



YARMOUTH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S HISTORIGRAM

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wow, did you see that? How fast the summer has moved along! It seems only a few days ago that we brought in a number of summer students to work with us at the Museum and now they are all back at school or college. I want to thank Casidhe, Deanna, Seamus, Jordan, Katherine, Donovan, Jennie and Nicole for their commitment to the Yarmouth County Museum and Archives this summer. Great job everyone, and may your studies go well this year. Hope to see you all again in the days ahead.

Have you ever had a date with dessert? Well, I have, and man was it good! We met at the Museum between 6:00 and 8:00pm., on the night of August 21. It turns out there were quite a few others there with the same idea. Thank you to Nadine, our summer students and those volunteers who took care of our dates until we arrived. We were seated at tables in a nicely decorated room and were soon introduced to our dates (the desserts, of course). They were such sweet things. There were several choices like homemade strawberry shortcake, cheesecake from Rudder's Seafood Restaurant and others. At the end of the evening the money paid out for our dates (desserts) all went for a great cause. Yes, this was a fun evening with friends and neighbors as we raised money toward the museum kitchen renovation project. To those who attended, I hope you enjoyed your date as much as I did. Thank you everyone for your support toward these renovations.



Caption: John Goudey (R) passes the deed to his property on Lake Annis to Charles Winship and Aurel Mooney (Vice President). Photo by Bruce Bishop.

A sincere thank you goes out to Mr. and Mrs. John Goudey of Elm Street in Yarmouth for the donation of their summer cottage in Lake Annis to the Yarmouth County Historical Society. They have been great supporters of this Society for many years. Mr. Goudey made this presentation at our Society meeting on September 5, 2008. I would like to quote Mr. Goudey as he told some of us later, "When you have something for a long time and you have enjoyed it, there comes a time when you should give it to someone else for them to enjoy". Thank you, John and Dorothy, and we are sure there will be a new family soon buying the property, with the Museum and Archives benefiting from the sale.

Annie Harding was our guest speaker at the September Society meeting. She spoke on some of the many beads, precious stones and jewelry she has collected from around the world. It was very interesting as she told stories about these stones and just what some of them meant within the different cultures. The many colors, sizes, shapes and material of each, told a special story. These beads and stones were well displayed along with pieces of her hand made jewelry.

I hope to see you at our next Society meeting as we learn more about our Acadia First Nations, as October marks Aboriginal Month. We are looking forward to a possible presentation regarding the Band's profile. Please mark October 3 at 7:30 pm in the Museum's Education Wing, for this time of expanding our knowledge on this subject.

Charles R. Winship
President



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NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR

by Bruce Bishop

I think it was the morning of this past September 11 that it really felt like fall for the first time this year. Sunny but cool! But here at the Museum and Archives, rather than a slowdown period (okay, maybe it is for tourists), we're just gearing up for a host of exciting activities up until mid-December.

On Saturday, October 18, you'll have a chance to find out if those old coins that Aunt Bessie gave you as a kid are worth anything. You never know! **Don Olmstead**, who has been in the **buy/sell trade of international currency** since 1967, knows his 'stuff', and he's making a special trip to Yarmouth that weekend. He'll look at collections (or large amounts) by appointment on Friday afternoon and evening, Oct. 17, but it'll be **open house in the Education Wing from 9 to 5 pm on Saturday the 18th**. If you have some coins or paper currency that he wants, he'll give you a fair price on the spot in (modern!) cash. Don has a **great reputation among currency dealers**, and recently participated in two shows in London and Paris. (For an appointment with Don, but only if you have a large amount of coins or a collection of coins for him to evaluate – call me at 742-5539). Remember that Don will give the Museum and Archives 15% of the total amount of currency that he buys during his visit... so please come out and support your Museum!

The following Sunday, October 26, Hanspeter Stutz from **Domaine de Grand Pré** will be here to present tastings of six of his award-winning wines, as well as his delicious apple cider, aptly named *Stutz*. Reservations are filling up fast (and we can only seat 50 people), and payment is accepted at the door. Again, call our Front Desk at 742-5539 to reserve a seat. (Historical Society members pay \$10; others, \$12.)

I'm getting very excited about our upcoming **Edwardian Christmas – Yarmouth 100 Years Ago**, which is to take place on Saturday, November 29. I know you'll help us make this a sell-out at Burrigade School at 6:30 pm that evening.

