

Bi Monthly Update

Cottonwood's Fall 2021



Unfortunately, like many organization, the Preservation Foundation is experiencing a dwindling volunteer base. Having said this, if you are motivated in helping to keep a piece of Haldimand's heritage moving forward, we urge you to log on to our website at www.cottonwoodmansionmuseum.com and scroll to the volunteer heading to view the options available in order to see if there is something that might fit your particular interests. You can rest assured that your desire to become involved will be genuinely appreciated.

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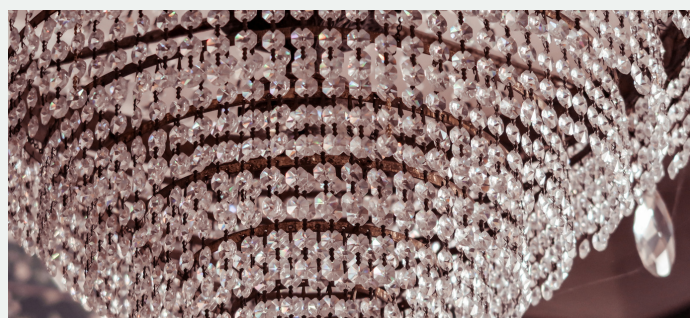
President's Message

Clayton Spears | Cottonwood Mansion Preservation Foundation

"Brittany Van Dalen and Cassandra Hutt could not have arrived at Cottonwood Mansion Museum at one of the worse times in history. While there have been eras in the past that have traumatized our world, the current pandemic has had a major impact on every segment of its Population.

In our previous newsletter I referred to the interior upgrades that have taken place during our shutdown and in this one I wish to highlight the Classic Car Show and the outdoor High Tea. Not only did each event garner much needed revenue for Cottonwood, but the positive comments from those attending was personally heartwarming. A tremendous amount of time and effort was spent to ensure the success of each and once again, I need to give accolades to Brittany, her friends, Cassandra and the Van Dalen family.

From the time Larry Hamilton purchased Mansion in 1988, volunteerism has been a significant part of not only restoring our site, but ensuring that it continues to exemplify the era in which the Holmes family lived in it.



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Presidents Message continued...

As your president, I am dedicated in keeping Cottonwood alive for future generations and with the continued support from our supporters, I am confident Larry's dream will continue to Flourish.

Clayt Spears

Cottonwood's Classic Car Show

Sponsored by Memory Motors

Last month Cottonwood had its first Classic Car Show, Swap Meet, and Craft Show. We are pleased to announce that this fundraising event was a huge success for the mansion! With over 110 Classic Cars coming out and almost 20 vendors, visitors and participants had a great day! Thankfully, the weather was bright and sunny too. We have had such a wonderful wave of feedback and praise from many attendees and we cannot wait to see everyone again at another Cottonwood Mansion Event soon!

Cottonwood Mansion Museum extends its thanks to all of the volunteers and staff that were onsite that day, the event would have not been successful without everyone who dedicated their time and efforts to this cause. It was great to be able to share the history and grounds of the mansion with everyone who came. Events like the Classic Car Show are to help keep Cottonwood Mansion Museum open to deliver educational programming and events for the public and to keep Haldimand Heritage alive.

Pictured right is Clayton Spears greeting visitors before a tour.





Afternoon High Tea

Sunday August 15 was the mansion's first Afternoon High Tea experience. This event allowed us to work with local businesses such as Sash and Garland, who decorated our gazebo and photo vignette perfectly, as well as Sunflower Cafe who provided the lovely sandwiches. Our guests of the day have commented about their experiences, saying that the day went above and beyond their expectations. We are so pleased to hear that and strive to continue delivering unprecedented events!



Erie Mutual Insurance | Sept. 12

Erie Mutual Insurance 150th anniversary will be hosted at Cottonwood Mansion Museum on Sunday, September 12 from 1pm to 4pm. All are welcome, free tours and sweets, including ice cream and cake, donated by Erie Mutual Insurance. Cottonwood is honoured to host this event as William Holmes was in fact Erie Mutual's first president in 1871. Happy Anniversary Erie Mutual Insurance!

Volunteer Appreciation BBQ

We are happy to announce that Cottonwood Mansion Museum will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation BBQ on Thursday September 23 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. This appreciation event will be worked by the Board and Staff of Cottonwood Mansion to show our appreciation for everyone who has volunteered their time and services thus far in our journey. Invitations have been sent out to all invited guests with an RSVP date.

If you are interested in volunteering at Cottonwood Mansion Museum, please check our website for volunteer forms. We have many positions that we would appreciate help with, all of which can be specified when filling out the volunteer form.

We appreciate volunteers of all ages! Any high schoolers that need volunteer hours are more than welcome to join! Any volunteering done at the museum will count towards mandatory volunteer hours.



Afternoon High Tea | Sept. 26

Thanks to the amazing turn out at our previous Afternoon Tea in August, we are pleased to announce that Cottonwood Mansion Museum will be hosting another Afternoon Tea on Sunday September 26, 2021. This fall inspired event is rain or shine - Guests will be able to enjoy their afternoon tea in our beautifully renovated Music Room that has been set up to accommodate social distancing regulations. 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 is a pre-registered only event available for guests 12 years of age and older. Please register online at <https://cottonwoodmansionmuseum.com/events>. Cottonwood Mansion Staff are available by phone or email if you have any questions regarding the event.

Guided Tour Update and Project

At this time, Cottonwood Mansion Museum is unable to provide tours for groups of under 10 people. If you wish to book a tour for 10 or more people please email or call Cottonwood Mansion Museum and leave your contact number and desired date. Please note that tour date availability is at the discretion of our staff. We highly encourage those interested in group tours to contact the mansion via email as that is the quicker way of communication when staff are not on site.

Additionally, Cottonwood Mansion Museum is currently undertaking an inventory project. At this time we are not taking any object donations while we sort through our collection to maintain the integrity of the museum and to focus its purpose. We thank you for your understanding and look forward to touring with you again soon.



The Mom Market Collective

The Mom Market Collective have moved their event date and will be at Cottonwood Mansion Museum on October 9 from 11am to 4pm. The Mom Market provides a space for mom-operated home-grown businesses to flourish and make connections. We hope to see you at the Mom Market on October 9!



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!

Thank You

Donors and Volunteers

We want to thank all of our Donors and Volunteers especially for their generosity over this summer. Our events would not be possible without you. We hope that we can count on your continued support throughout the rest of the year so Cottonwood Mansion Museum is able to continue hosting events like the Classic Car Show, Afternoon High Tea, and more!

As stated previously, if you wish to volunteer or become a donor of Cottonwood Mansion Museum, please check our our website!