

EMBRACING THE DRAMA:

The Collingwood Museum's Collaborative Approach to History through Theatre

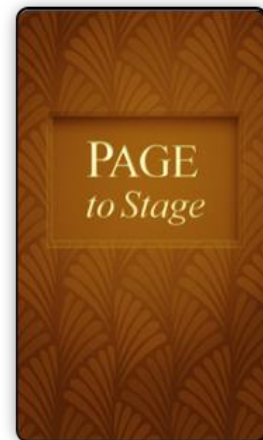
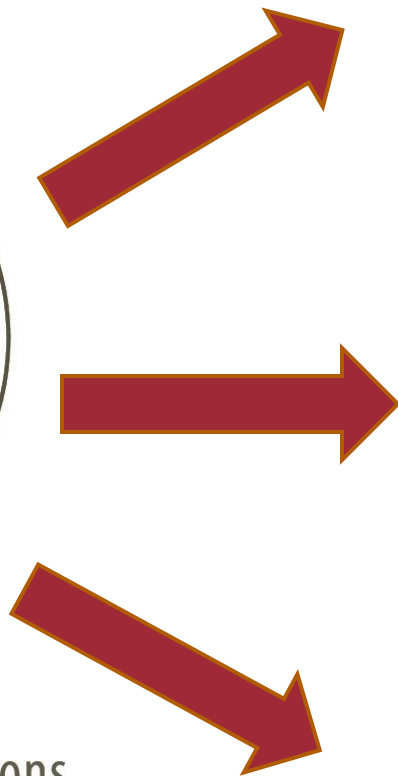


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Gaslight

Community Theatre Productions.



Collingwood's Gaslight Tour



- ❑ Sellout event!
- ❑ 85+ volunteers
- ❑ 4 history-based plays
- ❑ 5 downtown venues
- ❑ Amateur actors, playwrights, directors, stage managers
- ❑ 600+ paying participants

Gaslight's beginnings...



The Collingwood touch



The Gaslight
Guides

The development cycle



★ Collingwood Museum Involvement

Theme selection



The writers



Playwriting Instructor

LINDSAY PRICE

GASLIGHT TOUR Playwriting Competition



THE PARTICIPANTS

*Back row left: Terry Oleary, Laurie May, Katherine Huycke
Dawn Hanley, Judi Sheppard. Instructor Lindsay Price
Middle Row left: Sue Spivak, Eleanor Burke, Jan Schennach,
Astrid Rutsatz, Rosaleen Egan,
Front row: Bill Barclay, Karen Hood-Caddy*

And the winning playwrights are:

*Dawn Hanley - The Coffee Break
Judi Sheppard - The Welding Winnies
Karen Hood-Caddy - The Storm King
Sue Spivak - Is This The End?*

Venue selection



Collingwood Museum: 2010, 2014



A 20 ft challenge!



Exhibition Space



Performance Space



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Cast of Alf's Song, November 2014

Enter the drama...

- ❑ Unexpected staffing costs (rehearsals/performances)
- ❑ Artifact safety; relocating 4 cases 20 times



- ❑ Food, drinks, and props in collection work areas
- ❑ Open flames in building
- ❑ And MUD! Real MUD!



Embracing the drama...



- Introduction of feature exhibitions based on Gaslight's annual themes



Original Shipyard Doors



- Connecting residents with the stories and people of Collingwood's past

Remembering the GREAT WAR



Experience what life was like during the First World War for citizens of Collingwood through this exciting new exhibition that showcases original artifacts from the battlefield and the home front.



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Admission by Donation

□ Engaging a new and local visitor base



□ Reaffirming the Museum's role in the community



- ❑ Creating memorable experiences
- ❑ Establishing partnerships with organizations and stakeholders in the arts and culture community and beyond!

Launching a Legacy: AN EXHIBITION



EXPLORE
COLLINGWOOD'S
HISTORY OF
SHIPBUILDING
THROUGH HISTORICAL
PHOTOGRAPHS AND
NEVER BEFORE
EXHIBITED
ARTIFACTS.



Learning to say YES!



The Great War

· 1914 - 1918 ·

November 6 - 9, 2014



November 4-7 2010



ALL ABOARD
FULL STEAM AHEAD!



Gaslight Tour Presents

OUR SPORTING HERITAGE

· November 5-8, 2015 ·

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Thank You!