



Colchester Historical Society

Annual Report 2014–15

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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

....from the President's desk

... well where did that year go?

It was a busy one for the Colchester Historical Society. Major renovations on the first floor provide a fresh appreciation for this wonderful old building. There are heat pumps on three floors and the third floor now sports a new carpet.

And speaking of old buildings, those of us who visit the Historeum frequently have had a first hand opportunity to watch the renovations taking place next door. Our 'soon to be' new library is taking shape. Our basement stores some two dozen hundred year old plaster friezes that once adorned the halls of the old Provincial Normal School. It is hoped they will once again look down on a new generation of library goers when it is opened in the fall. Of course, as with all new construction, there has to be some pain. Our parking lot has been severely affected by the comings and goings of the workmen and then there was the SNOW! We are grateful for our patrons' patience in navigating a route to our doors and look forward to a less arduous pathway once work is completed.

As I am sure you know the bulk of our operating revenue comes from provincial grants, one which is the Community Museums Assistance Program (CMAP). Major changes in government policy are and will affect us now and in the very near future where public funding is concerned. It becomes imperative that in order to justify financial support, we must articulate the value of our work. To that effect, the CMAP evaluation program has undergone a major regeneration and the northeast division of the province (Antigonish to Amherst, including Parsborough) will shortly trial the new process. Our Society will participate in the scheme, thus giving us a first hand look at expected improvements, as well as allowing us a chance to influence the process. It is expected that funding will be hinged on these evaluations.

I hope you noted the marvelous depiction of our many volunteers on the covers of this report. Thanks to Dale Ells and Jordan LeBlanc for arranging that. Many of you may be aware that I subscribe to the system's theory. Those pictures are living proof that the theory is alive and well in this organization. Colchester Historical Society works like a finely tuned piece of clockwork. And, you know, there is always laughter somewhere in the building! This has to be the most pleasant place to spend one's time.

This society cares about the community it serves. This year our favourite "Knit-In" group donated several lap rugs to the Hospice society. In February a large donation of foodstuffs was collected in our main lobby and presented to the local Food Bank. A lively group of two dozen Canasta players have claimed Thursday afternoons as their arena and plan to erect a "High Scores" roster. Several times a year we are visited by Paranormal Societies who commune with our resident ghosts! (continued on inside front cover)

(President's Report Continued)

Kudos to local history teacher Jay Foster. He brings his class to visit the museum every year.

Six of our volunteers have signed up for the Food Safety course, thus ensuring the safe delivery of food at our bi-annual luncheons. Volunteers like that just can't be bought! There are for more volunteer opportunities in other areas. Persons who bake cakes and pies and other goodies

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augment our Yard and Bake Sales. Come in and see what is being done. Perhaps we will find the ideal spot where you can shine.

The following report will tell the story of the Colchester Historical Society's past year much better than I can. Here's looking to another successful year! Thank You for the opportunity to serve you.

See you around the Historeum.

Pauline Thomson, President

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Financial Report

I don't think we could have had a more active, successful year than this past one, which I'm sure is being described by others in this report. This being said, adjusting the funds for the capital renovations currently occurring, we still have a loss for the year. The total adjusted Revenues for the year are \$125,095.44 (2014 - \$118,390.87) with adjusted Expenses of \$127,365.35 (2014- \$132,984.60) resulting in a Loss for the year of \$-2,269.91 (2014 - \$-14,593.73). On a positive note, as reported in the newsletter, we did realize a significant savings in March as a result of the installation of heat pumps on all three floors. We expect this to continue for each power bill over the next year. You continue to be very generous in your giving to the Annual Appeal which resulted in a 10% increase this year over last. These funds continue to be one of the mainstays that allow us to keep our doors open. I believe the coming year will prove to be very financially challenging for the Society as there continues to be more requests being made for the limited funds that we have available. I can only ask that you continue to support your Society both financially and physically with your participation in its activities.

That being said see you at the Historeum.

Doug Bolton, Treasurer

Fund Raising

Auction	\$211.00
Used Book Store	\$830.40
Luncheons	\$4085.35
Donation Box	\$670.55
Plant Sale	\$1074.00
Yard Sale	\$1143.35
Miscellaneous	\$1763.65
Total	\$9776.30

Membership Report

The Membership is our reason for being. Without their support both vocally and financially there would be no Colchester Historical Society or Historeum.

Last year the Anniversary Committee challenged the Membership Committee to bring in 60 new members. We didn't quite make the mark, but are pleased with the 36 who did sign up. People come and go according to their interests and available time. Some move away and stay in contact through the newsletters. Some go to their eternal rest and we miss them dearly.

