



July 2002 Newsletter

SUMMER AT THE LOST VILLAGES, A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer is finally here, and times are very, very busy at the Lost Villages Museum. With this year being the museum's 10th anniversary, and this year also being the 25th anniversary of the Lost Villages Historical Society, the summer of 2002 will certainly go down in record as being the busiest one yet for the Lost Villages Museum. We have had countless numbers of activities to date, and more are planned for the summer and autumn. At this point, I wish to thank all those who have given to the Lost Villages Museum and historical society, in any way. Many, many members have volunteered their time to make sure our society and museum are positively profiled in the community. We have established a very strong profile in the community, both for local residents and out-of-town visitors and tourists, and I thank you for your commitment to the society. We have come a long way during the past twenty-five years, and during the past ten years we have witnessed steady growth at our museum site. Unfortunately, with the busy times we have experienced during the past two months, at the museum site, reports through the newsletter have been scarce. Hopefully, this newsletter will bring all members up-to-date on the events and plans for the future. Please don't hesitate to call the museum, or Jim Brownell, if you have some time to offer to any of our events. Your help is certainly appreciated. In the summer of 2002, we welcome two new summer students to the Lost Villages Museum. To date, they have done an excellent job at keeping the building in tip-top shape, and they have met many patron to the museum site. Their work at the museum is a great learning experience for them, and we invite members of the Lost Villages Historical Society to stop by and make them welcome. They are always interested in the stories which make our history exciting, so don't hesitate to tell the 'tales of the Lost Villages". Michael Watson began working on Monday, June 10, 2002, although he had spent some volunteer time, preparing for opening day. As well, Michael assisted, on a volunteer basis, with the installation of the asphalt roof on

the Forbes building. Michael has been hired through a "Summer Career Placement" program, sponsored by Human Resources Development Canada, a grant of \$2,292.00. In late summer, Michael will begin his second year at Algonquin College, Ottawa. Erin Emmell, a recent graduate of St. Joseph's Catholic High School, Cornwall, commenced her work at the Lost Villages Museum in late June. A most ambitious young lady, Erin has put the polish to many of our displays and buildings. Erin has been hired through the "Young Canada Works in Heritage Institutions" program, sponsored by the Canadian Museums Association, a grant of \$2,425.00. With excellent grades at St. Joe's, Erin has been accepted into the Criminology program at Carleton University.

The Lost Villages Historical Society members wish Erin and Michael well during the summer of 2002. _____

WINE AND CHEESE CELEBRATION, OUR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mark your calendar for Friday, August 9, 2002, when the Lost Villages Historical Society will host a "Wine and Cheese Party" to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the society, and the 10th anniversary of the Lost Villages Museum. This event will be held in the Forbes Memorial Reading Room 1901, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Jane Craig, Vice-president of the Lost Villages Historical Society, has agreed to chair the committee for this celebration. We look forward to a large number of historical society members and friends attending this event. During this celebration, our society will unveil the plaques in the Reading Room, dedicating the two floors. The main floor will become the "Fran Laflamme Memorial Resource Centre", and the basement room will become the "Ontario Hydro-Ontario Power Generation Room". Fran had always envisioned "A Home" for the Lost Villages Historical Society, and the Forbes building is now our "home". As well, the Laflamme estate and memorial donations contributed greatly to restoration of the Forbes building.

As for the "Ontario Hydro-Ontario Power Generation Room", we wish to recognize the contributions received from Ontario Power Generation, and show our appreciation for their continued interest in our museum site. Mark your calendar for Friday, August 9, 2002, and bring along a family member or friend. Please reply to Jane Craig by Monday, August 5, 2002, at 534-8831. There is no charge for this event, however donations to defray the cost of the wine and cheese will be gratefully accepted. Help us celebrate our success.

FLEA MARKET/BOOK SALE/BAKE SALE

The first of our summer "Flea Markets/Book Sale/Bake Sale" will be held on

Saturday, July 27, 2002, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.. Mark this date on your calendar, and plan to support this important fund- aiser for our historical society. Members and friends are invited to set up a booth at the museum site, and cost is \$10.00/participant. As well, we are in need of used book, especially children's books. We have had wonderful support in the past, and your old books would be appreciated. As well, we need baked goods for the bake sale. This is always a "sold out" activity, and we encourage all members to provide for this activity. You may drop off your baked goods on the morning of the sale, or call Vale Brownell at 537-2531 or Jim Brownell at 534-2423 for pick-up. Your contributions are appreciated, and the event, itself, profiles the museum site in a positive manner in the community. Won't you help?

