

2018

Annual Report 2017-2018

Colchester Historical Society



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Objectives of the Colchester Historical Society

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.

Board of Directors 2017-2018

- ❖ Terry White, President
- ❖ Sarah Campbell, Secretary
- ❖ David Arnfast/Bob Taylor, Treasurer
- ❖ Elinor Maher, Programs Committee
- ❖ Ken Henderson, Heritage Committee
- ❖ Beth Johnston, HR Committee
- ❖ Bruce Gray, Member at Large
- ❖ Jud Pearson, Member at Large
- ❖ Bill Canning, Member at Large
- ❖ Tom Taylor, Member at Large
- ❖ Shery Taylor, Member at Large

President's Report

“The Annual General Meeting is a time to celebrate and to look to the future with confidence.” A statement like that might be a speech made by a bank president or by the chairman of General Motors or Google. They might say that once a year anyway. I think that we in our Society are doing our share of celebrating and looking to the future with confidence too. There are challenges, of course, but the confidence is still there and will still be in the hands of capable members.

The “bottom line” now is that we have plans for the future and, with a good financial base, we will make those plans happen.

We have two full-time staff members – a Curator (Margaret Mulrooney) and an Archivist (Ashley Sutherland). We have completed accessioning our collection and have made our collection available to the world electronically. We presently have financial support from the Province of Nova Scotia, the towns of Truro and Stewiacke and from the County of Colchester for which we are extremely grateful. We have a tremendously loyal base of volunteers who assist in the operation of the Historeum and we could not operate without them.

I must note here the retirement this year of our long-time archivist, Nan Harvey. She has been a valuable part of our Society for 30+ years and we shall miss her.

As a Society we must rely on the professional staff as we undertake the professionalization of the organization. We have a marketing and strategic action plan and a plan to secure a more secure financial footing. The work now is to make it all happen.

As a Society we will continue to fulfill our mission to tell Colchester's story and to be a source of pride to the town and county.

I'm sure that the members who founded the Society in 1954 will be proud of us.

Respectively submitted,
Terry White

Curator/Administrator's Report

It was a great year and a huge thank you if owed to the Board of Directors and many dedicated volunteers for all their hard work and dedication.

Cobequid Educational Centre Creativity Activity Service (CAS) Project

Throughout the spring of 2017, the Curator worked with a group of six Cobequid Educational Centre (CEC) grade 10 and 11 students to develop a small exhibit to be displayed on the Historeum's first floor. The students selected "Truro: Then and Now" as their theme and used NovaMuse to select photographs and artifacts to include in their exhibit. The students took photographs throughout the town, as well as on Dalhousie's Agricultural Campus, to recreate the photographs they selected from the archival collection. The students organized an exhibit opening on Friday, June 23. Many of the students' friends and family attended the event as well as many of our members. It was a positive partnership and it is hoped that the Historeum will have other projects with CEC in future.

Facility

In September, workers from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal spent several days repairing the building's gutters. These repairs had been requested for a number of years. Since the repairs, the leaks experienced in the basement during precipitation have ceased.

On Monday, January 29, the hot water heater in the basement sprang a leak. The Curator was off site that day but Collections Assistant, Lillian Scales, managed the situation and oversaw the cleanup. The seal on the tank gave way causing a considerable amount of water to leak on to the loading bay floor. The hot water tank was replaced following the incident. Thank you to the volunteers who assisted with clean up.

As of early February, all outstanding items from the building's 2016 fire inspection were completed. This includes the Fire Safety Plan. This document must be reviewed annually.

Collections Management

In May, the Curator purchased a new collections camera to photograph collection items. It is extremely important to have high quality images of our artifacts because all of the images are accessible online on NovaMuse. NovaMuse is a valuable marketing tool for our collection and institution. It is also an important way to increase access to our collection. The Historeum has a limited amount of exhibit space and object records along with high quality images are another way for people to access the collection.