Perusing the old membership records, back to 1975 (older records are in the archives) and the year the Society moved into this building, I see that there are eleven members whose membership dates back to that year, who are still with us. Their annual or life membership fees, have kept the lights on and the doors open these past forty years. They are: Ron V MacKay, Terry & Charlotte White, Carl McNutt, George MacKenzie, Bob Danson, Dr. Gerald Byers, Frances Langille, Gladys Otterson and Eric & Joan Bent. Another group of long time members who joined the following year: Marjorie Bulmer, Margaret Swan, William Canning, Kevin O'Neil, Wyn Harvey, Isabel Horne and F. Vincent Clark are providing a similar level of support. Six other memberships date to 1978 & 79 and they are Doreen Hall, Edith Patterson, Robert A Murray, George Lewis, Dr. Gordon Jeffery and Jean Soper all of whom are still with us as well as the Toronto Reference Library. That's a total of 24 people and one institution who have supported the cause of preserving Colchester's heritage for forty years.

Twenty-five of the members who joined in the 1980's are still with us and 42 more who joined in the 1990's continue to provide their support. The remaining 225 joined after 2000 and represent the most recent crop of supporters.

Membership fees for the year equal \$3422.00; that's down about \$300 from last year.

With that kind of support, the Board and Staff are inspired to continue to strive at preserving and presenting Colchester County's heritage in as pleasing and instructional manner as possible.

Membership costs have remained constant for a good number of years; There is a proposal in the AGM to add a Business category to the roster. Membership entitles entry to all exhibits and archives any time the museum is open.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Thomson, Membership Secretary

Life Members

Richard Ackerman
Joe Ballard
Melanie Ballard
Ross Barns
Leslie Blackburn
Marjorie Bulmer
Mildred Burrows
Dr Gerald Buyers
Dr C Jean Cameron
Charles Cameron
Marc A Campbell
William Canning
Tom Carlson
CEC History Dept
Evelyn Clark
Bob Cooper
Enid Cooper
Ira Creelman
Laurie Creelman
S & R Culin
Bob Danson
Heather Dau
J Brad Davidson
Betty Davis
Margaret Anne Dodson
Deborah Dunlap
Dale Ells
Marilyn Ells
John Gammell
Judith Graham
Ross Graves
Doreen Hall
Peter & Margaret Hamilton
Bruce & Nan Harvey
Harold M Harvey
Wyn Harvey
Jans Henderson
William Hill
William Hine
Dr Gordon Jeffery
Scott Johnson
Brian Kinsman
Frances Langille
Michael J Layton
Norman & Marg Layton
Donald Lewis
George Lewis
Dawn MacKay
Ron V MacKay
George MacKenzie
Alison & Alan MacLean

Heritage Committee

The responsibilities of the Heritage Committee include organizing the annual Heritage Night open house, 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 2014, committee members Bill Canning and Melanie Ballard, along with curator Jordan LeBlanc chose Owen Poirier's project on "Truro Trains" as the project which best illustrates the history of Colchester County.

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 May 2014, four heritage properties were featured on the Heritage Home Tour. More than 25 volunteers, some in heritage costumes, greeted visitors and presented stories about the homes and businesses and their first owners. The funds raised during this home tour enabled the society to present four Built Heritage Grants.

The Annual Heritage Night celebration is held in February. This open house is a celebration of local history and includes the presentation of Heritage Awards and Built Heritage Grants. The award recipients were Shirley Brinkhurst for her many contributions to the Tatamagouche Creamery Square, and Judy Lewis for her genealogical work at the Bass River Heritage Museum. Luckily, the winter weather did not hinder attendance this year, and a large crowd enjoyed meeting up with old friends, viewing the exhibit and celebrating the award recipients.

Joe Ballard was our representative on the Heritage Advisory Committee, ensuring the Society has a voice on the matters related to building heritage in the town of Truro.

Thank you to committee members Bill Canning and Joe Ballard, who devote many hours to fulfilling the responsibilities of the heritage Committee.

Accessions Committee Report

The Accessions Committee of the Colchester Historeum, Truro continues to meet on the third floor of the museum on Tuesday mornings with the goal of moving items which have been donated to the museum into its collection.

The Accessions Team—Sheila Stewart, Helen Nicols, Carl Jordan, Lee Higgins and Honorah Sheppard - meet from September to June, taking a break at Christmas; breaks were also taken in late January and February when snowstorms frequently forced the team to miss their weekly session. However, much has been accomplished with 195 items from 105 donors being accessioned.

