

Bi Monthly Update

Cottonwood's Summer 2021



In our previous newsletter I mentioned Larry Hamilton's dream and the fact that the need for Cottonwood to sustain itself financially is as much of a concern today as it was thirty years ago. I'm pleased to report that several of you chose to respond through personal donations and we thank you for this.

In closing, with restrictions starting to ease plus the hard work being done by those directly involved, I look forward to a positive future for our beloved site.



President's Message

Clayton Spears | Cottonwood Mansion Preservation Foundation

"I find it hard to put into words how pleased I am with those who have stepped up to the plate in order to keep Cottonwood alive during these challenging times. Countless volunteer hours have been spent in ground maintenance, repairing the major interior plaster cracks and the subsequent repainting of the Sitter music room, the Yokum ballroom and the first and second floor hallways.

Our website lists those individuals and companies that have donated their time, products and services; however, I wish to extend a personal and heartfelt thank you to Brittany Van Dalen, Cassandra Hutt plus Debbie and Mike Van Dalen. Their enthusiasm and pure desire to save Haldimand's Crown Jewel for future generations goes far beyond what one would normally expect from either an employee or a volunteer. As a result, the positive vibes coming from the general public is most gratifying and this has resulted in a very noticeable upsurge in booking enquiries.

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Wedding Video

This was a very exciting project that we cannot wait to share! Cottonwood Mansion is excited to be working towards a brighter future and to be the perfect setting for weddings. In order to showcase this, we collaborated with many talented businesses to create a beautifully crafted wedding style video! These businesses include Sash & Garland, Sweet Celebrations, StatueRue, Blue Harvest Hair Design & Spa, The Planning House, Bella Mia Bridal, Dave Tebbutt Films, Patrick's Haircare & Esthetics, and From Eden & Co. To see more photos from this shoot and to check out this amazing film please check out our website!

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Restoration Work

The restoration of the Music Room and Ballroom is complete! The Music Room was reimagined as a space for rental use and programming. The walls were repaired by Alex Donison who kindly volunteered his time and donated paint and supplies.

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The room has been beautifully transformed into a bright and airy space perfect for special events, ceremonies, and programs. The plasterwork in the upstairs ballroom was repaired by Caleb Van Dalen who volunteered his time. The Ballroom now serves a dual purpose area as both an exhibit space and rental space. Along with the repairs, the rooms and halls have been repainted to colours that match with both the interior and exterior of the property. You'll find beautiful shades of mauve and pale pinks as you walk through the mansion!



Daylily Sale | July 24

Come visit us on Saturday July 24, 2021 for the Annual Daylily Sale brought to you by Mary Ann & Dave Pearson. A big thank you to Mary Ann and Dave for their continual support through their annual lily sale as all proceeds from the event go towards Cottonwood Mansion Museum. The sale will take place from 10am to 2pm. There are many different varieties of lilies available, all of which can be found on the homepage of Cottonwood's website. Most varieties cost \$5.00 per pot while some special Cottonwood varieties cost \$10.00 per pot. Quantities are available on Cottonwood's homepage as well.



Cottonwood's Classic Car Show Sponsored by Memory Motors

Join us on August 7, 2021 for Cottonwood's Classic Car Show, Swap Meet, and Craft Show! Car Registration is required and is still open. The first 100 vehicles will receive dash plaques and all cars registered have a chance to win grand prizes including a *round of golf & perch dinner for 4 plus two carts at Cayuga Golf Club, \$200.00 cash prize donated by Tim's Tires, one nights stay at Broecheler Inn, dinner for two at Elm Hurst Inn, and \$100.00 cash prize donated by 2 Main West.* Food will be available for purchase on site. This event is cash only event. Tickets and Car Registration can be found on Cottonwood's website under the events tab. Cottonwood Staff will also be giving house tours for the day. As per government guidelines, pre registration for tour tickets is recommended.

If you are looking for a great volunteer opportunity, we are currently accepting volunteers for the car show. Some of the volunteer duties include parking direction, ticket sales, house tours, and overall help to ensure the event is running smoothly.

If you are interested, please contact Cottonwood Staff. Hours worked will count towards high school volunteer hours, if applicable.



Cottonwood's Summer Camps

With July rapidly coming to an end, Cottonwood has a limited amount of in-person summer camps offered for all of August! Our remaining camps are *Medieval Europe* (August 9 to 13), *Life at Sea* (August 16 to 20), and *Vikings!* (August 23 to 27). Each week is packed full of fun crafts, out-door activities, and more. If you are interested or would like further information, please check out Cottonwood's website under the *Summer Camps* tab at the top of the page.



Afternoon High Tea

Enjoy an opulent and grand experience on the beautiful historic grounds of Cottonwood Mansion with our afternoon teas! Teas are staged outside so that visitors can take in all the romantic splendor of the countryside. Each purchase includes a set menu of sandwiches, scones, and treats with a selection of tea options! Tours are available an hour after seating time and is included in the price.

This event is rain or shine! Guests will be able to enjoy their afternoon tea in our beautifully renovated Music Room depending on weather.

The Mom Market Collective

The Mom Market Collective will be at Cottonwood Mansion Museum on August 28, 2021 from 11am to 4pm. The Mom Market provides a space for mom-operated home-grown businesses to flourish and make connections. If you are interested in a spot, please check out their website at <https://themommarketco.com/>. The Haldimand Division is hosted by Emily Edwards and we are so excited to be working with her! We hope to see you at the Mom Market on August 28!



A Cone for Cottonwood

Three Seasons Ice Cream Parlour in Rainham Centre is running "A Cone for Cottonwood" fundraiser to help support the museum due to the adverse effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. \$1 from every cone purchased of Black Cherry or Olde Time Butter Pecan will go towards helping Cottonwood! The fundraiser runs until October 11th, 2021. Everyone from the Cottonwood team would like to send a huge thank you to Mandy Everets Sherk and everyone at Three Seasons for their kind generosity!



Membership Packages

Cottonwood has revamped its membership by providing new categories as well as additional perks which include gift shop and special event discounts. If you are already a holder of a Cottonwood Mansion Museum membership, this update does not affect your already active membership.

Being a Cottonwood Mansion Museum Membership holder will mean that you are contributing to many amazing projects such as: ongoing operations of Cottonwood Mansion, conservation, restoration, and preservation of the building and its collection, interpretation and educational programming, and special events.

Currently, there are five different membership categories: Student, Senior, Adult, Family, and Business.

If you are interested in finding out more about or purchasing a membership please check our website for details or call to talk to a staff member at Cottonwood Mansion Museum!



Thank You Volunteers and Donors

Among many of our projects this year, one of our largest ones was our Victorian garden which will be accomplished in 3 to 4 phases. With the assistance of Bassindale Excavating who excavated the ground and donated soil and stone, our garden is well underway! The flowers chosen were a mix of historically accurate flowers and ones that fit the romantic luster of the English cottage style with beautiful shades of purple, pink, and white. Charlie Parfitt volunteered his tractor and services to help transport the soil onto the garden beds which was also a great help. Everyone at Cottonwood would like to extend our greatest appreciation to all donors and volunteers who have helped in the restoration of Cottonwood over the past several months!

