



September 2003 Newsletter

1. SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting of the Lost Villages Historical Society will be held on Monday, September 15, 2003, beginning at 7:30 p.m., in the Forbes Memorial Reading Room, Lost Villages Museum. Please circle this date on your calendar and plan to attend. We have had a very busy summer at the Lost Villages Museum, and there is much to plan for the autumn and winter season. As in the past, this meeting will give us the chance to reflect on the accomplishments since our annual meeting in May, and it will give us the chance to look ahead to the future.

The Lost Villages Historical Society, envisioned in 1977 around the country kitchen table of Donald and Wilda Stuart, continues to preserve and profile the rich history and heritage of the Lost Villages. Its members have always taken a keen interest in the affairs of the society, particularly since the establishment of our museum at Ault Park, and we continue to encourage and support those who give, in any way, to the success of the society and museum. As in the past, this is the success which we will reflect upon, at the September meeting. The executive encourages one and all to attend, and share with us the future of the society. Your participation is appreciated.

PROGRAM: Lost Villages Historical Society member Anne-Marie L. Shields will be in attendance to speak to members about the progress of her book. As reported previously, Anne-Marie hopes to produce a book in 2004, coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the start of the Hydro and Seaway projects. Her book will showcase her artistic skills, with sketches, watercolours and stories of the people who were affected by the projects of the 1950s. Some members of the society have seen Anne-Marie's artistic creations, and they are excellent. At our museum's store, we now sell postcards, created by Anne-Marie.

DONALD "DONNIE" ALGUIRE PASSES

It is with sadness that we report the passing of a valued and active member of the Lost Villages Historical Society, Donald Alguire. "Donnie", to many of us, passed away at the Winchester and District Memorial Hospital on Monday, August 4, 2003, at the age of 66 years. Besides his active association with the Lost Villages Historical Society, Donnie served as a Correctional Officer at the County Jail in Cornwall for 30 years. Many will remember that Donnie received the Ontario Heritage Foundation's "Heritage Community Recognition Award" in 2000, along with the late Winnie Murdock and Tim Gault.

Donnie joined the Lost Villages Historical Society in the mid-1990s, and provided countless hours of his work and time with the restoration of the Moulinette Grand Trunk/Canadian National Railway Station, at the museum site. With his deep interest in trains and antique vehicles, Donnie contributed so much to the restoration of our second museum building at Ault Park. As a matter of fact, Donnie had once owned the Moulinette Station. He had purchased it from Elgin Alguire, the gentleman who was responsible for its purchase from Hydro in the mid-1950s, and its subsequent move to Avonmore.

Following the restoration of the Moulinette Station, Donnie was involved in all other restoration projects at the museum, -the barbershop, store, blacksmith shop, school, church, driveshed, and Forbes Memorial Reading Room. Donnie was a "dreamer", and he envisioned our "Lost Villages Community" within the larger community of South Stormont. He spent countless hours of his time at the museum site, and many would find him there, -morning, noon and night. Our village was his village, and he was always so proud to profile it to visitors to the museum site. Not one to jump into a bus tour crowd, Donnie was more eager to tell the "Lost Villages" story to those who arrived at the museum site after closing time, or after the summer season was over.

Donnie contributed so much to our historical society, and his help and presence at the Lost Villages Museum will be missed. Alan Rafuse, Alex McGillivray and Jim Brownell worked closely with Donnie on all the restoration projects, and they know that life will not be the same around Ault Park and the Lost Villages Museum, without Donnie Alguire.

To his brother, Ross Alguire of Ottawa, we offer our sincere sympathy. Your brother was a most active and valued member. A Committal service will be held at a later date at Paul's Hill Cemetery, Avonmore. The family expressed appreciation for the memorial donations to the Lost Villages Historical Society. Donnie's

memory will live on by the kind donations received in his name.

LAST CALL FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Thank you to all those who took time to mail in renewals, or who stopped in at the Lost Villages Museum. Your membership and support is valuable to the Lost Villages Historical Society, and we appreciate your interest. You may recall receiving a "Happy Face" on your August newsletter. The "Happy Face" indicated that it was time to renew. With this newsletter, please look at the address label on the envelope. If you notice the number "2" or the code "F02" under the postal code, then it is time to renew. One member of the historical society will find a "?" under the postal code. We could not confirm your membership status, so please advise.

Those who are Sustaining Members will notice an "S" on your label, and this means that you are a paid-up member for life, with no dues required. A "D" denotes that your business has made a substantial contribution to the society, and you are a business member. Support in the future is appreciated. If your label has nothing indicated under the postal code, then your organization is a reciprocal member, having exchanged a membership with the Lost Villages Historical Society.

