R.B.W.M. Historical Society Schoolhouse Museum

35753 Hwy. 17, Laurentian Hills, Ontario K0J 1P0

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The School House Museum is owned and operated by the Rolph, Buchanan, Wylie and McKay Historical Society, a register non-profit charity. The Museum contains a unique collection of artifacts, records and photographs - some dating back to the 1800's - illustrating the history of the Municipality of Laurentian Hills area, formerly the four townships of Rolph, Buchanan, Wylie and McKay in the Upper Ottawa Valley.

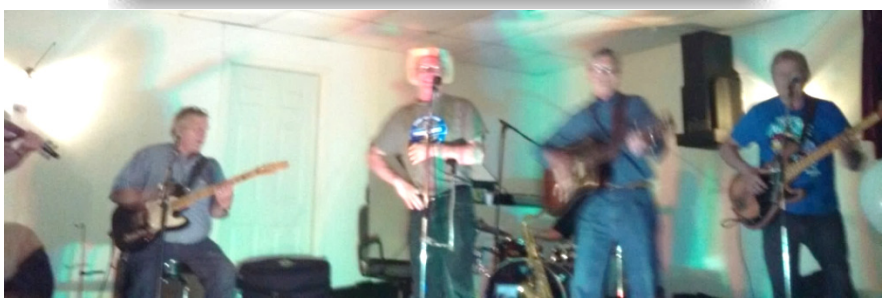
8km west of Deep River off Highway 17 at Meilleur's Bay

- **Museum Hours of Operations**
  - **June Weekends 10-4**
  - **July and August Friday-Tuesday 10-4 or**
  - **by appointment**

Website
http://www.schoolhousemuseum.ca

Events/Fundraising

Barn Dance 2014 May at Lions Hall



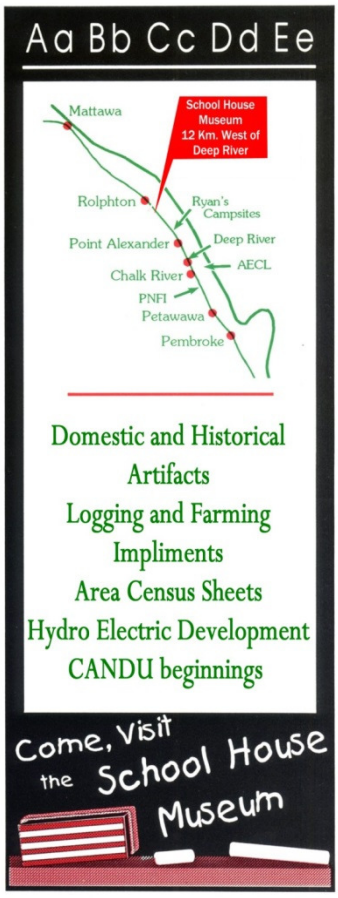
A few locals took to the stage and lots took to the floor

Executive

1. Eileen Burke, President
2. Larry Gendron, Vice President
3. Bernice Recchia, Treasurer
4. Ellen McQuestion, Events
5. Nancy Arkles, Displays
6. Cecile Brazeau, Adverting
7. John Wright, Buildings and Grounds
8. Margaret-Ann Hanlon, Secretary
9. Dianne Lemire, Projects

Lifetime Members

1. Mona Kirkwood
2. Frank & Elizabeth Burke
3. Mel Stewart



2014 Strawberry Tea Strawberry at the Museum in June

General Members

1. **Dave Grace**
2. **Lee Elliott**
3. **Don & Linda Wright**
4. **Billy & Heather Hogue**
5. **Randy & Pam Ethier**
6. **Gail Heieck**
7. **Judy Tanner**
8. **Alcide & Ida Gendron**
9. **Anne Giardini**
10. **Gary & Nancy Haller**
11. **Keith & Sharon Kean**
12. **Clemence Lepage**
13. **Guy Lemire**
14. **Eric McQuestion**
15. **Grant McQuestion**
16. **Russell McQuestion**
17. **Owen Stewart**
18. **Winston & Helen Stewart**
19. **Dave Winfield**
20. **Martin Packer**
21. **Selma Nussbaumer-Roth**

Business Sponsors:

