



November 2001 Newsletter

NOVEMBER MEETING (NOTE: CHANGES IN TIME AND PLACE)

1. The November meeting of the Lost Villages Historical Society will be held at McIntosh Inn, Morrisburg, Ontario, on Monday, November 19, 2001, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Please note the time and location change! This change has come about as the guest speaker will be speaking to a much larger audience than the members of the Lost Villages Historical Society. We have been invited to McIntosh Inn by the South Dundas Chamber of Commerce, and the management of McIntosh Inn. As well, the guest speaker has requested an expanded venue for her presentation, as she is working on a publication which will cover the entire area affected by the inundation of July 1, 1958.

We hope that you will carpool, and accept a ride from a member, neighbour or friend. If you have a van or car, and room to spare, spread that word around. Jim Brownell has room for four in his van (534-2423), and Vale Brownell has room for five (537-2531). Call around and fill your car or van. Thanks.

The management of McIntosh Inn has indicated that the dining room will be open for dinner, should you wish. Some members will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. for dinner. Should you wish to join this group, phone McIntosh Inn (543-3788) and make your reservation. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., short business meeting at 7:30 p.m., and Joy Parr's presentation at 8:00 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Joy Parr is no stranger to the Lost Villages Historical Society. She has spent much time in our local area, researching the history and heritage of the "Lost Villages", and the Hydro and Seaway stories. You may recall that it was Joy Parr who penned the lovely tribute to Fran Laflamme in "Lives Lived", The Globe and Mail. Joy had a number of meetings/conversations with Fran in the late 1990s. Her major "work in progress" is "Megaprojects: History, Technology, Memory and

Power". This is the information provided on her website:

"I am working now on a series of related studies of Canadians and their power generation projects, 1945-75. Was anything more important than ample supplies of power? How did those who made way for progressively larger megaprojects differ, or did they differ, from those who made power? The studies consider how expert and lay knowledge of big dams, big reactors and big testing bases was distributed, authenticated and challenged and how in their wake, resistance, consent and accommodation organized inhabitants and their landscapes. These are studies in political, technological and sensual history, for bodies and their dwelling places were remade as land, water and air were requisitioned in pursuit of the irrefutable and hardly knowable imperatives of power."

We encourage members and friends to plan for this important evening in Morrisburg.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT THE LOST VILLAGES MUSEUM

Members and friends will remember the first ever Christmas Service in the Sandtown Advent Christian Church, Lost Villages Museum, in 2000. Once again, Bill, Rosemary, Felicity and Emily Brown have agreed to return for a second Christmas season at Ault Park. What a wonderful way for all of us to start the preparations for Christmas, in the true spirit of a "heritage" Christmas.

Two services have been planned for Sunday, December 2, 2001. The first service, in our quaint country church bedecked in holiday style, will begin at 3:30 p.m. This afternoon service has been arranged for those who may wish to come out in the daylight hours. It will also give you the chance to see the Christmas lights and effects, following the service. The second service will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Seating tickets (free) have been prepared for both services, so that disruptions will not occur with an overflow crowd. You may reserve your ticket(s) by calling Jim Brownell at 534-2423 or pick up at the "Crafter'z Market", (one kilometre east of Woodland Villa, Long Sault, on County Road #36). Please specify the time of service when picking up ticket(s). A freewill collection will be taken during the services.

Call early to avoid disappointment. Many will remember the festivities of December, 2000, and we hope to continue a "tradition" at the Lost Villages Museum. Mark your calendar, and reserve your seat today. Perhaps this would be an excellent time to encourage a family member or friend to join you at the Lost

Villages Museum.

Once again, we thank Bill, Rosemary, Felicity and Emily Brown for their support of the Lost Villages. Your enthusiasm and "spirit of giving" is appreciated.

A "CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARD" FOR THE LOST VILLAGES

On Saturday, October 27, 2001, the Lost Villages Historical Society was awarded the 2001 "Non-Profit Organization of the Year" Award at the second annual South Stormont Chamber of Commerce banquet, held at Quinn's Inn, St. Andrew's West.