As said, your membership means a great deal to the Lost Villages Historical Society, and we encourage you to renew. If we do not receive your renewal by next month, this will be your last newsletter. We do not wish this to happen.

Membership rates are as follows: Individual- \$10.00; Family- \$15.00; Sustaining (Life)- \$50.00

CONTACTS FOR THE LOST VILLAGES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Recently, a member suggested that we publish the names and phone numbers of the Executive of the Lost Villages Historical Society. A good idea, as the executive has added some new members in 2003.

President, Jane Craig- 534-8831; Past-President, Jim Brownell- 534-2423; Vice-President, David Hill- 932-8621; Recording Secretary, Rosemary Rutley- 537-2023; Corresponding Secretary, Paulette Brownell- 534-2423; Treasurer, Vale Brownell- 537-2531.

We do have a "Charter Member" of the Lost Villages Historical Society on the Executive. Congratulations Vale, and thank you for all your work and support since 1977. "THANK YOU" TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

We are grateful to our volunteers and offer them a hearty "Thank You" for their work in staffing the Lost Villages Museum during the summer months. As reported previously, we are always looking for members to step to the plate and offer assistance at the museum. Visitors to the museum delight in hearing about our historical society and its success, and in hearing about the great Hydro and Seaway projects which created our "Lost Villages". Give Jane Craig a call at 534-8831 if you can spare a couple of hours at the museum. Your help is appreciated.

We thank the following members who assisted at the museum in August: Dale Duncan, Sheila Merpaw, Nancy Rutley, Lenora Salmon, Rita Canough, David Hill, Mavis Nixon, Catherine Brownell, Paulette Brownell, George Hickey, Nancy Hickey, Sally Murdock and Peter Whiteside. Jane Craig, our society's president, has given countless hours of her time at the museum. We thank her very much for her energy, enthusiasm and expertise.

The Lost Villages Museum will stay open until September 30th, on a daily basis, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. In October, it will be open by appointment only. As you see, it is important that we have our members staff it for the month of September. Your help is appreciated.

A number of people have said that they do not know enough about the buildings and collection in order to assist visitors and patrons. A "Self-Guided Tour" booklet has been prepared, and these are available to our guests in the museum's Mason/Lapierre Grocery Store. Following completion of the self-guided tour, visitors are asked to return the booklet to the store. The tour booklet was prepared by Jim Brownell in the summer of 2002, and it outlines the highlights of a visit. Most displays in the buildings are self-explanatory.

"SUMMER DAY CAMP" AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

For those driving by the museum, you may have noticed many children, (twenty-eight in all), around the museum, on Mondays in August. This was the Lost Villages Historical Society's "Summer Day Camp", and, once again, it was an outstanding success. We have heard many fine reports from parents and grandparents concerning the success of the camp, and we thank Kasia Kowalski, a

resident of Long Sault and a student at Cornwall Collegiate and Vocational School, for her outstanding efforts in organizing the day-camp. She organized many fun and thought-provoking activities for the enthusiastic children at the camp, and she was ably assisted by Bobby Archand, Ania Kowalski, Kenny Rand and Brittney Bruining.

Kasia has already indicated some changes and new ideas she would like to have at the day-camp for 2004, and we look forward to her return as volunteer coordinator in 2004. The Lost Villages Historical Society appreciates the help of these young volunteers, and we wish them the best of success in their studies during the 2003-2004 school year.

JESSICA BRUINING LEAVES FOR UNIVERSITY

During the summer of 2003, Jessica Bruining, a graduate of Rothwell-Osnabruck School in Ingleside, capably handled the interpretive duties at the Lost Villages Museum. Jessica was hired through a grant from the federal government, -the "Young Canada Works in Heritage Organizations" program. Jessica was a most ambitious employee, and always worked at her duties with eagerness and enthusiasm. She never hesitated to go the extra mile, and we are grateful for her work during the summer of 2004. Jessica is now off to Trent University in Peterborough, and we wish her the best of success in her studies. All the best, Jessica! APPLES AND ART STUDIO AND HERITAGE TOUR

This year marks the 13th anniversary of the popular "Apples and Art Studio and Heritage Tour" being held on Saturday, September 27th, and Sunday, September 28th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Seven artists will be featured at the Lost Villages Museum, and they welcome members and friends to celebrate art and heritage on the studio tour. Artists include Teen Dancause, Micheline Tanguay, Gilles Givogues, Anne-Marie L. Shields, Joan Bingley McGillis, Pat Campbell, and Joan Julien. Admission is free to all sites.

