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Raising Funds for CWM Portrait Wall Mike Bedford & Jarrott Holtzhauer

Something new is being planned for our museum. Many of you will have had the opportunity to see the wonderful picture gallery that is in the public area of the museum. The wall was established when the Museum was first opened over five years ago and it is now in need of a major refurbishment.

The refurbishment project includes developing a new theme, selecting the appropriate paintings, restoring some of them and perhaps re-framing if required, removing the existing paintings and placing them in storage and finally hanging the new paintings. Importantly, a revised security system will also be installed because the current exhibit does not sufficiently discourage visitors from touching the art, and

this can have a very serious effect on the life of the paintings.

The CWM staff has asked the Friends for help in funding the new Portrait Wall. The Friends have budgeted \$25,000 for this project in the current fiscal year but more funds are needed. Museum staff estimate the total cost of the refurbishment to be \$50,000.

This is a wonderful chance for us to provide visible and tangible support for a major venture at the Museum. In the months ahead we will be appealing to our members for a special donation (tax deductible of course) to help us fund the balance of the Portrait Wall project. Look for our envelope in the mail.



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**President's Message
Bill Leach**



It doesn't seem that long ago that I was writing my input for the

May "Torch". I was advising you of the upcoming AGM for this year and finished by encouraging you to have a good Spring. Here we are already thinking of the August edition. There is much to summarize for you.

Our AGM on 9 June went smoothly. We retired 5 Directors; we voted 3 new Directors onto the Board. The real test is yet to come - Our Vice President, Gordon Parker, our Treasurer, David Parr and our Secretary, Howard Mansfield have all stepped down to enjoy retired life a little more. They have all earned it.

We have found a new Treasurer; we are looking for a new chair for our Membership Committee; we have a process to elect a new VP; but by far, **OUR MOST PRESSING NEED IS FOR A SECRETARY** and the sooner the better (Nancy Marley-Clarke who was tabbed to replace Howard is packing to move to Calgary). Please consider this to be a plea for interested parties to come forward!

Shortly before our AGM, Bob Margeson let it be known that his health was becoming problematic and that he had to relin-

quish his work producing the "Torch". I know you all want to join me in thanking Bob for the absolutely excellent work he has done on the "Torch" over the past seven years and wish him all the best!

Mike Braham stepped up very quickly and offered to put this edition of the "Torch" together. Again please join me in thanking Mike. This is yet another issue for which we must find a long term fix.

Clearly, your Executive Committee and Board have more than a few matters to deal with!

My last item has to do with the opportunity which was given the "Friends" to line the walkway as the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge left the Canadian War Museum on the afternoon of 2 July, 2011. The beauty of this matter is that the offer came to us in an unsolicited way, and that so many of you were able to take part on such short notice. We all owe thanks to Angus Brown, Chuck Gruchy and Mike Bedford for doing the work that made it happen.

We owe a number of plaques to retired folks and as special "thank yous" for people who have performed "over and above". When we have all the plaques, we'll create an appropriate occasion to give them all out.

FCWM Student Volunteer Programme

Phyl Reading, Student Volunteer Coordinator

The Friends are pleased to introduce Kevin Cheevers as the FCWM Student Volunteer this summer. Now in its second year, the Student Volunteer programme is designed to support the War Museum's mandate to "educate, commemorate and preserve".

Kevin is a bilingual 16-year-old student from Ottawa, Ontario.

He is enrolled in the gifted programme at his local high school. With a passion for military history he has completed projects on the Plains of Abraham and on the First and Second World Wars. He would like to learn more about Canada's recent military engagements and peace-keeping operations.

As part of his volunteer project this summer Kevin will be paired with one or more Volunteer Interpreters. He will accompany the Volunteer Interpreter(s) as they meet with the public in the Museum's public galleries and interpret the various artifacts, exhibits or experiences. He will subsequently write an essay on a military history topic of his choice.

Royals Unveil *The Canadians Opposite Lens*

Source: CWM Communique 4 July 2011

On 2 July, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge unveiled the painting, *The Canadians Opposite Lens* by celebrated artist Augustus John (1878–1961).