Jim and Paulette Brownell attended the banquet, and George Hickey, honorary member of the Chamber of Commerce, made the presentation on behalf of the organization. This was truly an honour, to have a charter member of our society making the presentation to the president. Jim accepted the plaque, on behalf of all the volunteers of the Lost Villages Historical Society. In his thank you remarks, he eluded to the fact that the accomplishments of the society, with the museum at Ault Park, could not have come about without the help and support of many people, -members, "friends", councils for the township, and family. The museum is on the map because of ALL these people!

Besides the honour given to the Lost Villages Historical Society, two other awards were presented. Martin and Pat Timmers, from Foodland Store in Ingleside, were presented with the "Retail Business of the Year" Award. Stuart and Leslie O'Gorman, proprietors of Nightingale House Bed and Breakfast in Ingleside, were presented with the "Entrepreneur of the Year" Award. They operate their Bed and Breakfast in the former Rice home, once located in the "Lost Village" of Wales. It has been lovingly restored on Maxwell Street in Ingleside.

The Lost Villages Historical Society congratulates the Timmers and O'Gorman families. As well, you have put South Stormont on the map. We thank the South Stormont Chamber of Commerce for this recognition.

UPPER CANADA VILLAGE "ALIGHT AT NIGHT"

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the first ever "Alight at Night" at Upper Canada Village. The St. Lawrence Parks Commission will install over 75,000 lights, to light up Upper Canada Village. They will offer a program which is spectacular, impressive, and a must-see event, by decorating Upper Canada Village with lights on a grade scale. The event will take place for eight weekends,

beginning on Thursday, November 22, 2001, and ending on Sunday, January 6, 2002. The program will run Thursday through Sunday evenings each week, until Christmas Eve. They will continue on evenings between December 26 through January 6, 2002. The Village will be open from 5:00 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, and from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday and Sunday nights. The Village store will be open, and there will be limited food services in the cafe, adjacent to the store.

Visitors will have the opportunity to view this unique display of lights via horse-drawn sleigh or hay rides, or they may explore the site on foot. The management, staff and Commissioners with the St. Lawrence Parks Commission extends a cordial invitation to you to attend the first ever "Alight at Night". Make it a family outing, and don't forget your camera.

BUS TOURS 2001

Our summer bus tours have ended, and the Lost Villages Historical Society had the most successful summer yet. We were delighted to be able to put up the SOLD OUT sign on the display board, along County Road 2. Time must be taken to extend our thanks and appreciation to those who made the tours so successful.

Firstly, we thank Mary Lynn (Johnston) Alguire for her excellence in hosting the biweekly bus tours during the summer. Upon returning to the park for the barbecue, many patrons commented about the interesting stories and history imparted by Mary Lynn. We thank Mary Lynn for returning for another summer of bus tours, and we look forward to her return in the summer of 2002. As well, we thank Blyth Watson, of Waldroff Bus Lines, for his care and consideration to those who boarded the buses. He was prompt for the departure and return times, and Mary Lynn found him to be most accommodating with regards to her tour schedule.

Appreciation is extended to Linda Halliday, Ontario Power Generation, Robert Saunders site, and a member of the Lost Villages Historical Society, for her help in having the gates to the power plant site open for the tour. Patron enjoyed getting up close to this structure, and many felt that it provided a fine introduction to Mary Lynn's tour. As well, we thank Barry Hughes and the St. Lawrence Parks Commission, for the passes to enter the Long Sault Parkway. Many of the stories from the Hydro and Seaway projects are centred on the islands of the Long Sault Parkway, and this assistance helped to provide a complete story to our patrons. A

number of patrons commented about the beauty of the Long Sault Parkway, some never having been there before. They did promise to return!

A "Thank You" is extended to those who assisted with the barbecues. Many felt that this was a wonderful touch to the tour, and all patrons left quite satisfied. We are indebted to Tim Gault, a new society member, for his attendance at all the summer barbecues. His help was invaluable.

