Fall 2024

Heritage Colchester

A non-profit organization dedicated to perserving the historical past of Colchester Centre
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UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS THEATRE
SCROOGE:
A CHRISTMAS CAROL
DECEMBER 13,14,15

FURTHER DETAILS IN NEWSLETTER

Exciting Updates

Charitable Status Attained

We are thrilled to announce that Heritage Colchester has officially acheived charitable status! This significant milestone allows us to enhance our mission and expand our impact in the community. Since our inception, we have been dedicated to achieving this important goal.
Stay connected as we share developments of our future initiatives.

Engineering toward Occupancy Permit begins

Will Tape of Haddad Morgan & Associates has completed measurement drawings of the schoolhouse and has sent them to the Architect for review. We look forward to submitting them to the Town of Essex to move us forward with the process of attaining an Occupancy Permit.
Stay tuned for further details.

3rd Annual HC Hoedown



Thank you to Kathy & Greg for hosting this year's Fall Hoedown. A lovely afternoon with great company and eats & drinks!

New Grant writer for Heritage Colchester

Jill Nicholson is the Curator of the Essex-Kent Mennonite Historical Association and the Vice Presisdent of the Leamington-Mersea Historical Society. We look forward to working with you Jill! Welcome to the Team!







Colchester Village Country Markets

There were four markets that took place on the third Saturday of the summer months. There were about 25-30 vendors, averaging 300 visitors at each market. Many people toured the Schoolhouse and participated in the noon hour Historic Tour. The ringing of the school bell brought smiles to visitors and sparked engaging conversations sharing memories connected to the Schoolhouse. A BBQ lunch was available at Christ Church. Aside from the wide variety of local vendors, the highlight, of course, was the beautiful horse and carriage rides that were available to anyone by donation.



Summer Theatre

This year's summer theatre production, '*Mary's Wedding*', by Stephen Massicotte, took place at Christ Church Anglican Hall in Colchester. The Inspired Acting Lab, under the direction of Lionel Walsh, delivered an impressive performance. Jackson Balint & Ocean Oliviera, both actors from the University of Windsor, captivated the audience (262 tickets were sold) and brought everyone to experience a story of love, hope and survival during the time of World War I. We couldn't be happier to continue this partnership with Lionel Walsh and The Inspired Acting Lab to bring live theatre to our village in Colchester.

See page 3 for details of an upcoming Christmas production. Tickets go on sale November 1st.

The Chimney Swift Count

Five evenings in May and June were spent watching our local nesting Chimney Swifts drop into our Schoolhouse chimney to roost overnight. Each night ranged from 71-81 birds flopped down the chimney one by one in about an hour's time! We had observers from the county come join in, most notably, The Purple Martin Association. A report was submitted to Swiftwatch Ontario and The Town of Essex to record our numbers. Join us next Spring for this fun event -dates to be announced in our next newsletter.

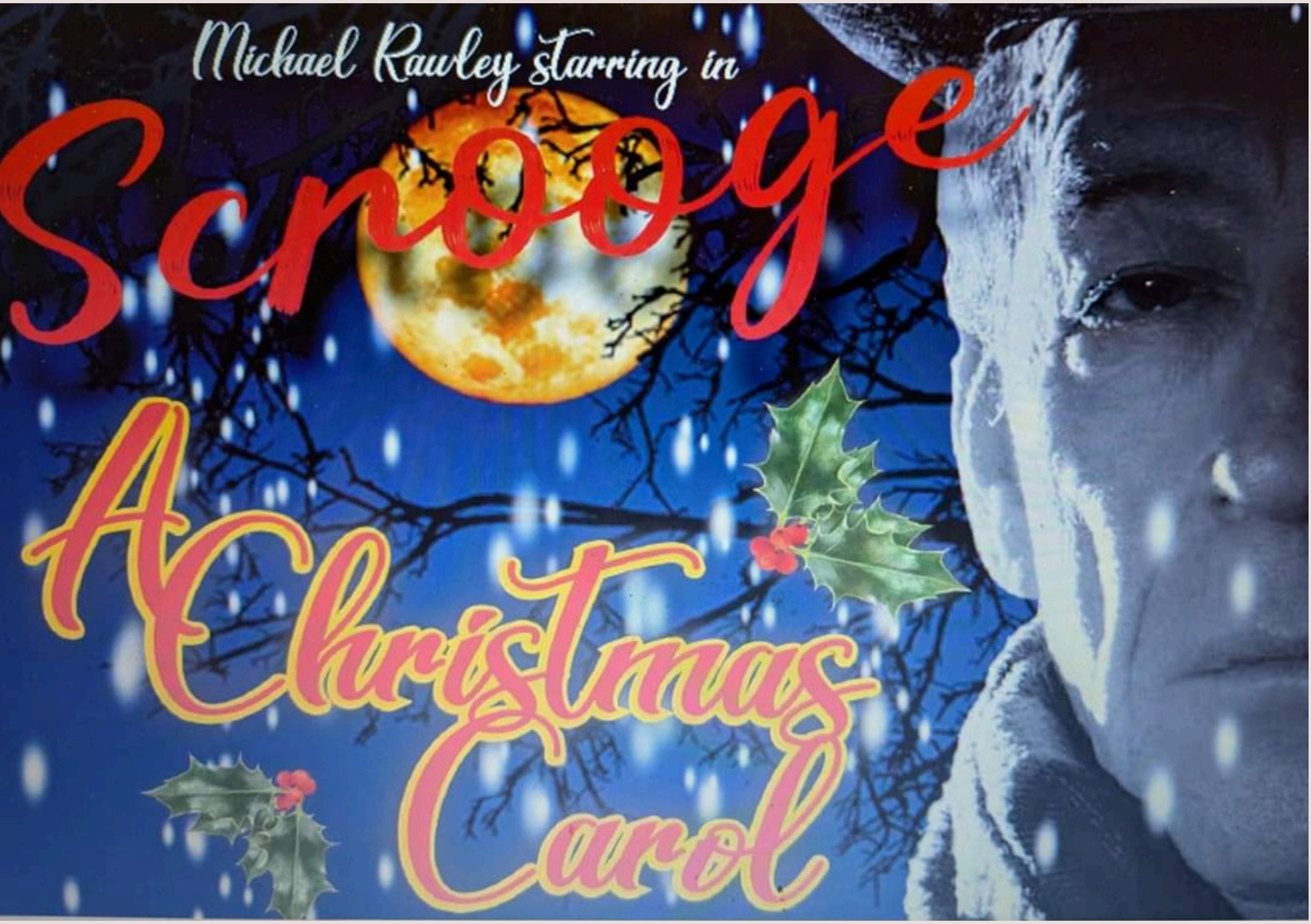
2024 Mayor's Award Recipient for Arts & Culture

Heritage Colchester is dedicated and committed to contributing to our community. We are thankful for this recognition and will continue with our hard work.

The Inspired Acting Lab, University of Windsor and Heritage Colchester

PRESENTS

TICKETS GO ON SALE NOVEMBER 1st, 2024



Performances:

December 13 @ 7pm
December 14 @ 1pm and 4pm
December 15 @ 2pm

Tickets:

Children 13 & under: $15
Senior/Student: $30
Adult: $35

Christ Church Anglican Church, 190 Bagot St., Colchester

For tickets & information please contact
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