



NEWS FROM THE CREAMERY SQUARE HERITAGE CENTRE

Autumn 2017



PROVINCIAL HERITAGE PROPERTY PLAQUE

The highlight of the year was the arrival of a very handsome plaque designating the Creamery as a Provincial Heritage Property. This means that any exterior alterations require the approval of the Department of Heritage and Culture. However, it also allows us to apply for financial assistance when exterior maintenance is necessary.

A BUSY SUMMER!

The Heritage Centre was, as usual, open every day from Victoria Day in May to Thanksgiving in October. We welcomed four school groups and several bus tours in June. In July and August, a very busy tourist season brought over 5000 visitors to the Heritage Centre and Archives! We were very fortunate to be able to hire Ashley Sutherland to complete essential work on Accessions and Acquisitions. She also supervised our summer students, Hannah Nicholson, Max Tolboom and Anthony Galveo, who welcomed visitors and made countless vials of butter and endless fathoms of rope with children!



TEMPORARY DISPLAYS

Temporary displays during the summer highlighted Victoriana, the local schooner *Nellie Reid*, vintage calendars and Mi'kmaq use of sweet grass. Our (made in Canada!) rotary dial telephone was a puzzle to younger visitors but a bit of nostalgia for their parents.

CANADA 150



Canada Day was a busy day at Creamery Square. We celebrated Canada's 150th birthday in style...with a barbecue, games and cake! During the Blueberry Festival, the **Be a Blueberry!** photo stop was popular with both children and adults.

SUMMER EVENTS

The Heritage Centre participated in the Canada 150 celebrations initiated by the Truro Women's Resource Centre. This involved a day of free admission to the museum on August 12. There were pedal buggy rides and a "hunt for cows" along the trail, with free picnic teas. The event concluded with a talk on Anna Swan in the museum, accompanied by refreshments. It was considered a successful day despite the rain. The day's events brought many people to the museum with our largest single day total ever...225 visitors!

During Tata Fest in August, a "Way Back When" theme day highlighted early farming methods, wash day before washing machines and demonstrations of rug hooking and drop spinning. Another event day was based on "Things Maritime" with representatives from the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic demonstrating sail making and rope skills. Visitors learned about model ship building, the design of early sailing ships, and viewed display boards of Life at Sea during the Golden Age of Sail, which featured a lime... and a hammock!



FUNDRAISING



Debra Martin and Patricia Campbell enjoyed the Silent Auction.

Notice



For those concerned individuals:
no Haggis were harmed
in the preparation
of this feast.

The Heritage Centre held three fundraising events in 2017:

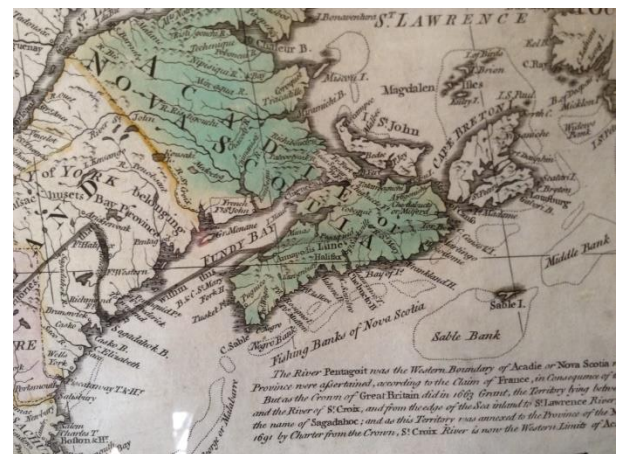
A barbecue and yard sale at the bank on July 21. We are very grateful to Scotiabank who generously matched the amount raised that day.

A barbecue at the Creamery on Canada Day

The Scottish Clans Feast on September 30 at Brule Community Centre. A three course meal was served to 64 guests. Entertainment included a poetry reading (Burns, of course!) by Valerie Sampson and Scottish folksongs performed by Sara Forbes and Eric Allen. Bill Todd played the accordion. Kyla Hogan played the bagpipes. The door prize, a “Make Your Own Haggis” kit, was carried off by Joyce Ferguson. Once again we appreciate the participation of Scotiabank for matching donations and money raised at the Silent Auction. Thank you, Scotiabank!

ACADIAN DISPLAY

The Heritage Centre is working with Skyline, a museum design company based in Moncton, to create a more extensive display of Acadian history in the Tatamagouche area. We hope to implement our plans by the spring of 2018. As our budget permits, we will integrate the local Mi'kmaq presence into this display.



AU REVOIR! CHEERS!

We regret the departure of Shirley Brinkhurst for the fairer climes of St Andrews, New Brunswick. Shirley served on the Board of Directors for almost ten years. She created all of the



wonderful activities for children in the museum. She organized and carried out plans for many special museum events. Shirley worked tirelessly to bring order to the myriad of items in storage and she successfully accessioned chosen artifacts into our museum's collections. "Bravo, Shirley!" for your immense contribution to the Heritage Centre and to the community. Thank you! We miss you, and wish you the best in your new endeavours.

To our wonderful Friends and Volunteers...

We truly appreciate the generous financial support of Friends of the Heritage Centre and the irreplaceable gift of time from our volunteers. "Three cheers" and "Thank you!!!" to our Friends, donors, and volunteers. We depend on you for our continued success.



Local students viewed the Brule fossils in June.



Do you remember why we "dial" a number?