In February, the Curator submitted a Curatorial Assistant project proposal to Gayle McIntyre, Coordinator for the Museum Management and Curatorship (MMC) program at Fleming College. As part of their course requirements, students in this program must complete a 14 week internship. The internship is an unpaid curriculum based position that runs from early May to early August. The Curator received an application from one Fleming student, Breanna Brethour, and held an interview over Skype in March. On May 8, Breanna began work as the Curatorial Assistant. Breanna completed an inventory of sections 13-25 of the third floor artifact storage room. Breanna also updated object locations in the Collective Access database and photographed objects that did not have photographs that met professional standards.

For the second year, the Society received funding from Young Canada Works – Building Careers in Heritage to employ a Collections Assistant. This was a 23 week position beginning October 16, 2017 and ending March 30, 2018. Lillian Scales was hired for this position in early October. Lillian photographed, edited, numbered, and uploaded images for approximately 1,500 artifacts. Lillian also inventoried objects housed in sections 26-30 (approximately 1250) and photographed objects in sections 1-3 in the Historeum's third floor artifact storage room. As of March, the inventory for the entire artifact collection was complete. Over the course of her contract, Lillian also corrected a variety of collections management errors. She removed and reapplied illegible accession numbers, re-housed objects that were not being properly stored, and cleaned and enriched records in our database. Lillian was also responsible for the Historeum Instagram account and created many interesting posts.

The Collections Committee (consisting of Elinor Maher, Helen Nichols, Susan Gaudet, Margaret Mulrooney, Lillian Scales, and later Ashely Sutherland) met on October 20, November 17, and March 23 to review a number of potential artifact and archival donations. A number of items were accepted into the collection including (but not limited to) two portraits by Julius J Zarand featuring members of the MacIntosh family and a red hunting hat made by the Lewis Hat Factory.

Strategic Development Initiative Grant

In May, the Curator submitted a grant application to the Province of Nova Scotia's Strategic Development Initiative program. The grant requested funding for a five-year Strategic Fund Development Plan. In July, the Society received approval for funding in the amount of \$10,000. The Society hired RBR Development Associates Ltd. to create the plan. In late November, Lisa Mills, Consultant/Philanthropic Coach from RBR, shared the draft of the Society's Fund Development Strategy with the Board. Lisa presented the plan at the December 13 Board meeting. At that time, the Board provided their feedback.

In February, Lisa drafted and shared terms of reference for the Fundraising Committee and overview of responsibilities of the committee chair. On March 28, Ashely, Bob Taylor, and I met with Rosalie Courage from RBR Development Associates Ltd. for a Case for Support information session. Rosalie discussed the various elements of a Case for Support and provided the Society with an example of a case from the Illusuak Cultural Centre in Labrador. At the end of March, the Society still had a number of coaching hours available and the Board and staff will receive a Fundraising 101 training session in June.

Summer Students

In May 2017, Nan Harvey, Margaret Mulrooney, and Beth Johnston interviewed six students for the Archives Assistant and Interpretive Assistant summer student positions funded through the Nova Scotia SKILL program. Nicole Maxwell was hired as the Interpretive Assistant and Abby MacGillivray was hired as the Archives Assistant. Their 14 week work terms began on May 23 and finished on August 26.

Summer Special Events

There were a number of events throughout the summer 2017. On July 29, the Historeum hosted an Open House and gave visitors the opportunity to fill out a brief survey providing feedback on their experience. On August 19, the Historeum hosted Her'tage Day in partnership with the Central Nova

Women's Resource Centre. The day featured historical games and crafts, a "heritage" display, and interactive presentations by Colchester County Mayor Christine Blair and MLA Lenore Zann during two tea settings.