We'll be having an early Christmas Dinner modeled after a 1900s menu from the Grand Hotel; you'll be entertained by Mrs. Perwinkle, who will give you the 'down and dirty' about high-society Yarmouth in 1908; you'll bid on antiques, artwork and travel packages during the Auction following dinner; and

of course, see up-close what period evening dress looked like and peruse what kinds of Christmas gifts were popular back then. The money raised (\$50/ticket or \$450 for a table of 10) will be directed towards a new storage unit for the second floor, and if we're truly fortunate, we will also be able to buy a new printer/photocopier for the Archives (which is used throughout the building by all of us on staff). So, mark your calendars today! You may even want to bid on one of the travel packages that I'm putting together already: two return air tickets to Helsinki, Finland, on that country's national carrier, **Finnair!**

Enjoy this crisp season!



Edward VII succeeded his Mother, Queen Victoria, to the throne. Known to his friends as 'Bertie', he was a lively monarch who enjoyed a good party and a wide variety of eclectic friends -- some of whom may not have amused his Mother!

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The Curator's Corner

by Nadine Gates

The next few months will be busy ones at the museum. A new art exhibit is being hung over the next few days, the Rug Bees and the Carpet Baggers are getting ready for their beautiful work to be hung over the Christmas season and the Edwardian Christmas exhibit is in the works. And, the exhibit calendar for next year is being planned! Tentative plans for next year include showcasing the Nursing Associations Anniversary in the spring and Commanding the High Seas-Yarmouth Captains and their Ships!

Exhibits at the Museum

Stitches Through Time – A look at sewing machines, sewing and accessories through the years, complete

with patterns dating from the 1800s! This exhibit is in the lower gallery of the Education Wing and is on display until November 15.

Inside and Out - An art exhibit by local artist Jennie Morrow. Jennie's talent in capturing her subject is evident her works on display in the Education Wing, upper level. Jennie's work will be on display from September 21 – November 19, 2008.

The off site exhibit at the Yarmouth Regional Library featuring **Milton Corner-In Days Gone By** and will be changed in time to honour of Remembrance Day.

Activities in the Archives

by Jamie Serran, Archivist

Fall is in the air, and we are continuing with our hard work in the archives this season. My summer students Donovan Bain and Nicole Wallace each completed some fantastic projects over the summer – including an inventory of our uncatalogued material and a database of scrapbook clippings – and I have already made use of the inventory to find some materials for a researcher.

Speaking of researchers, we are still enjoying a busy season of visitors. We welcomed a bus tour of American travelers to the museum in September, and several of the visitors stopped into the archives to investigate their ancestors. We found some great material for some, which was a nice surprise for them, I think! We also had a fantastic surprise reunion with some cousins (one from Virginia, the other from Alberta) who both showed up in the archives and met unexpectedly. It's great fun and really rewarding to see these connections being made and to help people learn more about Yarmouth and their own histories. And to witness such wonderful connections being made and coincidences occurring!

We were very pleased to recently receive several boxes of documents, reports, photographs, clippings, and other items from Barrie MacGregor and the YMCA. Many thanks to Barrie and the YMCA for the donation

– we are happy to keep these items in the archives and preserve them for the benefit of our visitors.

The Archives recently received a grant from the Hudson's Bay Company for \$1000 after we applied for an **Hbc Local History Grant Program**. This will enable further outreach to junior high and high school students who do not know about referencing local archival material for their school projects. I'll tell you more about this in the next Historigram.

Once we move into the fall season, we return to shorter hours in the archives: Tuesday – Saturday, 2:00pm – 5:00pm. These hours will begin on Tuesday, October 14. My administrative work will then begin in earnest – research, records management, accessioning and cataloguing.

Since I forgot to do it in September's Historigram, I'll end by thanking all of the wonderful volunteers and summer staff who contributed to a very productive, successful summer season in the archives – as well as the visitors who gave me so many interesting and challenging requests. I hope everyone else enjoyed it as much as I did!

