

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.

Spring

OLD NEWS IS GOOD NEWS

2010

## The Road to Success - (Chapter 2) - A New Home!

- Lisa O'Neill, Executive Director

On November 7, 2009, Halifax Regional Council voted in favour of designating 90 Alderney Drive as the new permanent home of the Dartmouth Heritage Museum when the School Board moves to its new locale. For seven years, the collection has been in the dark, hidden from view and difficult to access. It is vital that Council has formally recognized the importance of social heritage in our region as this decision will enable us to display, interpret and program the permanent collection.

We would like to thank the Board of Directors as the driving force of this movement; the New Home Committee for clarifying the focus; and the Harbour East Councillors, especially Gloria McCluskey and Bill Karsten for guiding the initiative through Council. The staff worked hard pulling together information, writing reports and producing the presentation video for Council. Thank you to all who wrote letters of support or contacted Council with your comments, especially our Dartmouth MLAs. We also deeply thank Mayor and Council for ensuring that this collection will again see the light of day.

Many questions are still being asked, many meetings still need to be held, and many decisions still need to be made. We have already begun to meet with Halifax Regional Municipality personnel at the Board and staff levels, and we will keep you updated

throughout the process via our website, our weekly emails, a new facebook page that will be dedicated to the new home and this newsletter.

Now, more than ever, the need for volunteers is at hand. We have a golden opportunity to strengthen our cultural tourism, our educational programming, and we can become a strong presence upon the Dartmouth waterfront. The call is being made to you, the community, to come forward and help. This call is already being answered. Our volunteer force has doubled over the past few years and the community is sensing our time is now. Commitment can be once a year to once a week. One trend that is up and coming is family volunteering. What better way to show your children the importance of community service than to help as a group on projects?

I also ask you, our friends, neighbours and family, to write, call or email your local councillors and thank them for their commitment to the preservation of our heritage!

Here we grow!

Lisa





## Monthly Fundraising Tea

last  
Thursday  
of the month  
2:00-4:00 \$5.00  
(includes tea, coffee,  
scones, spreads 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.

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## What Is It?



Look at bottom of page 6 for the answer.



Donation Box



Gold (\$3000)

**HOMBURG**

Silver (\$1000)

Innovative Real Estate

Marilyn More, MLA

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## Ukranian Egg Workshop

Learn the beautiful craft of pysanky for Easter.



Beginners welcome.  
Ages 12+  
only \$5  
March 31, 2:00 - 4:00  
Evergreen House  
Please call ahead to  
reserve your spot!

## Street Names of Dartmouth

Connor St.

For George Connor who owned land on both sides of Maynard's Lake. He was a boat builder who died in 1868 and is believed to have been a descendant of John Connor, the first ferryman.

## A Bit of History Easily Forgotten

- Wilfrid Warner

In the early 70s the City of Dartmouth was involved with Urban Renewal. Improvements were being made throughout the Downtown. As a result of the rebuilding of streets and roads, old Commercial Street was rebuilt with a very large addition at the south end that provided for reconnecting to Portland Street. It relieved the congestion on Portland Street and increased the traffic flow through the downtown

There was a need to rename this new divided highway. With the blessing of the City, the Dartmouth Business Association decided to have a contest. Ads were placed in local papers and a great number of people submitted suggestions.

After careful consideration of all names it was decided to award the cash prize to Mr. Henry Blair of Victoria Road in Dartmouth for his suggestion.

ALDERNEY DRIVE was the name he suggested, to make us all aware of the first settlers to Dartmouth who came from England on the Ship Alderney.

## 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](http://www.dartmouthheritagemuseum.ns.ca) for more information on volunteering or drop by for a volunteer information package.

## Recipes from the Archives

### Easter Cakes

Take 4lb flour, 2lb butter, 2lb sifted sugar, eight yolks and four whites of eggs, a teaspoon of sal volatile, and cinnamon to taste; mix 1lb of the butter with flour, the sugar and spice; melt 1lb of butter with flour and mix it with the beaten up eggs; then mix all together, roll it out thin, cut it into shapes you like and bake in the oven.

## Recycling (Not a New Concept!)

-Wilfrid Warner

### My Early Sales Days:

We were living at 17 1/2 Victoria Road. An upstairs flat just behind the First Baptist Church. I had received a bicycle that Christmas from My Aunt Ethel. It was a Raleigh from England so it looked a little different than the CCMs that most kids had.

At some point in time someone approached me and they hired me to sell magazines. I don't remember the details as to why, but as a result I had Liberty, Star Weekly, Family Herald and perhaps others that I would sell in the neighborhood. I can't remember how long or who I sold them to, but I do remember knocking on doors in hope that someone would buy. The bike came in handy as I reached out farther from home.

