

The Heritage Gazette is a publication of the Dartmouth Heritage Museum Society and is circulated to its members and volunteers as well as other interested members of our community. We provide this complimentary newsletter with pride to promote the history, heritage and culture of Dartmouth.



The Dartmouth Heritage Museum currently resides in “Evergreen” House on Newcastle Street which is open to the public year-round. We welcome your input and suggestions as well as your time! If you wish to become a volunteer or for more information, please read this newsletter for contact information.

Summer

OLD NEWS IS GOOD NEWS

2010

Backyard Economy

(reprinted from the Halifax Chamber of Commerce “Profile”, Vol. 2 - Issue 2)

- Lisa O’Neill, Dartmouth Heritage Museum

In a community surrounded by such natural beauty, the ocean, a friendly population, and situated in one of the oldest areas of Canada, one would think that heritage tourism would not only be a priority for the tourism industry but also for the business community as a whole. Keeping our heritage tourism healthy immediately benefits all of us by pulling (and keeping) long distance visitors to our area. Although the doom and gloom of current and predicted tourism statistics might worry us, we must keep in mind that there is also a hidden economy. Travelers are looking closer to home for their destinations for a variety of reasons and “stay-cations” are more and more popular. Grass roots community organizations and not-for-profits are starting to come to the forefront as the local population rediscovers the gems in their own backyard. The importance of setting our sights on marketing close to home is paramount, as it will again refresh our admissions, our visitation, and our dwindling volunteer population.

Bottom Line?

Come to Evergreen or Quaker Houses and rediscover the beauty in your own community!

4 Generations of Tea Lovers!



Meet Mary (Sullivan) Chisholm, Sharon (Chisholm-Hill) Conrad, Heidi (Hill) Thompson and, of course, little Lily May Thompson!

These ladies and one pink teddy bear joined us for tea at Evergreen in March. They enjoyed a delicious snack of tea, scones, and spreads and teddy even had his own cup!

Afterwards, the family (and many others) joined us for a tour of Evergreen and exhibit. Lily was quite taken with toys from a century ago and little did we know that our very own local artist Richard Rudnicki was sketching Lily and I as we talked. Thanks for capturing the moment Richard!



Lisa O'Neill and Lily May Thompson at Evergreen House by Richard Rudnicki

Passings

Lewis Gabriel Billard 1923-2010

Lew was a long time supporter of the Dartmouth Heritage Museum and the Dartmouth Historical Association. He served on the Board of Directors and the Collections Management Committee. His photographs represented some of the finest visual records of Dartmouth events over many decades. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his family and friends.



Monthly Fundraising Tea

last
Thursday
of the month
2:00-4:00 \$5.00
(includes tea, coffee,
home baked goods,
and a tour of Evergreen
and current exhibit)

Please call 464-2300 to reserve your table. We have seatings at 2:00 and 3:00. Drop-in's welcome, but we cannot guarantee your seat.

Quaker House Opening!

We will be opening Quaker House on June 1. Our fully costumed guides will provide a living history experience where you will learn about one of the oldest houses in the region, its inhabitants, their life and culture and the whaling industry. See a real whale skull and eyeball (we call it Blinky, eww!). We have just finished a fully researched and interpreted heritage garden with a tour booklet so you can identify the plants. Learn how to make an old fashioned doll, tie a nautical knot and see the amazing shoes found in the walls of Quaker House.

A New Way to Donate...



Search for Dartmouth Heritage Museum and CanadaHelps.org will take you through the easy way of donating.

Annual General Meeting of the Dartmouth Heritage Museum Society

June 16th, 2010
7:00 - 9:00

Christ Church
(lower hall)

Open to all.
Please come and show your support!

Street Names of Dartmouth

Crichton Ave.

Named for George A. S. Crichton who built "The Brae". His father was a Crichton and his mother was a Creighton. He inherited land from his grandfather, James Creighton, the largest landowner of his time, who died in 1813. Older names for Crichton Ave. were Ochterloney Street, Gates Road, and Coloured Meeting Road.

