival in Ontario is celebrating 75 years this year and we want you all to come and visit! The museum will be celebrating with our Craft show inside the museum and Croki-curl on the museum grounds. We hope that the Friends of the Museum will be serving their famous Pea Soup and Chili during our Craft Show out of the Replica Fire Hall. If you are a vendor and you are interested in participating in our Craft Show, please email Jan Gadsdon at jgadsdon@penetanguishene.ca for further details.

THANK YOU!

The many programs and events at the museum are made possible by the generosity of the Friends of the Penetanguishene Museum, a separate incorporated, not-for-profit, charitable organization.

The Friends of the Penetanguishene Museum would like to thank Delta Bingo & Gaming for being their largest supporter for many years, allowing the Friends of the Museum to provide programming for the Penetanguishene Centennial Museum & Archives.



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.

Martin JP Maurice
Robert & Karen Dubeau
Jeanne d'Arc & Fraser Howell
John & Wendy Crean
Rick Marchand and family

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Events listing for 2022/23



Festival of Lights

Friday, December 2

5:30PM to 8:00PM

Fun outdoor activities at the museum following the tree lighting at the Town Dock.

Horse and wagon rides, kids inflatables, face painting, crafts, hot chocolate and cookies

FREE admission

Fun with Santa

December 17

10AM to 1PM, \$6 per child

Meet with Mr. & Mrs. Claus, scavenger hunt,

decorate your own cookie, crafts & more!

Registration is recommended



Polar Express Movie Screening

Saturday December 17, 2022

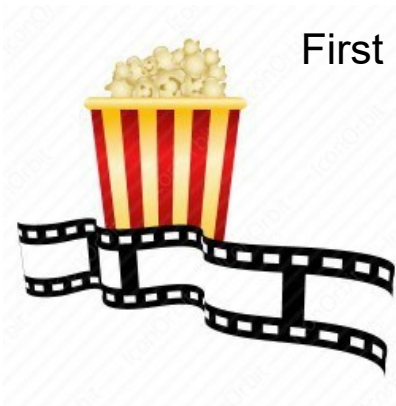
2PM to 4PM

Enjoy a nice afternoon with family at the museum viewing the movie Polar Express.

First 6 families to register will receive a prize.

Bring your own snacks

Admission by Donation



Winterama Craft Show

February 18

10 AM to 3PM

Free Admission

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