Rogers Hometown Hockey/Truro Hockey Fest

In September, the Curator and Elinor Maher began working with Alison Grant from the Town of Truro and David Carter to organize events highlighting the history of hockey in Colchester County to complement the Rogers Hometown Hockey events in Truro's Civic Square the weekend of October 28-29. A small committee was formed to develop the schedule of events and contribute artifacts, knowledge, and participate as speakers. The event created a number of new partnerships between the Historeum and other cultural and heritage organizations throughout the county and province.

School Groups

Throughout the year, the Historeum received visits from a number of school groups. These visits increased in the fall and winter. On December 14th, seventy-five grade seven students from Redcliff Middle School visited the Historeum. Many volunteers helped to facilitate three activities for the students in the museum and archives. Including: Carol Campbell, Sarah Campbell, Susan Gaudet, Beth Johnston, Elinor Maher, and Jim Smith. The students were well behaved and engaged throughout the program and we have received positive feedback from their teachers.

On January 12, Sarah Campbell and Elinor Maher provided a tour of Colchester to the Rescue for a group from the Colchester Community Workshops. The group had done research on the Halifax Explosion and were very interested in the Colchester connection.

On February 20, twenty home schooled students and their parents visited the Historeum. Carol Campbell and Jim Smith gave an illustrated presentation of the story of the Prince of Wales' visit to Truro in 1860. The students also completed drawing activities that allowed them to explore the Historeum and draw objects and architectural features. Ashley Sutherland share "My Family" worksheets with the students in hopes that they will visit the Archives again to research their genealogy. The students were at the Historeum for over two hours and we received positive feedback from the parents.

Professional Development

From September-January, the Curator attended Social Media 2017 and WordPress Part 1 courses. These were 40 hour courses that were provided for free through the support from Nova Scotia Department of Labour and Advanced Education and CBDC-NOBL.

Museums Visitors: 2478

Museum Volunteer Hours: 3841

Board of Directors Hours: 737

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Mulrooney, Curator/Administrator

Archivist's Report

The following is a summary of activities and events that took place during the fiscal year of April 1, 2017- March 31, 2018, as reported by Nan Harvey.

We received a Summer Student Grant from the Nova Scotia Student Summer Skills Incentive for 14 weeks. We hired Abby MacGillivray who worked on the scanning of Halifax Explosion material and First World War letters written by a soldier home to his family in Great Village. She also assisted visitors with research and looked after the Archives while the Archivist was on vacation.

In early spring, there were some electrical upgrades done in the Archives.

In April, Jim Smith and Carol Campbell gave a talk to a group of Home Schooled children. There were two tours in July for International Students. In August Jim and Carol went to the Exhibition to help with historical information on the Planter Period.

A Committee from First United Church and the Robie Street Cemetery Corporation, met with the Archivist and a few volunteers in October, to come up with a plan of cooperation between us to have the tombstone inscriptions and photos of Robie Street cemetery digitized so the Corporation could have the information on a database to better serve people who come to the cemetery looking for their family graves. At this point, most of the stones we had already read were in book form along with a photo of each stone. With our suggestion, one of the Archives volunteers, Joanne Hunt, was approached by First United Church to do this work. She agreed and it is hoped the project will be completed sometime in 2018.

The Archivist attended a Workshop on Collective Access held here at the Museum in August.

The Archivist was kept busy throughout the year helping people find information on family members or community history. Besides the visitors who came into the Archives to do research, the Archivist was kept busy answering email queries about their families or locating other information that was required. In November we had another tour – this time CEC Students. In December we had 75 students on a tour of the Historeum and Carol and Jim stepped to the plate with a program. As the students were broken up into smaller groups they gave their talk six times!

Nan Harvey, Archivist resigned at the end of January of 2018. She started in January 1988 when it was decided to turn the Reading Room into an Archives.

Respectively submitted,
Nan Harvey, Archivist

In February 2018, Ashley Sutherland was hired as the new Archivist. The Archives has proceeded with business as usual while simultaneously undergoing some minor re-organization changes. Filing cabinets and shelves have been moved around the Reading Room to make more space. Storage spaces have been consolidated and a filing cabinet has been added to the “family” files to accommodate the continuously growing collection.

