

Colchester Historical Society

Annual Report 2013-14

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April 24 2014

President's Year in Review

Our society turned sixty this year! Looking back at how much this organization has developed is indeed a satisfying measure and one which provides much incentive to continue to build it up.

A number of finely curated exhibits have come and gone during the past year. Arguably the most successful among them was the exhibition honouring local Korean War participants. Choosing to cover the subject during the sixtieth year of the war's 1953 armistice was not just a timely effort to mark a significant anniversary but an acknowledgement that those who served are now among the most senior members of our community.

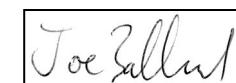
Our archives continued its valuable work, facilitating the tasks of researchers and encouraging them to record and publish the fruits of their labour. Items of interest to researchers are continually being added to our collection.

Work on our capital project - the Historium Revitalization - continued throughout the past year. This effort, begun in 2009, is intended to renew our exhibit hall and create a core

exhibit featuring Colchester County. Highlights of our progress on the file include removal of the walls that covered the windows in the main floor gallery and the receipt of significant grants from municipal and federal funding programs.

If the society's level of exposure in local media is accepted as a measure of our relevance and profile in the area than it must look as though we're doing very well. I cannot think of any organization that receives more news coverage than our historical society – and that coverage is a direct reflection of our busyness and varied initiatives.

That concludes a very concise year in review. If you desire the long version, check out our quarterly newsletter from the past year. Thanks to every employee, volunteer and member who has contributed to making this organization so vibrant and relevant to the storied communities of Colchester. In particular, I want to recognize Wayne Foster – a dear friend and mentor - who passed away this year.



Joe Ballard, President

Collecting, preserving and exhibiting, for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations, artifacts and documents relating to the social, cultural and natural history of Colchester County, Nova Scotia

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From the Curator

April marks my 1 year anniversary with the Colchester Historeum, which is very topical given I was at the helm for the entire 2013-1014 fiscal year. By "at the helm" I of course mean working in conjunction with the wonderful crew of volunteers that put so much of their passion into this organization.

At the time of this writing the final year to date financials are being processed so I will speak in slightly broader terms based on the most recent analysis we have. Gift shop sales and admissions were both up over the previous fiscal year. I do not claim responsibility for this increase; rather I know it is due to various events put on by our volunteers. Special events appear to be our most productive revenue generator in that they attract people to the Historeum which then has a positive effect on gift shop and admission revenue.

Summer 2013 proved to be a quieter time that I had expected. Wednesdays were a bustle of activity with "Tea in the Garden", a very successful program that we are excited to expand upon this coming summer, whereas the remainder of the week was more even paced. Once our Historeum Revitalization is complete I expect summers to be much more active with the influx of visitors.

Autumn 2013 picked up the pace substantially. As the tourism season ends, people return from the cottage refreshed and anxious to get projects on the go. I often play the support role on many initiatives, a few of which included the Core Exhibit luncheon and the Korean War exhibit opening. Autumn is also an opportune time for tourism

meetings, a chance for operators to come together to learn from each other's season.

Winter for 2013/14 was by far the busiest season. This contradicts everything one would expect about a tourism heritage destination, but the amount of prep that is needed for an upcoming season is monumental. This year was exceptional in that there were a plethora of funding and grant applications to prepare regarding the Historeum Revitalization, all of which were due by fiscal year end, a.k.a March 31. Additionally, unlike most seasonal operations we continue to have a full schedule of exhibit openings and activities all year long, a busy time indeed.

Now as we look toward 2014/15 there is a feeling of optimism for the coming year; physical construction is set to begin on the Historeum Revitalization, good ideas from last year are being improved upon for this year, new partnerships and collaborations are coming forward. Yes this is a great time to be a part of this dynamic organization, and I couldn't be happier to be here to share in it. Thank you.

Jordon LeBlanc, Curator

Life Members

Dick Ackerman
Joe Ballard
Melanie Ballard
Ross Barns
Leslie Blackburn
Marjorie Bulmer
Dr Gerald E Byers
Charles Cameron
Dr C Jean Cameron
Marc A Campbell
William Canning
Enid Cooper
Bob Cooper
Laurie Creelman
Ira & Judy Creelman
Stacey Culgin
Bob Danson
J Brad Davidson
Margaret A Dodson
Deborah Dunlap
Dale & Marilyn Ells
Deborah Everitt
John M Gammell
Judith Graham
Ross Graves
Doreen Hall
Peter & Margaret Hamilton
Harold M Harvey
Wyn Harvey
Bruce & Nan Harvey
Jans Henderson
William Hill
William Hine
Dr Gordon Jeffery
Scott Johnston
Virginia Kinsman
Brien Kinsman
Frances Langille
Norman & Mary Layton
Michael J Layton
George Lewis
Donald G Lewis
Ron V MacKay
Dawn MacKay
George MacKenzie
Alison & Alan MacLean

Membership Report

Membership has remained close to the three hundred mark. We have lost some members and gained others.