One of our foremost criteria for accepting a donation into the collection is its connection to Colchester County. We look for stories to make this connection. For example, one of our latest efforts is to accession some scientific equipment that came from the Provincial Normal College Science Building (now the Colchester Historeum) - the glass thistle tubes and model pump take on whole new dimensions when they are placed in the building where we meet each week. Likewise, the items that came to us from the time capsule embedded in the cornerstone of the building upgraded for use as Truro's public library, are valued, not just for their existence but for the story they tell of the people of the day and the people of today, connected through approximately 10 years. Members of our Committee have met with Melanie Ballard to discuss possible items that might be used in the Core Exhibit; to date it has been difficult to ascertain exactly what might be needed so movement on this front has been at a standstill. A brief tour of the museum, highlighting the displays on both the main and third floors and what is involved in placing an item into the collection and retrieving it for display was offered in March to the Colchester Trefoil Guild and was well received. We pay tribute to the curator, Jordan LeBlanc, for his support and direction throughout the year, to Sandra Crossman, our custodian, for keeping our work area so spotless, to Dick Akerman for putting our collection room back to rights after the heat pump was installed, to all the people at the Historeum who pass through each week on their coffee break and pause with cheery greetings. We thank you all for making us feel a valued part of the Historeum as we continue to delve into the fascinating artifacts that come our way.

Sheila Stewart on behalf of the Accessions Committee, Colchester Historeum

Human Resources

Diligent and competent employees make this portfolio easy to manage. As a result there is very little to report. Archivist, Nan Harvey, and curator-administrator, Jordan LeBlanc, are both encouraged in professional development opportunities. Nan attended the annual conference of the Council of Nova Scotia Archives. Jordan continued his enrollment in the museum studies courses offered by the Association of Nova Scotia Museums.

Even in the hit-and-miss experience of summer student employment the Society fared well, opting to rehire proven performers, Regan Zscheile and Jessica Lynds. A third summer student, Tiffany Veinot, was retained for a project developed in asso-

ciation with The Little White Schoolhouse Museum.

Facility custodian, Sandra Crossman, has an almost invisible quality to her movements; yet the fruits of her labours are seen everywhere.

The unusually high volume of snow in the winter of 2014-2015 has highlighted deficiencies in our snow removal capabilities, creating a challenge for visitors - particularly our more senior ones. It is lamentable that we did not have more reliable and assiduous manpower in this area.

Joe Ballard

Chair, Human Resources

Museum Committee

We have seen change and improvement to our museum over the past year. Our main gallery space has seen the installation of large photo murals on the east and west sides. These are impressive and has greatly improved our main exhibit area.

The installation of heat pumps on the three floors has saved us money in electrical bills. These floors are much more comfortable now and they will be air conditioned during the summer months, using the same technology.

We look forward to the completion of the renovations to the 1st floor gallery and to the front entry area. This will occur over the summer of 2015.

Our perennial problem of lack of storage space is still with us. This usually calls for a reshuffling of the usable space in the basement and this has been done. Workshop space in the basement is managed by Dick Ackerman. I would also like to ac-

knowledge the work of Barry Zolkivski who operated a used book shop in the basement weekly. His work has kept this space quite "civilized."

I would also like to thank the many other volunteers who help to keep our organization running. The meet, decide, buy, record, sell tickets, buy tickets, make phone calls, create, bake, fix, write, drive, e-mail, shovel and greet. Thanks to you all.

Thank also to Jordan in the office downstairs, and Nan in the office upstairs, whose jobs are not always fun but are done with efficiency and spirit. We all work with the goal of preserving and presenting our Colchester history for years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry White, Museum Chair

Life Members (cont)

Keith & Fran MacLean
Beverly 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
A Mombourquette
Mary Jean Muir
Robert Murray
Dr George Nye
Kevin O'Neil
Gladys Otterson
Gary Patterson
James Retson
Ellen Robertson
Mary Sheppard
Jim Smith
Rob & Doralee Smith
C Barnes & L Smith
Jean Soper
Margaret Swan
Bonnie Waddell
Wendy G Walter
Terry & Charlotte White
Jane Wile
Robert Winters
Dave Yuill

Program Committee



September 25 - Vernon Oickle - *I'm Movin' On: The Life and Legacy of Hank Snow*

Sat, Oct 18, 2 p.m. - Dr. Michael Collins - **The Great War and Great changes: Looking at poster art in a historical context** - Posters provide a glimpse of the changing nature of our society and illuminated the attitude of government toward the sacrifice of soldiers and the evolving role of female workers.

October 23 -Bob Kroll - ***Putting a Face On the Past*** , author of many books on Nova Scotia history, including *Scamps and Scoundrels*, *Rogues & Rascals*, and *Intimate Fragments*.

Sat, Oct 25, 2 p.m. - Dr. Malcolm MacLeod - **The War at Home: The Conscription Dilemma** - a talk examining the issue of Conscription and how it was handled in both the First and Second World Wars.