Another change that has recently been implemented is that all donations to the Archives now follow the same procedures as artifacts being donated to the museum as they are to be reviewed by the Collections Committee.

During the past two months, things were fairly steady at the Archives. March Break was busy here! We didn't have as many people on the second floor as the rest of the museum, but the kids who did visit us took the time to sit down and make a family tree craft. This was very successful as it even encouraged the parents to ask genealogical-related questions and several of the parents exclaimed they had not known this information was available here! We had 48 visitors during March Break!

*Respectively submitted,
Ashley Sutherland, Archivist*

Archives Statistics

Visitors: 1105

Volunteers: 18

Volunteer Hours: 3305.26 hours

Donations of documents and books: 120 acquisitions/361 items

Number of Books printed for Sale in Book Mart: 118

Number of books sold in Book Mart: 193

Number of Maps Sold: 21

Archives Committee:

Chair: Barry Zolkivski

Archivist: Nan Harvey and Ashley Sutherland

Members: Dick Akerman, Enid Cooper, Stacey Culgin, Donna Meese, Malcolm MacLeod

The Archives Committee had only a meeting or two during the past year as the Chairman, Barry Zolkivski was out on sick leave.

Volunteers:

Book Mart Coordinator: Dick Akerman (resigned February 2018)

Cemetery Project: Donna Meese, Craig Wright, Joanne Hunt

Cataloguing New Acquisitions: Gary Patterson, and Joanne Hunt

Clipping Current Newspapers for vital stats and events: Marion Thomson (left mid-year due to health), Charles Mackinley (came Oct. but resigned in January due to health problems).

Archives Researchers: Carol Campbell, Jim Smith

Indexing Newspapers: Michael Bolton, Ann MacNeil (left due to health), Donna Meese

Typing Vital Records: Debbie Everitt

Annual Book Nook Report

Although sales were down in the Book Nook this year, our profit remains similar to the 2016/17 year. Some of our latest additions to the Book Nook have been Stacey Culgin's *Historic Miscellany of Debert* and Janet Mabyee's *Colchester to the Rescue*. Jane Wile's Genealogy books continue to be of interest to our visitors while sales of the census records and vital statistics are down—perhaps because they are available on numerous sites online.

Books Sold- 175

Maps Sold- 20

In-house printing- 107

Sales Comparison YTY

| Year | Sales | Cost of Sales | Profit | % of Profit |
|-------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 12/13 | 7856.58 | 3324.03 | 3324.48 | 42% |
| 13/14 | 4430.32 | 2325.16 | 2115.15 | 48% |
| 14/15 | 7057.75 | 3762.97 | 3353.88 | 47% |
| 15/16 | 5342.20 | 2867.60 | 2374.57 | 44% |
| 16/17 | 5735.25 | 2811.59 | 2322.66 | 45% |
| 17/18 | 5109.00 | 2877.48 | 2236.52 | 44% |

End of Year Inventory

| Year | Sales Value |
|-------------|--------------------|
| 13/14 | 9679.28 |
| 14/15 | 8876.70 |
| 15/16 | 9149.47 |
| 16/17 | 9149.47 |
| 17/18 | 9669.95 |

Total quantity of inventory: 686 items (includes books, maps, and charts)

Human Resources Report

In 2017, Dave Arnfast was replaced by Beth Johnston as Chair of the Human Resources (HR) Committee. Jud Pearson and Bruce Gray were added as members.

At the September 2017 meeting of the Colchester Historical Society (CHS), the HR Committee presented a series of 10 motions intended to allow the curatorial and archives staff to better focus on their duties as professionals. Overall, the motions, which were approved by the Board, were to:

- a) convert the DeWolfe Room to an office for the Curator/Administrator and reallocate functions previously done in the DeWolfe Room to other spaces in the Historeum,
- b) remind Board members of their responsibilities in their roles including cheque signing, fundraising, timely reporting to external bodies, recruiting sufficient officers and members,
- c) encourage Board members and Volunteers to respect the work schedules and plans of the Curator, Archivist and other professional staff.