Folklore?

(extracted from the Young Ladies Journal in the archives of the Dartmouth Heritage Museum)

Your Future Husband

If you desire to know what your future husband will look like go to the looking-glass and look at yourself. If you see reflected a short, plump person, he will probably be tall and thin. If the eyes that meet yours are blue, and his will very likely be black or brown. If your mouth is small, his will be large. If you have a pretty nez retrousse-free translation, "a turned-up nose"- his will be of the Roman order. If you have light hair you may hope for raven tresses and jetty moustache for him. If you are one of the pale and colourless folk, your "future" may be a veritable from the mirror Rufus, sanguine of lock and whisker. And if from the mirror there peeps at you a brunette, then expect to meet one day another half to your soul whose locks are of the palest yellow, and whose eyes are blue. You can tell your fortune as to this without the aid of any sorcerer, the man whom fate has set apart for you is, probably, one who is physically at least, a complete contrast to yourself, and if you do not marry him, it will be because there is a mistake somewhere.

Can You Help?

School Programming Interpreters

With all the increased visitation, we have need of volunteers to help us in the classroom, in senior's homes, at the museum and also in the development of new material.

Cataloguing/Collection Audit

With the upcoming move, we need to confirm contents of artifact boxes, update data, and take digital pictures for quick retrieval.

Graphic Design/Layout

Can you use Photoshop? Or Adobe In-Design? Want to help your local museum make a visual impact? We need newsletters and posters, flyers and promotional materials. Templates have already been laid out, we just need updates.

Film/Sound Crew

We are gearing up to produce 3 x 3 minute videos for interpreting Evergreen in off season. Can you help?

Administration

We need a person to help archive old paperwork.

Community Memories Project

We need some people to help digitize documents for our researchers to access.

Committee Support

Do you have committee experience? We always need new members for any of the following: Nominations Committee, Collections Management Committee, New Home Committee, Fundraising Committee, Volunteer Committee, Personnel Committee, Bylaw Committee, Event Coordination Committee, Programming Committee, Heritage House Tour Committee, and the Promotions/Marketing Committee.

Go to www.dartmouthheritagemuseum.ns.ca for more information on volunteering or drop by for a volunteer information package.

Recipes from the Archives

Washing The Hair

It is occasionally necessary to thoroughly cleanse the hair. One or two precautions must be taken, however. Never use soap is you can avoid it; if you do, avoid so-called hair-cleansing fluids, and use eggs are must to be preferred to soap, and use rain-water filtered. The yolks of two new-laid eggs are much to be preferred to soap; they make a beautiful lather, and when the washing is finished, and the hair is throughly rinsed in the purest rain-water, you will find, when dry, that the gloss will not be destroyed, which an alkali never fails to do, The first water must not be very hot, only just warm and the last perfectly cold. Dry with soft towels-but do not rub till the skin is tender-and afterwards brush. Be always careful to have your brushes and combs perfectly clean and free from grease.

Bring your recyclables in to



CANADIAN RECYCLING
at 365 Portland St., Dartmouth

and all proceeds will go towards programming and events at the Dartmouth Heritage Museum

Further Information

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Jigsaw Pieces of our Community

- Sandra Oakley-Andrews

Over the next several issues I will be exploring and sharing with you different tales of the wonderful people that have made an impact on our community. They may be gone but they should not be forgotten.

The Tallahassee

One of the towns of Dartmouth's first enterprises was the Bentley and Fleming Shipyards. The business was located in Woodside close to where the Metro Transit Woodside Ferry Terminal, the "Dartmouth Marine Slips" and nearby George's Island. One of the owners was my great-great grandfather Thomas Bentley. He was a pilot along with his partner Jock Fleming, and helped to fix the main spar on the American ship "CSS Tallahassee". The ship was named for the only Confederate state capital not to be captured by the Union army.