Thurs, Oct 30, 2 p.m. - Art Chisholm - **Three Chisholm Brothers from Great Village who Served in "The Great War"**

Sat, Nov 1, 2 p.m. -Sara Beanlands - **The Jewish Legion at Fort Edward during WWI**
a presentation about a group of Jews spent time training at Windsor, Nova Scotia, including David Ben Guiron who went on to be a leader in the Zionist movement and the first President of the new state of Israel.

Tues, Nov 4, 2 p.m. - John Boileau - **Nova Scotia's Boy Soldiers in the Great War**
-a presentation on some of the 15,000 - 20,000 Canadian boys who were legally too young to join the army but served in the Canadian Expeditionary Force during the First World War by the co-author of *"Old Enough to Fight: Canada's Boy Soldiers in the Great War."*

Wed. Nov 12 - Alan Griffiths - **War Photography and the First World War**

Sat, Nov 15 - Dr. Don Julien - **Involvement and Sacrifices of Mi'kmaq People in the First World War**

November 27 - Steven Laffoley - ***Using Fiction to Talk About History***, The author of many books dealing with Nova Scotia's history, Laffoley will speak about his newest book, *The Blue Tattoo*, set during the time of the Halifax explosion.

January 22 - Acadian University professor of History Stephen Henderson - **The Don Messer Jubilee and the Counter-Counter Culture**, with a look at the class divide in Canadian culture.

Feb 21, 2 p.m. - At the Colchester Historeum **The RCMP Antiques Road Show - Stolen Treasures Restored - RCMP Officer Darryl Morgan** presented the story of the investigation, arrest and conviction of a heritage thief.

February 26 **Heritage Award Night**

March 26 - The Dawson Lecture - **"Every whit a Scotsman" Alexander Forester: the Scottish Years, 1805-1848** - Carol Campbell and Jim Smith
April 23 AGM - Malcolm MacLeod - **HALIFAX: GLIMPSES OF THE PAST**
Dr. MacLeod recalls old Halifax when he was growing up on the city's outskirts: the world at war; the popularity of radio; the state of black-white relations; building the Armdale rotary; Pier 21 seen from an insider's viewpoint; and other adventures of boyhood and youth.

May 28 - Jon Tatttrie, journalist and author, will give an illustrated presentation on **Edward Cornwallis: Hero or Horror 446-8813**

Program Committee Members: Elinor Maher, Stacey Culgin

Exhibit Report

First Floor

Vintage Bicycle Exhibit

The History of Truro High Schools

"For King and Country"

- *Colchester's Role in the First World War: 1914-1918*

Colchester Keeps in Touch

- The stories behind our mail, post offices, stagecoaches, inns and livery stables.

Third Floor

Colchester's Children: 1850-1950

DeWolfe Room

Fostering History Campaign For Revitalizing the Core Exhibit

Foyer Case

Ladies Golf in Truro

Remembrance Day / John MacRae

History of the Truro Curling Club

Elinor Mahar, Exhibit Co-ordinator



Annual Members

Tom Acker
Jane Andrews
Jacqueline Archibald
Tillie Armstrong
David Arnfast
Deborah Baillie
Betty Barnhill
David Bartlett
Sarah Beanlands
Don Beeler
Joan & Eric Bent
Richard & Roberta
Blaikie
Jane Birmingham
David Boehm
Douglas Bolton
Minnie Bond
Margaret Boomer
Janice Booth
Doug Boulton & J
Holland
Della & Charlie Boyce
H Douglas Boyce
Lois Bray
Jane Boute
Elaine Burrows
Leslie & Jim Burrows
Doug & Shirley Byers
Carolyn Cahill-Lane
Elizabeth Caldwell
Charlene Caldwell
Maggie Cameau
Ken F Cameron
Carol & Murray
Campbell
Sarah Campbell & D
Livingstone
Sally & JP Camus
Kerr Canning
George Casson
Marilyn Challis
Angus & June Chis-
holm
Arthur Chisholm
Don Chisholm
Merle Chisholm
Dianne Chysyk
Georgina Cock
Lorne & Shirley Cock
Garth & Trinkie Cof-
fin
Myrtle G Conrad
Charles F Cox

Bargain Basement Book-mart

When the basement book sale started in conjunction with the "Tea in the Garden" last summer, it wasn't imagined that it would develop into what it has these past few months. Personally, I thought it might last through the summer and fall, bring in a few dollars for the Historeum and the novelty would drop off. That thought proved to be wrong. Sales have averaged what I had hoped. Recently I have been washing and cleaning some of the items we have for our yard sale, placing a few at a time on a table near the book tables, which had allowed for additional funds to be generated. Hopefully the book donations will continue, keeping our customers satisfied. I do what I enjoy, and enjoy what I do.

Barry Zolkivski, Bargain Basement Book-mart Manager

Archives Book Mart

A better year than last, here at the re-named Archives "BOOK MART". The name change was necessary because of a "copy right" complaint from the owner of the "Book Nook" on Dominion Street.

