



# Newsletter

## Community Museums Association of Prince Edward Island

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### Welcome to our Newsletter

Welcome to the new CMA-PEI Newsletter. This letter will be sent out once a month and will **include valuable information regarding what CMA-PEI is working on, action items, conservation tips, and more.**

If you have any announcements you would like for us to make in the newsletter, please send them to us at least one week before the beginning of the next month. This will ensure we have time to put the event into the next newsletter.

If we do not receive enough time, we cannot guarantee that your announcement will be in the newsletter.

Our hope is that this newsletter will cut back on the number of emails we send out to members on a monthly basis.

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Action shot of Jason MacNeil (PEI Museum and Heritage Foundation) treating an artefact at the **Best Practices for Caring for Infected Archives and Wooden Artefacts** on September 17, 2018 at Orwell Corner Historic Village.

### Important Survey's

We are currently working on a Youth Engagement and Volunteer Renewal program. An important part of this project is information gathering and for that, we need your help!

We have developed three surveys and we ask that you fill them out. They will only take a few minutes each.

These short surveys are designed to help us develop youth engagement programs and volunteer programs.

### Special Points of Interest

[Youth Engagement in Culture Survey](#)

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## The Surveys

### [Youth Engagement in Culture Survey](#)

This survey is designed for people between the ages of 13-30. We ask that you pass it along to people you know and ask them to fill it out. This survey will also be going out to some Island schools in February when their new semester begins.

### [Volunteer Recruitment in PEI Museums Survey](#)

This survey is designed for adults (18 plus). This survey is designed for volunteers and non-volunteers. After all, to get volunteers we also have to address why people do not volunteer.

### [Community Museums Survey](#)

This survey is for community museums and our organizational members only. We ask that one person from each organization complete this survey.

To do any survey, click on the title.

## Cultural Labour Market Information Survey

The [Cultural Labour Market Information Survey](#) is a survey designed by the Cultural Human Resource Council (CHRC) and the Conference Board of Canada to help assess the size and state of the cultural labour market in Canada.

The survey can be filled in by both employers and employees/volunteers.

Please take 15-20 minutes to fill out this survey. This survey will be used to inform the government and other stakeholders on the state of cultural labour in Canada and may

inform future legislation. The cultural labour market is larger than most people expect. Help prove it.

## Storage Area Housekeeping

Pests are everywhere. There is no escaping them. But, you can take steps to protect your collection.

Good housekeeping is one of the best defensive methods against pests. **It is also**

**one of the most inexpensive.**

Essentially, keep your collections area clean. This means no food or drinks, sweep and dust, etc. This will reduce the possibility of pests being attracted to your

storage area. Pests want undisturbed spaces so if you disturb spaces on a regular basis you create an unwelcoming environment for pests.

You might want to consider developing a Collection Housekeeping Plan if you do not already have one.

This plan would lay out housekeeping duties, who should do them, how often the tasks should be done, and how should the tasks be completed.

Housekeeping duties may include: sweeping; dusting (displays, storage boxes, artefacts, etc); scrubbing; vacuuming; taking out the garbage, compost, and recycling; and cleaning washrooms; just to name a few.

Some of these tasks should be done daily

while others you can do weekly or monthly.

Many of these tasks you may already be doing. Go one step further and formalize it in a plan or checklist to help you and other employees or volunteers remember these very important tasks.

## Upcoming Workshops

### Best Practices for Environmental Controls

Presenter: Jill McRae, Confederation Centre

Location: Garden of the Gulf Collections Facility, Montague  
Date: Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Environmental control is important for keeping artefacts safe. This workshop will cover a range of different environmental control options. This will include environmental controls of varying price points.

Participants will explore different environmental control technologies and their respective costs (purchase and ongoing costs); affordable solutions for environmental solutions; review the ideal levels of lux, relative humidity, temperature, etc.

**Please register by Monday, January 21, 2019.**

### Best Practices for Developing a Pest and Hazardous Material Management Plan

Presenter: Kelly MacKenzie, CMA-PEI  
Location: TBA  
Date: TBA

This workshop will review how to create an Integrated Pest Management Plan and a Hazardous Material Plan.

These plans will help ensure there are procedures in place should pests or hazardous material be discovered. This includes what to do if pests are found, how to treat infected artefacts, and lists of artefacts that may need special

handling.

Participants will be able to take this knowledge and templates back to their museums and create their own plans.

### Registration Information

**To register for either workshop, please call us at 902-892-8837 or email us at [info@museumspei.ca](mailto:info@museumspei.ca).**

**Registration Fee:  
Members \$15.00  
Non-members \$20.00**

# Announcements

If you would like an announcement on this page in the future, please email us.

## 2019 Clyde River Lectures

The first lecture will take place on Saturday, January 26, from 1:30 to 3:30. Rudy Croken will present the "Are you for or Against the Automobile?" lecture. Croken is the author of *Ban the Automobile: Instrument of Death*, which chronicles the history of the automobile on PEI.

## Artefact of the Week

Did you know the PEI Heritage Foundation places one artefact in the spotlight each week? Check out their [Facebook page](#) for posts!

## Young Canada Works

The deadline for Young Canada Works applications is January 15, 2019. Get your applications in quickly!

## Display Case

The display case here at our office is once again available. If you would like to display some artefacts here at our office in Charlottetown, contact us as soon as possible to book your spot!

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