The bus tours for the summer of 2002 are as follows: June 14 and 28; July 11 and 25; and September 8 and 22. An autumn tour will be held on October 6, 2002

"THANK YOU" TO LONGUE SAULT PUBLIC SCHOOL

The sixth annual Bike-a-thon from Longue Sault Public School was held on Thursday, October 18, 2001. As in the past, the Lost Villages Historical Society received half the funds collected in this bike-a-thon. We were the recipient of \$2,767.95. From this, our society sponsored a barbecue for the staff and students (\$266.71), at the museum site, and we provided \$200.00 towards the cost of a bicycle for a lucky student.

The winner of the bicycle was Leanne Derix, a Senior Kindergarten student at the school. As well, the seven top collectors were treated to a lunch, courtesy of Eastside Mario's Restaurant, Cornwall. They rode to Cornwall by limousine. The top collectors were: Shauna Lapensee, Grade 4, \$100.00; Cameron Kennedy, Grade 3, \$100.00; Tyler Wales, Grade 7, \$133.00; Trevor Dakin, Grade 8, \$145.25; Mindy Derouchie, Grade 7, \$175.00; Hilary McQuaid, Grade 5, \$201.00; and Corey Hamilton, Grade 7, \$205.00. Mrs. Brenda Saltink's grade three class collected a whopping \$838.00, followed by Ms. Margaret Lough's grade five class at \$835.25.

Besides the outstanding donation to our society, the students from the school also assisted with preparing our store for winter. Arriving at the museum site with money to spend, they cleaned the store out of candy, chips, and drinks. With the day being the coldest one of the fall season, they were even asking for ice-cream!

Thank you to the following volunteers who assisted at the bike-a-thon: Sally Murdock; Tim Gault; Jane Craig; Bryan McEwan; Joan McEwan; Lenora Salmon; Isabel Hunter; Frances Bedingfield; Alan Rafuse; and David Hill;

To the staff and students at Longue Sault Public School, a big "Thank You" for a job "WELL DONE"!

Since the first "Bike-a-thon" in 1996, the Lost Villages Historical Society has received \$11,762.73, thanks to the Longue Sault Public School community.

P.S. A "Thank You" letter will be sent to the school for their generosity. Should any members of our historical society wish to pen a note of thanks to the staff and students, this would be appreciated. Mrs. Sue Page is the principal and the school's address is: Longue Sault Public School, Box 460, Long Sault, Ontario. K0C 1P0

BITS AND PIECES

It was so rewarding to see the large number of members and guests who attended the October meeting of the Lost Villages Historical Society. Thank you to Jane Craig, vice-president, for chairing the meeting, in the absence of Jim Brownell, president. Jim so wanted to hear Chris Emard's presentation, and reports indicate that it was most enjoyable and entertaining.

It was great to see that members of the Lost Villages Historical Society attended the monthly meeting of the Cornwall Township Historical Society on Tuesday, October 23, 2001. Lenora Salmon, Rita Canough, Beulah Baker, Isabel Hunter, Catherine Brownell, Dale Duncan and Jim Brownell attended. "A Walk in the Woods" was the topic of Tom Todd's slide presentation, -a glimpse of nature in the four seasons. Tom is a resident of Wales Village, South Stormont. Perhaps we may be able to have Tom as a guest at a future meeting.

With this newsletter is an insert announcing the Historic "Festival of Lights" Bus Tour to Kingston, Gananoque, Brockville and Upper Canada Village, December 8-9, 2001. We would very much like to have you attend, and we encourage you to promote this event to family, friends and neighbours. Please find a convenient spot to post this poster.

Our society received the following message of thanks from Matthew Cloutier, recipient of the Lost Villages Historical Society Award at the Rothwell-Osnabruck Graduation Ceremony: "I was the recipient of the Lost Villages Historical Society Award given by your association at the Rothwell-Osnabruck Graduation Ceremony. I would like to take this opportunity to express by sincere thanks for your financial support. I am presently studying Engineering at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, and this money will help defray the cost of my tuition and books."

A sincere thank you to those who have contributed to the "Ruth Fowler" Aultsville

Display Cabinet Project. This project was announced in last month's newsletter, and, to date, we have collected \$235.00 for the construction of this cabinet. Thank you to George Hickey for his efforts in having this project come to fruition. He has had preliminary discussions with a cabinetmaker, concerning this project, and our society hopes that enough money will be collected in Miss Fowler's memory, in order to build this cabinet for the schoolhouse at the museum site. Donations to this fund are gratefully accepted, and tax receipts are issued for donations. Miss Fowler was a well-known personality, with a long career in education at Aultsville.

