



April 2000 Newsletter

APRIL MEETING

The April meeting of the Lost Villages Historical Society will be held at the South Stormont Seniors' Support Centre, Ingleside, on Monday, April 17, 2000 at 8:00 p.m. Members and guests are encouraged to attend, and the executive thanks all those who attended at the March meeting. A special effort was made to publicize the meeting in the local newspapers, and this certainly paid dividends. Although attendance has increased in recent years, this was the "best" attended monthly meeting in many, many years. Thanks to you all!

GUEST SPEAKER: The guest speaker for the April meeting will be Mr. Heine Bruining, a Councillor with the Township of South Stormont, and a resident of the farming community in South Stormont. With a strong and proud "Dutch" heritage, Heine will address the meeting on "Dutch Immigration to Stormont and Dundas Counties and Surrounding Areas". His address will be supported with personal facts, observations, and other family stories from the local Dutch Community. Plan to attend the April meeting, and show a "local" politician the support from a vibrant and dedicated historical society.

"HERITAGE" MILLENNIUM CELEBRATION

Mark your calendar now, and call in your reservation for a special "Heritage Millennium Celebration" in South Stormont. On Friday, April 14, 2000 at 7:30 p.m., the Cornwall Township Historical Society will host an important event in the St. Andrew's Church Hall, St. Andrews West, Ontario. This event, being held in the "second" church built at St. Andrews, and used as a hospital following the Battle of Crysler's Farm on November 11, 1813, will observe the year 2000 by celebrating our rich history and heritage. The society has invited many historical and heritage groups in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, and Akwesasne. The

Cornwall Township Historical Society must know by April 10, 2000, how many will be attending, -for seating and snack/refreshment arrangements. Please call Jim Brownell, (534-2423), or Dale Duncan, President of the Cornwall Township Historical Society, (534-2463). It is hoped that members of the Lost Villages Historical Society will reserve this special evening and support the Cornwall Township Historical Society.

PROGRAM: Mr. Hugh P. MacMillan of Ottawa, archivist, historian, and author, will present "Adventures of a Paper Sleuth", the title of his new book which is due for release this month. A full report was given on Hugh P. MacMillan in the January, 2000, newsletter of the Lost Villages Historical Society. Check this information out, and you will find that a truly remarkable individual will be at St. Andrews West on April 14th.. In the September 1, 1999 issue of The Ottawa Citizen, Allan Levine writes: "Mr. MacMillan is first and foremost a hunter. The game he pursues is the rarest of Canadiana,, priceless and irreplaceable historical documents and relics. One of his hunts may take years... He delivers his finds to serious collectors, museums, historical societies and archives."

Check your calendar, pick up the phone, and call in your attendance. Encourage a neighbour or friend to attend. Carpool, and save some gas!

HERITAGE FAIR A "GREAT" SUCCESS

"Thank You" to the City of Cornwall's Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee for the tremendous job at organizing the annual "Heritage Fair" at the Brookdale Mall on Saturday, February 26, 2000. Many interested citizens and historical society members attended this event, and the Lost Villages booth was busy throughout the entire day. We are grateful for Donald Stuart's attendance at the fair, and the many people who purchased copies of his book, and had them autographed. As well, we thank the following volunteers for their help throughout the day: Peggy Barkley, Helen Kennedy, Mavis Nixon, George and Nancy Hickey, Rita and Ernie Gillard, Rita Canough, Lenora Salmon, and Jim Brownell. Many favourable comments were received on our display.

FRAN LAFLAMME DRIVE, at AULT PARK

On Saturday, April 15, 2000, at 11:00 p.m., an "unveiling" will be held along County Road #2, at Ault Park, for the "FRAN LAFLAMME DRIVE" road signs. The Township of South Stormont, through a recent bylaw, honoured Fran for her contributions to the community by renaming Ault Park Road at the Lost Villages

Museum site. This roadway is now known as "Fran Laflamme Drive", and will bear the distinctive road signs in a short unveiling ceremony on April 15th. We thank Fran for ALL her community work, and especially her work with the Lost Villages Historical Society.

As Reeve for the Township of South Stormont, and president of the Lost Villages Historical Society, I could not think of a finer means to honour such an outstanding citizen and her contributions to society. Fran has work tirelessly for "her" township, and, being the charter president of "our" historical society, we appreciate her contributions to the success of the Lost Villages Historical Society.

OUR MEMBERS

Since becoming president of the society, it has always been the wish of Jim Brownell to recognize the names of ALL our members, those who have paid their dues, and those who continue to support the aims and objectives of the Lost Villages Historical Society. As our annual meeting fast approaches, the executive encourages you to renew your membership for 2000. Find a pen and envelope, and write out your membership cheque to THE LOST VILLAGES HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. BOX 306, INGLESIDE, ONTARIO. K0C 1M0.