Begin your tour at the Lost Villages Museum, and pick up your guided tour brochure there. Drop in beforehand, and plan in advance for the two-day tour. We have much to offer in history and heritage in the "Seaway Valley". As well, what better way to celebrate autumn. _____

"DOORS OPEN" IN CORNWALL AND S.D. & G.

For a second year, the Lost Villages Museum will be part of the popular "Doors

Open" Ontario, sponsored by the Ontario Heritage Foundation. Locally, Cornwall and Seaway Valley Tourism is coordinating the event, to be held on Saturday, September 13th, and Sunday, September 14th. Once again, this is a "free" program, and colourful brochures have been produced by Cornwall and Seaway Valley Tourism and may be picked up at their office at Pitt and First Street, Cornwall, or at the Lost Villages Museum. Information may also be obtained by checking out their website: www.cornwalltourism.com.

Most sites will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with some sites remaining open until 5:00 p.m. The Lost Villages Museum will be open until 5:00 p.m. We are delighted to read that the Robert H. Saunders Generating Station, Ontario Power Generation, will be open on Saturday, September 13th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They will be closed on Sunday. Linda Halliday, Public Affairs Officer for O.P.G., and a member of the Lost Villages Historical Society, would be happy to have you visit the generating station.

The Raisin River Heritage Centre in St. Andrews West, the Aultsville Train Station, and the Battle of Crysler's Farm Visitor Centre will be open on Saturday and Sunday, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The volunteers who work so hard at these sites would be happy to see you.

Nineteen sites have joined the "Doors Open" program in 2003, and they include:

-St. Columban's Church, (Cornwall) -Trinity Anglican Church, (Cornwall) - Cornwall Downtown History & Heritage Tour -Le Village History & Heritage Tour -United Counties of S.D. & G. Administration Building, (Cornwall) -Robert H. Saunders Generating Station, Ontario Power Generation, (Cornwall) -Centre d'Histoire et de Genealogie, La Regionale Saint-Laurent, (Cornwall) - Ronathahonni Cultural Centre, (Cornwall Island) -Lost Villages Museum -South Dundas Historical Murals Tour -Morrisburg Walking Tour -Aultsville Train Station, (Crysler Park) -Raisin River Heritage Centre, (St. Andrews West) -St. Raphaels Ruins, (St. Raphaels) -Alexandria Priest Mill & St. Finnan's Cathedral, (Alexandria) -South Lancaster Walking Tour -Lancaster Library, (Lancaster) - Nor'Westers & Loyalist Museum, (Williamstown) -Battle of Crysler's Farm Visitor Centre, (Crysler Park) _____

BITS AND PIECES

-We missed a very important anniversary in our summer newsletter. Lost Villages Historical Society members, Lloyd and Isobel Gallinger celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday, May 22, 2003. We congratulate them on their

"Diamond Anniversary", and wish them good health and happiness in the future.

-We thank Bob and Mary Fyckes for their visit to the Lost Villages Museum on August 7, 2003, and for their help in the correction to the Jim Roys story. You may recall that Alan Rafuse wrote, "There was a fellow who worked on the Guard-Gate, (right next to Jim's house), who took Jim shopping (bartering) once a month, and checked on him almost daily. This fellow's name was Harry Pescod." Bob Fyckes reports that it was not Harry Pescod who assisted Jim Roys, but rather Norman McDonald. As well, we thank Bob and Mary for the photograph for our Veteran's display, -Bob, age 18 years, standing in front of the Wales Post Office in 1940.

-Camilla (Murphy) Frederick, a member of the Lost Villages Historical Society from Ottawa, donated a photograph of Joe Murphy, from Wales. He was with the R.C.A.F. from 1941 to 1945. This photograph will be added to our collection, and displayed in the Sandtown Church.

-Our congratulations to Soni and Earle Sandilands on the occasion of their "Golden Wedding Anniversary". A celebration was held on Sunday, August 17, 2003, at their home on Heron Road, Williamstown. We wish Soni and Earle the very best in good health and happiness in the future. Soni is a member of the Lost Villages Historical Society, and they have enjoyed our summer bus tour in the past. We have a photograph, in our archival collection, of Soni and Earle enjoying the barbecue on a wet Sunday afternoon, in the comforts of our schoolhouse.

