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# AMMA Volunteer News



## March 2024

### RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Bozena Boadway and Cathy Kasza have recently been assisting us in preparing our huge (and very exciting) donation from Ron Allen for listing. Thank you so much for all of your help!

Many thanks to everyone who helped us supervise and facilitate the Leaving Canada exhibit, including Rebecca Horeth, Cassy Wall, Pat White, and Ron Sawyer. Also, thank you to Kelly Pearson for covering our 1920s exhibit. We very much appreciate it! Additional thanks to the volunteers and staff of MCS for kindly taking the reigns with guiding exhibit tours, especially Mary Giesbrecht and Abe Harms!

Jim McCallum continues to catalogue and digitize our extensive collection of documents from the Town Hall, and is nearly finished! To date, he has 3448 database records to his name. Fantastic work, Jim, thank you so much! We're holding out hope that you won't be fed up with us when we ask you to take care of Malahide's documents, too. 😊

Special thanks to Chris Csernyei for helping us to update our computers! We've noticed a huge difference in our daily work so far.

Deb Waite has been stopping by weekly to help us get caught up with listing our donations! Thank you so much, Deb, we can't express how grateful we are!

Many thanks to Pat Zimmer and Kathy Klassen for tackling a programming request recently!



### UPCOMING VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

We're always looking for folks with excellent computer and written communication skills. Any help in listing our huge number of donations, or in digitizing our collections via our database would be greatly appreciated!

### AMMA BOARD NEWS

Amanda presented a proposed exhibit schedule for our pop-up exhibits out of 75 Talbot St. E. this year:

- **Leaving Canada: The Mennonite Migration to Mexico** - On loan from the Mennonite Heritage Village and sponsored by Mennonite Community Services.
  - Already running! Installed until the end of April.
- **Arriving in Aylmer: Transylvanian Saxons Since the 1920s** - Guest curated by Museum Director Rebecca Horeth, based on her thesis research. Examines the migration of Transylvanian Saxons to this area and their descendants' cultural practices and identity through the lens of folklore.
  - July to September
- **OH! OH!: The Works of Ron Allen** - Spurred on by Mr. Allen's incredible donation this year, consisting of a collection of his published works and original sketches. We're currently working feverishly to get everything listed and off to our Acquisition Committee, but afterwards, we'll get to making selections and planning the exhibit.
  - October to December



### GENERAL MUSEUM NEWS

**Tour of Homes:** We're currently looking to tour some potential houses! We'll let you know how the next meeting goes.

**Swan Line:** We had record-low swan numbers this year. This year's peak count was 386, while last year's was 4,300. Consulting with the Elgin Stewardship Council, it seems that the unusually warm winter is to blame. A combination of an altered flight path, an early start to the migration, and just not being hungry when passing by seem to have caused the low numbers.

### NEXT MEETING

The next general volunteer meeting has yet to be scheduled. You're welcome to check in on our shared calendar at [aylmermuseum.ca/volunteer-information](http://aylmermuseum.ca/volunteer-information). Otherwise, feel free to stop by anytime! We're always happy to see you.

- **Building Committee Meeting:** Wednesday, April 3 (flexible), 4:00 PM, 14 East St.
- **Annual General Meeting:** Tuesday, April 16, 3:00 PM, 75 Talbot St. E. (upstairs!)
- **Board Meeting:** Tuesday, April 16, after AGM, 75 Talbot St. E. (upstairs!)
- **Tour of Homes Committee Meeting:** Monday, April 22, 9:30 AM, 75 Talbot St. E.



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