



Billy Bishop

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December Update...

Gloria Habart - Board Chair

Emily Jolliffe - Director & Chief Curator

Membership

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From the Board Chair

Like so many other businesses and non-profits this year, Billy Bishop Museum faced the unknown. Would we be able to open? Could we stay afloat financially? How could we provide a safe environment for staff and visitors?

With many challenges ahead, the board and staff decided to try to find a way to keep going. Our staff put a COVID plan in action to provide a safe work environment for themselves and our volunteers, including procedures to allow visitors.

Well, we did it! Thanks to the hard work, dedication and support of staff, board members and volunteers, the museum so far has survived these uncertain times. It takes more work, but it's worth it so the museum stays open.

The museum applied for various government grants and subsidy programs to allow us to keep operating and as well, we had to adapt to how we raised funds. Victorian Teas introduced a 'Take Home Tea for 2', our annual Fire & Ice Gala and Trivia Night went on-line, and the Ghost Walks went ahead outdoors. With the support of sponsors, participants, community businesses and volunteers, these events were a success.

We had some disappointments this year. Our grand opening for the Liberation Spring exhibit could not go ahead as planned. We wanted all those who participated in the curatorial collaboration to get the recognition they deserved. Our 20th Anniversary of Honouring our Local Veterans Ceremony could not be held at the Owen Sound Legion, but with the help of Rogers TV in Owen Sound, we were able to go ahead with a live broadcast.

The challenges are not over yet, but I am confident that Billy Bishop Museum will continue to honour our military heritage and the history of local stories from Grey - Bruce Counties for all to enjoy.

Thank you and enjoy the holiday season.

Gloria Habart

From the Director & Chief Curator



Somehow the year that shall not be named is at an end, and what a year! Both slow and fast, terrible and interesting.

Undoubtedly a year for the history books. Our grandchildren and great grandchildren will talk about 2020; it has left its mark on all of us. Sometimes it can be overwhelming to be a part of history and face all the hardships

around us. We must remember that there are also other times, such as coming for a visit at Billy Bishop Museum to allow your mind to be transported to another place and time, for a little bit at least!

We have a unique and intriguing quilt out on display in Billy's room on the second floor. This quilt was made especially for AJ Bauer; a founding member of the Museum, Veteran, and an outstanding member of the community who passed in 2018.

Lovingly sewn by AJ's niece Barbara Smith, the quilt consists of over 75 different ties that AJ collected throughout his lifetime, from all over the world while he was a pilot with the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Come for a tour of the Museum and explore other worlds that may seem far away, but are right in your backyard!



Photo of Group Captain Arnold John Bauer CD, BA.
Close up of a tie panel from the quilt. Left to right: RAF 60th Anniversary Tie, Personal Tie, RCAF Tartan Tie, W.P.O.A. Tie, Favorite Tartan Tie.

Happy Holidays and cheers to 2021.

Emily Jolliffe



Membership 2021

Memberships are now available for 2021.

Individual \$30.00 Family \$50.00

Unlimited Admission - 10% Off Gift Shop Purchases

Invitation to Exclusive Exhibit Openings

Your membership also supports the following:

Ongoing Exhibits - Building Restoration - Database Management

Web Development and Technology Upgrades

Education and Public Programs - Artifact Restoration and Conservation

Email info@billybishop.org to receive a form.

Holiday Hours

Closed to the Public

December 19th - January 4th

Staff will be periodically checking messages.

Please call 519-371-0031 and leave a message.

Your call will be returned.

Re-open to the Public

Tuesday January 5th, 2021

Hours of Operation

Tuesday to Friday 12:00pm - 4:00pm

