

Welcome to DesBrisay Museum!

Our facility consists of:

- A permanent Heritage Gallery with 9 exhibits
- Community Exhibit Centre
- Visible Storage and Folk Art Gallery
- Research Centre
- Gift Shop
- Multi-Purpose Room

We offer a wide range of experiences and services for our visitors, both locals and visitors from away! Take a [Virtual Tour](#) of our museum!

Photos

DesBrisay Museum has an extensive collection of images of people, places and events in Bridgewater and some Lunenburg County areas, including Bridgewater's downtown 1870-1930, and the Big Fire of 1899; E.D. Davison & Sons, lumber manufacturing, and images by many local photographers. The Museum also has a large postcard collection. Copyright restrictions apply.

Programs

Our Museum offers families a safe, fun place to explore the history of our community. With interactive exhibits, programs, puzzles and activities, kids enjoy learning about history.

For our older audiences, we offer the opportunity to become an expert in local history with programming, guest speakers, articles and photographs.

Outreach

DesBrisay Museum staff are happy to speak to community groups. Often there are opportunities to partner on specific programs or events. Contact Barb Thompson, Director, DesBrisay Museum at 543-4033.

Gift Shop

Trinkets and Treasures Gift Shop offers unique gifts, keepsakes, historic photos and reproductions from our Collection, crafts, toys, and books on local folklore, history and

geography. All profits from the Gift Shop go back into Museum programming!

Park, Picnic and Pond

The Museum is surrounded by the Bridgewater Woodland Gardens, which includes a pond, walking trails, wooded area, and grassy parkland. It's home for lots of plants, animals and insects, which makes it a great place to explore nature!

GOVERNANCE

The Bridgewater Museum Commission was incorporated by an Act of the General Assembly of Nova Scotia (38 Elizabeth II, 1989, c59) 'to take charge of, equip, manage and operate one or more museums within the Town, including the museum now known as the DesBrisay Museum.

Mission

To enrich our community by providing meaningful experiences that build understanding, knowledge and pride in our past and present way of life to help us meet future challenges.

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Mandate

- □ to bring before the County's people examples of the accomplishments and discoveries of the outside cultures and communities, and to manifest the County's natural and cultural heritage to those outside the County.

- to preserve and interpret the natural, cultural and archival heritage of Bridgewater and Lunenburg County as a unified and coordinated experience, including the County's industrial heritage not only within the Museum but also on such sites outside the Museum for which the Commission has accepted responsibility.
- to acquire, preserve and provide access to the library and archival resources that document the history of Bridgewater and Lunenburg County .
- to work in cooperation with other heritage and cultural institutions.

Approved by motion: □ September 15, 2011

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Bridgewater Museum Commission

Dr. Brian Tennyson, Chair

Jean McHarg, Vice Chair

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