

# Joe LaFlamme 2.0



## Summer activities

### Seasonal Opening of the Gogama Heritage Museum, in Northern Ontario



Courtesy Gerry Talbot

Joe LaFlamme (1889-1965) often trained his wolf team on the grounds of the building in the photo. It was, at the time, the first of the two Hudson Bay trading posts to be built in Gogama.

As the last post had to be demolished, the town converted the first one into a museum. It is only fitting that the [Gogama Heritage Museum](#) features an exhibit on the famous wolf tamer, the highlight of which is Joe's favourite sleigh. Equally highlighted this year will be new antiques, a private collection of items and photos related to the Dionne Quints and, for genealogy buffs, a new interactive project.

The Museum will open its doors on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, for the Canada Day long weekend. Visitors are welcome from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. every weekend including Labour Day long weekend. After that, the Museum will be closed for the winter season.

### The Bilingual *Festival du loup* 2024

The *Meute culturelle de Lafontaine* organizes its 20<sup>th</sup> *Festival du loup* (wolf festival), based on [the legend of the Lafontaine wolf](#). The festivities will be held on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. For program details, see the [schedule](#).

In 2018, in my capacities as wolf educator, I organized a four-day bus tour for the University of the Third Age, in Sudbury. A group of 56 people from Greater Sudbury and West Nipissing have therefore participated in the 15<sup>th</sup> *Festival du loup*, the last stop on our 1,000-km trek through Northern and Central Ontario. The tour was based on the wolf and showcased the following themes:

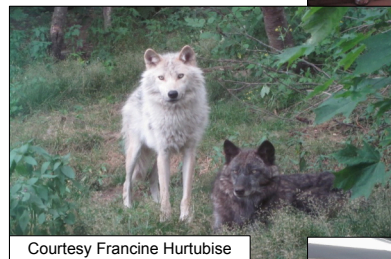
- 🐾 the wolf in the arts: Clermont Duval Art Gallery (Mattawa)
- 🐾 the wolf in Native tradition: Circling Hawks Centre (Burk's Falls)
- 🐾 the wolf in real life: Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre (Haliburton)
- 🐾 the wolf in folklore: *Festival du Loup* (Lafontaine)



Courtesy Suzanne F Charron



Courtesy Francine Hurtubise



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All in all, a memorable adventure!

### Next June 26<sup>th</sup>...

In our new cartoon, Joe LaFlamme and his wolves will be going on an adventure in very frigid weather. Stay tuned!

### Your Artists

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