A reminder to those who think our "Lost Villages" products are off the market during the winter season. This is not the case. We do have a booth at the "Crafter'z Market", operated by Gerry Zeran. This is about one kilometre east of Woodland Villa, on County Road # 36. We stock most of the items which are at our museum store during the summer months. With Christmas approaching, it would be a good time to check over our products. Plan to give a "heritage" gift. While at the "Crafter'z Market", you may wish to pop in to "A Touch of Heaven Cafe" for a bowl of soup, sandwich, dessert and beverage. Lisa Prieur has a delightful little cafe, stocked with gift ideas, too!

We thank Peter Ross Auction Service for his kind donation of two sets of cheerleader ribbons from Aultsville High School. These ribbons were in an auction on Saturday, November 3, 2001, at Osnabruck Centre Township Hall. Although Jim Brownell bid on the ribbons at the sale, the costs were borne by Peter Ross Auction Service. We thank him for this generous donation, and these will be included in the Aultsville High School display in the summer of 2002. At the same auction, Jim Brownell purchased a "Certificate of Membership" to the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada, dated October 21, 1949. The certificate states: "This is to Certify that O.S. Beckstead of Aultsville, Ontario, has been admitted to Membership in the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada".

Our "Thank You" to Mr. Wilfred Amell, Highway #138, for his kind donation of "Lost Villages" artifacts to the Lost Villages Museum. From him, we received the stained-glass windows from Mille Roches United Church, as well as two chandeliers from the church. He also donated some artifacts from the Provincial Paper Mill, Mille Roches. The stained-glass windows will be incorporated into the interior of the Forbes Memorial Reading Room, and the paper mill artifacts will be added to our display in the McLeod Log House. Mr. Amell was the first president of the Cornwall Township Historical Society.

The Sandtown Advent Christian Church at the Lost Villages Museum continues to draw attention from citizens in the community. On Saturday, October 20 and Saturday, November 3, 2001, weddings were held in the church. Pastor Bob Burgess officiated at these weddings, and our society was the recipient of generous donations from both wedding parties.

Joyce Flanigan, formerly of Long Sault, donated an oil painting to the Lost Villages Historical Society, which she commissioned the late John Brownell to complete in 1986. The painting is of an old sawmill, painted on a 29" circular saw blade. This painting will be featured at a "memorial" art show of the late John Brownell, to be part of our society's contribution to the 2002 "Apples and Art Studio and Heritage Tour".

A "SPECIAL" CHRISTMAS PROJECT, -OR A RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS!!

Many individuals have been so kind to the Lost Villages Historical Society during the past year(s). Member, too, have rolled up their sleeves and provided in-kind and financial support to the historical society. With Christmas just around the corner, an appeal goes out to the members of the Lost Villages Historical Society for help with a "special" project at the Janet Macdonell Pavilion, Hotel Dieu Hospital, Cornwall. The second floor of this pavilion is without a microwave, and the nursing staff would so like to have one. Quite often, they do not have the time to go to the cafeteria for a hot lunch or supper, and a microwave oven would assist them in this regard. Do you have any Canadian Tire money floating around at your house, just waiting to be redeemed, or would you have a "toonie" to throw into the pot for the purchase of a microwave for the staff on second floor JMP? If you would like to assist with this project, see Jim Brownell at the November meeting, or contact him at 534-2423. Jim Brownell has started this project off, with \$20.00 in Canadian Tire money. Any help you may be able to give would be appreciated. This would make a wonderful Christmas gift from the members of the Lost Villages Historical Society, and a pleasant surprise, too.

FALL FESTIVAL 2001

The Lost Villages Historical Society will have a booth at the Second Annual "Fall Festival" sponsored by the Stormont Community Foundation. This event will be

held at the Lancer Community Centre in Ingleside, November 9-11, 2001. We thank all those who have agreed to care for the booth during this three-day event. Admission is \$1.00/person, or one non-perishable food item per person. This food will be donated to the Osnabruck Christmas Help Foundation.

