

Aurora United Church continues journey with exhibition marking fire



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The images of the iconic landmark that was Aurora United Church being consumed by fire this past April won't soon be forgotten by the Aurora community.

But, as the church community rebuilds, they are coming together next week to celebrate their past, mark that significant turning point in their history, and chart their way to the future in a new exhibition at the Aurora Cultural Centre.

'AUC Alive: Continuing The Journey' brings together artefacts salvaged from the ashes, along with a showcase of photography taken on April 11 by photographer Claire D'Aurore into the Aurora Room.

'AUC Alive' celebrates a strong faith community and the overwhelming support of the community at large,' says Jane Taylor of the Aurora Cultural Centre. 'A small collection of surviving artefacts, coupled with photos and text panels form the exhibition. A memory book invites the public to journal their thoughts and remembrances in a comfortable and contemplative seating area set up in the exhibition space. This exhibition is part of the Centre's ongoing Community as a Curator series, which invites the public to create heritage displays of social meaning to the community.'

'AUC Alive' runs from July 16 through September 27.

For more with curator ' and AUC historian ' Helen Roberts, including just what was salvaged from the fire, watch for next week's edition of The Auroran.