From 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., a barbecue will be held at the museum. Hamburgers and hot-dogs will be on the menu, and cold drinks may be purchased. Proceeds from the barbecue will support the work of the historical society. Plan to have your lunch at the museum on Saturday, July 27th. A second "Flea Market/Book Sale/Bake Sale" will be held on Saturday, September 7, 2002. The information for this event is identical to that which has just been reported. Plan to help out at our September fund- aiser. _____

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

If you find a "Happy Face" sticker beside this newsletter entry, then it is time to renew your membership. We value your membership, and we encourage you to renew it now. Membership fees may be mailed to the address shown on this newsletter, or you may drop it off at the Lost Villages Museum, -open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. We anticipate an increase in membership fees in the near future, as they have not kept pace with the increased costs of preparing and mailing newsletters. The fees are: Individual-\$5.00; Family-\$8.00; and Sustaining (Life)-\$35.00. Your renewal is important to us. A "Happy Face" shows that we are happy to have you renew!

CANADA DAY SUCCESS!!

Canada Day 2002 at the Lost Villages Museum was an outstanding success, with many, many patrons visiting Ault Park and the Lost Villages Museum. Carson Elliott, a member of the Lost Villages Historical Society, coordinated the events for the day, and we thank him for his enthusiasm and hard work. As well, we appreciate the financial contributions received from the federal government's "Canada Day Funding Program", and the contribution from the Township of South Stormont. This financial assistance certainly added to the success of the day, and

we thank members and friends for their interest and enthusiasm with Canada Day in South Stormont. Thanks, too, to the St. Lawrence Parks Commission for the loan of the stage for this event. This help was appreciated.

On Canada Day, our society officially opened the Forbes Memorial Reading Room 1901. A large gathering of Forbes descendants gathered at the museum site, and we are most appreciative of their interest and financial contributions to the restoration project. We were delighted to have Alan Forbes, grandson of George Forbes, whose initiative established the Reading Room in Newington, Ontario, in 1901, cut the ribbon to mark its opening. Many guests marveled at the beauty of the building and the work involved in its restoration. In his opening remarks, Jim Brownell lauded the efforts of Alex McGillivray, Alan Rafuse, and Donnie Alguire. Since January 8, 2002, these gentlemen work diligently, along with the president, to have this building completely restored for the July 1st opening. They were most successful! Jim also saluted the administration and Council for the Township of South Stormont, for bringing this project to a successful conclusion. All facets of township government worked with the historical society, and this achievement was profiled on Canada Day. Thank you Township of South Stormont!

Three other events rounded out the society's Canada Day festivities at the museum site. We were happy to have Howard Beaudette, donor of the building, cut the ribbon to officially open the St. David's Anglican Church Driveshed, from Wales, Ontario. He was assisted by Mayor Jim Bancroft; Deputy-Mayor Heine Bruining; Councillor Barry Brownlee; and Councillor Ray Fenton. Their presence was greatly appreciated. Although only 1/3 the length of the original structure, the building stands a memorial to the worshippers at St. David's. The building houses an old potato picker, donated by the Beaudette's, and the 1924 Star Hearse, donated by Barry Brownlee. Barry Brownlee, in a short presentation on Canada Day, presented his grandfather's hearse to the Lost Villages Historical Society. A room has been built in the west end of the driveshed, and many visitors have set eyes on this unique vehicle.