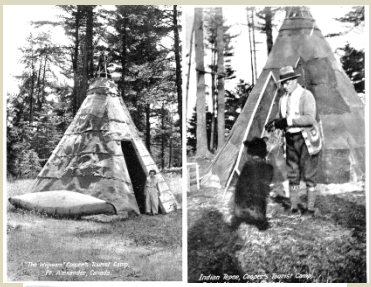
- **AECL , and**
- **Town of Laurentian Hills**
- **Giant Tiger,**
- **Valu-Mart,**
- **Chalk River Lions Club,**
- **Digital Copy,**
- **Loonsnest,**
- **Bear's Den,**
- **Pinecrest Florist**

Fun Days at the Museum Sunday before August Long weekend showcases the Museum, Historical and Area Displays, great food, great music and old time family fun. It also included a Cow Paddy Bingo Ticket Draw and Gift Ticket Draw

Look Ahead 2015

- **Events/Fundraising/Grants**
- **Recruiting Member/Volunteers**
- **Museum Operations - Weekends/Summer Months**
- **Events: Barn Dance/Strawberry Tea/ Fun Day/ Nuclear History**
- **Visit - Schools, Senior Residence, Clubs**
- **Historical Projects Community/Business/Family**
- **Display Improvements**
- **Infrastructure Improvements**
- **Re-Incorporation**
- **New Museum Standards**

Coopers Tourist Hotel Pt. Alexander Postcards



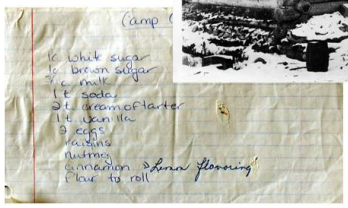
Historical Tidbits:

Chalk River Railway

Camboose Shanty, Lake Traverse 1900

Camp Food and Fun

1 c white sugar
1 c brown sugar
1 c margarine
¾ c milk
1 tsp soda
2 tsp cream of tartar
1 tsp vanilla
2 eggs
raisins
nutmeg
cinnamon
lemon flavouring
flour to roll



Buck Dance

There were only men at the lumber camps, so in the evenings they would pay music and dance. They would have a square dance some of the men would don the aprons to play the part of the ladies.

Coopers Tourist Hotel Pt. Alexander

Cooper's Tourist Hotel and Camp in Pt. Alexander (in Burkes Rd to Mielke Homestead and down to the water) It operated in the 1920's and had a gas pump. The Hotel burned in the in the early 1930's. Cabins were operated by Mielke's after.

Calling all volunteers, clubs, business and partners interested in preserving and showcasing the History of the Upper Ottawa Valley.

- **Come Work together on a project, event, operations, restorations….**

Museum Themes examples

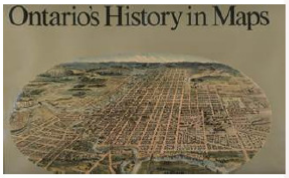
- **Family History**
- **Nuclear History**
- **Native History**
- **Pioneer Life History –Home, Lumbering, Farming, Trapping, Hunting**
- **Transportation History – Water, Rail, Road and Air**
- **Local History – Churches, Schools, Businesses, Communities, Sports, Industry, Development…**

Schoolhouse

Church

Log House

Donation Record:



Ontario's History in Maps [HARDCOVER] R. Louis Gentilcore (Author), C. Grant Head (Author)

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Ontario's History in Maps

Donated by Doris O'Regan, resident of Deep River, acquired from the estate of Irma Coulson, late of Burlington, Ontario.

Irma was a member and one time president of the Burlington Historical Society. She was a school teacher and principal who volunteered her time and expertise with the Church and School Board and various local organizations.

Rolph, Buchanan, Wylie and McKay Historical Society

Donation Maps and DVD of old Movies of Frasers Landing and Tea Pot Lake camp and area Logging from Drs Richard and Sylvie Cruess

Group Visits:
Seniors from Pinewood Retirement Residence Pembroke visiting the Museum to look around and enjoy a wonderful meal.