MEMBERSHIPS: INDIVIDUAL.....\$5.00/YEAR

FAMILY.....\$8.00/YEAR

ASSOCIATE (NON-VOTING PRIVILEGES)

INDIVIDUAL.....\$3.00/YEAR

FAMILY.....\$3.50/YEAR

SUSTAINING.....\$35.00

MEMBERS: AMUNDSEN, Adeline; AULT, Dale; ALGUIRE, Donald;
ALGUIRE, Kathleen; ANDERSON, George; BROWN, Walter & J.;
BREDIN, Edward M.; BARKLEY, Margaret; BELL, James & Barbara;
BEDINGFIELD, Stephen; BEDINGFIELD, Robert & Frances; BRITTON, Patricia
M.; BAKER, Beulah; BAKER, Evelyn; BROWNELL, Catherine; BROWNELL, Jim
& Paulette; BROWNELL, Vale; BLACKBURN, George & Grace; BURGESS,
Albert & Marian; BLACK, Ralph & Jean; BRITTON, Muriel; CLARKE, Bonnie;
CANOUGH, Rita; CLIFFORD, Margaret; COLLINS, John & Jennifer;

COULOMBE,Meg; CROSS,Luella (Lou); CUTT,Carley; CORNWALL
TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY; CASSIDY,Sylvia; CORDEN
CONSULTING INC.; COUSINS, Mrs. Douglas (Jenny Shaver);
COLEMAN,Patricia; DONNELLY,Reg & Doris; DUNCAN,Dale;
DAFOE,Pauline; ELLIOTT,Carson; FOWLER,Ruth; FAUBERT,Patricia;
GALLINGER,Bill, Sharon & Ken; GALLINGER,Lloyd; GLOVER,Winifred,
GOOLDEN,Sandra; GARDNER,Mary; GARDNER,Tom; GELLATELY,Ross;
GILLARD,Ernie & Rita; GLENGARRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY;
GRANGER,Chris & Lisa; HUGHSON,John C.; HICKEY,George & Nancy;
HOLTZ,Eunice; HUNTER,Isabel; HUNTER,Robert; HILL,David; HILL,Dorothy;
JOHNSTON,Bud & Marion; JULIEN,Vivian, KEYES,Glen & Kay;
KENNEDY,Helen; KIRKBRIDE,Marian L.; KUHN,Douglas;
KENNEDY,Beverley; LAFLAMME,Fran; LAFLAMME,Foch; LUNN,Judy;
LAMBERT,Patricia; LEFEBVRE,Daniel; LEGGETT,Joyce; LANGEVIN,Ruth;
MORGAN,Wayne; MARKELL,Glen & Bonnie; MARKELL,Ross, c/o
CRAIG,GAREAU,DESPATIE & MARKELL; MARIN,Patricia; MARIN,Clice &
Frances; McINTOSH,Donald & Lucy; McLEOD,Lottie; McEWAN,Bryan & Joan;
McLAREN,Neil; MURDOCK,Winnifred; MURDOCK,Nancy;
MURDOCK,Susan; MOSS,David; McNAIRN,Stanley & Kay; McNAIRN,Nelson
& Sandra; MOORE,Neil; MacDONALD,Wendy; McGILLIVRAY,Alex;
MacDONALD,Ranald & Madeline; McCRACKEN,Bob & Marie;
MEZZULLO,Mickee; NIXON,Mavis; NEVILLE,Judy; O'CONNELL
(Daye),Patricia; O'CONNELL,Edith; O'CONNELL,Elaine; PATE,Angus & Diane;
PROSSER,Al & Marian; POIRIER,Lillian; POIRIER,Donat & Dr. Jeannine;
QUENNEVILLE,Arthur; RAFUSE,Alan; RAFUSE,Richard; RAY,Pauline;
RUTLEY,Rosemary; REIDY,Martin; RYE,Tony & Hazel; RUTLEY,Vera;
RAYMOND,Leonard,Betty & Cathy; RAYMOND,Alice; SMELKO,Mark,c/o
M.S. THOMPSON & ASSOCIATES; SNETSINGER,Harold; S.D.&G.
HIGHLANDERS MUSEUM; SMITH,Rose Marie; STUART,Donald;
STUART,Bruce; SALMON,Lenora; S.D.& G. HISTORICAL SOCIETY;
SMITH,Kaye; STEWART,Keith; SAYERS,Eugene & Bonnie; VANBAAL, John
& Gwynne; WELCH,Donald & Jean; WELCH,Lawrence; WELCH,James &
Anne; WELLS,Merle & Shirley; WELLS,Glenn; WILLIS,George;
WILLIAMS,Nora; WINDLE,Bernie & Kay; WINDLE,Sr. Vera

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR "NEWEST" MEMBERS, -GLENN AND KAY
KEYES

SORRY TO SEE THAT GEORGE WILLIS IS LEAVING TOWN. WE
APPRECIATE GEORGE'S WORK AT THE MUSEUM DURING THE PAST

YEAR, AND WE SHALL MISS HIM. PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH!