Also, on Canada Day, the "Ruth Fowler Memorial Display Case" was dedicated in the museum's schoolhouse. This was a project, initiated by Miss Fowler's former students, following her death in 2001. They wished to honour the last principal of Aultsville Continuation/High School, and they also wished to recognize a valued member of the Lost Villages Historical Society. George Hickey chaired the project, and he, along with Peggy Barkley and Mavis Nixon, unveiled the showcase on Canada Day. Excellent displays were mounted in the showcase, and

we thank George and Nancy Hickey for their contribution of time and talent to this activity. The showcase was constructed by Harvey Armstrong, and a suitable plaque to Ruth Fowler was affixed to the front of it. The showcase is a masterpiece! We thank all those who contributed to the success of the "Strawberry Social" and the barbecue, on Canada Day. Both activities were financially successful for the society, and many patrons to the park enjoyed the tasty treats provided. Thank you, one and all, for an outstanding Canada Day 2002.

SUMMER DAY CAMP AT THE LOST VILLAGES

The fourth "Summer Day Camp" will be held at the Lost Villages Museum, on Monday, August 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2002. Alison Brownell, a third year student at the University of Ottawa, has developed a most interesting "day camp" for children, ages 5 to 8 years. This program has become very popular, and the twenty-two spaces in the camp were quickly filled. Besides learning about the history of the Lost Villages, through Jeannine Roy-Poirier's "A Children's Guide to the Lost Villages", the children will participate in Arts and Crafts, and various games of sport. As well, they will have a tour of the museum site, and participate in a scavenger hunt. Twenty-two young people will have the opportunity to experience life at the Lost Villages. Unlike other years, where we had to cancel sessions due to inclement weather, Alison will be able to use the Ontario Hydro-Ontario Power Generation Room in the Forbes Memorial Reading Room. We welcome Alison aboard at the Lost Villages, and we hope that her "day camp" will be a most enjoyable experience.

BITS AND PIECES

On June 2, 2002, Terry and Brenda McConnell, new members with our historical society, donated Terry's father's barber pole to the Lost Villages Museum. Terry and Brenda had attended the "Door Open Ontario" program at the Forbes Memorial Reading Room, and they had transported the Manson McConnell barber pole from Prescott to the Lost Villages Museum. This was a substantial gift to the Lost Villages Museum, and it will join the two other barber poles which are on display in the Zina Hill Barber Shop. We have Zina Hill's barber pole from Moulinette; the Henry Laflamme barber pole from Wales; and now we have the Manson McConnell barber pole from Aultsville. Our thanks to Merle and Shirley Wells for the beautiful painting of "Bergin Lake", painted by the late Dorothy Phelps. The painting is from a site west of Moulinette, looking east towards Mille Roches. A suitable plaque has been affixed to the frame, and it now hangs in the Forbes Memorial Reading Room. We thank Linda Pollock and Mary Lynn

Alguire, of Rothwell-Osnabruck School, for the framed photograph of the "silent" Long Sault Rapids. They rescued this piece of local history, and it now hangs in the Forbes building. We congratulate Mary Lynn on her retirement from Rothwell-Osnabruck School. She has returned for another summer of bus tours with the Lost Villages. She captivates her audience with many fine stories and tales. Keep up the good work Mary Lynn! Our thanks to the eleven young people, from the "World Changers" organization, who arrived at the museum site on Monday, July 17, 2002, and, over two days, painted the church, store and barber shop. These young people were a credit to their families and communities, and they left a wonderful mark in our community. They did an outstanding job, and their enthusiasm and volunteerism were truly appreciated. These young people were from the Southern Baptist faith, and a few hundred of them were in Cornwall and Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, to complete projects for various groups and citizens. Mr. Chuck Charlebois, of Cornwall's Renaissance program, coordinated the groups in our area. On Tuesday, June 18th, our historical society sponsored a barbecue for the volunteers. This program is expected to continue in our area in the summer of 2003. Thank you to Lenora Salmon for the kind donation of patio blocks for the sidewalk at the Forbes building. With a change in her walkways and gardens at her home in Ingleside, Lenora had many patio blocks to part with. We were so pleased to receive them, and they were put to good use in the walkway at the Forbes Memorial Reading Room. We also thank Joshua Eamon and Alison Brownell for the donation of interlocking patio stones for the front step at the Reading Room. Once again, we were at the right place, at the right time. Should you ever be in the same position to part with something which may aid the society at the Lost Villages, don't hesitate to contact Jim Brownell at 534-2423.