I guess this was my first venture into the business world. It was sometime after that that me and some of the boys found out there was easier money to be made selling junk and empty bottles. There were two men in Dartmouth at the time that operated what we called junk shops. One was Smith and one was Jacobson. Both were on Commercial Street now Alderney Drive. They recycled almost anything, copper, lead, aluminum, brass, old cloth, bottles, car batteries and old rope. It was a matter of keeping your eye out. If

you saw something you picked it up and took it to Jakies or Smiths. All that came to be important during the war since everything was needed. Old tires, old 78-RPM records were recovered for their shellac and everything else including old steel items that before had no value.

A common thing during the war was to admit kids to a movie if they brought in an aluminum pot. It was most in demand. Aluminum was made from bauxite that had to be imported, it was not available in Canada.

We came to visit every part of Dartmouth as a result of our scrounging around looking for things that could be sold. There were few places that we did not know about.

## Recycling (You Can Help!)

Bring your recyclables in to



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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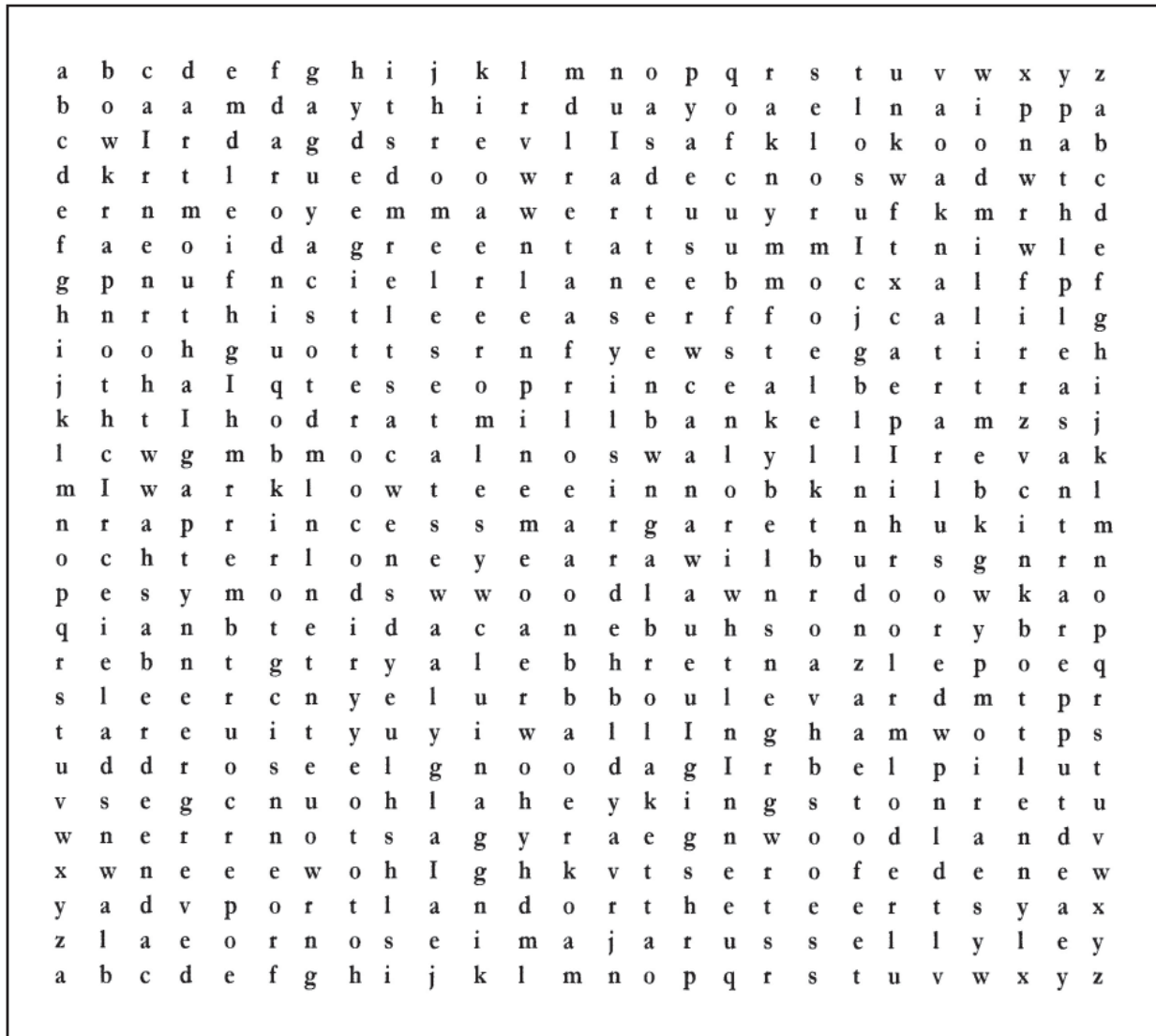
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## Heritage Word Search