The anniversary committee has challenged the membership to signing up 60 new members—we have 50 more **new** memberships to go. Have you considered giving a friend or other family member a membership as a gift? That would be a neat gift, don't you think? And if a current member signs up four new members this year —they would earn a year's free membership themselves!

Membership costs have remained constant for a good number of years; Annual is still \$20 for an individual, \$25 for a family, \$30 for institutions. Membership runs from date of payment to same date a year later. Should a member pay a month or two early, the extra months are tacked on. Due dates are determined by the number suffix following your surname on your newsletter label. For example: 2015/03 means that your membership is due the third month of next year = March of 2015. Inquiries may be made by calling the membership secretary or the curator at 895-6284.

Life memberships are still only \$200 and of course, last for the duration of the members life.

Membership entitles entry to all exhibits and archives any time the museum is open, but does not include special fund raising events, such as "Tea in the Garden.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Thomson, Membership Secretary

Financial Report

As I write this report the Society's accounting books are in to the Auditors for review and finalization. There will be significant entries coming from the Auditors for the re-cording of Core Exhibit, Amortization and Accounting expenses which are not included in the expenses provided with this report. For this reason I am only reporting the "Total" amounts for each category currently in the general ledger for the year ended March 31, 2014 with comparative numbers for the year ended March 31, 2013. By the time we meet on April 24th for our AGM I will have the finalized statements from the Auditors, at which time a copy will be supplied to you.

Like the accounting numbers provided here, our Historeum is in the process of significant change. In fact I dare say next year will be "the year of the changes." Your continued support is both looked for and appreciated.

See you at the Historeum

Doug Bolton, Treasurer

Life Members (cont)

Kenneth & Fran MacLean
Beverley MacLellan
Rod MacLennan
Malcolm MacLeod
Charlotte MacQuarrie
Elinor Maher
The Hon Margaret McCain
Audrey McCallum
Kim McCallum
Carl McNutt
Dr Dan J McNutt
Glenn McNutt
Alice Mombourquette
Mary Jean Muir
Municipality of Col Recreational Services
Robert A Murray
Dr George R Nye
Kevin O'Neil
Gladys Otterson
Gary Patterson
James Retson
Ellen J Robinson
Mary Shephard
Rob & Doralee Smith
C Barns & Leona Smith
Jin Smith
Jean Soper
Margaret Swan
Wendy G Walter
Terry & Charlotte White
Jane Wile
Dave Wilson
Robert Winters
David Yuill

The Colchester Historical Society

	Actual 04/01/2013 to 03/31/2014	Actual 04/01/2012 to 03/31/2013	Difference
<u>REVENUE</u>			
Total Donations	108,424.16	58,878.48	49,545.68
Total Fundraising	7,966.64	12,485.70	-4,519.06
Total General Reve-	20,143.37	27,838.29	-7,694.92
Total Public Funding	66,967.00	74,178.00	-7,211.00
TOTAL REVENUE	203,501.17	173,380.47	30,120.70
<u>EXPENSE</u>			
Total Marketing &	2,838.01	3,056.87	-218.86
Total Retail Opera-	2,206.01	4,252.99	-2,046.98
Total Payroll Ex-	66,809.72	72,557.89	-5,748.17
Total Facility Ex-	32,418.64	29,575.70	2,842.94
Total Admin.& Man-	17,685.85	19,628.03	-1,942.18
Total Collection&Access to Info Exp	2,750.29	1,407.75	1,342.54
Total Interpretation&Programing Exp	1,562.98	1,146.01	416.97
TOTAL EXPENSE	126,271.50	134,705.24	-8,433.74

Marketing Committee

An anniversary of any kind allows us to look back, explore the past, the people, places, how people lived, the tools that they used etc... and the story begins.

For this 60th Anniversary we are especially excited to look back and celebrate the people, places ,events and ways in which The Colchester Historical Society has achieved our objectives of preserving and presenting Colchester's past for residents and visitors today and into tomorrow.

For years volunteers have been collecting, processing and displaying information relating to Colchester and seeking funding to operate. We would like to thank and keep in memory all those who have made contributions to the creation of the society in 1954 and to its evolution and growth in the years that followed. Everyone is invited to stop by the DeWolfe Room to browse through the anniversary magazine, historical society press articles and scrapbooks and to share stories.