We are grateful to Beverly (Smith) MacDonald of Ottawa for her kind donation of various pieces of stationery from the D.H.C. Smith Poultry Farms at Wales and Ingleside. Although we had one or two sheets of some of the items, we were delighted to receive many copies of each. Beverly suggested that we may wish to sell some of the stationery as souvenirs. They were given to use at our discretion. Rather than selling any of these items, they will be used in the D.H.C. Smith display, which is already forming in the Manson/Lapierre store. We have many artifacts from this business, and the stationery will certainly add to the display. Doreen Wert, Morrisburg, Ontario, donated some Wales Continuation School artifacts to the Lost Villages Museum, during her visit to the Forbes Memorial Reading Room on June 2, 2002. Artifacts donated include: the 1946-1947 Year Book for Wales Continuation School; a 1945 Track and Field medal, won by Doreen Wereley in Junior Girls Track at W.C.S; a 1947 2nd- lace medal, won by

Doreen Wereley for Junior Girls Track at W.C.S.; and a 1948 2nd-Place medal, won by Doreen Wereley for Junior Girls Track at W.C.S. These medals will be framed, and will hang in the school at the Lost Villages Museum. We are grateful to Longue Sault Public School, and particularly Principal Sue Page, for the generous donation of old trophies which relate to the former schools and community teams from the Lost Villages. These were moved from Mille Roches Public School at the time of the construction of the new school at Long Sault, and they have been in the school's showcase since that time. Sue Page felt that, because of their historic ties to the "Lost Villages", they should be at the museum.

Among the trophies presented were the Mille Roches Public School Attendance Shield, donated by Imperial Motor Sales, Hillman Dealer, Cornwall; and a hockey trophy, with no names attached to it. Research indicates that it was the "Challenge Cup", given to the champions of the local hockey league. It is suspected that Mille Roches may have won the trophy, shortly before the Hydro and Seaway projects, and that it made its way into the trophy case at Mille Roches Public School, through the efforts of Principal, Floyd Barclay. He moved it to Longue Sault

Public. The trophy is clearly displayed in a 1922 framed photograph of the Aultsville Men's Hockey Team, which was donated to the Lost Villages Historical Society by the late Lawrence and Ruby Morgan. What is it? Peggy Barkley has us stumped! A ribbon, capped with a metal bar and bearing the letters R T of T and a Royal Crown, was donated to the Lost Villages Historical Society. The ribbon indicates South Branch Council No. 67, Grant's Corners. A circle in the centre of the ribbon shows a triangle, with the words HOPE, LOVE and TRUTH clearly displayed. The letters R T of T surround the triangle. A Royal Mace projects through the triangle. If you have any information on this artifact, please call Jim

Brownell at 534-2423. As well, Peggy donated an Ontario crest, suitable for a jacket, bearing the name of the "Lost Village" of Mille Roches. Thank you, Peggy, for your generosity. We thank historical society member George Anderson, for his donation of the French family genealogy. This will make an excellent addition to the genealogies which we plan to have in the Fran Laflamme Memorial Resource Centre. George has indicated that he has boxes of genealogical information to donate to the society. More on this at a later date. As well, George donated a photograph of the Jeremiah French House, Manchester, Vermont. This home displays a typical hipped roof. As we know, the Jeremiah French name is associated with the "lost hamlet" of Maple Grove, and his home was moved to Upper Canada Village, at the time of the Hydro and Seaway projects. Today, because of the 1860's story told at Upper Canada Village, the French name is not associated with the house. For years, however, it was known as the French-Robertson house. Many of us continue to refer to the house by the French-

Robertson name. A framed copy of Jeremiah's Manchester, Vermont, home will be displayed in the Moulinette Station, along with the photograph of the home at Upper Canada Village. Our society also displays two early photos of his "Maple Grove" home. Check them out at the station! We thank the Chesterville Record, and especially Nelson Zandbergen, for the excellent coverage of the Canada Day festivities at the Lost Villages Museum. We thank them for the wonderful editorial presented in the paper, shortly after Canada Day. Certainly some well deserved recognition. This editorial may be found in the July 3, 2002, issue of the Chesterville Record.

