

The Heritage Gazette is a quarterly publication of the Dartmouth Heritage Museum Society and is circulated to its members and volunteers as well as other interested members of our community. We provide this complimentary newsletter with pride to promote the history, heritage and culture of Dartmouth.



The Dartmouth Heritage Museum currently resides in "Evergreen" House on Newcastle Street which is open to the public year-round. We welcome your input, suggestions as well as your time! If you wish to become a volunteer or for more information, please see the back of this newsletter for contact information.

Winter

OLD NEWS IS GOOD NEWS

2005

Christmas at Evergreen

As a refreshingly welcome change from today's plastic world, this season Evergreen offered a beautiful Victorian Christmas that decked the halls with boughs of green, red rose hips, gilded leaves and cloved fruit.



The Curator, Anita Price, had much to contribute to the exhibit. She created most of the table and vase arrangements and also foraged for all the natural materials used in decorating the house (no small task).

a bowl of cloved oranges, limes and pomegranite

We thank our volunteers who gathered for the "Greening of Evergreen"; an annual event where this wonderful old house is decked out in all her Christmas finery for the season.



Don Barteaux creates the main swag by wiring the boughs to rope and adding ribbons and rose hips



Table swag sample for our Christmas table workshop.

Our workshops filled quickly to make table swags, cornucopias, Christmas crackers, and other handmade goodies for tables and trees.

This season was very successful for the Dartmouth Heritage Museum. A great number of our community came to visit us and we were overwhelmed by the support and words of encouragement provided. Our media friends also provided much help with our public service announcements and advertising.

We hope that your new year starts as ours did, with fresh beginnings, optimism, and support!

A very, very happy new year to you from all from us at the Dartmouth Heritage Museum!

And the Winner Is.....



The Victorian Dinner Raffle was drawn and the lucky winner, Mr. Michel Sarrouy and five friends enjoyed a never-to-be-forgotton evening at Evergreen.

The evening commenced when Capital Limousine picked up the group at Mr.

Sarrouy's home. Upon arriving at Evergreen, harp music (Christine Sonntag and Donna Hutchinson) greeted the guests as they were taken to the upstairs



landing for hot punch and hor d'ouvres.



The main course, (all food by chef Robert Dowden) was served in the Harbourview Gallery overlooking Halifax Harbour on tables graced with flower arrangements (Janet's Flowers). This was followed by dessert in the sunporch (redesigned by Oakleaf Interiors) and Victorian Christmas customs and music by Clary Croft.

All-in-all, this raffle was a huge success and we thank all of our sponsors and volunteers who gave of their time to sell tickets.



Do you need space to hold a meeting or workshop?

Consider renting our basement room at Evergreen House for your next event.

Contact Anita Price at 464-2916.



Donation Box



Nancy Forrest
 John McLeod
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 Lorna Huestis
 Reginald James Jones
 in memory of JJ (Jean) Jones
 (May 24, 1943 - Nov. 10, 1999)
 Lisa O'Neill
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Volunteer Committee

The Volunteer Committee is completing a standardized volunteer interview process for a streamlined and equitable recruitment.

If you would like to volunteer some of your time and talents to the Dartmouth Heritage Museum, there are many different tasks and levels of effort. Give us a call or drop in and ask for a volunteer package!

What Is It? (can you guess?)

answer on the back page



UPCOMING EXHIBITS

at the Dartmouth Heritage Museum

When Everything Old Is New Again
 The Editorial Cartoons of Roy Reid
 1960-1969
 Dartmouth Free Press

Exhibit Dates:
 January 26 - March 4, 2006

Location:
Dartmouth Heritage Museum
 26 Newcastle Street
 Dartmouth, N.S.
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 (902) 464-2300

Admission:
 \$2/person (under 12 - free)

Hours:
 Tues.-Sat. 10-5 (closed 1-2 Sat.)

www.dartmouthheritagemuseum.ns.ca

ROY REID

March 8 - April 1

Spring Art Show - Come and see the recent works of our local Dartmouth Arts Students League

April 6 - July 29

Scrapbooking has become a huge pastime, but not every knows that it has been around for centuries! We will display Victorian and Edwardian examples from the Dartmouth Heritage Museum Collection.



50 children enjoyed our annual Hallowe'en at Helen's House this year and had a spook-tacular time! Local ghost stories from Helen Creighton's collection were recounted, then the children were encouraged to tell a tale of their own.

Other entertainment for the night included the Haunted Tour, Eyeball Stew, and Smelly Smellys. Before the children left, a ghostly photo was taken and later sent to them by e-mail with a surprise or two!



George Shannon and his friend pose for a photo in Helen Creighton's old office alcove

Would you like to receive this newsletter via the internet?

Send us an e-mail and let us know!



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Heritage Herb Day

Attention all gardeners! Please keep us in mind when planning your spring plantings. We will be hosting a Heritage Herb Day at Quaker House during the summer and will have need of herbs and perennials to sell for this museum fundraiser. Please contact us at 464-2300.



A rather marvellous assembly of material came into the museum collection in recent times. A real treasure trove of information gathered and created by local

journalist, Hugh Conrod, in the course of his professional activities working for the Chronicle-Herald - Dartmouth Bureau. The richness of the donated material reflects Hugh's activities as a photojournalist recording and writing about local happenings as well as his great personal interest in the history of the community.

Photographs, scrapbooks, letters, deeds, newspaper clippings and more offer a wealth of information about people and events in Dartmouth's past. We plan setting our keen eyed volunteers the task of photo identification for images taken in the 1950's and 1960's. Who knows but they may find photos of themselves!

The task of arranging and describing this valuable collection will be significant, but the richness of the material will make it well worthwhile and an important new body of information will be available for public reference in the future. I spent a marvellous afternoon having a brief look through various boxes and bags and was reminded in a positive way why I got into the museum business. A folded parchment document really caught my eye and, based on notation on the outside, I think it maybe an early deed to the "Evergreen" property. Unfolding parchment takes some skill, however, we know how and its mystery will be revealed - its only a matter of time....

Further Information

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School/Youth Programs

(please book in advance)

Tickle Trunk - Children are invited to choose an item from the old steamer trunk and discover, with their classmates, what it was used for.

Living Folklore at Evergreen House - A guided tour of Evergreen, with a focus on Helen Creighton. It includes an interactive session on the role of folklore in contemporary life.

Historic House Tours - Students enjoy an interactive guided tour of Quaker House or Evergreen House.

Volunteer Spotlight



Welcome to our new column celebrating our volunteers. The Spotlight names are drawn randomly for each newsletter.

Say "Hi!" to **Betty Fulton**. Betty is one of our front desk staff and is seen here helping us with our annual "Greening of Evergreen". Pictou County-born, Betty moved to Newcastle Street, Dartmouth in 1952 with her husband Richard and her four children. She is a retired Registered Medical Technologist.

Betty was curious about the house, especially after meeting Helen Creighton during a lecture. She decided to volunteer with the Museum 3 years ago, and now she helps us once a month and with occasional events.



Museum Opening Hours

Tuesday – Saturday
 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Closed Saturday 1-2 p.m.

House.
 We currently have more "What Is It" displays at Evergreen
 "What Is It" - Crimping or Lace Iron