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People passionate about rail museum

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Susan MacArthur, the new operations manager with the Northern Ontario Railroad Museum and Heritage Centre, (NORMHC) has her work cut out for her.

Under contract until April, MacArthur started her new job in September 2001 after relocating from Alliston.

"This has been a terrific opportunity because the people have such a passion for the museum you can't help but catch," says MacArthur.

Her responsibilities are to design and write an operations manual for the museum site, and to put together a volunteer resource guide.

The operations manual will cover indoor/outdoor maintenance, running a tea room, and tour scripts for summer students and volunteers.

A separate edition of the guide will also be provided. It will contain information such as the museum's website and policies.

"If anyone was to come in as a board member

or volunteer - it's at his or her disposal," explains MacArthur. "It's a living document. As the museum grows, the manual can change accordingly."

The volunteer resource guide contains names of people that can be called upon to help with different events and other aspects of the museum.

MacArthur researches websites about railroad, mining and historical associations. She helps school children with their mining projects.

The museum contains several reference books such as *Dale Wilson's Sudbury Electrics & Diesels*, which is available for the public to buy.

The volunteer-run organization relies on grants from the government to make summer student employment possible.

The museum is interested in receiving donations or loans of any photographs or artifacts pertaining to railway, mining, and logging or any wartime memorabilia.

For more information, MacArthur can be contacted at 858-5050.



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