In the final motion, the Board agreed to hire an employee to assist with tasks related to administration, finance, correspondence, communications, reporting, memberships, scheduling, and other things when funding is secured.

Upon the retirement of Nan Harvey, Ashley Sutherland was appointed as Archivist, responsible to the Curator/Administrator, on 8 February 2018.

Four temporary employees were hired in 2017-18, including Lily Scales (Collections Management Assistant), Brianna Brethour (Curatorial Assistant), Nicole Maxwell (Interpretive Assistant), and Abby McGillivray (Archives Assistant).

Custodial Services and Snow Removal were ably provided by Virginia Haight, Amber Cameron and Danny Black.

Dale Ells retired as Newsletter Editor at the end of the fiscal year. The Curator/Administrator and the Archivist will include editing of the Newsletter in their responsibilities.

In response to the current CHS Financial Plan, the proposed Administrative Assistant position was broadened to include administrative responsibilities related to Fund Development.

In addition to the employees mentioned above, CHS is indebted to 87 dedicated and reliable volunteers who support our activities in the Historeum. The CHS HR Committee is truly grateful to these volunteers; we recognize that the Society and the Historeum could not exist without them and shall endeavour to continue to make their invaluable work both satisfying and rewarding.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Johnston, Chair, Human Resources Committee

Editor's Report - *Heritage Revealed*



During the 2017-18 year, four issues of *Heritage Revealed* were published to coincide with the quarters beginning, the first of July, October, January and April. Several color pages were featured and the number of pages has been 16 for several issues.

Three hundred and fifty printed copies, were printed with about 230 distributed to members, advertisers, and civic leaders. About 100 copies were distributed electronically to members who requested copies in that format. The remainder were held for distribution when recruiting new members and for Public Relations activities. Following a tendering procedure, ASE Print in Bible Hill was appointed to be our printer.

The editor continued to receive favorable comments from CHS members who appreciate the news, photos and reports of the Society made available through the publication. In addition there have been stories, features, notes and photos relating to several topics associated with Colchester's heritage.

We have continued to receive good support from more than twenty-four advertisers and the revenues from their advertising have been greater than our costs for each issue.

As editor I thank all who have helped with the work in producing the publication. I appreciated the contributions of Frank Cassidy who assisted me as Associated Editor and helped with planning, seeking advertisers and writing articles. Thanks to others who contributed stories, pictures and news, especially our staff, the president, the Board members, and several committee chairs who supplied reports for each issue. Thanks also to the front desk volunteers who help prepare the mailing labels. A special thank-you is also extended to Bill Hine for his proof reading, and his group of friends for the mail-out assistance.

I concluded my time as editor with issue #277, published in March for the April-May-June time period. I have enjoyed the experience of planning and producing the Newsletters for the past sixty-five issues. The CHS Board has asked Margaret Mulrooney, Administrator/Curator, and Ashley Sutherland, Archivist, to produce and edit the next issue.

I urge you to help them enjoy these roles and all the other opportunities to work together in preserving, interpreting and promoting our heritage. The Colchester Historical Society through the Museum and Archives at the Colchester Historeum and through *Heritage Revealed* and the other outreach programs, are making meaningful and important contributions to our lives here in Colchester, the heart of Nova Scotia.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Ells, Now Retired Editor of *Heritage Revealed*.

Program Report

June 16, 2017 Trip - Trip to Tatamagouche, Tata Road Train, lunch at the Train Station Inn Cafe and visit Dave Gunn's model railway and North Shore Archives.

