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CULTURAL MOMENT FOR AUGUST 29TH CELEBRATES THE ARTHUR POPPY PROJECT

The image of red poppies is a powerful symbol for all Canadians and maybe even more for Arthur, Canada's Most Patriotic Village, Arthur. In 2021, an invitation went out to local churches from St. James Anglican Church in Elora from their knitting group to either crochet or knit poppies. Bonny McDougall from our WN Cultural Roundtable was home, as were most people and needing something to occupy her time started crocheting poppies. Red and black yarn was already in her collection, so the crocheting began and by the end of September when the group in Elora stopped receiving them 138 poppies had been crocheted.



While some people may have stopped at 138, Bonny continued crocheting poppies with a plan. Knowing that 2022 would be the 150th Anniversary of the Village of Arthur, she decided to spearhead a similar poppy project. A community rich with a variety of artisans and resourceful people, she felt this would be a project that was viable for our village.

The Arthur 150 committee and Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 226, Arthur also gave permission to use the Legion and Cenotaph with the goal to have a display ready for the July 1st weekend. Bonny and Angie Duffield made trips twice a week to the pickup spot as the bin was overflowing, 7 packages of netting, 7 feet wide by 21 feet long, along with the task of attaching the poppies to the net so they could be displayed during the Arthur 150th celebrations.



The intent is to also bring the poppies back out for two weeks in November. They are very eye-catching, beautiful shades of red and we can never do enough to remember those veterans who have given us peace and freedom.