



Drayton Valley and District Historical Society

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To Lara Jollymore, Principal:

The Drayton Valley & District Historical Society is seeking motivated and dedicated students from the Brazeau County district to assist with undertaking projects related to the active gathering and preserving of local history. We encourage student involvement with the Historical Society and the Drayton Valley Museum to benefit students with an active interest in history, providing high school special projects credits, student mentorships with Historical Society members, and offering summer employment, internships and work experience credits during the Museum's summer operational months.

We are currently seeking groups of 1-10 students to participate in a project arranged by staff members of the Drayton Valley Museum and members of the Drayton Valley & District Historical Society. The project involves students documenting the current nature of Drayton Valley and Brazeau County, thereby collecting and preserving the history for future generations to reflect upon and enjoy. The project is suited to students with an interest in history and/or photography and visual arts. Students would be asked to work in groups independently to photograph sections of streets in Drayton Valley and Breton, thus gathering images to be preserved for use in research, exhibits and programs for future patrons to the Drayton Valley Museum. The students would also be asked to gather research on the history of the streets and buildings along it, working with a variety of resources including oral histories and town or county records.

Please find attached a coherent outline of the requests of the Drayton Valley & District Historical Society for this project, and do not hesitate to contact either myself or Colleen with any questions that arise.

Respectfully,

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Project Description

- Photograph streets/avenues of Drayton Valley and/or Village of Breton;
- Research the history of past and present buildings thereon including past and present owners/occupants, and the use of or the business conducted therein as applicable;
- Present the findings in a chronological outline on a USB drive with research findings typed and photographs attached;
- Finally, a live face-to-face presentation is requested with the student choosing the method of delivery, i.e. PowerPoint, video, etc.

Project Guidelines

The Drayton Valley & District Historical Society operates to actively collect and preserve the history of Drayton Valley and Brazeau County for exhibition in the Drayton Valley Museum, maintaining a mission of:

The Drayton Valley Museum is committed to the preservation and exhibition of artifacts, stories and memories that attest to local collective identities and cultures to engage, educate, and enrich the lives of present and future patrons.

Students will be asked to partner with the Historical Society in actively collecting past and present histories and memories (archival materials) of Drayton Valley/Brazeau County for the collection of and future exhibition in the Drayton Valley Museum. Archival materials are essential to the development of future programs, exhibits and research projects in museums and other cultural institutions.

It will be left to the discretion of the teachers and students involved to determine scheduling for the project. The Historical Society offers students the opportunity to participate in the project during the Spring 2018 semester, extending no later than the final day of classes in the semester. Students will be permitted to advertise their time spent on the project as volunteer hours for their resumes, and members of the Historical Society involved in the project will act as references as requested. The Historical Society requests that one teacher within each school act as a project liaison for students undertaking the Special Project and the Historical Society, though the project includes facets and skills from multiple classes (i.e. Social Studies, Photography, Computer Classes).

Students will be expected to be self-motivated and to work as a group/team, directed by teachers and members of the Historical Society only when advice or additional information/materials is requested. For convenience, the student groups will be assigned a contact with the Historical Committee of the Drayton Valley & District Historical Society. This contact will be available to answer student questions and sequester additional sources and materials for the students, and to regularly meet for project updates with students and teachers, either through online chat or in person.

This project is simply one that fulfills a need of the Historical Society. Should students prefer, the Historical Society accepts and invites students to design their own projects and present them to members of the Historical Society. If students have alternative projects they would like to undertake, and such projects fulfill the needs of the students and the mandate of the Historical Society and Drayton Valley Museum, the Historical Society will be willing to partner with the student(s). Please direct alternative project proposals to the Drayton Valley Museum via email: dvmuseum@gmail.com.

Student Outcomes

- Students engage with local history and develop an understanding of the social, economic and political factors that affected local communities;
- Students develop and elaborate on research methodologies and approaches, utilizing a variety of sources and practices, including visual/written and oral sources;
- Students develop visual arts skills using photographic technologies and practices to capture images of Drayton Valley and/or Breton sites;
- Students develop and elaborate on their social skills for post-graduation by engaging with local professionals and navigating local institutions;
- Students become proficient at organizing and communicating their research findings and thoughts.

Research Sources

The Drayton Valley & District Historical Society will provide students with, or arrange access to, the following sources:

- Written and archived development plans of Drayton Valley, as well as all maps on the premise;
- Oral histories of local residents with knowledge of the sites being researched, either in interviews conducted prior to the project or interviews conducted by the students for the project;
- Development plans, maps and permits archived by the Town of Drayton Valley, Brazeau County and Village of Breton, to be arranged by the Historical Society and requested/accessed by the students engaged with the project;
- Archival materials, including photographs, maps, documents, etc. housed in other historical institutions (students will be required to have knowledge of the institution and archival materials they request prior to approaching members of the Historical Society for access, as the Historical Society will need to approach the institutions with a subsequent request for access to the materials).