

**SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:**

- **Fundraising Meeting**
March 31, 7pm
- **OMS AGM**
May 24, 3-5pm
- **Museum Rental info on website**
- **Lend a hand— Volunteer at your Museum**

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Spring is coming!

It has been a busy winter at the museum. Our visitor numbers continue to grow which is wonderful to see and what was predicted prior to moving to the new building. In addition we are also seeing an increase in new OMS members!

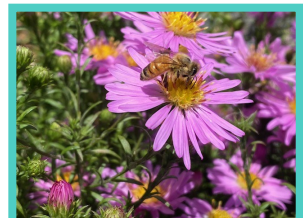
The more we settle in, the more we figure out the needs of this new location, one of which is volunteers. If you are interested please see below, there are various opportunities available. If fundraising interests you, there will be a meeting on Monday, March 31 for anyone that would like to help in that area.

As you read through this newsletter you'll see that we are doing more events, both at the museum, and where possible partnering with other local organizations and businesses. This is a great way to increase our presence in the community.

We're looking forward to a fun filled spring and busy summer. If you have kids to keep busy or company to entertain, remember the museum is open Tuesday—Friday 10am-3pm. We have scavenger hunts inside the museum as well as one that takes you to various public art locations around downtown Osoyoos.

Please note: the OMS Annual General Meeting is scheduled for May 24. In the meantime, keep up-to-date by following the Museum on Facebook, Instagram, or regularly visiting our website at www.osoyoosmuseum.org.

Happy spring!
-Kara Burton
Executive Director



Rotary Pollinator Garden at Osoyoos Museum
October 2024

Get involved!



Volunteers are an integral part of operating the museum; presenting the history and heritage of our community, welcoming visitors, and

promoting local activities. It takes over 1000 volunteer hours ever year in order to continue offering no admission fee for visitors.

Join our front desk team! Tasks include greeting visitors, gift shop sales, and light

housekeeping duties. Shifts are 2.5-3 hours once a week, or every other week.

For more information stop by the museum, fill out an application or contact Kara Burton at 250.495.2582 or info@osoyoosmuseum.ca.

Trivia Night



February 22, 2025 saw six teams having fun and competing at Trivia Night 2025!

With 60 questions primarily about our wonderful community, everyone left having learned something new and had a good laugh.

This annual event, held during BC Heritage Week is a great opportunity to get out with a group of friends, meet new people, and

learn some interesting facts about Osoyoos and the area.

Every year the trivia questions are researched and written by museum staff. To switch things up a bit for next year we'll be accepting questions and/or topics from the public. If you would like to contribute please email your questions to info@osoyoosmuseum.ca

with the subject line "Trivia". Submissions must include reference to where the answer can be confirmed.



Class and a Glass

The Museum has successfully hosted three 'Class and a Glass' style workshops.

The first two, were alcohol ink painting on Christmas ornaments and the third, in mid-January was candle making.

Each class included valuable tips and information

provided by the instructor, all supplies to make a take home project, and a beverage. We received very positive feedback from all participants and plan to host more of these types of learning experiences in the coming months. We have an extensive list of ideas including jewelry making,

drink mixing, face painting, a speaker series, or perhaps a 'bring-your-own craft time. The possibilities are endless.

If you have an idea of something you would like to learn, or perhaps teach, please contact Kara Burton at 250.495.2582.

Community Giving Fund

The museum recently received a grant from the Town of Osoyoos Community Giving Fund in the amount of \$3,500. This money will be used to refinish the historical interpretive signs that are already installed throughout the town. Some have been damaged, some of the in-

formation needs an update, and all are showing their age.

In addition to refinishing the existing signs we also plan to create new signage and hopefully build on this project in the future. The signs are currently located at Town Hall, Art Gallery,

Sonora Centre, Bridge, Sal- ing Club, and the Marina. Due to damage and out of date information the signs originally located at Gyro Park and Lakeshore Drive were removed. The plan is to reinstall and/or relocate these signs.



Around town



We had a wonderful evening at the Museum on March 7 participating in 'First Friday' with

the local galleries. The next 'First Friday' is April 4, stop by the Museum, enjoy a glass of wine, and visit the participating venues to soak in more local arts and culture.

A collection of archival prints from the Museum is on display at Backroads Brewing until March 22. Stop by for a look, a beer, and to support this great community supporter.

Are you looking for something to do with the kids or company over spring break? Bring them to the museum! We have scavenger hunts and knowledge games for all ages. Or print (or pick up) a copy of the Oh!So

You Know downtown scavenger hunt. Take a walk around Osoyoos, enjoy some of our incredible public art, and learn about our community.

Music in the Park is hosting a children's concert at Town Hall square on June 14.

The Museum is looking forward to supporting this fun day with a (TBD) children's activity!



"Every year it takes approx. 1000 volunteer hours to operate the museum and have no admission fee for our visitors"

Fundraising Committee

With support from many donors the OMS successfully funded over \$1.5M to renovate the Museum building. In 2025 the OMS Board of Directors has committed to raising \$25,000 and increasing our presence in the community through a mix of events, activities, and exhibits.

The OMS receives annual funding from a variety of sources (grants, donations, events, sales) however, it is imperative that we augment these funds. Additional monies support existing programs and exhibits, as well as the staffing, supplies, and equipment needed to protect, preserve, and present the museum collection.

To accomplish this endeavor we are expanding our 'Fundraising Committee' and are looking for some community members to join.

An initial meeting for interested persons will be held on **Monday, March 31, 2025 at 7pm**, in the Museum Multipurpose Room.

Poppy Project

In 2022, OMS Board Member, Martha Collins, spearheaded the Osoyoos Poppy Project in collaboration with the Osoyoos Legion Branch 173.

Each year the poppy banners displayed at the Osoyoos Remembrance Day ceremony have grown with the ultimate

goal to encircle the Sonora Centre gymnasium.

This is a great opportunity to get involved. If you crochet, knit, sew, your help is needed to make poppies. If you want to learn to crochet—stay tuned! Every fall we host a 'Learn to Crochet' workshop.

Stop by the Museum to learn more and pick up some yarn to create your own poppies!

OMS Board Members, Leslie Anderson, Ginny Greb and Martha Collins with the first poppies of 2025.



...save the date

OMS Fundraising Meeting March 31, 7pm

First Friday—April 4, 4-7pm

Museum open Sat. Apr. 12 10am-3pm

Osoyoos Museum Society
Annual General Meeting
Saturday, May 24
3-5pm at the Museum



The first campers to use swiws
(Haynes Point) Provincial Park
April 1962



CPR train car carrying the last shipment
of concentrates from the Dividend Mine
March 1940



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