

2018 Namao Museum and Archives Annual Report

General Attendance

General attendance at the museum was down in the year 2018 possibly due to the fact that we do not have definite 'open' days. We are all volunteers in an agricultural community so time commitment is often difficult.

Remember tours can be booked by email or leaving a message on our telephone!

Several different groups enjoyed catering of 'country cooking and baking' and touring the museum following. We were pleased to share our hospitality with all these folks- several from out of country.

Two grade 4 classes from Namao Elementary School toured and enjoyed 'old fashioned activities' at the museum and agricultural barn. They returned the end of June to enjoy a picnic and games/ activities on our large grassy lawn. No cell phones, no computers— just 'children enjoying playing whatever their imagination thought of'.

We were pleased to offer tours to several senior anniversaries and senior birthday party participants to 'remember and recall' as a completion to their special days.

Artifacts

Antique farm machinery is being moved into the open area behind the museum house to complement our agricultural history in the Namao area. Unbelievable what our ancestors used to toil long and hard using!

Many artifacts portraying the early days of our pioneers were donated during the year. Many thanks to the contributors who in donating these items, are sharing these artifacts so that others can appreciate and gain so much knowledge about them. We are still hoping someone will 'find' an antique china cabinet for our many china and glassware artifacts; several easy chairs for our seniors to sit in as they read or view old, old photos now portrayed on a television screen.

Sunnyside hall has been purchased by our museum for storage of our extra artifacts awaiting 'their turn' to be displayed. Several modifications and a sensitive security system will be installed.

We are pleased to have the piano that Verna Hansen taught so many of you piano lessons on safely housed in the upper schoolroom floor of our agricultural barn.

The many framed Namao School graduation pictures that previously hung in the corridor of the school have been rescued from demolition and will be reframed, resized and rehung in the agricultural barn schoolroom area.

Christmas

Christmas caroling-an annual event-touring by bus and singing for the ill, the shut-ins, and recently bereaved continues. Hot soup, homemade buns and fellowship plus follow at the museum after everyone is 'frozen and sung out'.

Other

Sadly, we remain a museum with no handicap access- and important project for future fund raising.

If you are interested in joining our museum group for projects; sharing the knowledge of the artifacts with others; teaching our school students about 'the old, old things'; helping us on museum projects then please join us on the **first Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the museum.**