In the DeWolfe room you will also find the latest information on what is happening in the Historeum revitalization project.

What is a historeum you ask?

It is a history museum for the 21st century. Currently on display is the floor plan and images and samples of what the main floor exhibit hall will look like and the most current information we have on what is happening with the project. Again we encourage you to stop by regularly to the DeWolfe room to check what is happening for yourselves.

This is an exciting year both for our projects moving forward and the positive interest in history redevelopment of the historic downtown core is generating.

Special mention to the tremendous support given by the Daily News for feature stories, front page pictures, inside today

announcements, At the Historeum feature monthly columns, community announcements and ongoing use of research and archive materials. It all helps to get the word out ... please tell two friends...

Event participation sheets will be circulated from now on at each event to collect your name, email address or other contact info. While respecting that some of our participants do not use email we are trying to encourage more as it is a cheaper, timely way to dispense info about current and upcoming activities, exhibits, workshops, lectures, fundraisers etc. You can also check the website, Facebook or twitter pages (If you don't know how to use these tools the library is currently conducting classes)

Ever wonder what to do with the junk in the trunk? Downsizing? Grandmother's Stuff?

We encourage both members and community at large to donate items, time and money

- Pictures, books, letters, diaries, document relative to Colchester – Contact the archives. This is the rich material that researchers continue to gain understanding of our past from.
- Colchester artifacts become accessioned pieces of the collection.
- The Society accepts other items suitable for sale at antique, yard, plant and book sales (wherever most appropriate) to continue generating funds for ongoing operations.

-By attending or presenting lectures, films, talks, activities like Historeum Thursdays, monthly knit ins, fundraising luncheons, award nights you are keeping customs alive.

-By donating through memberships, memorial donations, donations to annual appeal, various fundraising events or capital project campaign you are keeping Colchester's History and helping the Colchester Historical Society fulfill its mission of preserving and presenting the past for future generations.

Respectfully Submitted, Beth Johnston

Annual Members

Thomas Acker
Allen County Public Library
Jane Andrews
Jacqueline Archibald
Tillie Armstrong
Dave Arnfast
Deborah Baillie
Betty Barnhill
Dave Bartlett
Sara Beanlands
Don Beeler
Eric & Joan Bent
Jane Bermingham
Richard & Roberta Blaikie
David Boehm
Douglas Bolton
Minnie Bond
Allan C Bonnyman
Margaret J Holland & Michael Boulton
Carles & Della Boyce
H Douglas Boyce
Lois Bray
Leslie & Jim Burrows
Mildred Burrows
Elaine Burrows
Douglas & Shirley Byers
Charlene Caldwell
Elizabeth Caldwell
Valerie Cameron
Morgan Campbell
Carol & Murray Campbell
Kerr Canning
George & Bella Casson
Marilyn Challis
Merle Chisholm
Don Chisholm
Angus & June Chisholm
Arthur Chisholm
Dorothy Chutter
Dianne Chyzyk
F Vincent Clark
Georgina Cock
Lorne & Shirley Cock
Garth & Trinkie Coffin
Myrtle G Conrad
Charles F Cox
Kenneth & Lavenina Cox
Reg & Dorothy Culgin

Annual Members

Marc Curran
Catherine Dale
Lisa Davies
Betty Davis
Lance Dearmond
Alice L Di Stefano
Carol Diamond
Nancy Dobson
William Dunbar
Richard G Duncan
Robert Dunphy
Graham Elliott
Ralph Elliott
Agnes Evans
William Fisher
Pam Fitz Maurice
Donald & Linda
Forbes
Joyce Gerbrandt
Linda Giddens
Wayne Gillies & Lisa
Light
Sandra Gittens
Shirley Brant
Irene Gratto
Karen Griggs
Sandra Guinan-
Donaldson
Laurie Gunn
Darlene Hanham
Joan Hanlon
Joyce Harper
Dorothy Harrity
Amanda Hatfield
Eldon Hay
Phillip & Marilyn
Higgins
Geraldine Hilchey
Anne Hill
Cathy Hoeg & E
Estabrooks
Isabel Horne
Midge Horner
Joanne & Dave Hunt
Fred & Jane
Hutchinson
Rebecca Jenkins
Craig Johnson
Gordon & Evelyn
Johnson
S Albert Johnson
John Johnston
Beth Johnston

Historeum Revitalization Project

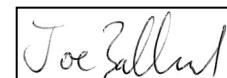
The Core Exhibit Committee, tasked with development and implementation of a new semi-permanent exhibit on life in Colchester County, is making measured progress toward its goal.