Tuesday, Sept 26, 7:30 - **Vanguard 150**, Illustrated talk by historian and novelist A J B Johnston on the "Vanguard" exhibit, the Nova Scotia Museum's Canada 150 project. Featured in the exhibit are three individuals from Colchester County: Peter Wilmot, Portia White and Burnley 'Rocky' Jones. Thurs, Sept 28 7:30 - **Mary Miller and her Book**- Retired Mt. A. Music educator, Dr. Nancy Vogan gave a presentation on the Mary Miller Book, 1766, and similar works. A display of illustrations from the Mary Miller book will be set up on the first floor.

Wednesday, Oct 11, 7:00 - An illustrated presentation and opening of an exhibit on **HMCS Truro and her Close Connections with the People of Truro**, dedicated to the memory of Jack Sterling and to the officers and men of the HMCS Truro. In particular the staff and students of the Truro Junior High School's support of the ship will be examined. Elinor Maher.

Saturday, Oct 21, 2:00- Opening **Colchester to the Rescue** - Janet Maybee -The story of how the residents of Colchester County stepped forward after the explosion in Halifax Harbour, on December 6, 1917.

Thursday, Oct 26, 7:30 - Dr. Allan Marble - **The Scene of a Triumph of Surgery: The Response of the Nova Scotia Doctors and Nurses to the Halifax Explosion**.

Thursday, Nov 23, 7:30 Dr. Karolyn Smardz Frost - **Steal Away Home** - The story of a young girl from the Southern US who escaped slavery and found a home in Ontario but went back to South Carolina in later life. We were joined by members of the Zion Baptist Church.

Thursday, January 25 - Dale Swan - **Anna Swan and P. T. Barnum, Colchester's Giantess and the Greatest Showman**, an illustrated presentation on the life of Anna Swan and her relationship with Barnum.

Monday, February 19, Heritage Day, 10-4 - **Colchester on Ice** exhibit opened telling the story of the County's early rinks, skating and hockey.

Presentations - *Hockey Holmes Heritage Detective*, Brookfield's David Carter will discuss the origins of hockey and a Truro or Colchester time line. Hot Stove league.

Thursday, February 22 - Heritage Night

Thursday, April 26 - Jeffery Ward - **Thomas Henry Blair** (1855-1919) In 1892 Blair, a Colchester native, developed a daylight loading camera and is regarded as a father of photography.

Thursday, May 3 - The Dawson Lecture, **Gems of Remembrance**, Dr. John Grant arranged by Little White Schoolhouse.

Respectfully submitted,
Elinor Maher, Exhibits Committee Chair

Membership

Throughout the year, the Society maintained approximately 300 active members. There were 224 membership renewals and 58 new memberships purchased in the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Janet Eisses kept the membership log up to date from April to November with the Curator taking over the tasks while Janet was away for the winter. Email renewal reminders were introduced and have helped to keep our renewal rates high for those members who prefer to receive their newsletters by email.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Mulrooney, Curator/Administrator

Heritage Report

The major activity of the Heritage Committee is the annual Heritage Night in February. The event on February 22 was well attended by society members and members of the public. Recipients of recognition certificates were:

Nan Harvey

The Archives have been described as the heart of the Historeum, and for the past 30 or so years, the heart of the archives has been Nan Harvey. She has assisted countless visitors with personal genealogical research, and provided valuable guidance to researchers working on numerous books, exhibits and community celebrations. In addition to her professional role, she was often seen lending a hand at a variety of society events in whatever role was required.

Stacey Culgin

Stacey is a dedicated volunteer at the Historeum. Despite the many hours she puts in at the desk and assisting with projects, she found the time and energy to compile her *An Historical Miscellany of Debert & Area*. It contains a wealth of information about the area's first settlers, their homes, businesses and other interesting tidbits of an earlier time and way of life, and has sparked much interest and discussion among the residents and former residents of her home community.

Janet Maybee

Janet, in the words of her nominator, was the person who first fully understood the depth and breadth of the documents stored in our archives relating to the part Colchester played in the aftermath of the Halifax Explosion.