- Sandra Oakley-Andrews



<i>Aberdeen</i>	<i>Bryron</i>	<i>Flaxcombe</i>	<i>Jamieson</i>	<i>Maple</i>	<i>Pleasant</i>	<i>Symonds</i>
<i>Albro Lake</i>	<i>Cairn</i>	<i>Forest</i>	<i>Joffre</i>	<i>Millbank</i>	<i>Portland</i>	<i>Third</i>
<i>Alderney</i>	<i>Cayuga</i>	<i>Fury</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Moira</i>	<i>Prince Albert</i>	<i>Thistle</i>
<i>Appian</i>	<i>Cedarwood</i>	<i>Gaston</i>	<i>Kingston</i>	<i>Mott</i>	<i>Princess Mar-</i>	<i>Tulip</i>
<i>Arklow</i>	<i>Court</i>	<i>Geary</i>	<i>Kuhn</i>	<i>Museum</i>	<i>garet</i>	<i>Tupper</i>
<i>Avenue</i>	<i>Crichton Park</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Lacomb</i>	<i>Nantucket</i>	<i>Queen</i>	<i>Wallingham</i>
<i>Averill</i>	<i>Dartmouth</i>	<i>Guy</i>	<i>Lahey</i>	<i>Newcastle</i>	<i>Quindora</i>	<i>Wentworth</i>
<i>Banook</i>	<i>Dawson</i>	<i>Hawthorne</i>	<i>Lane</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>Real (Estate)</i>	<i>Wilbur</i>
<i>Bel Ayr</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Hazelhurst</i>	<i>Lawnsdale</i>	<i>Oak</i>	<i>Road</i>	<i>Windmill</i>
<i>Blink Bonnie</i>	<i>Edgemere</i>	<i>Heritage</i>	<i>Lawson</i>	<i>Oakwood</i>	<i>Rose</i>	<i>Woodland</i>
<i>Boulevard</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>High</i>	<i>Lea</i>	<i>Ochterloney</i>	<i>Russell</i>	<i>Woodlawn</i>
<i>Bow</i>	<i>Elwin</i>	<i>Howe</i>	<i>Lilac</i>	<i>Park</i>	<i>Shubenacadie</i>	
<i>Brigadoon</i>	<i>Emma</i>	<i>Hyde</i>	<i>Limardo</i>	<i>Path</i>	<i>Silvers</i>	
<i>Brightwood</i>	<i>Estates</i>	<i>Inkbottle</i>	<i>Lyle</i>	<i>Pelzant</i>	<i>Street</i>	
<i>Brule</i>	<i>Evergreen</i>	<i>Jackson</i>	<i>Lynn</i>	<i>Pine</i>	<i>Summit</i>	

# Curator's Corner

- Crystal Martin

Having just completed the most recent exhibit, "I Promise: Celebrating 100 Years of Guiding in Canada," it has once again shown me how great the people of Dartmouth really are. The call was put out for artifacts, researchers and tour guides and the community responded. The names are too many to list here, but thank you to everyone who has truly shown the Guiding spirit.

Guiding has had a long history right here in Dartmouth. The idea of Guiding began in 1909, when a group of girls snuck into a Boy Scout rally being held at London's Crystal Palace. By 1910 the first Canadian troop had developed in St. Catherine's Ontario, and in 1911 the 1st Halifax Company had formed. Vivien Dorey and her sister walked from Tufts Cove and took the ferry across the Harbour to attend. Miss Dorey continued to be involved in Guiding for almost a century and was one of the first members of the Dartmouth Trefoil Guild. Founded in 1983 this was the first Trefoil Guild in Nova Scotia. For those of you who don't know, the Trefoil Guild is for women over the age of 30 who were, or want to be, involved in Guiding.

The Guiding movement continues to show its popularity and adaptability. You don't have to be a Guide to appreciate the history of Guiding, its world-wide influence, and how it has changed and adapted over time. The exhibit includes many photos of local Dartmouth groups, as well as numerous uniforms and other memorabilia. With approximately 1000 girls involved in Guiding in the Dartmouth area today, we currently have close to half of them booked to come and see the exhibit. The exhibit runs until April 24.

***I Promise...***  
***100 Years of Guiding in Canada***

***Dartmouth Heritage Museum***  
***February 10 - April 24, 2010***  
***26 Newcastle St., Dartmouth***

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*Recite your guiding promise  
at the door, and see the  
exhibit for only \$1!*

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*What Is It? - a bicycle lamp*