Pending applications for funding the construction and implementation of the exhibit, "Life in the Heart of Colchester," were answered in the past year. The society was two for three in these appeals meeting with success from Colchester County Council and Canadian Heritage. The third appeal, laid before the Town of Truro, bore no fruit. Additionally, a modest amount of money was raised "in house" during the past year. All of this means we have ordered and are now just

on the cusp of installing some specialized equipment that constitutes a significant portion of the new exhibit.

In anticipation of the imminent installation of components of the Colchester core exhibit being installed, members of the Museum Committee undertook to remove the walls covering the windows in the main exhibit hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Joe Ballard

Human Resources

During the year ended March 31, 2014 there wasn't a lot of matters for the Human Resources Committee to deal with. Both permanent employees, Nan Harvey and Jordan LeBlanc performed their duties in an outstanding manner. The Society is fortunate to have such capable and dedicated employees.

An Annual Review was completed for Nan Harvey in May with the usual excellent review. In the case of the former Administrator-Curator, Aidan Norton an Exit-Interview was conducted. A two year employment contract for the incoming Administrator-Curator, Jordan LeBlanc was developed and signed on June 18, 2013. Regan Zscheile and Jessica Lynds were hired for the summer months as student-assistants with financial assistance from both the Provincial and Federal Governments. Both employees did excellent work. Nan Harvey was able to take most of her annual vacation during this period.

It has been my pleasure to serve as Chair of the HR Committee the past two years. I thank fellow Committee Members: Dale Ells, Joe Ballard, Terry White, Doug Boulton for their help.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Arnfast, Chair

Museum Committee

The Museum Committee, tasked with the care and maintenance of our museum and archives facility at 29 Young Street (now called the Colchester Historeum) oversaw several significant developments this past year.

The most visible change, noted before entering the building is the replacement of the board and batten cladding on that part of our facility sometimes called the annex. Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal performed this work and appear to have done a marvelous job.

An important consequence of the above cladding replacement was the elimination of the significant cold air drafts that continuously plagued the small office above the loading bay every winter. The office is now comfortable year-round.

Another impactful project saw the Museum Committee remove the walls covering seven windows in the main exhibit hall. The result is a large, airy and naturally lit hall. During this project a number of vinyl windows were identified as being damaged by a significant concentration of solar heat, trapped within the confined spaces on the interior side of the windows. This problem is still pending remediation and is expected to be addressed shortly.

Through the efforts of several diligent volunteers, the basement underwent an impressive cleanup. Following this, Dick

Akerman undertook to lay out a portion of the basement for a dedicated workshop and erected walls to demarcate that portion and keep future construction dust and debris isolated from artifacts and other basement storage.

A land swap is in the works between the Town of Truro and the Province of Nova Scotia. If this deal is completed, as proposed, it will see our facility lose a portion of the paved surface to the east of the Historeum and gain a similar parcel to the north. This land swap is intended to facilitate the addition of a two-storey structure being added to the south of the former Normal College to accommodate the creation of a new, larger library. The Colchester Historical Society is in favour of this land swap as it helps to adapt the historic Normal College to a new purpose.

A number of smaller maintenance issues (including doors, downspouts, snow removal, et al) arose throughout the year but are too minor to warrant documentation in this annual report.

Respectfully submitted,



Joe Ballard, Chair

Annual Members

Edith Patterson
 John Patterson
 Clair Peers
 Walter Perrin
 Bob & CJ Prest
 Alice Pugsley
 Kay Purdy
 Angela & Thomas Reid
 Barbie Reynolds
 Gerald & Norma Richardson
 Edith Ritchie
 Gail Robbins
 Heather Robinson
 Dana Rushton
 Jean Rutledge
 Cliff & Bernice Sanderson
 Lester Settle
 Patti Sharpe
 Linda Shears
 Robert Sanford & Hanorah Sheppard
 Thomas B Soar
 Tim Smith
 Ronda Smith
 Foster Smith
 Deborah Smith
 Ruth Smith
 Phyllis Smith
 Bettie Spence
 Lloyd & Vivian Spicer
 Spring Garden Ref Library
 Sheila & Harold Stewart
 Tom & Sheryl Taylor
 Sheila Terry
 Anna M Thomas
 Robert H Thomson
 Pauline Thomson
 Marion Thomson
 Pam Tonary
 Margaret Topshee
 Toronto Reference Library
 Keith & Jeanne Trimper
 Truro Volunteer Fire Brigade
 Ashley Dawson & Tracy Vallis
 Bonnie Waddell
 Mildred Walorz
 Charles Walters
 Clifford & Very Wasson
 Norris M Whiston
 Pamela Wile
 Heather Williams
 Walter Williams
 Linda Sittman
 Helen Wojcik
 Brian Wright

