

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 and 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.

Autumn

OLD NEWS IS GOOD NEWS

2006

Digital Photo Project Underway!

The Dartmouth Heritage Museum has a large photograph and slide collection numbering more than 14,000 images. This summer we purchased the computer gear to begin scanning this collection to not only provide greater and easier access to them, but also to save wear and tear on the artifacts themselves.

Summer staff started the ball rolling and in their 3 months with us, were able to digitize over 3 gigabytes of image information. Since then, our volunteers have taken great interest in the project and have kept up the momentum, so much so, that we have had to start a sign up sheet to ensure they all have a turn. The museum provided training and manuals and has benefited from the investment! To



date, we have finished an entire 4 drawer filing cabinet, and have moved on to another. The volunteers find it an interesting task while on their front desk shift as well! We hope to finish this project by next year. If you wish to help us out, please contact Lisa @ 464-2300.

The incredible imagery surfacing has already lead to the production of our new annual calendar to be on sale next month. This year’s theme is “Downtown”, Streetscapes of Old Dartmouth.



There is an order form at the back of this newsletter if you wish to reserve a calendar for yourself, or some stocking stuffers for Christmas!

Both Rain and Sunshine Make a Tasty Berry...

- Lisa O'Neill



For the first time in its history (and of course, it had to be on my watch), it decided to rain at our annual Strawberry Tea. Not the delightful little sun showers, nor even the misty, cold Nova Scotia drizzle, but these were torrential downpours, making me think that perhaps ark building should have been the next workshop at the museum.

I despaired, thinking that the entire event would become as soggy as my hopes. Still, we went through the motions and set up the tents, wrung our coats out, prepared the kitchen, and set the tables. Performers from the Helen Creighton Folklore Society arrived, doors were opened and, much to my delight, there was a line up of people braving the rainstorm waiting to get in. We quickly ushered them to their seats and served them their strawberry dessert and tea grateful of their stoic presence. As I looked, more and more people arrived, a steady stream of happy faces, some familiar, some not, and all glad to participate!

Volunteers worked hard at keeping up with the steady stream of orders, seating arrangements and requests, and still the people came...

In the end, this year's event almost tied with last year's fundraising numbers and we made over \$2000! I should have known better, we are, after all, Maritimers. God bless you all!

A special thank you to all the volunteers whose hard work, dedication and sense of humour made this event a success!

Hallowe'en

at

Helen's House



Helen Creighton was the author of "Bluenose Ghosts" and was a firm believer in the supernatural. Evergreen House was Helen's family home and where she had many "experiences" of her own! In this tradition, join us for candlelight tellings of REAL Nova Scotia ghost stories with haunting fun and goodies!





Sunday

October 29, 2006

5 & 7 pm

(each session lasts 1½ hours)

Suitable for ages 7-11
\$5.00 per child
Pre-booking and pre-payment are required so call 464-2300 to reserve your terror!

at Evergreen House

26 Newcastle St., Dartmouth

Volunteer Spotlight



**Joleen
Gordon
(and Clara)**



Say hello to Joleen and her granddaughter Clara! Joleen is currently on our Dartmouth Heritage Museum Society Board, is active in the Quaker House Garden Committee and helps us with many other things besides! Her two daughters Heather and Sarah have volunteered during our annual Strawberry Tea in the past, and this year, Clara was seen at the Tea with Grandma, telling stories and singing songs as representatives of the Helen Creighton Folklore Society!

Joleen became interested in history when her mother took her to the Halifax Farmers Market. She fell in love with the baskets made by local Black women, and wanted to know more. After taking a Dartmouth continuing education class in basketry, Joleen and her teacher, Mrs. Edith Clayton co-wrote a book. Joleen went on to become an associate researcher at the Nova Scotia Museum for the next 30 years and also a staunch Dartmouth Heritage Museum enthusiast, as it had been so supportive of her research.

Can You Help?

As our programming grows, so does our need for community volunteers! Over the next quarter year, we are in need of:

Photo Scanners! No experience necessary, we provide the training.

Flooring specialists! We need some hardwood floor work done.

Wall & floor painters! Some rooms and floors in Evergreen are in need of new coats of paint.

Front desk staff! Help us with reception work.

Curation Assistants! Help the curator by preparing artifacts, exhibits, and programming.

Photographers! We are in the process of photographing all artifacts in our collection.

Computer Gurus! We need some database work done.

Time commitment can be as much as once a week or as little as once a year! Give us a call and let us know if you can help out. We have volunteer packages available at the front desk of Evergreen House, or you can find them on our website:

www.dartmouthheritagemuseum.ns.ca

Join the volunteer family!

School/Youth Programs

\$2.00 per child - 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 (seasonal) or Evergreen House (year round).



Victorian Christmas at Evergreen House

home of the Dartmouth Heritage Museum

Come and see...

- Victorian Decorations
- Real Victorian toys
- Evergreen in her splendour!