The impressive painting is 12 metres wide and 3.7 metres high.

On this important occasion, Mark O'Neill, President and CEO of the Canadian Museum of Civilization Corporation said, "*This impressive work of art, with connections to Canada and Great Britain, portrays part of the experience which helped define Canada as a nation during the First World War.*"

John worked mostly around the

areas of Lens, Liévin and Hill 70 near Vimy Ridge. Based on drawings he made in this sector, the massive image depicts more than 50 carefully delineated individuals set against a backdrop of trucks, ruins, an observation balloon, bursting shells and the mining landscape to the west of Vimy Ridge. Although John sketched in all of these elements, about one-third of the work remains unpainted.

Due to a lack of permanent exhibition space, the painting remained in the artist's studio in London, England, until a year before his death. In 1962, it was sold

at auction and disappeared into a private collection. The painting was relocated in 1994.

The Canadians Opposite Lens was on temporary display for visitors in LeBreton Gallery only until July 11, 2011. However, the conservation work required for the painting will be carried out in public view at a later date in a location still to be determined.

Please remember to keep your co-ordinates up-to-date.

Please make sure the office has your current mailing address, phone number and email address, so we can keep you in the loop.

Howard Mansfield Retires As Director And Secretary

Angus Brown

A piece of FCWM bedrock has been removed with the recent retirement of Howard Mansfield as a Director and, more especially, as the Secretary after 20 years of involvement in the organization.

Assured by then MGen Phil Neatby in 1991 that the Secretary's position would "only take a few hours a week," Howard signed on. In the following 20 years, he became an indispensable advisor to six different Presidents and, for many, the face of the Friends' office.

Gibraltar-born young Mansfield had active careers in the Palestine Police, along the Siamese border in the Malayan Frontier Force, as British Vice-Consul in South Siam, as an Assistant Superintendent in the Malayan Police and eventually as OC Criminal Investigation Department until Malayan independence in 1957. During this time the Malayan Emergency was at its height and he spent a period on the staff of General Sir Gerald Templar. (For those interested, the CWM archives holds an oral history interview with Howard on his experiences during this time.)

After emigrating to Canada, he enlisted in the Canadian

Militia and then transferred to the Regular Force in the Canadian Provost Corps. In various field capacities he served with the PPCLI, in CF Europe, Cyprus, Gaagetown and on staff as a C Pro C officer.

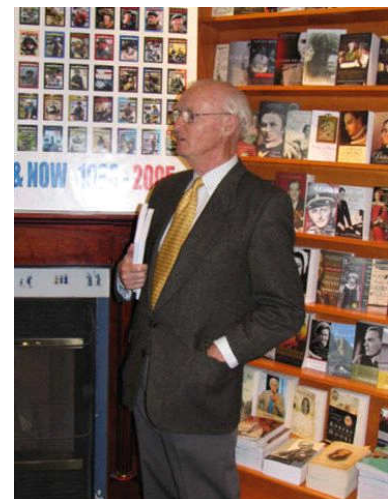
Using his extensive security background, upon retirement from the CF he took positions in Corrections Canada and at the Security Division of the House of Commons. After all that, in 1991, Howard decided to attend to his first loves (after Valerie) of golf and travel. Then, along came the Friends.

He quickly managed to become the "go-to guy" in the Friends' organization. Partly because he was the corporate memory, but mainly because he was efficient, everyone knew that Howard had the answer to the big questions: What do we do? How do we do it? What did we do last time?

Inevitably, Howard would pull out the file, look up the procedure from last year, cross-reference it to the By-Laws and Constitution and then telephone exactly the right people to accomplish the task at hand. Never pushy but inevitably at hand, Howard guided and supported Presi-

dents and others, efficient staff officer that he was.

Howard has been part of every major and most minor milestones of FCWM in his key position over the past two decades. Naturally, a highlight must be the new CWM building but there were a myriad of other things happening behind the scenes. For instance, for a long period, Howard was the Editor of the FCWM newsletter.



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Adopt-a-Book 2011 - Final Report

Bill Smith

The 2011 Campaign was again a magnificent success and achieved a total of fifty-three titles being adopted this year. Friends, you have done it again, and once more you have earned a Bravo Zulu for your wonderful effort.