Annual Members

John C Kennedy
 Stephen C Kennedy
 Donald M Kent
 Archibald & Janet Killawee
 Frances Lamont
 Norma Langille
 John G Langley, QC
 Lynn Langman
 Maxine A Larson
 Robert S Latimer
 Vivian & Truman Layton
 Lucy Anne LeBlanc
 Marjorie Lepper
 Jean & Robert Lynds
 Jessica Lynds
 Henry MacConnell
 CJ David MacDonald
 Marinda M MacDonald
 Carol MacKay
 Charles MacKinley
 Beth MacMichael
 Art & Heather Macumber
 Claudia Malloch
 Ray & Nancy Marchand
 Broyce G Marshall
 Corey Matheson
 Glen Matheson
 Mary J Maxner
 Juanity McCready
 Vernon & Carrie McCully
 Marie McCully-Collier
 Sybil McCurdy
 Norma McEwan
 Pauline McManus
 Berry Meagher
 Donna Meese
 Floyd Mesheau
 Leola Miller
 Ron Miller
 Lloyd & Ann Mitchell
 Kevin Morin
 James H Morrison
 Barbara Morton
 Mount Allison University
 Elizabeth Murray
 Ralph C Murray
 Lee Nettin
 Helen Nichols

Heritage Committee

The Heritage Committee is best known for organizing the annual Heritage Night open house, but other responsibilities include judging at the Heritage Fair, overseeing the Built Heritage Grant Program and having a representative on the Town of Truro Heritage Advisory Committee.

Our first task each year is to judge at the Chignecto Central School Board Regional Heritage Fair in May. Members of the committee select one project which best illustrates the history of Colchester County. In 2013, the winner was Morgan Campbell of North Colchester for his exhibit on the History of Brule.

The Truro Built Heritage Grant Program assists owners of older properties to maintain or restore the heritage features of their buildings. The grant is for exterior work done on buildings within the municipality of Truro built before 1930. The buildings may be private homes, income properties, businesses or churches. Grants are made in individual amounts from \$300 to \$2000, not to exceed fifty percent of the total project cost. Funds are raised through a heritage home tour and corporate sponsors. In 2013, no tour was held, as finding properties for the tour was a challenge. However, with funds remaining from the previous year, we were able to award one grant.

The Annual Heritage Night celebration in February involves planning a celebration of local history and presenting the Heritage Awards and the Built Heritage Grants. This year, the theme was the 1950s in honour of the Society's 60th an-

niversary. Entertainment featured live music from the era of rock and roll. The award recipients were:

1. Heather Dau for her family tree website: www.everywhereacookcooke.com
2. Sharon Corcoran of Remax Fairlane Realty for a collection of 16 postcards featuring Truro & Area's Built Heritage.
3. Gordon Crowe for research and presentations on the history of Stewiacke and area.
4. Douglas Moffat for his book, *Moving Days*, about the Moffat Trucking company.

A Built Heritage Grant was presented to Pam Tonary for exterior painting of 140 Park Street.

The town of Truro partners with us for the celebration, providing refreshments and also presenting an award for built heritage, which was won by Cam and Gordon Jeffrey for 104 Park Street.

Joe Ballard was our representative on the Heritage Advisory Committee for the town of Truro.

Our committee lost one of its members when Wayne Foster passed away just before Heritage Night. Wayne served on this committee for several years and contributed in so many ways to the preparation and execution of its activities. He will be missed by all who knew him, especially the other members of the Heritage Committee, Bill Canning, Joe Ballard, and me, Melanie Ballard

(Chairperson).

Fund Raising

Annual Members

Rev Dr Gerald &
Ethel Wyrwas
Elizabeth Young
Janice Zann
Berry Zolkivski

Appeal	\$21,125.00
Auction	514.00
Pennies	622.00
Luncheon	3585.00
Anniversary Booklet Ads	791.00
Other	130.00
Plant Sale	858.00
Bake Sale	167.00
Yard Sale	1,150.00
Total	\$31,188.00

Gladys Otterson,
Fundraising Chair

Archives Book Nook

A mediocre year for the Book Nook.. Out of town sales (by mail) has been steadily declining, due in part to the high cost of parcel post, and, in part, to the availability of material online. The Book Nook offers various books and publications to the public, not just as another fund raising function of the society. Rather, our function is to supply the citizens of Colchester County and interested visitors with the background genealogy and statistical information to assist them with their family research. 95 % of our publications are dedicated to that purpose. Perhaps it is time to make a larger effort to let the public know just what a resource is located on the second floor of

the Museum building. Are we supplying the proper information to the various tourist information centers? Are we taking advantage of the usually free space available in our local newspapers? Do we have a person dedicated to publicizing our various programs? Visitations to the facility are on a par with last year. Sales at the Book Nook are down. We have to do something different!