Pilot Jock Fleming

Under the command of John Taylor Wood, the Tallahassee, formerly known as the Atlanta, destroyed 26 vessels and captured 7 others. Although larger than most ships, she was a twin-screw iron steamer, able to achieve top speeds up to 20 knots. In August of 1864, after a 19-day raid on the Atlantic coast, the ship was in bad need of repairs and had to take on bunker coal and water. She was chased into Halifax Harbour by the Federal warships and was given special permission to remain for 48 hours

to take the minimum supplies and get refitted with a new spar. In the dead of night, she slipped past her hunters through the narrow and twisting Eastern Passage and returned to her home berth in Wilmington, North Carolina. In many spots the water was only five to six feet deep according to the charts, but they had the good fortune of being on a spring tide that increased the depth to fourteen feet.

An elementary school in Eastern Passage still uses its name. Children of all ages may also enjoy hearing the tale "Civil War Inside" by the group called "Save the Ship..."

On the internet, go to:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oYI2KvrA9Ag>

Additional resources on the web:

<http://home.hiwaay.net/~krcool/Astro/moon/moon-tides/>

http://www.tallahasseeemagazine.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=306&Itemid=91

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CSS_Tallahassee <http://www.tfoenander.com/tallahassee-roster.htm>

http://fcit.usf.edu/Florida/lessons/cvl_war/cvl_war1.htm <http://www.tfoenander.com/tallahassee.htm>

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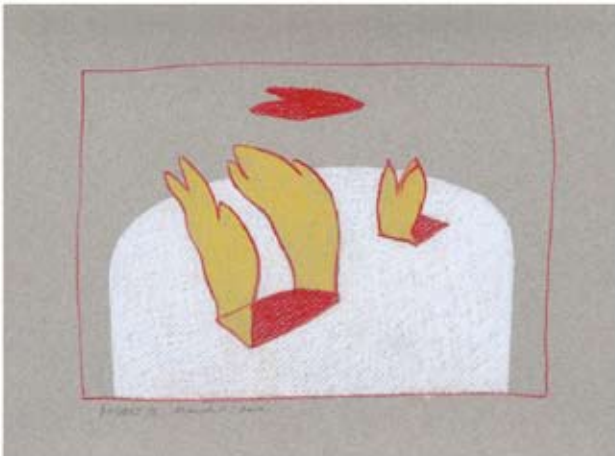
What Is It?



Look at bottom of page 6 for the answer.

Four Work & Play

Jane Scholsberg, Kay Stanfield,
Susan Vitale & Robert E. Williams



May 1 - May 29, 2010
Dartmouth Heritage Museum
26 Newcastle Street, Dartmouth
464-2300 for more information
www.dartmouthheritagemuseum.ns.ca



Help us celebrate the 10th anniversary of art excellence in the community! The four instructors of the Dartmouth Art Students' League are excited to co-exhibit for the first time at the Dartmouth Heritage Museum.



Dartmouth Heritage Museum Society

Protecting,
Preserving,
& Promoting
our Heritage

Membership Form

Individual Membership - \$20

A \$10 tax receipt will be issued, you will receive our newsletter by mail, and membership will entitle you to free admission to the museums (Evergreen and Quaker House) upon presentation of your card.

Family Membership - \$30

A \$15 tax receipt will be issued, you will receive our newsletter by mail, and membership will entitle you and your family to free admission to the museums (Evergreen and Quaker House) upon presentation of your card.

Please also consider the following levels of giving...

\$50 Donor - Your name will appear in the newsletter, and a full tax receipt will be issued.

\$100 Friend - You will help to sponsor one of our exhibits, your name will appear in the exhibit, the newsletter, and a full tax receipt will be issued.

\$500 Benefactor - Your name will appear on a page in our annual calendar, your name will appear in our newsletter, and a full tax receipt will be issued.



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Please make cheques payable to the Dartmouth Heritage Museum Society and send to:
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