

The Heritage Gazette is a quarterly 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 headquarters currently reside in "Evergreen" House on Newcastle Street which is open to the public year-round. We welcome your input, suggestions as well as your time! If you wish to become a volunteer or for more information, please see the back of this newsletter for contact information.

Autumn

OLD NEWS IS GOOD NEWS

2005

New Logo Launch

The Dartmouth Heritage Museum is pleased to announce the launching of its new logo. This logo is another step in improving the museum's profile with a recognizable and professional brand.

The Dartmouth Heritage Museum Society Board were asked by the graphic designer for the strongest themes representing the Museum's vision. These themes followed 4 separate threads:




- Dartmouth
- Heritage/History
- Education/Presentation
- Community

Each box in the logo represents one of these themes with the Museum "M" spanning the gap between Education and Community. To further strengthen the visual, the

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Hallowe'en

at Helen's House



Sunday
October 30, 2005
5 & 7 pm
(each session lasts 1½ hours)

at Evergreen House
26 Newcastle St., Dartmouth

Suitable for ages 7-11
\$5.00 per child
Reservations are required so call
464-2300 to book your terror

Come in Costume!

Digital Techniques Solving Historical Mysteries

by Lisa O'Neill

Sleuthing is, well, just plain fun. Computer sleuthing, doubly so. With the current day tools at our disposal, many methods become available to solve age-old mysteries. These techniques and this equipment are not just available to the specialists anymore. Anyone with a home computer, the internet and some imagination can begin their trek into the fun-filled world of historical mystery solving!

This became apparent recently at the Dartmouth Heritage Museum. I asked a small question about the exact number of Judge Alexander James and Harriet Hawthorn's children who died from diphtheria as this information was somewhat wrapped into why Evergreen House was built in the first place. There seemed to be much confusion around this, as reports varied from 2 to 7. Anita Price, the curator, was able to provide a genealogical report, generated via the internet, of Harriet and her children, which answered these questions (for the answers, come for a tour at Evergreen!).

I discussed this small eureka with one of our volunteers, Pat Gilbert, who mentioned she had seen the gravesite of the James family in downtown Dartmouth. I visited the site and was somewhat crestfallen to see that the surface of the stones was very worn with only half of the words readable. I took many digital pictures with my camera, loaded them into the computer and went to work.

Using digital imaging techniques of brightness and contrast shifting, I was able to enhance some of the more obvious words, but some still eluded me. The bottom two lines were almost completely unreadable except for two words (steadfast & abounding) and a group of letters at the very bottom of the stone that were very clear.... COR.

I eventually concluded that COR = Corinthians and hence the bottom unreadable two lines were a quote

from the bible. Visiting the internet and doing an online bible search of the readable two words within Corinthians, there it was, the complete quote:

*Steadfast, unmoveable always
Abounding in the work of the Lord*



Knowing of my hunt, Anita showed me a photograph from the collection that was labelled on the back to be Harriet Hawthorn's daughter. This handwritten note was puzzling, as the picture was c. 1865 and therefore, too early to be of the daughter's generation. I scanned in the photograph, as well as another known picture of Harriet, sized the heads of each to line up with each other, and superimposed them. Ta Da! Even mother and daughter will have discrepancies in facial structure, but this was a true match. The photo was, in fact, Harriet herself.



Boot up that computer Sherlock, your spyglass has been replaced!



Victorian Christmas

High Tea

December 8, 3:30 pm

for members & volunteers only

Join us for traditional eats and treats at this seasonal event!

\$20.00 annual membership fee ensures your invitation to this special event.

Logo (continued)

triangles at the top were added to turn the logo into a window, to represent a “window to the past”.

This logo is already being used on letterhead, business cards, name tags, admission tickets and some of the signage with an eye to other applications and projects.

The logo is intended to be used in its entirety, but also can be used in pieces (individual boxes and triangles) for design and concept flexibility. The logo is in full colour (the bottom right box and the name below being in blue), but has also been designed for grayscale printing.

Volunteers Needed!

If you would like to volunteer some of your time and talents to the Dartmouth Heritage Museum, we always have a need for people. There are many different directions and levels of effort from front desk to tour guides to school programs. Give us a call or drop in and ask for a volunteer package!

Do you need space to hold a meeting or workshop?

Consider renting our basement room at Evergreen House for your next event.

Contact Anita Price at 464-2916.

School Youth Programs

Tickle Trunk - Children are invited to choose an item from the old steamer trunk and discover, with their classmates, what it was used for.

Living Folklore at Evergreen House - A guided tour of this Evergreen, with a focus on Helen Creighton. It includes an interactive session on the role of folklore in contemporary life.

Historic House Tours - Students enjoy an interactive guided tour of Quaker House or Evergreen House.

Volunteer Committee

The Volunteer Committee has hit the ground running! Our first meeting on September 2 finalized our Volunteer Committee Handbook which contains the mandate, objectives, responsibilities and volunteer orientation. A need was also identified for a structured volunteer recruitment policy. Stay tuned for some wonderful enhancements to the volunteer experience! The committee consists of: Jean Wagener – Chair, Joyce Earle, Linda Forbes, Matthew Hughson, Sally King, Lisa O’Neill and Joan Payzant.



UPCOMING EXHIBITS

at the Dartmouth Heritage Museum

Heart, Hand & Hook

October 19 - November 19

Dartmouth Heritage Matters -
25th Anniversary Hooked Rug Show

Victorian Christmas at “Evergreen” House

November 25 - December 23

Visit a heritage home trimmed
with traditional Victorian
Christmas garlanding!

Christmas at Evergreen



"Trim the Tree"

Learn to make traditional Christmas crackers, cornucopias and paper angel chains with Joleen Gordon, President, Nova Scotia Basketry Guild.

Thursday, December 8 - 7:00 pm
Saturday, December 10 - 2:00 pm

"Victorian Christmas Table"

Learn to make an evergreen table swag and gilded candle arrangements using natural materials. Bring gloves and pruners!

Thursday, December 1 - 7:00 pm
Saturday, December 3 - 2:00 pm

\$15.00 per workshop
Pre-registration is required.
Workshops for ages 16+
No refunds within
48 hours of workshop

Further Information

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Have you purchased your raffle ticket to win a:

VICTORIAN DINNER FOR 6
at Evergreen House?



**They are
going fast!
Only 500
will be sold!**

This raffle is a fundraiser for the
Dartmouth Heritage Museum

Prize includes:

- Limousine Service pick up & return to host's home
by *Capital Limousine*
- Hot punch, hors d'oeuvre, dinner and dessert by *Nova Scotia Community College, Akerley under the direction of Chef, Robert Dowden*
- Seasonal reception and dinner music by harpists *Christine Sonntag & Donna Hutchinson*
- After dinner Victorian Christmas customs and music by *Clary Craft*
- Fantasy dessert room decorated by *Terry Doiron, Oak Leaf Interiors*
- Floral arrangements by *Phyllis Quenneville of Janet's Flowers*

CONTACT US FOR TICKET INFO - 464-2300

Mission of the Dartmouth Heritage Museum Society

*Fostering a sense of community identity
by linking our heritage with our future.*

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Museum Opening Hours

Tuesday – Saturday
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Closed Saturday 1-2 p.m.