



MEDIA RELEASE

LANG PIONEER VILLAGE MUSEUM
The Corporation of the County of Peterborough

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(Museum Manager)

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2009 SPECIAL EVENTS:

13th Annual Father's Day
Smoke & Steam Show
June 21

Historic Dominion Day
July 1

13th Annual Antique &
Classic Car Show
July 12

Festival of Textiles
August 8 & 9

Pioneer Corn Roast
September 6

Applefest
October 4

Spooky Halloween
October 16, 17 & 23, 24

Christmas by Candlelight
December 5 & 6

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Lang Pioneer Village Prepares for 42nd Season with Staffing Changes

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Visitors to Lang Pioneer Village this season will see a lot of changes including a new team member and some familiar faces in altered roles. The museum is in the process of renewing its Master Plan and, when long time Communication & Retail Coordinator, Barb van Vierzen, left last June to join Peterborough and the Kawarthas Tourism as Manager of Customer Service, it was decided to conduct an organizational review to see how to best position staff for the museum's future growth. All jobs were examined and the result of the study was the creation of one new position and modifications to some existing roles.

In February of this year, Karis Regamey was hired to fill the newly created *Administrative Support* role. Karis has a B.A from Trent University and a diploma in Tourism from Sir Sandford Fleming College. She brings seven years of customer service experience to her role including service with both Peterborough and the Kawarthas Tourism and the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan. Karis' duties will include support for Lang's senior staff with their administrative work.

Laurie Siblock, now in her third year with the museum, will expand her responsibilities and become involved with more outside organizations and groups as the employee in charge of Lang's *Special Events and Community Liaison*. Ms. Siblock will also look after the day to day running of the facility in the absence of *Museum Manager*, Joe Corrigan. Following five years as Lang's Education Program Coordinator, Rosemary Davidson will take on the museum's logistical and retail

responsibilities as *Retail and Operations Coordinator*. Twenty five year veteran Audrey Caryi will expand her long time role as Exhibit Artist to include the development of educational programs and stewardship of the museum's collection of nearly 50,000 artifacts. Audrey's new title is *Museum Specialist*. Museum Manager, Joe Corrigan has assumed the marketing and public relations responsibilities formerly handled by Ms. van Vierzen.

"We're very pleased to welcome Karis to our team. I look forward to seeing her put her stamp on the new Administrative Support role." Corrigan said. He also remarked that the reorganization was designed to match the talents of the staff with the foreseeable needs of the museum. "The 2009 season presents many challenges but I feel we are in a better position to meet them with the restructuring we have undertaken." he remarked.

Lang Pioneer Village is a living history museum proudly owned and operated by the County of Peterborough. The site is located 10 minutes east of Peterborough off Highway 7.

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From Left to Right:

Retail and Operations Coordinator - ***Rosemary Davidson***, Museum Specialist - ***Audrey Caryi***,
Special Events and Community Liaison – ***Laurie Siblock*** and
Administrative Support – ***Karis Regamey***
in front of the Millburn House at Lang Pioneer Village Museum near Keene, Ontario