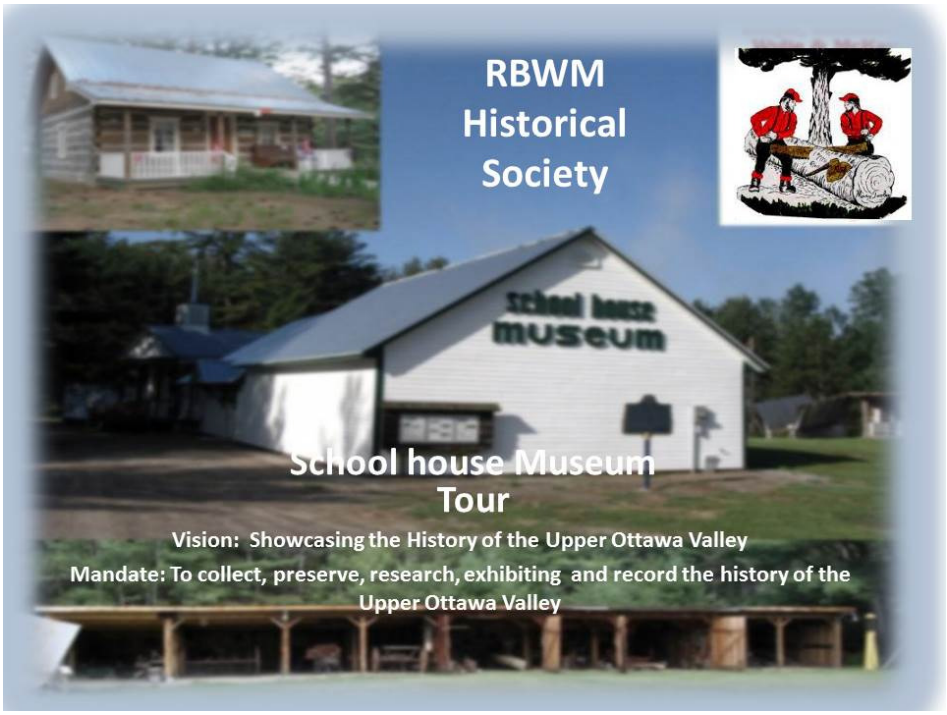
Canada Nuclear History

Waterways and Watersports

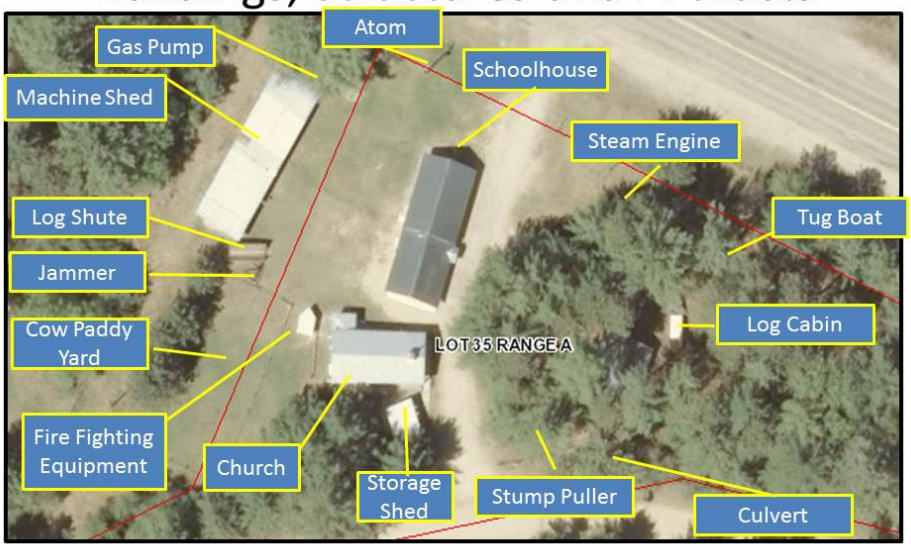
Hydro Power
Log Chute to bypass Dam

Displays

Schoolhouse Museum Tour



Museum Built Up Area
Buildings, Structures and Artifacts



Museum History
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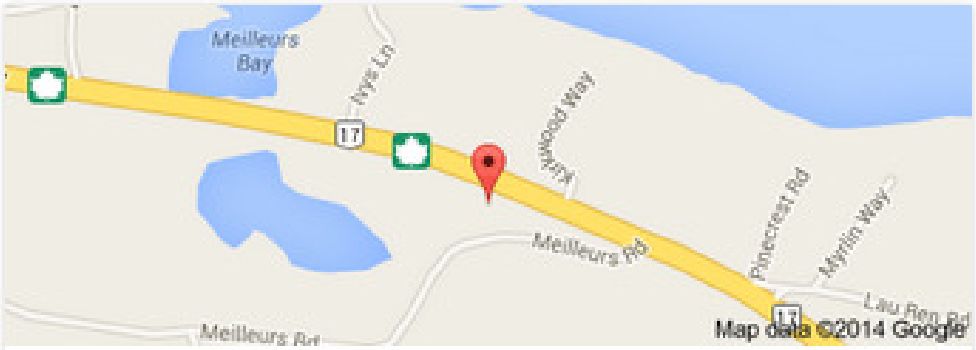

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