Her book "Colchester to the Rescue" was widely distributed and inspired a very popular exhibit of the same name. Copies were distributed at the official observance of the explosion.

Through her efforts, the part played by the residents of our region was brought local, provincial and national attention, and sales of her work brought sizeable income to the Historeum.

Glen Matheson

Glen Matheson has voluntarily worked tirelessly to research, promote and preserve the genealogical and historic interests of Earltown and beyond. He maintains a user-friendly blog "Earltown-Heritage Tidbits" chock full of data supported by maps and photographs. He draws frequent praise from visitors to the North Shore Archives grateful for his knowledgeable tour guidance and engaging storytelling. Notable is the occasion on which he provided a story related to each student in attendance at the graduation banquet at North Colchester High School. His speaking has been described as "educational, entertaining and motivational, reflecting his keenness for heritage."

The Colchester Highland Games Society

Colchester County has been welcoming newcomers from Scotland for a very long time. Some of the most recent have created a society with the purpose of bringing the tradition of the Highland Games and Gathering to our area.

Next year, they plan to break the Guinness World record for Longest Scottish Ceilidh Dance in the world.

As part of their efforts in 2017, they also provided Colchester County with its own official tartan. Though Scottish in origin, the Highland Games and Gathering has brought to our area a multi-cultural event that can be celebrated by all.

(Accepted by James & Linda Finnie on behalf of the society)

Beau Blois

Residents of the County have passed by the “round” barn without giving much thought to its history, or the challenges that might be met by anyone seeking to preserve and restore it. Dr. Beau Blois, current owner of the farm it sits on, and his family and friends have taken up those challenges, and seen to it that travellers along the coastal road to Maitland and beyond will see it for years to come.

Nevin Jackson & Francis Collins

Truro has often been described as a hockey town. The development of that reputation has been earned in no small part by the enthusiastic participation of African-Nova Scotian Truronians who have played everywhere from the ice on the Marsh to the NHL.

The exploits of these players have been shared by Nevin Jackson in two recent presentations here at the Historeum and at the Marigold Cultural Centre.

Instrumental in this work was Francis Collins, who has amassed and shared photos and news clippings from his large collection of historical artifacts/photographs etc. regarding the history of Colchester’s Black community.

Dale Ells

Each quarter for the past 16 years or so, Dale Ells has ensured that the members of the Colchester Historical Society and others interested in its work have received the society’s newsletter, currently entitled *Heritage Revealed*, it has become a much-anticipated enjoyable and informative read for its many subscribers.

Under Dale’s leadership, it has developed to the point where it has been described as a major selling point in the recruitment of new members and supporters of the society.

In the words of the nomination submission, “No one ever deserved a Heritage Award more.”

In addition, Truro Mayor Bill Mills presented the Town of Truro Architectural Heritage Award. This year’s Heritage Award was presented to Kate Ward and John Kennedy for the sensitive restoration of the façade at 24 Lansdown Place. This property was constructed in the late 1870’s by the Ross family who played a very important role in the creation of Victoria Park and is valued as an excellent example of the Italianate Architectural Style.

The chair gratefully acknowledges the valuable assistance of the Town of Truro for its continued sponsorship of the food for Heritage Night, and to the many volunteers who assisted in many ways.

It is hoped that we can expand the committee’s activities in the future. To that end, volunteers to join the committee would be welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Henderson, Heritage Committee Chair

