



To our Donors, Members, Volunteers and Visitors,

Hello everyone. It's hard to believe that a month has passed since we began working from home.

I wanted to let you know that our staff has been hard at work transferring content online for you to continue to enjoy our collections from the comfort of your homes.

Resilience and resourcefulness. These two attributes are so often associated with the people of Newfoundland and Labrador, past and present. Over the coming weeks, our posts will focus on examples of resilience and resourcefulness from our collections, exhibitions, and from artists currently at work. We hope they serve as a reminder that our province has faced challenging times before and we've made it through together.

You may have seen our #museumsthankhealthheroes post last Sunday. As a way to thank today's workers for their dedication, each week we will be sharing a story from our collections that recognizes the long history of healthcare in our community.

The lights on our grounds have been changed to yellow to join Confederation Building and Government House in recognizing essential workers. We are lighting up yellow to extend our gratitude to these workers who continue to provide critical services to our community.

I am excited to report that members of our team have discovered a talent for producing videos. In our first video, out today, Maureen Peters, The Rooms curator of history, explains how oilskin was made and demonstrates how to make your own oilskin sou'wester and reusable food wrap. <https://youtu.be/bvq80ajT9Lk>

We will be expanding our website, providing a place for longer stories and developing new pages with in-depth content. Stay tuned for more information in the coming days.

Over the past month, we have been thinking about items The Rooms should be collecting to tell the story of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on Newfoundland and Labrador. We have received a great response to date and we'd love to hear from you. If you have any ideas or items you'd like for us to consider, please reach out to katewolforth@therooms.ca or mpeters@therooms.ca.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude for your continued support of The Rooms during these challenging times. We look forward to the day when we can reopen our doors to welcome you back. In the meantime, stay safe, and please follow the guidelines of our public health officials at <https://www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/>.

Sincerely,
Anne Chafe,
CEO (Interim), The Rooms Corporation of Newfoundland and Labrador

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