



Media Release

Lang Pioneer Village Museum
The Corporation of the County of Peterborough



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2022 Event Schedule

**25th Annual Father's Day
Smoke & Steam Show**
Sunday, June 19

**25th Annual Transportation
Day Car & Motorcycle Show**
Sunday, July 10

**"Tying the Knot" – Early
Wedding Traditions**
Sunday, August 14

Village by Lantern Light
Fri & Sat, September 16 & 17

Applefest
Sunday, October 2

Historic All Hallows' Eve
Fri & Sat, October 28 & 29

**Christmas Bazaar at the
Peterborough County
Agricultural Heritage
Building**
Saturday, November 19

Christmas by Candlelight
Sat & Sun, December 3 & 4

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Opening Reception for Cross Cut Exhibit at Lang Pioneer Village Museum

Lang, ON – Lang Pioneer Village Museum will be hosting an opening reception for Cross Cut: Traditional Ontario Folk Songs Revisited, Friday May 13 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Peterborough County Agricultural Heritage Building (PCAHB).

The opening reception will launch a songbook, double CD and exhibition under the title "Cross Cut". Visual artist Rob Niezen and Dr. Allan Kirby will introduce the exhibit, which runs from May 24 to June 4 at Lang Pioneer Village Museum, with a performance by traditional music group Backwoodsmen. All are welcome to attend with admission by donation.

CBC's Edith Fowke collected folk songs in rural Ontario during the 1950s—many in Peterborough County. Traditional music came to Ontario with European settlers. Lyrics and tunes were adapted to local experiences and the personal preferences of the players, and these offer a reflection of society at different moments in history. The underlying themes are of a timeless nature, as they deal with human existence: love, deception, politics, war, immigration, work, leisure, murder, death, etc. Musician and music historian Dr. Allan Kirby, visual artist Rob Niezen and traditional music group Backwoodsmen selected and revisited just shy of two dozen folk songs from rural Ontario. They created contemporary arrangements and adapted lyrics, resulting in a double CD and an illustrated songbook. The songbook presents the songs with lyrics and chord progressions, an introduction by Dr. Allan Kirby, and Rob Niezen's linocuts reflecting on the narrative of the songs with a contemporary perspective by applying the concept of 'crosscutting'

As part of the exhibit, Lang Pioneer Village Museum will be hosting "Artist on Site" days with Rob Niezen from 12 noon to 3:30 pm May 28 and June 4. Niezen will be at Lang Pioneer Village Museum to discuss the Cross Cut exhibit and demonstrate lino cutting.

Don't miss the opening of Cross Cut: Traditional Ontario Folk Songs Revisited, May 13 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at the Peterborough County Agricultural Heritage Building or visit the exhibit, on display from May 24 to June 4 at Lang Pioneer Village Museum. This exhibition is supported by the Ontario Arts Council. For more information, please visit www.langpioneervillage.ca/plan-your-visit/special-exhibits-presentations/.