



December 2000 Newsletter

The December meeting of the Lost Villages Historical Society will be held on Monday, December 11, 2000, at the South Stormont Seniors' Support Centre in Ingleside, Ontario. This "special" meeting, in the form of a dinner, will honour the three citizens from South Stormont, nominated by the Council for the Township of South Stormont for the "Heritage Community Recognition Award, sponsored by the Ontario Heritage Foundation. The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m., with cocktails at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$12.00, and this may be paid at the door. Following the dinner and presentations, our usual business meeting will be held. To reserve your place at this event, please call Rita Canough at 537-2388, or Jim Brownell at 534-2423, by Wednesday, December 6, 2000.

HERITAGE COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD: We are delighted to announce that two members of the Lost Villages Historical Society, and one "friend" of the society, will be recognized with Ontario Heritage Foundation's certificates and achievement pins. Winnifred Murdock, corresponding secretary of the society, will receive recognition for her work in cultural heritage preservation in our community and historical society. Donald Alguire, a member truly dedicated to the buildings at the Lost Villages Museum, will receive recognition for his work in built heritage preservation, and Timothy Gault, a "friend" of the Lost Villages, and the caretaker of the park which surrounds the provincial plaque for the submerged villages, (corner County Road #2 and Avonmore Road), and "Moulinette" plaque, will receive recognition for his work in natural heritage preservation. The Council for the Township of South Stormont is pleased that the three nominations were accepted by the Ontario Heritage Foundation, and appreciates the work by the society in staging a "special" dinner of recognition. You are encouraged to participate.

This year's presentation of the "Heritage Community Recognition Award", will be

the fourth year that the township has participated in the program, now in its fifth year. In 1997, Marland Murray, member of the Cornwall Township Historical Society and Martintown Mill Preservation Society, received the award. This was followed, in 1998, by the recognition given to our society's first president and tireless leader, Fran Laflamme. Last year, Bernie MacDonald, member of the Cornwall Township Historical Society, was honoured for his work at the Raisin River Heritage Centre in St. Andrews West.

PROGRAM: Kirsten Gardner and Glen Cunningham, members of the "Save the Train" Restoration group at Upper Canada Village, will give us an update on the progress of the restoration work on the train, and they will detail the plans for the future. You will recall that Kirsten addressed our society when plans were being formulated for the restoration project. She would very much like to update our society on the work which was carried out this past summer. If you haven't driven by this site in recent months, you are in for a pleasant surprise on your next drive past the train and Aultsville Station. The committee is to be commended for the restoration work.

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to the hearty souls who braved the horrible weather on Monday, November 20, 2000, as they journeyed to Williamstown, Ontario, to hear Esther Bryan speak and demonstrate "Invitation, the Quilt of Belonging". The beautiful needlework fascinated the audience, and Esther Bryan gave a most interesting tour of the quilt's home, in the former office of the Township of Charlottenburg. Esther is blessed to have the support of the Township of South Glengarry, and so many other enthusiastic contributors. The finished product, expected about 2002, will truly be a work of art from citizens across Canada. It is an "invitation" to celebrate. Thank you Esther for an excellent tour!

CHRISTMAS AT THE LOST VILLAGES

Plan to join with members and "friends" of the Lost Villages Historical Society as we prepare for and celebrate Christmas. Two special activities have been planned, and you are encourage to participate. Bring your family and friends, and help support the endeavours of the society.

CHRISTMAS SALE: The Lost Villages Historical Society has accepted an invitation from Gerry Zeran, owner of "Crafter's Market", to participate in a special "Lost Villages Day" at the "Crafter's Market" near Long Sault. The society is pleased to present a sales booth at this marketplace, and we are delighted to

have this opportunity to profile our organization in this country setting.

"Crafter's Market" is located on County Road # 36, about one kilometre east of Woodland Villa in Long Sault. This road is the old "Second" of Cornwall Township, and many people refer to it as the Post Road, today. Our society will host a "Lost Villages Day" on Sunday, December 3, 2000, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We hope that many society members and friends will come out and support the society on this special day. We thank Gerry Zeran, and his staff, for the kind invitation to participate. Christmas treats will be available around the cosy woodstove. While at the marketplace, visit the "Mille Roches Company", a garden furniture business established by Glen Forrester and Angela Youngs. You will be surprised at the craftsmanship demonstrated at this business. As well, they proudly display pictures and memorabilia from the "Lost Village" of Mille Roches.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE AT THE SANDTOWN CHURCH: The Sandtown Church will be decked out in its Christmas best, and Bill Brown, a member of the Lost Villages Historical Society, will present an evening of Christmas carols. This festive activity, around the old pump organ, will begin at 7:00 p.m., and will be followed by a reception in the McLeod Log House. The lights will be dimmed, the coal-oil lamps lit, and the Christmas tree and Creche will be central to the celebration. This will be an evening of celebration, and it will be a wonderful way to begin your preparations for Christmas. A freewill offering will assist the society in its programming endeavours at the Sandtown Church.

The Lost Villages Historical Society thanks Bill Brown, for his enthusiastic support of this Christmas celebration. We thank the 'social committee' for their efforts in making the reception an enjoyable one.

While at the museum, check out the steeple, which now gives our church a distinctive look. No longer will it be mistaken for a second schoolhouse at the museum site. We thank Alex and Bill McGillivray, Donnie Alguire and Alan Rafuse, for their work in having the steeple and bell erected on the church on Thursday, November 23, 2000. A job well done!

THANK YOU!

