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# Museum Musings

## **BM & District Historical Society Highlights:**

- We were open 7 days a week for the summer!
- A re-print of the "Call of Copper" was available for sale this season. Very few copies remain!
- Copper Country Cookbooks are still available.

Want to tour the museum this fall?

October -

- If the OPEN sign is out come in
- Or phone us:

705-785-3508  
or  
705-785-2429

to arrange a tour

*"Not to know  
what happened  
before one was  
born is always  
to remain a  
child."*

- Cicero

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## **Ribbon Cutting ... Trillium Foundation Funds**

The Bruce Mines & District Historical Society was pleased to learn that the Ontario Trillium Foundation was providing funding assistance to allow for painting of the Museum exterior.

The Trillium Grant will also allow us to repair the outside railings and open up the other entrance door.

Mike Brown (our local

MPP) presented us with the cheque at a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Museum on August 16<sup>th</sup> 2011.

Funding was also received for student employment grants and for our day to day operating costs. Fundraising efforts will continue for a variety of museum needs.

Volunteer support is an essential component to

our success, without our volunteers we would not be able to open this amazing collection for visitors.



## **New Floor in the Sanctuary!**

Students were hired this summer through funding from the Ontario Museum Association and the Metis Nation of Ontario. The students worked diligently with Ron Smith to pack and move artifacts from the Sanctuary, move the display cases, and install and paint the new floor. It was a lot of hard work but certainly worth it as the new floor looks terrific!

Volunteers conducted tours throughout June and again until mid September. Their support and dedication are vital to the operation of the Museum. As well as conducting tours, volunteers kept the grass cut, baked for fund raisers, and served at luncheons. The Bruce Station Horticultural Society planted and watered the flower beds this

summer.

Despite the construction inside and outside the Museum this summer, the number of visitors remained close to the same as last season.

Comments from guests continue to be encouraging.



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### Copper Country Cooking

Support the Historical Society by  
purchasing your copy at:

M & J Hair Boutique

The Public Library

or

Contact any Historical Society  
Board Member

## Book Launch and more ...

The author of the Call of Copper, Leigh Hornick, asked BMDHS to make the transcript of his book available for reprinting. A book launch was held on July 6 at the Public Library. Ron Smith informed guests of the method involved in preparing the transcript for re-publishing this 1960's edition. The font, format, paper and cover were modernized but the original content remains the same. Bill Gunn read aloud a few humorous passages from the book. Complimentary copies were presented to Ted Brooks for generously

### ***About Our Organization...***

The Bruce Mines & District Historical Society is a non-profit corporation with charitable status. We will issue tax deductible receipts for donations over \$10.

donating the publishing cost; to Art Bennett for the use of his office and equipment and to Leigh Hornick. Mr. Hornick taught history at the Bruce Mines & District High School in the 60's and he had students research and compile the content of the Call of Copper. At Mr. Hornick's request all proceeds from the sale of this book will go to the Bruce Mines & District Historical Society. Sales over the summer went very well. As of today very few copies remain. If there is a demand for more we will consider another printing. We are compiling a list of those interested in purchasing one. You may add your name to a list at M&J Hair Boutique, the Public Library, or by contacting any Board member.

131<sup>st</sup> Central Algoma  
Exhibition & Fall Fair



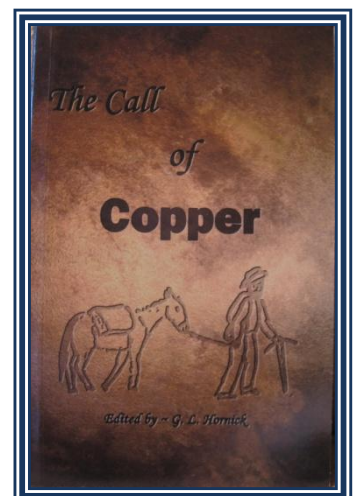
...Fair Day in 1913  
Bruce Mines, Ontario

A display was prepared for the Fall Fair that highlighted a number of early agricultural tools. The display sparked many conversations and recollections of life in early Algoma.

The Sylvan Circle Tour continues to attract a good number of visitors to the District. Many took time out of their travels to tour the Museum, purchase memberships or to buy their own copy of the newly printed Call of Copper. The Copper Country Cookbook was also a popular purchase.



We are funded through your donations and our efforts will only continue with your assistance. If you would like to volunteer please call any Board member. We need help with grant proposal writing, archival organization as well as conducting tours, baking etc.



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