Murray and Kaye (Ransom) Smith donated a large charcoal portrait of Kaye's great-grandmother, Mary B. (Johnson) Serviss, to the Lost Villages Museum. Besides the portrait, Kaye also provided the genealogy for the descendants of Christopher Serviss. We thank Kaye and Murray for their generosity. Another piece of Dickinson's Landing history has come home!

HAVE WE BEEN BUSY!!

We thank Rebecca Harding, and her adult students from the T.R. Leger School, for the help in planting the circular flower bed around the memorial stone at the museum. These students made three visits to the museum in May, and they learned many concepts and words in the English language. Most of the students were from Quebec, learning English as a second language. Besides visiting the museum buildings, and planting the garden, the students also worked in the blacksmith shop. A great learning experience! The Probus Club of Cobourg's visit to the museum site, through the "Good Year to Travel" organization, was an outstanding success on May 8, 2002, and a \$100.00 donation was made to the Lost Villages Historical Society. On May 6, 2002, the Sandtown Advent Christian Church was filled to capacity, as pilgrims and local youths carried the World Youth Day Cross along the St. Lawrence Bike Path. The Cross was carried into the church, and Jim Brownell made a presentation to those who assembled. They were most appreciative of the shelter from the rain. The Cornwall and Seaway Valley Tourism "Fam Tour" was an outstanding success on Saturday, June 1, 2002. Many tourist operators from Western Ontario and Northern New York visited the museum site, and they were given a guided tour by Jim Brownell. As well, they visited the Forbes Memorial Reading Room, which was the site of "Doors Open Ontario" program. On Monday, June 3, 2002, Teen Dancause, and her gifted artists from Cornwall and area, visited the museum site and used it for their art theme for the day. The schoolhouse was opened, and they had lunch in this

facility. They were most appreciative of our hospitality, and they look forward to the "Apples and Art Studio and Heritage Tour" in September. They will be using the Forbes Memorial Reading Room for their exhibit. Two local Women's Institute groups visited the museum site in early June. On June 10, 2002, Freda Mellan, of Dundas Tours, escorted a bus from the Matilda Women's Institute. After visiting the museum, they had lunch at the Riverfront Diner, Long Sault. After lunch, Jim Brownell escorted the bus on a "heritage" tour of the area. This group also stopped at the Crafter's Market at Long Sault. Our society received \$85.00 from this tour group. As well, many individual donations were made. They were most impressed.

The next day, Tuesday, June 11, 2002, members of the Picnic Grove Women's Institute car-pooled to the museum site. They were given a guided tour through the various buildings. On Thursday, June 13, 2002, the Lost Villages Museum hosted the summer potluck/picnic of the Glengarry Historical Society. Members from this organization had their potluck in the Forbes building, and Jim Brownell gave them a lecture and tour of the museum site. Many fine comments were heard, and many indicated that they would be taking the summer bus tours. Ten weddings have been held at the Sandtown Advent Christian Church, and ten more have been planned for the summer and fall. We are most grateful of the generosity of those being married, and the financial contributions greatly assist in the work of the Lost Villages Historical Society. On Saturday, June 20, 2002, a local radio personality will be married at the church. Claire Halliday will marry Michael Armstrong at 4:00 p.m. Thank you to all those who contributed to the Queen Elizabeth "Golden Jubilee" display at the St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church Tea on Saturday, June 22, 2002. This event was part of the South Stormont Chamber of Commerce "Summer Solstice Festival". Contributors were named in the last newsletter. This display was moved to the Forbes Memorial Reading Room, and will remain there until our "Wine and Cheese" party. It was unfortunate that we could not get the "Royal Chairs" from Hydro One, Toronto. Things were almost finalized, and Jim Brownell was in Toronto, with plans to pick them up. Insurance issues got in the way. This was unfortunate, however we thank Linda Halliday, from Ontario Power

Generation, and a member of our historical society, for her efforts. Much appreciated Linda! The two Elderhostel Cruises, originating in Warren, Rhode Island, and travelling through the waters of the St. Lawrence on June 16, and 26, 2002, were most exciting and interesting for Jim Brownell. He was invited, for the third year, to be a guest lecturer on the cruise trips from Chrysler Marina to Montreal on June 16th, and return from Montreal to Chrysler on June 26. Jim met 167 American seniors, and they learned of the vast Hydro and Seaway projects of the 1950's, which so altered the waters upon which they cruised. These Elderhostel participants marveled at the beauty of Canada. Jim Brownell felt so proud! On