Dick Akerman

Book Nook
Coordinator

	Sales	Our Cost	Profit	%	Ship Rev	Ship Cost	Profit	%
12/13	7856.58	4532.03	3324.48	42%	572.31	511.68	60.10	10%
12/14	4430.32	2315.16	2115.15	48%	212.00	158.11	53.39	25%
	Year End	Inventory						
2013	/14	Inventory	\$4,598.38		Sales Value	\$9,679.28		

Archives Committee

This is my final report as Chair of the Archives committee. I am withdrawing this spring from membership on the Historical Society Board of Directors. I hope to continue, however -- since the materials received and projects underway, are so interesting -- as an ordinary member of the Archives Committee..

Details of the Archives' successful operation during 2013-14 are contained in the Archivist's report, attached. The most notable statistics seem to me to be:

- number of visitors 800, which works out on average to about four each day the Archives was open
- number of volunteers 23, and the hours they worked 5830. That is, about eleven weeks worth of valuable labour, on average, from each of them.

The Society is particularly fortunate in having so competent, amiable and dedicated an archivist, in charge of all this work, as Nan Harvey, now in her 27th year of service. The exemplary relationships she maintains -- both with the studious, inquisitive public, and all the volunteers under her supervision -- is the principal ingredient that makes the Archives so productive.

The Archives and the Archives Committee were weakened this year when two long-term volunteers, Sharron Brown and Jackie Archibald, relocated away from Truro. They will need to be replaced, as well as a new Chair appointed.

Respectfully submitted,

Malcolm MacLeod, Chair, Archives Committee.

Archives Committee Members

Chairman - Malcolm MacLeod,
 Archivist - Nan Harvey
 Members -
 Dick Akerman
 Jacqueline Archibald
 Sharron Brown
 Enid Cooper
 Stacey Culgin
 Pauline McManus
 Donna Meese
 Jane Wile

Archives Year End Report

The following are some of the activities undertaken in the Archives through the fiscal year of 2013-2014.

I attended the Spring Conference of the Council of Nova Scotia Archives in May on digitizing. We received a grant from the Nova Scotia Economic and Rural Development and Tourism to hire a student - Regan Zscheile for 13.8 weeks during the summer. This was her second year working for us and she did a great job. A couple of projects she worked on were digitizing cassettes and scanning and cataloguing large photos. Regan took charge of the Archives when I took three weeks vacation during the summer.

We were able to buy 10 reels of Colchester County Church records on microfilm and a couple of new filing cabinets. We were the recipient of a new large bed scanner which enables us to scan our larger photos.

Over the past year there has been an ever growing interest in our photographs. In part, no doubt to the exposure that Jordan has given them on Face Book. Also the Truro Daily News has continued to feature one of our photos in the Truro Weekly and has added a line to where they come from and that they are available for sale in the Archives.

Dick Akerman, Book Nook Coordinator continued doing a monthly article for the "Shoreline Journal" which includes an article, photo and map from our Archives featuring places, industries, etc. of earlier times along the shore between Debert and Economy.

During the past year we had 23 volunteers doing "their bit" to make the Archives a better place to do research. Photocopying vital stats and current events from the Truro Daily News,

typing and editing databases, cataloguing and taking photos of tombstones, cataloguing new acquisitions, retrieving marriages and deaths from current newspapers and making scrapbooks, and volunteering on Saturday afternoons so the Archives can be open.

The Archives Committee had five meetings during 2013-2014 - April, June, September, November and February.

I would like to thank very much all the volunteers we have working in the Archives.

Nan Harvey,
 Archivist/Librarian

Archives (con't)

Duty Archivist for Saturdays

Jacqueline Archibald
Sharron Brown
Laurie Creelman
Enid Cooper
Lisa Davies
David Yuill

Indexing Newspapers

Michael Bolton
Ann MacNeil
Donna Meese

Typing Vital Records

Debbie Everitt
Pauline Thomson
Bernadette Alain

Cemetery Project

Jacqueline Archibald
Carolyn Lane
Debbie Everitt

Clipping Current Newspapers for vital stats & events

Pauline McManus
Kate Ferns

Editing Databases

Judi Graham
Amanda Hatfield
Pauline Thomson
Bernadette Alain

Indexing Newspapers

Michael Bolton
Ann MacNeil
Donna Meese

Typing Vital Records

Debbie Everitt

Archives Statistics

Letters Visitors - 800
Volunteers- 23
Volunteer Hours- 5830
Donations of documents & books -201 donations 382 items
Emails Received - 1872 and emails answered after a great amount of research done - approx. 500