The increase in sales was due in part to sales in quantity to a book dealer from Fredericton, N.B., who several times this year has contacted our Archivist to prepare a book order for him to pick up on his way through town. A huge profit generator is created by the percentage of total book numbers, (Fifty percent of sales) which are produced IN HOUSE, through the efforts of our archivist, who has

added this function to her previous duties. Mail shipments were up considerably, and we more than broke even in this area. Visitors to the Archives, and therefore to the Book Mart, are on a par with last year. Increasing attendance is an area of endeavor that belongs to others than Archives staff, and as mentioned in last year's report, (attached) we need more effective publicity.

Dick Ackerman
Book Mart

	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
13/14	4430.32	2315.16	2115.15	+48	212.00	158.11	53.39	+25
14/15	7057.75	3762.97	3353.88	+47	326.22	257.23	68.95	+21

Year End	Inventory Value	Sales Value
2013/14	\$4598.38	\$9679.28
2014/15	\$8876.70	3449.40

From the Curator

This past year saw many wonderful improvements for the Colchester Historeum, several of which benefitted the way we exhibit and store artifacts. Our main gallery has beautiful new locking cabinets that do an excellent job of safely displaying our exhibits, generously provided by ACOA, Municipality of Colchester, as well as the Dept. of Canadian Heritage.

A new heating system provided by the Province of Nova Scotia has provided many benefits from cheaper power bills (savings of approx \$4000 to date), to a more comfortable atmosphere. From a curator stand point I am glad that our artifacts now have a consistent temperature and humidity for our collection which is extremely important given that climate fluctuations are what destroy collections.

Our collection of artifacts relating to Colchester County's history continues to grow. Of the many items we were fortunate to have donated I would like to touch on a couple of my personal favorites.

1) Earlier this year we hosted the opening of a time capsule taken from the Provincial Normal College (PNC) as it was being renovated into the new library. Unfortunately the time capsule itself failed, and most everything inside of it was destroyed. We were able to save the coins that were inside; three 1 cent pieces, a quarter, and a 50 cent piece. One of the coins was from Newfoundland, the 50 cent piece I believe. The coinage adds up to 78 cents, representing 1878, the year the PNC was opened.

2) A collection of communion tokens from churches from all around the County.

3) A hitching post that was used on Inglis Street.

Why would I call out these random objects as favorites? For me each of them acts as a time machine of sorts, taking me back to a time and place much different than we live in today. Earlier I mentioned that one

of the coins from the PNC time capsule was from Newfoundland. When the PNC was constructed Newfoundland was not part of Canada (or Canada was not part of NFLD if you are talking to someone from the Rock), so they had separate currency, which much like currencies today had exchange rates. Looking into it I found that the NFLD coin at the time would have been worth possible several cents more than its Canadian currency counterparts. Who would imagine spending NFLD money in NS and coming out ahead?

I also mentioned communion tokens. Communion tokens, as Raymond Mentzer says, were "to avoid profanation of the Eucharist, the elders in the role as moral watchdogs distributed these entry counters to those members of the faithful whom they deemed qualified by virtue of correct belief and proper conduct." While closed communion is still practiced today by many denominations (and some still use tokens in different ways/contexts), the idea of individuals being judged worthy to receive the elements or not by their peers in such a public manner was new to me, and seemed in stark contrast to how I thought things operate today.

Lastly a hitching post, which if you are wondering is a post you hitch your horse to. In my mind I image an individual riding a horse down Inglis Street, Truro, and hitching their horse as they went about their shopping, much like how I might park my car as I run into Tim Hortons.

All of these items are now safely in our collection. Some are on display, will be on display, or might stay in storage for extended periods of time. I want to iterate however that these items are not sequestered away from the public. If any member of the public would like to see or study one of these items please make an appointment with me, our curator, and I would be happy to take you on an adventure to a time of NFLD coins, hitching posts, or any other part of Colchester history

Annual Members

Kenneth & Lavenia Cox
Reg & Dorothy Culgin
Marc Curran
Catherine Dale
Lisa Davis
Lance Dearmond
Alice Distefano
Gregg & Sandra Dill
Nancy Dobson
Robert Domanski
William Dunbar
Richard G Duncan
Robert Dunphy
Graham Elliott
Ralph Elliott
Fran Ettinger
Pam Fitz-Maurice
Don & Linda Forbes
Ralph & Nancy Fraser
Joyce Gerbrandt
Linda Giddens
Wayne Gillis & Lisa Light
Sandra Gittens
Irene Gratto
Pam Grace
Shirley Grant
Irene Gratto
Karen Griggs
Sandra Guinan-Donaldson
Laurie Gunn
Darlene Hanham
Joan Hanlon
Dorothy Harrity
Amanda Hatfield
Phillip & Marilyn Higgins
Geraldine Hilchey
Anne Hill
Cathy Hoet & E Esterbrooks
Isabel Horne
Midge Horner
Joanne & Dave Hunt
Fred & Jane Hutchinson
Rebecca Jenkins
S Albert Johnson

From the Archivist's desk

The following are some of the activities undertaken in the Archives through the fiscal year of 2014-2015.