The fifty-three (53) books were adopted by twenty-eight (28) Friends.

They are: John Anderson, Pat Barnhouse, Jame Bisiker, Pamela Brunt, June Bushell, Ernest Creber, June Davis, John Grainger, Ralph Hennessy, Bruce and Carol Hosking, Frank Jefferies, Marilyn Joseph, Laurence Kempffer, John Klenavic, Terence Moore, Timothy Porter, Bill Reed,

Robert Ringma, Tim Sparling, Hank and Avril Stachnik, Barbara Stimpson, William Story, Howard Stutt, Lester Taylor, Richard Thorman, Donna Wakefield, John Wilkes, and Keith Visser.

Random Notes

Mike Braham

As a complement to the temporary exhibit on war and medicine, the Friends are producing a number of related Fact Sheets on notable Canadian military medical personalities.

Already on the web site is information pertaining to Charles Best, discoverer of insulin and naval officer; and, an-

other on Canadian nursing sisters during 1914-1918 . Coming soon will be Fact Sheets on Georgina Pope, First Matron of the Canadian Army Medical Corps; ,John McRae, military surgeon and poet; Capt. Francis Scrimger, VC, medical officer; and, Fred Demara, the Great Impostor.

A new Fact Sheet on the web

site since publication of the last Torch is one pertaining to Pte. Claude Nunney, VC.

Friends seeking information on the Annual General Meeting held on 9 June may find a brief synopsis of the meeting, and makeup of the new Board at the Friends web site, <http://www.friends-amis.org>.

Friends Dining With Friends

Jarrott Holtzhauer

The Ottawa-based Friends are planning a dinner on the town. It is an opportunity for you to get together with other members of the organization or other friends for an evening out. We're also using the event to raise a little money for the Friends.

Here are the details: the event will be held at the Rideau Carleton Raceway 4837 Albion Rd, on Fri, 14 Oct 2011; timings

anytime after 6 p.m.; the cost is \$40 per person with a \$15 charitable tax receipt.

The cost includes dinner, guaranteed seating and free valet parking – just drop your car at the front entrance. Dinner is buffet style with soups, salad bar (including shrimp) hot and cold buffet, a big dessert table, tea, coffee, bread and rolls. The dining room is licensed and drinks costs are reasonable.

There will be a registration table at the entrance to the dining room for the Friends dinner.

For those of you who are so inclined you can also take a flyer on the races or at the slots.

Tickets will be available from the Friends office from 1 Sept to 10 Oct 2011 on Mon, Wed and Fri.

Mark O'Neill Moves On

Source: CMCC Communique 28 June 2011



On 27 June, The Canadian Museum of Civilization Corporation announced Mark O'Neill as its new President and CEO.

His appointment was announced by the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, the Honourable James Moore. Prior to this appointment, Mr. O'Neill served as Director General of the Canadian War Museum.

"I am honoured by this opportunity to lead such a vital and vibrant national institution," said Mr. O'Neill. *"I am also keenly aware of the Museums' long and proud service to Canada through their protection and*

promotion of heritage, and their fostering of a deeper understanding of our history by all Canadians."

Mr. O'Neill began his career in the public service in 1986, holding various managerial positions within Canadian Heritage.

The Friends of the Canadian War Museum join in congratulating Mark on this promotion and thank him for his unstinting support while Director General of the War Museum.

Recruit A Friend

The success of the Friends of the Canadian War Museum relies entirely upon its membership. Each of you is encouraged to invite a friend, colleague or relative to join us and to participate in our efforts to support the Canadian War Museum.



New Friends

Welcome to the new Friends who joined between 1 Apr. and 30 Jun. 2011

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Col. (Ret'd) Donald D. Dalziel
Mr. Gregory G. Hug

Mr. William Maxwell
Mr. Jim Muckle
LCol. (Ret'd) Patrick O. Read

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In-Memoriam and Special Donations

- Mr Andrew Alan in memory of Mr. Ed Alan
- Mr. John Boland for coffee for the volunteers
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