Guided tour starts at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.
During other museum hours, tour booklets will be available.

Learn from our guide how the trimmings were made and
hear how our community celebrated the season over a
hundred years ago!



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Admission
\$2

November 22 - December 23



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What Is it?

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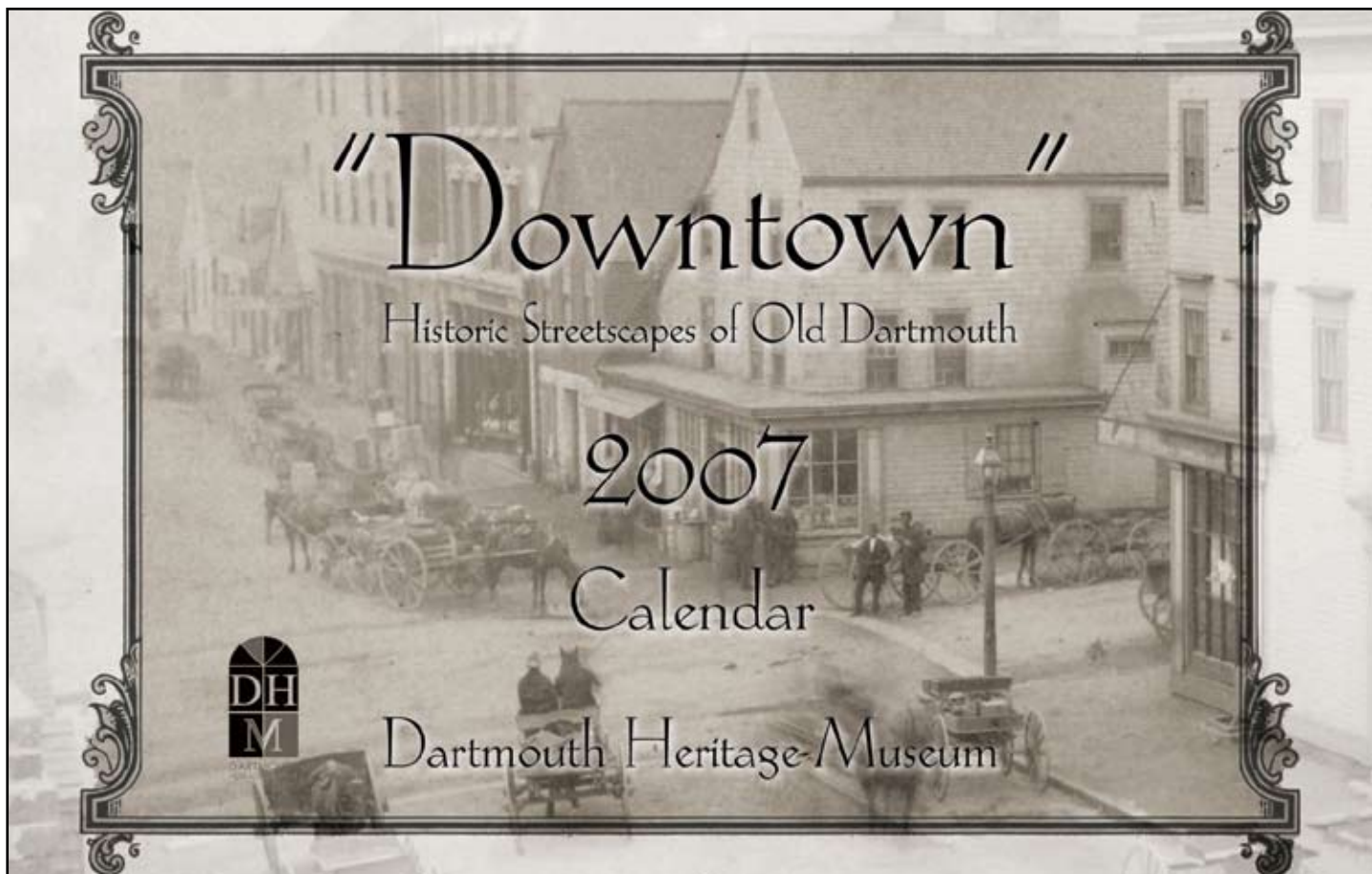
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Museum Hours

Tuesday – Friday, 10 - 5
Saturday, 10 - 1 & 2 - 5
Summer hours also include
Sunday, 10 - 1 & 2 - 5

“What Is It?” - grain sampler



2007 Calendar Fundraiser

Our 2007 calendar will be on sale in November for \$10.00. We can also send by mail (for an additional cost of \$4.00). If you would like to pre-order your copy for pickup or by mail, please fill out the form below and send it to the address below or drop it by to Evergreen House.

“Downtown Order Form” (please print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No. _____

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Would you like to be added to our mailing list to receive our quarterly newsletter? Yes No

(We do not give out this information to third parties.)

“Downtown” Calendar	\$10.00
Postage and Handling (add \$4.00)	\$ _____
Total:	\$ _____

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