Barry Zolkivski became Archives Chairperson when Malcolm MacLeod resigned at the end of the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Thanks to Malcolm for being our Chairperson during the previous couple of years.

I attended the Spring Conference of the Council of Nova Scotia Archives in May on "At Your Service: Balancing Access and Outreach in Archives". In May I also attended another conference which was held at the Agricultural Campus, Dalhousie University in Bible Hill and presented by the Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia on "Old Stones from Exploration to Preservation".

We received a grant from the Nova Scotia Economic and Rural Development and Tourism to hire a student - Regan Zscheile returned for a third summer for 13.8 weeks. She worked again on scanning photos and putting them into the Photo Database and digitized cassettes. We had received a large donation of Archibald family photos which she scanned. Regan also took charge of the Archives while I was on vacation for three weeks.

Dick Akerman refurbished an A.F. Church colored map, 1874, put it in a frame and hung it in the Archives. A much improved map from the photocopied one we had. He also built two new shelving units and took an old one and remodelled it to look like the two new ones. Very nice addition. These are holding our binders of obituaries and marriages from the Truro Daily News. He also is our Book Mart coordinator and he continues to do monthly articles 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. The topics he covered were

A. F. Church's Map - April 2014; Montrose School - May 2014; Great Village Bridge - June 2014; Letter to Editor - July 2014; Schooner RNC Londonderry - August 2014; Highland View Hotel September 2014; Great Village Fire - October 2014; Fort Belcher - November 2014; Frank Adams, Five Islands - December 2014; Arthur Blaikie House - January 2015; "Truro Queen" - February 2015 and "Wharf Road, Great Village - March 2015.

The Archives took part in the opening of the 'Time Capsule' from the Normal School on September 25, 2014. A large number turned out to see what was in the capsule. Unfortunately that was rather disappointing as most of the contents which was paper did not survive. There were five coins of various denominations that did survive. We do know from a pre existing list of items as to what was suppose to be in the bottle.

I took part in a "Living Library" arranged by our local Library in October. It was one on one whereby I was asked questions about my work here in the Archives. A number of Library staff took advantage of the opportunity to talk with me. I think they learned a bit about what we are about here, and likewise I was able to ask them questions as well. When the new Library opens we may be able to work more closely with each other.

Our Archives Policies were reviewed in the Fall and changes were approved by the Board.

We were very happy to have heat pumps installed in the Archives (part of the renovations and updates taking place in the building). They were certainly appreciated during last summer when they kept the place cool and we did not have to listen to the noise of the old air- conditioner. They have helped to keep us warm during the winter as well.

Our volunteers are busy reading old Truro Daily News and extracting obituaries, marriages and important events that happened along the way. Some of them are editing databases, cataloguing, reading tombstones, volunteering Saturday afternoons so the Archives can be open.

We were sorry to see two of our volunteers move away - Jackie Archibald moved to Dartmouth and Sharron Brown moved to B.C. We were very sorry to learn that another of our volunteers, Kate Ferns passed away on October 17, 2014. We miss them all as they were actively involved in the Archives.

We have welcomed four new volunteers this year to the Archives - Jim Murray, Garry Patterson, Marion Thompson and Barry Zolkivski.

The Archives Committee had five meetings during the 2014-2015 - April, June, October, November and March.

I would like to thank all the volunteers very much

Newsletter Report

Annual Members

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. For the first two issues, three hundred and fifty copies, each comprised of twelve pages, were printed with about 300 mailed to members, advertisers, and civic leaders with the remainder held for distribution to new members and for Public Relations activities. During the year we gradually introduced distribution electronically to many members living outside of Canada and to a few others within Canada who have requested receiving it as an electronic file. This was partly due to increased postal rates and partly due to the preferences of members. Now we only print 300 copies, a slight saving in addition to the reduced postage charges.

During the year, the printing was retendered. The Colchester Printing Company submitted the lowest tender and was se-

lected as the printer beginning with the January issue.

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

Most of the print copies of the 60th Anniversary Magazine have been sold. Electronic copies were sent at no cost to all members who requested a copy and supply us with email addresses. Included with this report is my estimate of expenses and revenue plus recoveries for the 2015-16 year.