Oops! We missed Mavis Nixon when thanking those members of the society who assisted at the Bike-a-thon, sponsored by Longue Sault Public School, and enthusiastically supported by the Lost Villages Historical Society. The staff at Longue Sault Public School have already requested a Bike-a-thon in the fall of

2001. We are grateful to the staff and students at this school for their support of history and heritage.

Thank you to the "social committee" and all the society members who assisted at the "Fall Festival", sponsored by the Township of South Stormont Millennium Committee, and held from November 10-12, 2000. Our booth, displaying artifacts and memorabilia from our "war" collection, was admired and supported by many patrons and "friends" of the society. We are grateful for Vale Brownell's assistance with setting up the display and loaning her van for the transportation of display cases and artifacts. Thank you to Ernie and Rita Gillard, Reg and Doris Donnelly, Willie and Rosemary Rutley, Lenora Salmon, Rita Canough, George and Nancy Hickey, Mavis Nixon and Peggy Barclay, for assistance during this three-day event. Our society realized sales of over \$300.00, and we made many community contacts from this display.

We are grateful for the donation of artifacts from former Rebekah Lodges in our area, donated to the society by Becky (Revill) Lama, formerly of Moulinette, and now living in Long Sault. Artifacts donated include: two small bibles, which survived two fires which destroyed Rebekah Lodge buildings in Cornwall, during the past century; one large bible with the inscription, "Presented to Eastern Star Rebekah Lodge No. 48, I.O.O.F, by Miss Susie McLean, Past Noble Grand, October 22, 1934; and two ribbons, displaying the words "Deborah Rebekah Lodge No. 103, Dickinson's Landing, Ontario".

INVITATIONS IN SUPPORT OF OUR "FRIENDS"

UPPER CANADA PLAYHOUSE'S "HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS" TOUR

Five vintage homes in Morrisburg and Iroquois will be opening their doors for the "Homes for the Holidays" tour, on Saturday, December 2, 2000, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., to help raise money for the Upper Canada Playhouse. Tickets for the tour are \$15.00, and include a late-afternoon Victorian tea in the basement of the Morrisburg United Church. To reserve, call the Upper Canada Playhouse at (613) 543-3713. The homes displayed in the "Homes for the Holidays" tour include:

26 Bay St., Iroquois: One of the oldest remaining homes in Iroquois, this three-storey Georgian home was moved to its present address in the mid-1950's, to avoid being demolished during the construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway and Hydro projects. Built in the late 1920s, the five-bedroom brick home is a unique example of Depression-era architecture. It boasts three bathrooms and oak hardwood floors

on all three levels. Jane and Brian McMillan bought this local landmark six years ago.

22 Sir James Morris Drive, Morrisburg: Home to Senator Jack Marshall and his wife Evelyne, this charming bed-and-breakfast offers a magnificent view of the St. Lawrence River. The core of the six-bedroom house dates to pre-Confederation, but additions have been made over the years that successfully blend the old with the new.

76 Lakeshore Dr., Morrisburg: Peggy Leroy, the owner of this 1930s two-storey home, decorates no less than four Christmas trees on the main floor alone. Each spectacular tree carries a different festive theme, ranging from the whimsical to more traditional trimmings.

72 Lakeshore Dr., Morrisburg: Few homes in Morrisburg feature coloured stain glass windows like this large Edwardian beauty. The distinctive yellow frame house, which belongs to Peter and Gail McCoey, also features two attractive verandahs.

61 High St., Morrisburg: This three-bedroom house stood vacant for more than ten years before Mary Ellen Viau and her husband, Denis, bought it in 1996. Driving by the "little itty-bitty house", Mary Ellen says it was love at first sight. It took a full year of extensive renovations to turn the dilapidated house into a Victorian charmer. Many of the original materials, including the pine floors, sink faucets, and old window frames, were recycled to make furniture and other household accessories.

Plan to support the Upper Canada Playhouse's "Homes for the Holidays" tour!

CORNWALL TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY "ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POT LUCK"

A cordial invitation is extended to members of the Lost Villages Historical Society to join the members and "friends" of the Cornwall Township Historical Society at their annual "Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon", to be held at the Raisin River Heritage Centre on Saturday, December 2, 2000 at 12:00 noon. The members and "friends" of this historical society have been enthusiastic supporters of our society's endeavours over the years, and you are encouraged to support this group. They work very hard to preserve the history and heritage of our community. A "dish", to add to their collection, would be appreciated.

ST. LAWRENCE STEPPING STONES 2000 "NEW YEAR'S EVE"

Let's show our support to the Township of South Stormont's Millennium Committee, "St. Lawrence Stepping Stones 2000", as they wrap up their activities during this special millennium year. As they did last New Year's Eve, they have planned an evening of family fun at the Long Sault Arena, with a skating party from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The evening will feature special door prizes and draws; figure skating exhibitions; a New Year's Levee with South Stormont's "new" Council in the John Cleary Room; snacks and refreshments for all; and a community bonfire near the water tower. Show your spirit, and show your thanks to the St. Lawrence Stepping Stones 2000 Committee. The Lost Villages Historical Society congratulates Carson Elliott, the township's millennium coordinator, for a job "Well Done". He, and his hard-working committee, put South Stormont on the map. The "legacy", -the South Stormont Chamber of Commerce, the South Stormont Community Foundation", to name a couple! Congratulations!

IN MEMORIUM

Our sympathy to Dr. Jeannine Roy-Poirier and her husband, Donat, on the passing of a dear sister-in-law, Mrs. Christiane Adele Roy, on Saturday, November 9, 2000, in Calgary, Alberta. Our thoughts are with you.