Cataloguing New Acquisitions:

Sharron Brown

Clipping Current Newspapers for vital stats & events:

Pauline McManus
Kate Ferns

Daily Assistants to the Archivist

Carol Campbell
Jim Smith

Newsletter Report

During the year, four issues of the Member Newsletter were published to coincide with the quarters beginning, the first of July, October, January and April. Three hundred and fifty copies, each comprised of twelve pages, were printed with about 300 mailed to members, advertisers, civic leaders with the remainder held for distribution to new members and for Public Relations activities. As editor I thank all who contributed stories, pictures and news, especially staff and officers who supply a report for each issue. I also thank the Curator/Administrator and volunteer desk staff for preparing the labels and envelopes for use in the mailings. A special thank-you is also extended to Bill Hine for his proof reading, and his group of friends for the mail-out assistance.

During the year, the printing was retendered and KKP was selected as the printer beginning with the October issue. An electronic version with colored pictures, was produced and supplied to Board members and staff. We plan to experiment with a limited electronic distribution in the next year.

Thanks are offered to the eleven to fourteen sponsors who have supported us with advertising. Their support has more than paid for the printing costs.

As a special 60th Anniversary project, a forty page 60th Anniversary Magazine has been prepared. This will be sent at no cost to all members who supply us with email addresses. Print copies are available at \$6 from the entrance desk at the Historeum in late April. Advertising revenue from twenty-three sponsors have covered the printing costs.

Included with this report is my estimate of expenses and revenue for the 2014-15 year.

Dale Ells, Editor for 2013-14

Projected Expenditures and Revenues in 2014-15 for Member Newsletter

Printing costs - 4 issues @ \$166.75	\$	784
Postage - 1 issues @ \$332 + 3 issues @ 425		1,607
Envelopes for Mailing - 4 issues @ \$35		140
Total Expenses	\$	2,531
Advertising - equivalent of 13 @ \$ 120.	\$	1,560
Total Revenue	\$	1560
 Net Cost to CHS Operations	\$	 971

Accessions Committee Report

The Accessions Committee continues with members Lee Higgins, Carl Jordan, Helen Nichols, Honorah Sheppard, and Sheila Stewart.

The Committee meets from September to June on Tuesday mornings for approximately 3 hours, taking time out for a quick coffee break and catch-up of news from the last week. We have been entrusted with the task of identifying treasures left to the Historeum, filling out Accession Sheets which detail everything from size and usage to donor and date, and finding a home for these items, hopefully in a documented place so they can be reclaimed when needed for a display. We are aided in our efforts by Curator, Jordan LeBlanc and we, indeed, thank him for the help and support he gives us each week.

This past year we were delighted to have a "Love Truro" Team from Truro's Immanuel Baptist Church come in for a Saturday morning in May to help us discover unaccessioned items in two spaces in the room where accessioned items are normally placed. Treasures which were unearthed during this venture were accessioned and used in the Remembrance Day Exhibit this past Fall and in the Christmas Exhibit which followed. There are many other items waiting for us to find time to accession.

Presently, we are working with a donation of over 40 communion tokens from Presbyterian Churches in Nova Scotia, the oldest dating from the 1760's when Rev Daniel Cock was minister in this area. It is an honour to be able to work with the many artifacts that come to us. We have worked with old cook stoves, a hanging baby basket, a burgular alarm which used blank bullets, a hitching post, sealing wax, and so many more - hopefully these will tell the story of life in Colchester County for years to come.

Sheila Stewart on behalf of the Accessions Committee, Colchester Historeum

Program Committee Report

- Sept 26 Jerry Lockett, author of **The Discovery of Weather: Stephen Saxby, the tumultuous birth of weather forecasting**, and Saxby's Gale of 1869.
- Oct 24 Anne Marie Lane Jonah, Food and Drink in Louisbourg
- Nov 28 Joel Jacobson, Play by Play, The Life and Times of Pat Connolly
- Jan 23 Malcolm MacLeod, The Littiest Soldier: A Child's Eye View of WWII
- Feb Heritage Award Night
- Mar 27 The Dawson Lecture—George Perry and Teachers and the Curriculum: Awakening Curiosity and Inquiry
- Apr 24 Lyle Carter - Reflections on an interesting journey
- Mar 22 — Dr Karolyn Smardz Frost — Before the Loyalists: Planters, Slavery and the Atlantic World

Looking for a president

It has been suggested to me by another board member that some may be deterred from taking on the role of President due to a perception that the task is greater than what it really is. For instance, it does NOT include core exhibit development or grant writing. For clarity, I am sharing with you the role of the President as I see it.