Financial Statements

Income Statement – 04/01/2017 to 03/31/2018

| REVENUE | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Donations | |
| Annual Appeal | 30,680.78 |
| Memorial Donations | 160.00 |
| Received Donations | 1,254.79 |
| Research Donations | 60.00 |
| Other Donations | 1,253.50 |
| Total Donations | <u>33,409.07</u> |
| Fundraising | |
| Fundraising | 3,171.55 |
| Total Fundraising | <u>3,171.55</u> |
| General Revenue | |
| Museum Admissions | 3,318.38 |
| Annual Membership Fees | 3,987.55 |
| Life Membership Fees | 200.00 |
| Newsletter Advertising | 3,801.00 |
| Copy & Postage Fees | 150.00 |
| Book Nook Sales | 6,296.21 |
| Museum Shop Sales | 4,266.59 |
| Trust Interest | 3,341.12 |
| Research Fees | 1,220.02 |
| Amtz-Deferred Contributions | 0.00 |
| Fees For Service | 34.28 |
| Total General Revenue | <u>26,615.15</u> |
| Public Funding | |
| Federal Funds | 7,012.50 |
| CMAP | 47,583.93 |
| ACOA | 0.00 |
| Provincial Funds | 18,673.00 |
| Town of Truro | 19,000.00 |
| County of Colchester | 10,000.00 |
| Town of Stewiacke | 2,000.00 |
| Total Public Funding | <u>104,269.43</u> |
| TOTAL REVENUE | <u>167,465.20</u> |

EXPENSE

| Marketing and Fundraising Expenses | |
|---|-------------------------|
| Newsletter | 25.70 |
| Fundraising Expenses | 187.99 |
| Marketing Expenses | 10,626.09 |
| Total Marketing and Fundraising Expenses | <u>10,839.78</u> |
| Retail Operation Expenses | |
| Booknook Goods for Resale | 1,341.61 |
| Museum Shop Goods for Resale | 553.20 |
| Total Retail Operation Expenses | <u>1,894.81</u> |
| Payroll Expenses | |
| Wages & Salaries | 87,911.94 |
| EI Expense | 1,686.85 |
| CPP Expense | 2,613.52 |
| WCB Expense | 567.90 |
| Employee Benefits | 506.20 |
| Total Payroll Expense | <u>93,286.41</u> |
| Amortization Expense | |
| Amtz-Capital Assets | 0.00 |
| Total Amortization Expense | <u>0.00</u> |
| Facility Expense | |
| Custodial Services | 4,627.96 |
| Repairs & Maintenance | 3,800.47 |
| Security | 407.40 |
| Insurance | 2,020.00 |
| Utilities | 16,357.51 |
| Expense Extraordinary | 497.70 |
| Snow Removal | 227.37 |
| Total Facility Expense | <u>27,938.41</u> |
| Administrative & Management Expense | |
| Accounting & Legal | 4,251.95 |
| Kitchen Supplies | 0.00 |
| Casual Labour Expense | 0.00 |
| Waste Management | 84.96 |
| Meeting Expense | 26.48 |
| Insurance – Officers & Directors | 555.00 |
| Interest & Bank Charges | 1,444.02 |

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| Office Supplies | 3,838.91 |
| Postage & Delivery | 1,641.21 |
| Memberships & Professional Fees | 803.00 |
| Telephones & Internet | 3,769.88 |
| Other Expenses | 62.52 |
| Training | 1,465.16 |
| HST Expense | 1,660.78 |
| Exchange on US Funds | -14.87 |
| Total Administrative & Management Expense | 19,589.00 |

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| Collection & Access to Info Expense | |
| Cataloguing Supplies | 1,196.55 |
| Copy Expense | 3,140.23 |
| Other Expenses | 500.00 |
| Total Collection & Access to Info Expense | 4,836.78 |

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| Interpretation & Programming Expense | |
| Temporary Exhibit Expense | 2,216.78 |
| Programming Expenses | 642.62 |
| Other Expenses | -1.00 |
| Honorarium | 75.00 |
| Total Interpretation & Programming Expense | 2,933.40 |

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| Historeum Revitalization Expense | |
| Revitalization | 0.00 |
| Total Professional Fees Expense | 0.00 |

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| TOTAL EXPENSE | <u>161,318.59</u> |
| NET INCOME | <u>6,146.61</u> |

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Taylor, Treasurer