GET WELL WISHES!

Members of the Lost Villages Historical Society send "GET WELL" wishes to two of our active members who have undergone major surgeries in recent days. We are happy to hear that Mavis Nixon is recuperating well from her surgery in Ottawa, and that she is now back in Cornwall. As well, we hope that Catherine Brownell will soon be up and around with her new hip. She had hip replacement surgery on Monday, April 3rd Get well soon!

To all other society members who have been sick or "shut in" during the past two months, we wish you the very best. With the early spring which is upon us, we hope that you will be able to get out and relax in some warm sunshine.

BITS & PIECES...

-Work continues to proceed on the "move" of the Sandtown Church to the Lost Villages Museum. The church has been raised off its stone rubble foundation, and the roof was removed intact on Monday, April 3, 2000. It is anticipated that the move will follow very shortly. It is a "big" task to get everything coordinated. Much work will be required at the museum site, in order to get it ready for the "Canada Day" opening.

-Have you heard of the "AULTSVILLE CO-OPERATIVE CO., LIMITED"? At a recent auction sale, Jim Brownell purchased a "flyer" from this business in Aultsville. This artifact, along with many other interesting items from the sale, have been donated to the Lost Villages Historical Society.

-Mr. Ron Warner, Long Sault, donated a 1951 "Cornwall City & Township Directory" to the society. This directory belonged to his grandfather, Mr. James Sheets, Mille Roches.

-We are grateful to Fran Laflamme and Rose Marie (Laflamme) Smith, for the generous donation of "School Fair" artifacts and memorabilia. Fran has been gathering information on "School Fairs" for many years, and she wished that the documents be kept for posterity by the Lost Villages Historical Society. Rose Marie donated the books which she won in the 1934 and 1935 Osnabruck Rural School Fairs. These artifacts will be displayed at the museum's schoolhouse in the

summer of 2000. Fran encourages all those with memories of Rural School Fairs to take pen in hand and jot down the memories. Once compiled with the other resources donated to the society, the society should have an excellent resource on "Rural School Fairs".

-We thank Halbert Fickes, Long Sault, for the donation of a very old grindstone for the blacksmith shop at the museum. This artifact belonged to his grandfather, and it certainly bears the marks of a pioneering tool. Halbert was pleased to hear that the "old" piano from the Fickes' homestead on the "Old Second" of Cornwall Township, will be moved to the schoolhouse at the museum. This piano is presently owned by Ray & Barbara Fenton, Long Sault. They have donated it to the museum.

-Thank you to Tom and Faye Brownell, Lombardy, Ontario, for the donation of old school books for the schoolhouse. These will be added to the library which is being established in the museum's schoolhouse.

-Fran Laflamme has donated two "original" John Brownell paintings to the Lost Villages Historical Society. These paintings, depicting St. George's Chapel in Mille Roches, and St. Andrew's (Methodist) United Church in Moulinette, will be framed and then sold by auction. Fran has asked that the profits be used to support the activities of the society. Thanks Fran!

-Congratulations to Donald Stuart on the successful launch of his book, "No Road Back, A Grown Boy's Stories of Wales". Donald attended three successful "autograph" sessions, and he was certainly promoted in the local press. Well done, Donald! Copies of Donald's books may be purchased from the Lost Villages Historical Society.

-The Township of South Stormont's "St. Lawrence Stepping Stones 2000" Committee will be hosting the first annual "HOME,BUSINESS,TRADE & TOURISM SPRING SHOWCASE & CRAFT SALE" at the Long Sault Arena on April 28, 2000 from 7-10 p.m., and on Saturday, April 29, 2000, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The Lost Villages Historical Society will have a booth at this showcase, and we invite members and friends to attend this important millennium activity in the township. The committee and township have worked very hard to prepare for this showcase, and the admission is FREE. Come out and learn about business and tourism in the community. Check out the work of the "crafty" artisans in our community. There are activities for all ages.

CIRCLE YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR "ANNUAL" MEETING IN MAY.

THIS DINNER MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 22ND. TIME
AND PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED!