



Media Release

Lang Pioneer Village Museum
The Corporation of the County of Peterborough



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2019 Event Schedule

“When Death Was in Fashion”
Saturday, August 10

Applefest
Sunday, October 6

Historic All Hallows’ Eve
Fri & Sat, October 25 & 26

Christmas by Candlelight
Sat & Sun, December 7 & 8

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

“When Death Was in Fashion” Saturday, August 10 ~ 10 am to 4 pm

Lang, ON- Funeral fads and fancies, mourning novelties, memorial traditions and what to wear; come discover the traditions associated with death in the 19th-century during “When Death Was in Fashion”. On Saturday, August 10 from 10 am to 4 pm, Lang Pioneer Village Museum will be going into mourning for the day, during this brand new event which is in partnership with Pickering Museum Village.

Throughout the village, get a look at the Victorian obsession with death. Hop on board a horse and wagon ride or take a leisurely stroll through the village. Try a sample of Funeral Cakes in the Milburn House. Find out how black and mourning shades were obtained during the natural dyeing demonstrations at the Fife Cabin. Learn about Irish wakes in the Fitzpatrick House. Meet Dr. Bruce Lindsay, an embalming surgeon, to find out more about historic embalming practices in the Douro Town Hall. Learn about the printing of death notices and funeral cards at the Register Print Shop. Sit for a while and listen as special guests, the Peterborough Concert Band, perform a concert at 11 am – featuring a series of funeral hymns on the Village Green. Take some time to remember a loved one in the Glen Alda Church and check out the historic horse-drawn hearse on loan from M G Daly Funeral Home. Watch as the carpenter works on a coffin in the Carpenter Shop and the blacksmith hammers ironwork for coffins and graveyards in the Blacksmith Shop. View silver-plated tin death plates in the Tinsmith Shop. Learn about the fascinating world of mediums and spiritualism that took the Victorians by storm, in the Keene Hotel parlour. While at the Hotel, be sure to check out the mourning exhibit in the Salesman’s Room upstairs or grab a drink in the bar room while learning about the infamous “Dead Man’s Hand” card spread. Hear about funeral follies in the Peterborough County Agricultural Heritage Building at a special seminar led by Julie Oakes, the Costume Mistress from Pickering Museum Village. Don’t forget to leave your mark on history at our giant visitor bucket list in the “Before I Die” display before you leave!

At 2 pm, make your way to the Village Green for a historic mourning fashion show and competition. Visitors wishing to participate in the competition must come in costume and register by 11 am on site. Full competition details can be found at <http://bit.ly/fashioncomp2019>.

Everyone attending is welcome, and encouraged, to come dressed in mourning colours – black, gray and purple.

Be sure to stop by the Marie Dressler Foundation Vintage Film Festival display for a chance to win tickets to this year’s Vintage Film Festival taking place in September.

Come discover the traditions associated with death in the 19th century during “When Death Was in Fashion”, Saturday, August 10 from 10 am to 4 pm at Lang Pioneer Village Museum. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors (60+), \$7 for youths (ages 5-14) and free for children under 5. Family admission is also available for \$40 and includes 2 adults and up to 4 youths (ages 5-14). All taxes included. For more information on our upcoming season, please visit our website at www.langpioneervillage.ca.