

## HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

## THE MUSEUM RE-OPENS FOR SPRING - MARCH 3/84

The new season will soon be upon us. The museum is bustling with work that can only be done when we're closed to the public. You may notice some buildings have new ceilings - such as the General Store, Gift Shop, Herbalist's, etc. Many buildings have had an upgrading of insulation as well as a few roofs receiving new shingles.

Plans are being implemented that will also see the Museum offer improved training for both staff and volunteers through a series of 2 hour seminars. These seminars will begin on March 17 and then run in a compact package from March 20-23. If for any reason you have to miss out on one or two, each unit will be offered again at 2 week intervals throughout the year, on a rotating basis. At present we will be offering 10 different units. Any 5 units taken will give the Volunteer a special badge. Any 8 units completed out of the 10 will see a special bar added to the badge stating "DOCENT". A docent will be a fully trained museum guide who can participate in any activity offered by the Museum.

For some of our volunteers, there will be an honorary achievement system instituted in order to recognize and CREDIT their knowledge and experience. Of course we welcome and encourage their attendance AT THESE SEMINARS. However, new volunteers will be required to attend 8 units of their own choice over a period of time.

These sessions being set up are in response to requests for more in-depth and ongoing training. We hope too, that a new volunteer will have more opportunities to be properly trained than ever before.

BUT - first things first!

The education programmes are getting booked up even now. Hope all you docents are planning to jump back in, because you'll be needed! If you have a neighbour or a friend that might like to get involved, the training days for the school programmes are February 21, 22 & 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. February 25 - Now this is a "biggie" and the whole gang will be there. A good overall general training day and refresher. Runs 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (bring a bag lunch). There'll even be a short tour of 4 "behind the scenes" places. We will also be explaining more about the new seminars.

It has certainly felt odd not having you all coming and going this last while, so please call in to either Joy or Lynda if you are attending any of the February training days. We're in the office Monday to Friday, 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. Phone 294-1232.

Attention Teens - Try to attend February 25, O.K.?

## RE-CAP OF DATES:

Training for Education Programmes February 21, 22, 23 (10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) - Bring a bag lunch. Programmes run Mar. 26 - May 25.

General Training (Staff & Volunteers) - February 25 (Saturday)
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Bring bag lunch.

MARCH 3 - MUSEUM OPENS AGAIN TO PUBLIC

March 17, 10:00 a.m. - First seminar day - "For Food Services & Salesmanship" (Details to come).

Hope to see you soon,

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