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Welland Historical Museum Celebrates Grand Re-Opening with Special Guest

On October 3rd the Welland Historical Museum will officially re-open its doors to the community to celebrate its new face on history. Originally built as a Library in 1923 through a grant from the world renowned Carnegie Foundation established by businessman and philanthropist, Andrew Carnegie, the original Welland Library is believed to be one of the last of its kind built in Canada that received the Carnegie grant.

The Welland Museum was established in 1977 and located first in the Solomon Moore House, then the old Queen Street School. In 2006, the Museum moved into the Carnegie building when the Welland Library relocated to the Welland Civic Square. With a central downtown location and greatly expanded space for exhibits and storage, this new location has enabled the Museum to better tell the "story of Welland" to residents and visitors alike and, to expand educational and recreational programming exponentially.

In celebration of the Museum's relocation to the Carnegie Building, the Museum will welcome historian and story teller, Woody Cunningham, to portray Andrew Carnegie and reflect on his real life "rags to riches" story. With humour and interesting anecdotes, Mr. "Carnegie" will share with those in attendance his significant accomplishments, his place in history, and his philosophy of working towards giving back to the community and some of his contributions to history since 1835.

This is a FREE ADMISSION event and will have activities the whole family can enjoy including the melodic welcome from Town Crier Rob Misener, Magician Shawn Ferguson from Got Magic, and Fred the Balloon Artist will also provide entertainment for young and old alike!

Doors open at 1:00 p.m. with the special performance and grand re-opening at 2:00 p.m.

Where: Welland Historical Museum
140 King Street, Welland, ON
When: Sunday, October 3, 2010
What: Welland Champions Recreation, Arts, Heritage.

This event is made possible through the generous support of: Walker Industries, Welland Toyota, Niagara Food Festival, the City of Welland, the Welland Historical Museum, and Giant FM 91.7 Classic Rock.

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Woody Cunningham is available for interview by phone ahead of time or, experience for yourself a step back in time. Photos of the Museum, Andrew Carnegie, and logos are attached.



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