Projected Expenditures and Revenues in 2015-16 for Member Newsletter

Printing costs – 4 issues @ \$155.25	\$	621	
Postage – 4 issues @ \$297		1,832	
Envelopes for Mailing - 4 issues @ \$35		140	
HST on printing		93	
HST on postage		178	
Total Expenses			\$2,864
Advertising – equivalent of 14 @ \$ 120.	\$	1,680	
Recovery on HST		136	
Total Revenue and Recoveries			\$1,816
Estimated Net Cost to CHS Operations			\$1,048

John Johnston
 Beth Johnston
 John Johnston
 Stephen C Kennedy
 Dr Donald M Kent
 Kathleen Kevany
 Archie & Janet Killawee
 Frances Lamont
 Norma Langille
 John C Langley
 Maxine A Larson
 Robert S Latimer
 Vivian & Truman Layton
 Lucy Ann LeBlanc
 Dianne LeFort
 Marjorie Lepper
 Glendon Light
 Gail Lynch
 Henry MacConnell
 Marinda M MacDonald
 Daniel MacDonald
 CJ David MacDonald
 Kenneth MacKenzie
 Charles MacKinlay
 Beth MacMichael
 Gladys MacPherson
 Art & Heather Macumber
 Claudia Malloch
 Ray & Nancy Marchand
 Bryce G Marshall
 Glen Matheson
 Myrna Matthews
 Mary J. Maxner
 Juanita McCready
 Vernon & Carrie McCully
 Marie McCully-Collier
 Sybil McCurdy
 Anne & D'arcy McDonah
 Norma McEwan
 Pauline McManus
 Donna Meese
 Floyd Mesheau
 Leola Miller

Archival Statistics

Archives Statistics

Visitors - 795

Volunteers- 23

Volunteer Hours -5989

Donations of documents & books - 150 accessions and
767 items

Number of Books printed for sale in Book Mart - 136

Number of books sold in Book Mart- 256

Archives Committee

Chairman - Barry Zolkivski

Archivist - Nan Harvey

Members -

Dick Akerman

Stacey Culgin

Donna Meese

Enid Cooper

Pauline McManus

Malcolm MacLeod

Book Mart Coordinator

Dick Akerman

Cemetery Project

Carolyn Lane

Cataloguing New Acquisitions

Gary Patterson

Clipping Current Newspapers for vital stats and events

Pauline McManus

Marion Thomson

Daily Assistants to the Archivist

Carol Campbell

Jim Smith

Duty Archivist for Saturdays

Jacqueline Archibald (moved away)

Sharron Brown (moved away)

Laurie Creelman

Enid Cooper

Lisa Davies

David Yuill

Barry Zolkivski

Editing Databases

Pauline Thomson

Bernadette Alain (off due to illness)

Jim Murray

Barry Zolkivski

Indexing Newspapers

Michael Bolton

Ann MacNeil

Donna Meese

Typing Vital Records

Debbie Everitt



Historeum Revitalization Project

Annual Members

The fiscal year ending March 31, 2015 has been a pivotal one for the Revitalization Committee. After five years of keeping the dream alive the project now appears to be on the home stretch. 2014 saw major funding announcements from the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund, the Municipality of Colchester County, ACOA's Innovative Communities Fund, and the provincial government. Government investment, from all levels, totaled approximately \$400,000.

Tangible evidence of revitalization during 2014 came in the form of natural light pouring into the main gallery as the dry-wall hiding the windows on the east wall was removed. The windows, once exposed, required a good deal of finish work, which NS Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (TIR) promptly attended to. Still more progress was made when TIR installed heat pumps - replacing our large and inefficient air conditioning units as well as reducing our energy demand for heat. Changes were made in the main exhibit hall with the introduction of artifact display cabinets stretching from floor to ceiling, and window scrims featuring translucent images from our historic

photo collection.

The wonderful momentum that this project has gained, particularly in the past year, has spawned another committee - one dedicated to raising the final \$40,000 required to complete the plans for the main gallery and reception area. Several board members quietly assumed this task without any prompting and are making terrific progress. They have named the campaign "Fostering History", in memory of former educator and society member, Wayne Foster.

I would like to acknowledge the many hours invested in this project by Elinor Maher, Beth Johnston, Bonnie Waddell, Melanie Ballard, Terry White, Doug Bolton, Pauline Thomson, Donna Meese, and Barry Zolkivski. Staff members have also contributed. Nan Harvey, and in particular Jordan LeBlanc, have both had to rearrange day-to-day duties in order to accommodate the demands of this project.