Best wishes for fall,
Jamie

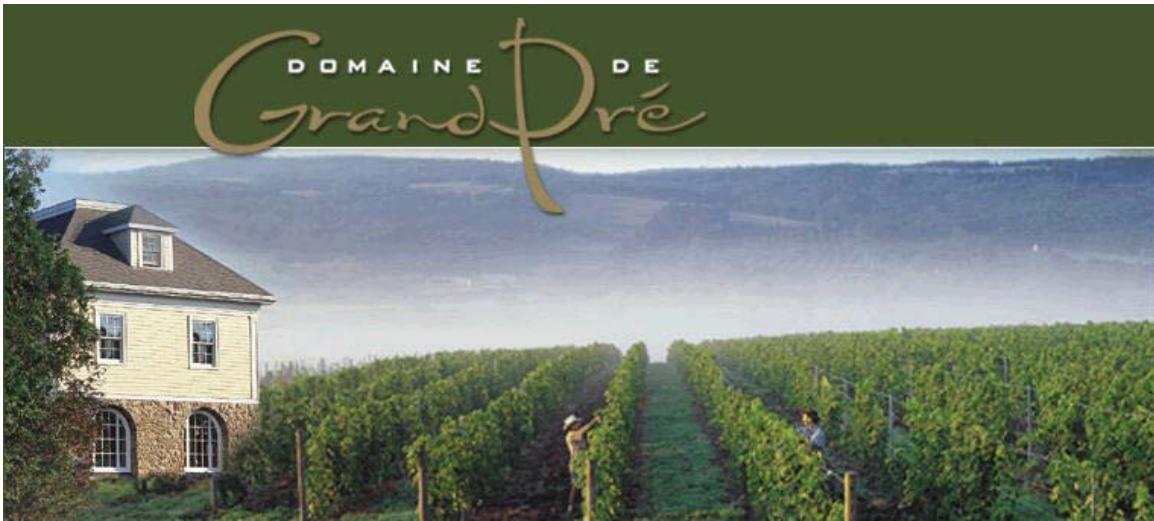
RBC Financial Group's Arts Grant now in phase II at Museum



Mark Setlakwe, Manager of the Royal Bank of Canada in Yarmouth, presents a cheque for \$2,500 to Bruce Bishop, Museum and Archives' Director. This cheque represents phase II of a three-year \$10,000 RBC Arts Grant that was awarded to the Yarmouth County Museum and Archives last autumn. Local resident Edward Hicklin will be working on phase II of the arts project called "The Art of Capturing" that this grant funds until October 31. "The Art of Capturing" will be a study guide for adolescents who will learn how to artistically and aesthetically document and photograph artifacts and historical documents for future generations.

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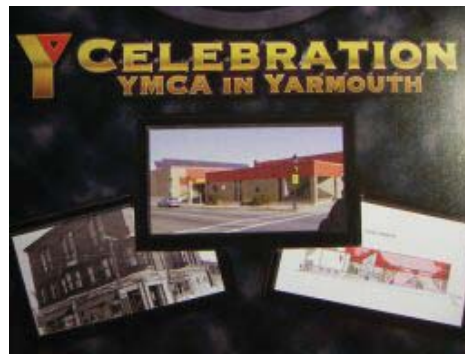
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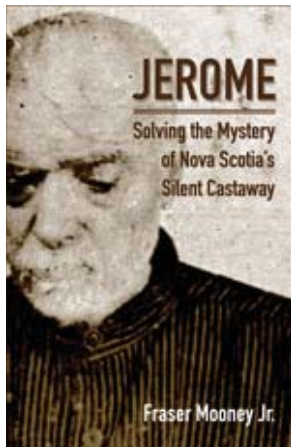
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MUSEUM TIMETABLE

Month of October – Jennie Morrow’s art exhibit (Education Wing ‘Upper’); “Stitches in Time” exhibit, Education Wing ‘Lower’.

Friday, October 3 – Historical Society Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 14 – Winter Hours begin: Tuesday to Saturday, 1-5 pm. Museum open from 9 am for staff (and volunteers doing research).

Friday, October 17 – **Deadline for Historigram submissions for November.**

Olmstead Currency taking ½ hour appointments this afternoon and evening for coin collections or large amounts of coins to be evaluated. (Call Bruce Bishop to make appt.) All others with smaller amounts to be appraised, see tomorrow.

Saturday, October 18 – Coin & Currency Show (first come, first served), Education Wing, 9 – 5 p.m., no charge.

Thursday, October 23 – YCMA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 26 – Wine Tasting with Hanspeter Stutz of *Domaine de Grand Pré*. Reservations essential as seating is limited. \$10 members/\$12 non-members.

Saturday, November 29 – *An Edwardian Christmas Gala* – Dinner and Auction, with entertainment & town gossip from 1908. Burrige Campus, NS Community College, Pleasant Street. 6:30 p.m.

NOVERMBER HISTORIGRAM DEADLINE: FRIDAY OCTOBER 17TH

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