1. Chairing 10 board meetings per year (this can actually be done by anyone if the President is not present or even if they are present but simply feel they prefer not to chair) The Secretary really does all the work with respect to board meetings (preparing the agenda and minutes).
2. Writing "President's Perspective" articles for the newsletter (just 4 per year). This can be as narrow in scope as a simple synopsis of what's going on at the Historeum or as broad and meaty as highlighting an issue impacting heritage in Colchester. It is whatever the President wants to make it - just share a thought or a recipe if that's all you've got!
3. Being an ex-officio member of every committee. This simply means you have the authority to attend every committee meeting as a member of it, NOT that you must. The only committee meeting that I feel it is necessary for the President to attend is Finance - and meetings of that committee are required so infrequently that they barely warrant mentioning here.
4. Conferring with the Museum Curator/Administrator on issues that he feels may be beyond his purview but is unsure or items that are time-sensitive. This infrequent occurrence amounts to a brief conference with the Curator/Administrator to identify whether an issue can be addressed directly by him, whether it should be brought before the board, or whether some other and more immediate executive action must be taken.

I think that's it. At one time the role also meant appearing annually before municipal council to request yearly operating funds but now we have automatic approval. Recently, capital requests have been made to council by the core exhibit committee chair who just happened to be President but that should not be seen as a Presidential function. Also, the role does NOT include managing the physical facility - that is the role of the Museum Chair. I also feel that the "face" of the museum need not be the President. For reasons associated with continuity and not confusing the public, it should be the Curator/Administrator as he can generally be expected to have greater longevity in his position. However, disregard the last point if the President happens to be more handsome.

Honestly, with the present staff and volunteers that our Society has, this role is not at all a burden. I am not giving it up because it is challenging or time consuming, I am giving it up for a host of other much more selfish reasons that I may share with you some time if you take me out for a milkshake.

Submitted by Joe Ballard, out-going President

Down in the basement.....

Several months ago I had the opportunity to visit the Historeum and it was the name and the invitation I had received that caused me to come in and see what it was all about. I am one of these individuals that enjoys visiting Museums, large or small as they all provide knowledge for those that like history or just looking at interesting things and ways of life. I should mention I am a transplant, born in Alberta, but in this case I moved my family from Ontario because I enjoyed this place when we came to Nova Scotia on vacation. After visiting the Historeum I decided to take out a Membership and become involved. Retired and a time having a few spare moments, not to mention that I like being busy in most cases, I decided I would volunteer my services and of course be able to increase my knowledge.

In short order I was introduced to my new "Girl" friend, Pauline and she put me to work assisting with the project she was working on in the basement, identifying, reviewing condition and repacking the friezes. I loved that job and soon realized there is no shortage of projects to work on. I am presently working on another project in the "Cage" sorting, identifying and organizing a multitude of tools, not mention keeping my brain active.

Who knows we may end up on the History Channel with our own Museum Secrets!

Barry Zolkivsky

The Last Word Belongs to...

..... Indeed the last word belongs to those stand out due to their contribution toward preserving the heritage of Colchester County. Last year we fêted four 10 year veterans of the Colchester Historical Society board. They were Enid Cooper, Elinor Maher, Terry White and Dale Ells. It was delightful that their faces did not disappear from the hallowed halls of the Historeum. Instead, most of them continued in their previous capacity. The board is pleased to welcome two of them back to serve another 10 years.

Bill Canning, Malcolm MacLeod and Dave Arnfast are stepping down from the board this time and the society wishes to express their gratitude and appreciation for the time and energy they devoted to safeguarding the Society's wellbeing.

Thank-you Bill, Malcolm and Dave.

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Objectives of the Colchester Historical Society

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The objects of the Society are:

To gather, compile, and preserve written, printed and photographic documents of historic value and interest, relating to Colchester County.

To acquire, preserve and display artifacts significant to the historic development of Colchester County.

To gather and record stories until now unwritten, which exist only in the memory of older people.

To administer and operate for the enlightenment, entertainment and benefit at large the Colchester Historical Society Museum, open to the public, and to select and display therein a continuing series of traveling or temporary exhibits chosen for their historical, scientific or artistic value. In addition, a permanent display area will be designated depicting the natural history of Colchester County.

To administer and operate for the benefit of members and society at large, a research library known as the Colchester Historical Society Archives.

To promote the marking of historic sites within Colchester County by suitable plaques, cairns or otherwise; and

To cooperate with civic officials in civic celebrations of an historic nature.

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