Joe Ballard

Chair, Revitalization Committee



Anne Mitchell
James H Morrison
Barbara Morton
Ralph C Murray
Elizabeth Murray
Jessica Neil
Shirley Nettin
Helen Nichols
Edith Patterson
Clair Peers
Walter Perrin
Bob & CJ Prest
Alice Pugsley
Katherine Purdy
Jeanne Purdy
Roselyn Reid
Angela & Thomas Reid
Barbie Reynolds
Norma Richardson
Edith Ritchie
Gail Robbins
Margaret Robins Family
Heather Robinson
Dana Rushton
Jean Rutledge
Cliff & Bernice Sandeson
Lester Settle
Pattie Sharpe & family
Linda Shears
H Sheppard & R Sanford
Thomas Shoar
Faye Sinclair
Ronda Smith
Foster Smith
Deborah Smith
Phyllis Smith
Ruth Smith
Betty Spence
Lloyd & Vivian Spicer
Sheila & Harold Stewart
Beverley Sumpter
Tom & Sheryl Taylor
Sheila Terry
Rebecca Taylor
Anna Thomas

‘Fostering History’

Mr. Wayne Everett Foster, a teacher with a passion for history, education, and communication, had a profound influence on generations of students in Colchester County.

In honour of Mr. Foster the Colchester Historical Society is pleased to announce a capital campaign to raise the funds required to complete the transformation of our main exhibit hall into an all encompassing experience, "*Colchester: Life in the Heart of Nova Scotia*."

The eighteen-month capital campaign, ‘Fostering History’, will include fundraising events and other activities to encourage former students, colleagues, friends, and fellow “lovers of history” to help us preserve and promote Colchester’s past for future generations.

Fostering FAQ's

What is the vision?

To transform the Colchester Historeum main hall into an all encompassing interpretive experience "*Colchester: Life in the Heart of Nova Scotia*"

To renovate our entrance lobby in order to pique a visitor's interest with the varied destinations in Colchester County, and encourage them to stay and explore the area.

What will be included with this project?

Display cabinets with LED lighting. Dual sided window scrims featuring historical imagery, providing UV protection to interior. Floor-to-ceiling interpretive banners that can be retracted to allow floor space for events. Multimedia theatre area, satellite floor map of the County.

When will the project be complete?

September 2015

How is this project being funded?

Funds to date:

Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA).....	\$199,567
Municipality of the County of Colchester.....	\$112,500
Dept. Canadian Heritage.....	\$49,999

Funds to be raised

CHS Fostering History Campaign.....between \$35,000 - \$50,000

Why is fundraising needed?

The funds we received require a showing of support from the Colchester Historical Society, and by extension the community. Approximately 10%.

How can I help?

You as an individual, business, or organization can support this initiative financially as well as with your time and talent. Contact us to find out more!

Fostering History

We are really excited by the wonderful community support the capital campaign 'Fostering History' has received to date ,April 10 2015.

We are happy to announce that thus far pledges of \$ 51000 have been received. We are thankful to our donors and our dedicated group of volunteers who are making this project happen.

The Colchester Historeum will be an excellent place for residents and tourists , young and old , to learn about Colchester's past.

We will continue moving forward with our campaign and look forward to Sept. when the installation process begins and the years of planning and hard work are visible to all.

Beth Johnson, Marketing

Annual Members (Cont)

Marion Thomson
Pauline Thomson
Robert H Thomson
Pam Tonary
Margaret Topshee
Keith & Jeanne Trimper
Tracy Vallis& Ashley Dawson
Mildred Walorz
Charles Walters
Allan & Natalie Wellword
Norris M Whiston
Carol White
Pamela Wile
Heather Williams
Walter Williams
Linda Wittman
Helen Wojcik
Brian Wright
Rev Dr G & E Wrywas
Elizabeth Young
Jan & Paul Zann
Barry Zolkivski

The Last Word Belongs to...

..... Indeed the last word belongs to those who stand out due to their contribution to preserving the heritage of Colchester County. They are Gladys Ottersen, Joe and Melanie Ballard and Doug Bolton.

Gladys has been a 40 year member of the Society and a 10 year veteran of the board. She has been outstanding in the fund raising aspects of the society. No one can raise money the way she can and we are happy to hear that she is not going away for good. Joe and Melanie Ballard have served a 10 year term on the board and according to the by-laws must step down for at least a year. This couple are devoted to preserving heritage, Melanie has run the Heritage Home tours for just about forever and coordinates the **Tea in the Garden** every summer. Joe has served as president of the society and has seen the society through funding proposals and the steering committee rigmarole involved in the major renovations evident on the first floor. He has also been the society's representative on the Town Council's Heritage Committee. Doug Bolton has been our treasurer for the past four years, but the bright lights of Toronto and his family have beckoned to himso he and Waldo, his dog, are on their way to live in idle splendor. We are grateful for his contribution and wish him well.

INSTITUTIONS

Allan County Public Libraries
Spring Garden Public Libraries
Toronto Reference Library
Mount Allison University
Truro Fire Brigade
Colchester Hants Public Library

Colchester Historeum



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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