-Our thanks to Robert Montroy and Vicky Thompson for their donation of a drill press and dynamite box to the Lost Villages Museum.

-We thank Tim Gault for the donation of a refrigerator to the Lost Villages Museum. This donation was recently moved into the Ontario Hydro/Ontario Power Generation Room at the Forbes Memorial Reading Room. Having this refrigerator will save us many steps as we prepare for our barbecues at the museum site. Thanks, Tim,. for your kindness.

-Alan Rafuse has done a tremendous job with his cataloguing work at in the Forbes Memorial Reading Room. Many patrons have used the resources in the Fran Laflamme Memorial Resource Centre and the Ontario Hydro/Ontario Power Generation Room. Alan was delighted to receive the ten shelving units which were recently purchased and delivered to the site. Knowing how much he needed them, Alan had these units assembled in two days. An outstanding effort, and they greatly assist us in keeping our collection organized. For those who have not been

to the Resource Centre, or who have not been there for some time, we encourage you to drop by. Alan would be happy to show you around.

-We are in need of a vacuum cleaner for use at the museum. You may recall that the Township of South Stormont donated a used vacuum to us in 1998, a vacuum which had been used at the municipal office for the Township of Cornwall. This vacuum was on its last leg for the past year, and it gave up its life recently. We have had to beg and borrow since then, and a vacuum is very much required as we prepare for the weddings in the Sandtown Church. The red carpet runner must be cleaned on a regular basis. If you have, or you know of someone who has a good used vacuum cleaner, (with a beater bar for carpet cleaning), and would like to donate it to the Lost Villages Museum, we would be most grateful for the gift.

ESTATE AUCTION OF THE LATE DONALD AND WILDA STUART

For many years, members of the Lost Villages Historical Society knew that Donald and Wilda Stuart were avid collectors of antiques, -furniture, glass, stoneware, documents, etc. Both had a discriminating eye for the very best antiques, which they discovered at shows, private collections, and auctions.

On Friday, September 12, and Saturday, September 13, 2003, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on each day, the Stuart Collection will be auctioned off. The auction will be held at the Stuart home, across from St. Lawrence Valley Union Cemetery, between Long Sault and Ingleside. Preview will start at 8:00 a.m. on both days.

Tim Potter Auction will be in charge of the sale, and this information was taken directly from their website. "We have been asked by the executrix of the estate of the late Donald Stuart, of Long Sault, Ontario, to dispose of the collection that he and his late wife put together over the past several years. The Stuart's, who originally came from one of the Lost Villages, Wales, Ontario, (now under the St. Lawrence River), collected American and Canadian patterned glass, red ware and stone ware to include a collection of spittoons and a collection of pottery water jugs and batter jugs, cast and wrought iron trivets, cast iron match safes, collectible hardcover books, a small collection of ink wells and writing supplies, milk glass, wooden ware, tole ware, a small stamp collection, over ten Canadian, American and European Post Card albums, a small selection of quality country furnishings to include two figured maple chests of drawers, refinished and painted flat to the walls, an unusual slant top desk on frame, collection of souvenir china, coal oil lamps, etc."

As reported previously, we are indeed grateful for the generosity of the Stuart family in the donations received from the Stuart estate. Just recently, the Lost Villages Historical Society received a hockey jersey from the "Wales" hockey team, worn by Donald's dad, the late Roy Stuart. Thank you Bruce and Cheryl.

UPPER CANADA VILLAGE'S BUS TRIP TO GLENGARRY

A bus trip, through Glengarry County, is being arranged by the staff at Upper Canada Village on Tuesday, October 7, 2003. Judy Neville, an employee at the village and a member of the Lost Villages Historical Society, is coordinating this trip, and she has asked that we promote it through the Lost Villages newsletter. We are happy to do so, and we encourage our members to participate.

The trip will be on an air-conditioned coach, with pick-ups at Upper Canada Village, Ingleside, Long Sault, and Cornwall. The tour is billed as a "...Visual and Culinary Feast in Loyalist South Glengarry and Pioneer North Glengarry, with Dinner at Quinn's Inn, St. Andrews West. Sit back and relax, as you travel through Glengarry, with tour guides on board the coach to point out several of the many points of interest along the St. Lawrence River and north to the King's Highway. You will stop and stretch your legs at the Sir John Johnson Manor House in Williamstown, where you can enjoy the bag lunch which you brought with you. You will stop for a cursory tour at the Nor'Wester & Loyalist Museum at Williamstown, and then again later at the Pioneer and Loyalist Museum at Dunvegan. You will complete your day enjoying a full buffet at Quinn's Inn, (built in 1865 by John Sandfield Macdonald)."

