

The Fire Mark

The Newsletter of the Canadian Fire Fighters Museum

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“Sneak Preview” Our Season Opening 30th Anniversary Celebration!

Thank you to everyone who braved the weather and came out to celebrate our 30th Anniversary in style on May 15th. Despite pouring rain we were pleased to host a full house. As well as many friends, supporters and members, dignitaries included: several Port Hope Council members, the Mayor of Brighton, the Mayor of Hamilton Township and three candidates running for office in the upcoming Ontario election!

A special thank you to Marielle Lambert, Marie Hughes-Jones, Mary Trevor and their team of incredible volunteers for making our Anniversary Event truly epic. With fantastic food, provided by Queenie’s Cafe in Port Hope, guests were able to browse our new displays and see all the hard work that has been done over the winter to prepare for the 2014 season.

Thirty Years of Success in our Community is something to really celebrate and we were pleased to host such a great event celebrating our vast and dedicated supporters! Thank you.

The 2014 season is poised to be excellent with many exciting endeavors in progress that you can read about here. We hope you’ll make plans to come and visit us soon!

If you have an event you’d like to have CFFM involved in, please give us a call at 905.885.8985. There’s nothing like the draw of a shiny red Fire Truck to please the audience! But please give us some notice!



Above: Guests at the “Sneak Preview” opening event on May 15th listen attentively to CFFM Board Chair, Ken Burgin speak of the latest developments and plans for the Museum.

Below: This is the snazzy label designed by Steve Smiley for CFFM’s new craft beer Red Pail Ale!



Now we have our own beer!

A few weeks ago, we proudly introduced our own brand of fire fighter themed beer — Red Pail Ale! In partnership with Church-Key Brewers in Campbellford, Ontario, a maker of fine craft-brewed beers,

we’re offering what the brewer describes as, an ale with “a wonderful sweet, soft, malty nose with delicate toasted qualities and slight creamy notes boldly accented with hints of smoke. A medium bodied ale that focuses on flavorful toasted malt characteristics lending subtle caramel-like sweetness, along with an enjoyable effervescence, allowing for a clean finish.” Whew!

The beer is already selling well and that’s good because the Museum gets a percentage of every sale! If you can’t make it to the brewery in Campbellford, Red Pail Ale can be ordered online and delivered to your door (a minimum order applies). See: www.redpailale.com to order.

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Above: It's 30 years old, same as CFFM, but you wouldn't know it! We've got lots of tickets to sell but don't miss your chance to own this little beauty. Tickets can be ordered at: www.firemuseumcanada.com/tickets

Our 30th Anniversary Raffle

This year, being our 30th Anniversary Year, we thought it appropriate to mark the occasion with something significant! Through the generosity of Mr. Norm Cherwoniak, a TELUS Dealer in Milton, Ontario, we have a great prize for a 30th Anniversary Raffle — a 1984 GMC Short Bed Pickup Truck that Norm has had refurbished.

Norm first contacted us a few months back after being referred by the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs. Norm has a great many fire fighters among his customers and wanted to “give back” to the fire fighter community. He chose to do so by donating his truck as our grand prize!

This is a real nice truck with a new GMC 350 c.i. “crate engine” installed, rebuilt automatic transmission, rebuilt rear end, front disc brakes, Boss wheels, tonneau cover and much more!

But that's not all — there are three other great prizes:

Second Prize – A one-week stay in a two-bedroom condo at Golden Beach Resort, Rice Lake, between Jan. 1st & June 1st, 2015 – Value \$899

Third Prize – A \$500 VIA Rail travel voucher.

Fourth Prize – A “Visit Port Hope Package” that includes:

- A one-night stay at the Waddell Inn (river view room).
- Four theatre passes to the Cameco

Capitol Arts Centre.

- A \$50 dinner gift certificate from Stanley's Fish & Grill.

- A lunch at Dreamer's Café.

- A \$75 dinner gift certificate from Black Beans Steakhouse & Lounge.

(Total value of fourth prize \$402)

Tickets can be purchased at the Museum or ordered online at:

www.firemuseumcanada.com/tickets

Tickets are \$5 each, 5 for \$20, books of

10 for \$40. The draw will be held January 1st, 2015.



Above: One side of our new Canadian Overseas Fire Fighting Battalion display.

New displays, New decor!

Over the winter months, our volunteers have worked very hard to create new displays and refurbish the older ones. Along with this, they have worked wonders in upgrading the surroundings in our display gallery including new paint, revised lighting and a complete reshuffle of the displays themselves!

We're particularly proud of the new display of artifacts from Canada's Overseas Fire Fighting Battalion of World War 2.

We have an extensive collection of photos, patches, diaries, albums and other items that tell the story of how these Canadian Fire Fighters went to London and put out the fires caused by enemy bombing.

Also updated is our forest fire fighting display, which now incorporates video, as well as newly received forest fire fighting artifacts.

If you haven't visited the Museum in a while, come on over! We think you'll notice a big difference!



Above: The history of fire fighting in Canada from 18th century to present — in English and French!

People make all the difference

If you have three hours a week to donate to Canada's Hottest Museum you will be eligible to receive free membership as well as a prestigious award celebrating your commitment to your community! Call Marielle Lambert @ the museum, 905.885.8985 to volunteer.



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