



Muskoka Heritage Place: Mission Statement

To collect, care for, interpret and preserve a viable collection of historical artifacts, documents, photographs, archives and other materials particular to Muskoka; and to provide a uniquely historic attraction which imparts accurate, educational, historical information in a spirited and entertaining manner pertinent to the Muskoka experience.

Thinking of making a donation?

If you are thinking of donating, here is a simple list of criteria which we follow when considering whether to accept a donation:

- ❖ Does the item reflect the history (made or used in the District) of Muskoka? Other items may be considered, however those which are indigenous to Muskoka will have priority of choice.
 - ❖ Is the item a duplicate of other items in our collection? We have very limited storage space, and the more duplicates of an item we have, the less likely they will be displayed.
 - ❖ Is the item in good enough condition to display? Please do not repair, refurbish or otherwise alter a piece before donating as its condition can tell us a lot about its history
 - ❖ Is the item age-period-appropriate? (Generally not applicable to archival items, exceptions made depending on origin, condition and usage)
 - ❖ Any information you can provide about the history of any potential artifact makes it more viable for consideration as a donation to our collection. For example:
 - ❖ History of the piece
 - Manufacturer: name, location, date(s)
 - Ownership
 - Usage
 - Locations used (lot, concession, address, township, town)
 - ❖ History of the owners
 - Birth, Death, marriage dates of owners, names of parents, number of children, date of emigration, date of retirement
 - ❖ Any stories related to the piece
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All potential donations must be approved by the Muskoka Heritage Place Collections Committee before being added to our collection. All artifacts to be donated will become the legal property of Muskoka Heritage Place. Donations of artifacts will be unconditional gifts. All items considered for donation but declined will be returned to donor or disposed of as directed on the donation form.

We also accept cash donations and endowments; charitable donation receipts available. Funds can be allocated to specific projects or uses.