



HISTORIGRAM

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Over the past few weeks a number of activities have taken place within our museum and I would like to highlight a few.

An exhibit of fine carving by Bruce Jacquard, a local wood carver, is still on display at the Yarmouth County Museum. Bruce gave an excellent presentation which was enjoyed by many.

Sharon Robart Johnson gave a talk on the promotion of the book she has written called, "Africa's Children". Sharon did a great job and this was very well attended.

Once again many people enjoyed the Heritage luncheon held on February 18th at the Yarmouth County Museum. Barb Hinckley and her band of merry workers enjoyed putting this together. There were around seventy people served.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Jamie Serane to the Yarmouth County Museum and Archives. Jamie started her full time position with us as our new Archivist on the first of March 2008 and is enjoying her work very much.

During our March society meeting Susan Winship showed four recent acquisitions to our costume department. The items were well displayed and people were able to have a close look at them. This is always an interesting talk.

Darrin Smith took us for a trip into the past as he shared some of his many pictures of Yarmouth and area, through a power point presentation. This was like a walk down memory lane for most of us. It was very interesting picking out old land marks and seeing how much some things have changed over the years. Everyone really enjoyed sharing these memories together.

To our non-resident members once again I want to thank you for your ongoing support. Also I would like to ask that if there is something of interest to you that you might like to see in our Historigrams, please let us know. You can e-mail me at charles.winship@nsc.ca or contact the museum at ycmuseum@eastlink.ca

Our annual Museum Garden Sale will take place on July 12th this year. If you have any items you don't know what to do with and would like to donate them to this great event, we would be pleased to take them off your hands.

Please make a note of our next society meeting to take place on April 4th @ 7:30 at the museum. For our program we will have Mike Tavares of the Charles C. Richards House Historic B&B, and of the MacKinnon-Cann Inn. He will be giving a presentation regarding his business and restoration work. Hope to see you there.

*President,
Charles R. Winship*

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OUR DIRECTOR

Ahhhh..... I can't wait to start the first week of my annual vacation (2 weeks to be taken in the Fall) from March 11-15. My wife and I love visiting the nearby communities and the wonderful beaches. It's also a good time to catch up with past students and see how they're doing with their studies and what their plans are for the upcoming summer.

- *Welcome to our new Archivist Jamie Serran. She has been in the community since last November working on a National Archival Development Program grant in the Archives.*

I'm also tentatively planning on organizing a museum/cultural Softball Team to take part in local games and tournaments. For me, this would be a great way to meet more community members. The idea would include members from our museum plus those from other local museums and galleries – a chance for us to “play” - instead of just working together. I'm thinking that the name (if not already taken) could be that of the “Rumrunners”.

And, so far, I have met with 6 out of the 21 Committees to discuss each of their responsibilities, short-term (2008) plans, and long-term (2008-2009+) plans - there is a lot on the agenda for this year.

- Thank you to everyone who is helping me and for those who are committed in making the YCM&A, Pelton-Fuller House and Killam Brother's Shipping Office important and worthwhile facilities to our community and to the visitors who come here from around the world.

I have invited one of our neighbours – across the street from the museum - Mike Tavares, to give a talk at the next Society Meeting on April 4. He will be sharing his experiences in terms of the buildings he owns and has refurbished.

Thank you, welcome to Spring and Happy Easter to all.

*Director
Derek S. Kowalchuk*

BONNETS, BOWS AND FURBELOWS

April showersSpring is just around the corner. Though the air is still nippy and a few snowflakes linger, we know that warmer weather will soon find us. Easter is early this year and nowadays we don't put on our Easter bonnets like we used to. Here in our central showcase next to the Costume Corner you will find bonnets and hats of every description. Demure bonnets adorned with flowers or feathers and wide satin ties from the 1850's sit beside frivolous feather headbands of the 1960's. We have a wonderful collection of hats in our department. The oldest is a calache of green silk dated 1798. Much like the covered wagons of old or the carriage of the same name, it has a wire frame which is collapsible for storage. Our latest fashion is from the 1980's – a synthetic straw sunhat with bright blue trim.

We have numerous morning caps and nightcaps and bonnets and hats from every decade with one exception. The 1880's are not very well represented. Perhaps they were made over into other fashions as trends changed or perhaps they did not stand the test of time. Come in and see our exhibit. It's bound to bring back memories and the thrill we enjoyed when we put on our new Easter Bonnet.

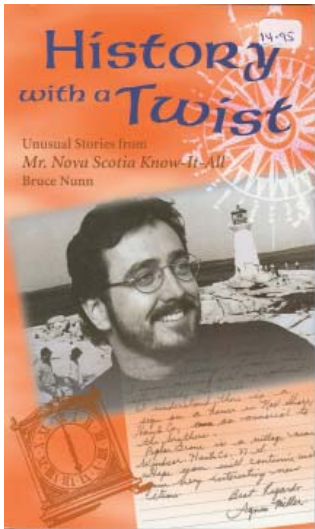
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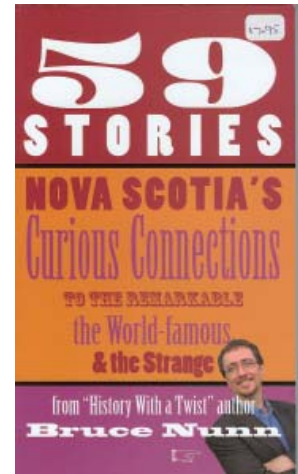
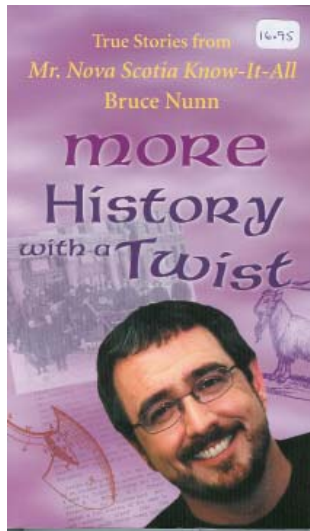


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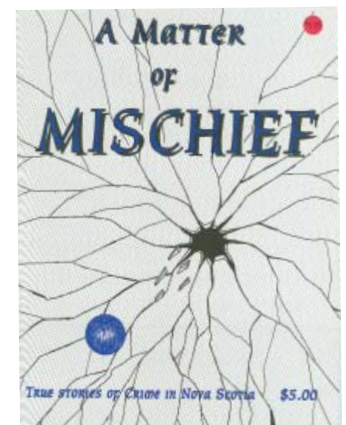
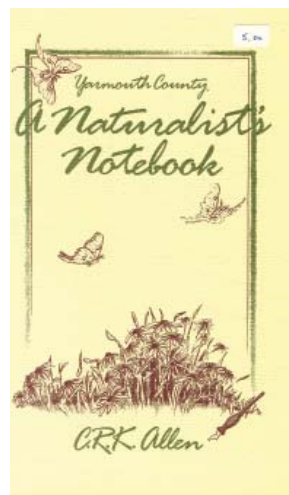
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Welcome New Member:
Nellie Crosby, Yarmouth

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