Please see full schedule of events at the end of this newsletter.

FORBES LIBRARY NOW AT THE LOST VILLAGES MUSEUM

On Thursday, October 11, 2001, the Forbes Memorial Reading Room 1901, the Newington Library, was relocated to the Lost Villages Museum by CDS Building Movers, Stittsville, Ontario. As this newsletter is being prepared, the building continues to sit on the flat-bed truck, awaiting the foundation for under it. This work is expected to be completed shortly. Some interior work is being done, thanks largely to the efforts of Alan Rafuse.

On moving day, one of the most enthusiastic onlookers was Allan Forbes, the grandson of the building's founder, George Edward Forbes. He had the building constructed in 1901 as a library, honouring his mother, Isabella Forbes. Allan Forbes has been most enthusiastic about this project, and he has raised over \$5,000.00 from his family members. Recently, a cheque in the amount of \$1,000.00 was received from the Cornwall Township Community Fundraising Association, for the library relocation project. Updates on the relocation and restoration will be given in subsequent newsletters. It is hoped that the Fran Laflamme Memorial Resource Centre in the Forbes Memorial Reading Room will be open for the 2002 tourist season. The official opening will take place on Canada Day 2002! Watch for this celebration!

DONALD STUART REMEMBER S.S. #5, -WALES CONTINUATION SCHOOL

This is the first in a series of articles submitted by Donald Stuart. We thank him for his contributions to our newsletters, and to his other literary works which we proudly stock at our sales counter. Due to space limitations, the second part of this story will appear in next month's newsletter.

S.S.# 5 - Wales Continuation School

In June of 1931, I had my sixth birthday and so, in September, like it or not, I started to school at School Section Number Five in the Township of Osnabruck.

The school was located on the second concession road about half a mile north of the village of Wales. This school drew children from the village and from along the concession road to the boundary with Cornwall Township which was about a mile and a half east, and west to Hoople's Creek which was about three quarters of a mile away.

It was a two-room school; the second room was for the first two grades of High School. In this same year a third room was added and then it was possible to graduate from Grade Twelve. The senior rooms were called Wales Continuation School.

I have no distinct memory of day one. I only know that four of us started that day: RoseMarie Laflamme, Jean Hill, Hugh Adams, and myself. I know we weren't strangers and had some sort of "kid affiliation" going back before school. We spent our public school years as a class and all moved into the Continuation School together.

Our teacher was Mrs. Mary E. Snyder, a veteran in 1931 as she had also a hand in teaching my father. Dad was born in 1895 and supposing that Mrs. Snyder taught him at age eleven ... that meant 1906, which would give her twenty-five years experience before I started. She was the only public school teacher the four of us ever had and in later years we all considered ourselves lucky to have had her.

I can remember some things about the first years - especially that some of the older students looked like adults to us. By law you had to stay in school until you were sixteen, and because of the stiff entrance exams before high school, some just never graduated from public school at all. It is fun to look at old photographs of the entire group of your classmates and almost inevitably there will be one or two that you cannot name or recognize.

Mrs. Snyder ran the school. Her rules were the rules and at times she was a real disciplinarian. There was a strap in a drawer of her desk and we all knew very quickly that she would use it. Sometimes it was just brought down on the desk with a bang and all foolishness stopped for a while.

In the early thirties there was a school fair. It was held in Osnabruck Centre and the township hall was filled with fruits, vegetables and exhibits of wood collections in competition with all the other children in the township. I remember winning first prize for a bunch of carrots. These were the best five, out of two rows thirty feet long, which were dug up the day before the fair, washed and sorted and resorted until one had the five best-shaped and closest-as-to-size as one could

pick - a beauty contest for carrots. We were given the vegetable and flower seeds by the school in the spring and were encouraged to look after them ourselves.

NOVEMBER MEETING (to be continued...)

MCINTOSH INN, MORRISBURG, NOVEMBER 19, 2001

DINNER: 6:30 P.M.; MEETING: 7:30 P.M.; GUEST SPEAKER: 8:00 P.M.