Tuesday, June 18, 2002, Jim Brownell met with the supervisors from the Ontario Travel Centres in Eastern Ontario, at the Lost Villages Museum. They had come to learn more about the Hydro and Seaway stories, and to learn about our museum site. They were most impressed by what they saw, and they promised to work hard to promote our site to tourists. These were the supervisors from the centres at Cornwall, Bainsville, Hawkesbury, Prescott, and Hill Island in the Thousand Islands. We thank the Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club for the \$50.00 donation made to the society, following their "Field Exercises" on June 22 and 23, 2002.

Once again, the museum's schoolhouse was an ideal site for this activity, and members of this club reached around the world in their contacts. Our museum site was profiled to all contacts. On Sunday, June 7, 2002, a large gathering of members from the St. Lawrence Branch of the United Empire Loyalist Association assembled at the museum site for a summer potluck/picnic. Really, it was a feast! Maggie Wheeler, author of "A Violent End", was the guest speaker. Following the presentation by Maggie, the association held its meeting. The Forbes building was an ideal spot for assembling the potluck dishes, -no flies or other pests! They were most appreciative. Michael Eamer, President of the St. Lawrence Branch, commended our historical society for its work at the museum, and the work with the website. He found the website very useful in preparing for this event by the U.E.L's. The members of the "Friendly Circle" Seniors' Club, Long Sault, enjoyed a delicious summer picnic at the museum site on Tuesday, June 16, 2002. For many, it was the first time to take a guided tour of the site, and they were most impressed with the development of the site during the past ten years. Following their potluck picnic, Jim Brownell guided the seniors on a "walk-about" from 12:45 to 3:00 p.m. We had five new members join the society, following the picnic. Since July 1, 2002, we have had seven new memberships: Nelson Rafuse, Len and Marelle Stimpson, Dorothy Barlow, Jim and Anne Watkins, Betty Thompson, Mary Hanniman, and Dorothy Pride. Welcome to the Lost Villages Historical Society. _____

AND WE CONTINUE TO KEEP BUSY!!

On Saturday, June 20, 2002, Jim Brownell has been invited to be a guest lecturer at the Dalhousie Mills "Round Church" fund-raising event, being held at the Priest's Mills Restaurant, Alexandria. The church committee hopes to raise the necessary funds to replace the roof to this historic structure at Dalhousie Mills. At 2:00 p.m., Anne Marie Levesque will discuss legal matters; Marion Daigle will focus on literacy; and Jim's presentation will highlight the activities of the Lost Villages Historical Society and museum. Nicole Demers, of Canusa Tours, Sherbrooke, Quebec, will make a second bus tour visit to the Lost Villages

Museum on Tuesday, August 27, 2002. Nicole organized a most successful tour on Saturday, July 6, 2002, and this was the third year for visits from Canusa Tours. They love our site!! Besides a tour of the museum, Jim Brownell escorted them to a delicious luncheon at Quinn's Inn, St. Andrews West, and then proceeded to the Long Sault Parkway. Participants enjoyed a train ride on the miniature train at Upper Canada Village, and they also visit the Chrysler Farm Battlefield Memorial building. A \$100.00 donation was made to our society. The Riverside Women's Institute will visit our museum site on Thursday, August 1, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. They have requested a guided tour. On August 15, 2002, Dominique Poirier, of Tresler House Museum, Dorion, Quebec, has organized a bus tour to the museum, and Lee Clow will escort a bus tour from the Brockville Historical Society on Saturday, August 24, 2002. IN MEMORIAM Our condolences to Wayne and Elizabeth Morgan, members of the Lost Villages Historical Society, on the passing of Wayne's mother, Ruby Nellie Morgan, on Friday, July 5, 2002, at the age of 89 years. Ruby's roots were in Aultsville, and she was an active member of the Cornwall Senior Citizens' Club and the United Church Women, Unit 6, of Knox-St. Paul's United Church, Cornwall. REMEMBER OUR "WINE AND CHEESE" & "FLEA MARKET/BOOK SALE/BAKE SALE