The coach will leave Upper Canada Village at 8:30 a.m., and seating will be on a first come, first serve basis. Tickets are \$50.00 per person, (includes bus tour, museum visits, and dinner at Quinn's Inn), may be obtained by calling Judy Neville at (613) 984-2427. If no answer, please leave a message.

CHRIST CHURCH ARTIFACTS DONATED TO THE LOST VILLAGES MUSEUM

We are grateful for the generosity and kindness of Mr. Bob MacGregor, of Ottawa, Ontario, for his kind donation to the Lost Villages Museum. About one month ago, Bob stopped at the Forbes Memorial Reading Room and reported that he had seen artifacts from Christ Anglican Church in an antique shop, in the Brockville area.

He stopped by to see if we would be interested in such artifacts, if he purchased and donated them to the museum. As always, Jane Craig and Jim Brownell indicated to him that we would be most appreciative of his generosity.

On Monday, September 1, 2003, Labour Day, Bob MacGregor made an appointment to meet Jim and Jane at the Forbes Library, and he arrived there with his uncle and aunt, Neil and Iva Bush. We were surprised by what he presented to the historical society.

One lot consisted of three tiny pink socks, neatly stitched and with a drawstring thread around the top of each. As well, a paper template of the sock was provided, showing many pin holes, -a template which was used to draw out the sock pattern. Written on the template were the words, "Sock Sociable, Christ Church, Moulinette, Ontario, December 7, 1905". Tucked inside one sock was an invitation to the "Sock Sociable". The invitation read as follows: A SOCK SOCIABLE

"This little sock we give to you, is not for you to wear. Please multiply your size by two, and place therein with care. In pennies or in cents, just twice the number that you wear. We hope it is immense. So if you wear a No. 10, you owe us twenty, see? Which dropped within our little sock, will fill our hearts with glee. 'Tis all we ask, it isn't much, and hardly any trouble; But if you only have one foot, we'll surely charge you double; Now, if you have a friend quite dear, you'd like to bring with you, Or if you know of some one who'd come, we'll gladly give you two. So don't forget the date and place; we'll answer when you knock, And welcome you with open arms, BUT DON'T FORGET YOUR SOCK

CHRIST CHURCH HALL MOULINETTE THURSDAY EVENING,
DECEMBER 7, 1905

The second lot consisted of a tiny brown sack, with a yellow drawstring thread around the top. Tucked inside the sack was an invitation to a "Birthday Party", printed by Freeholder Press. The information on this invitation states:

BIRTHDAY PARTY Given by The Church Women's Guild in Christ Church Hall,
Moulinette on Wednesday Evening, April 28, 1909

Miss A. Dixon, Treasurer. Moulinette. Ont.

A poem, tucked inside the sack, reads as follows:

This Birthday party is given to you, 'Tis Something novel, 'tis something new; We send to you this little sack, Please either send or bring it back, With as many cents

as you are years old, We promise the number will never be told. Kind friends will give you something to eat, And also will furnish a musical treat. The Anglican ladies, with greetings most hearty, Feel sure you'll come to your own birthday party.

As we do today, it seems that the Women's Guild of Christ Anglican Church, Moulinette, sought ways to financially support the work of the church. Times have not changed, and we continue to rely on fundraising activities to support our charitable work.

MILLIE (HILLIER) MORRISON REMEMBERS THE LOST VILLAGES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In late July, 2003, Millie Morrison, a former resident of Mille Roches, donated some artifacts to the Lost Villages Museum, -an original Millie Morrison oil painting, a church plate from Christ Anglican Church, Moulinette, and some scrapbooks and historical papers. We were most grateful for this kind donation, however we were saddened to learn of her sudden death, on Friday, August 29, 2003. Millie was an active nonagenarian, moving from her house on Mille Roches Road, Long Sault, at the time of the donation. To Millie's family, our sympathy.

HELP NEEDED TO ACQUIRE ARTIFACT

Tim Julien, proprietor of Wanderlust Books, Pitt Street, Cornwall, (formerly Kyte's and The Sanctuary), has a set of books in his possession which would be valuable to our collection. They are very early plans for the Long Sault Control Dam, in mint condition. Tim is offering them to the Lost Villages Historical Society for \$150.00, however we must raise some funds to acquire them. Your financial help to acquire them would be followed with an income tax receipt, and the thanks of the Lost Villages Historical Society. They belong in the Forbes Library , for sure!