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Season's Greetings from the Board of Directors

Dear Friends,

As the year comes to a close and we enter into this most sacred of Holiday Seasons, let us take a moment to reflect on our past successes and our future challenges.

Be it an exquisite wedding gown exhibit, an overhaul and upgrade of our museum gift shop or a spooky Halloween Tea, our staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly to assure another successful year for the

Dartmouth Heritage Museum. Mere words cannot express the sincere gratitude the museum Board of Directors has for these fine individuals who manage to keep history alive for all those who are interested in Dartmouth heritage.

As well as looking forward to continuing success in the coming year the Board of the Dartmouth Heritage Museum will also face its share of challenges. On the November of this year your board entered into negotiations with the Halifax Regional Municipality for a new Management contract.

It is the Board of Directors sincere hope that a renewed collaborative relationship with the Regional Council will result in an increase in much needed resources. The success of the management agreement negotiations would enable the Board to address long overdue work on the museum's collection.

Perhaps the most exciting activity the Board of Directors will engage in this year is the search for a new temporary home for our museum collection. With the acquisition of a new museum space the Board would be able to expand its ability to exhibit our rich and extensive artifact collection.

In closing, on behalf of the Dartmouth Heritage Museum Board of Directors, I wish to thank you for your continued support,

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This seasonal postcard with a Christmas theme is one of the many postcards from the permanent collection. The inscription on the back is marked "Francis from Aunt Ethel" and dates from c.1913. 'Francis' lived on Queen Street, Dartmouth.

On display now and until the early summer, 2016 is "The Golden Age of Postcards & Beyond: A Look Back at the Original Text Message." For more information about this exhibit and other events, See page 3



The Director's Desk

Bonnie Elliott

At this festive and celebratory time of year, I like to turn the spotlight on the people that I work with on a daily basis who make the DHM such a pleasant place to work.. Besides their generosity of spirit our Volunteers offer their time, energy and wisdom to so many projects. At the risk of leaving someone out, I would like to thank each person whose role has become such an important function of the museum. Over the last year the front desk has been covered by Molly Butters, Gloria MacNeil, Cathy Landry, Cathie Ingram, Maida Follini, Vivien Blamire, Betty Freeman, Josephine Ellis, Mary Liz Greene, Jennifer Weagle, Stephanie Slaunwhite, June Young, Linda Forbes, Mary Hughes, Eric Jordan, Kathleen Richardson-Prager, Joyce Foote, Sally King, Bonnie Conrad, Russ Barton and Edith Ritchie. Newcomers who have brought enthusiasm and good cheer are Jean Chard, Margaret Moody, and Susan Merchant. A gold star goes to Volunteer Coordinator Marilyn Purchase who continues to do the difficult task of filling the schedule and who tirelessly works an empty shift if there is no one else to call. While pursuing their studies in history at St. Mary's, Courtney Mrazek and Liam Caswell offer a few hours out of their busy week. Andrew Wood, graduate from the NSCC Library and Information Technology program has re-catalogued the library books while Katie LeBlanc has acted as the Membership Secretary. The archival team of Debra Barlow, Philip Rogers, Paul Bonang, Laurel Sampson & Karen Colter re-organized the archive storage. Angie McLellan turned her talents to photography especially in photographing the wedding gowns. Anita Campbell, Estelle Lalonde, Wilma Stewart-White, Laura Legere, Cynthia Cooper and Margot Walker worked magic to bring about the wedding gown exhibit. The success of our teas is due to the dedication of Stefanie Clay, Gloria MacNeil, Cathy Landry, Marilyn Purchase, Susan Merchant and Micheline Banville. Newsletter editor Maida Follini and proof reader Joanne Ritchie ensure the newsletter is published. David Newlands has done much work on producing some beautiful and informative interpretive panels for Quaker House which I hope you will all have a chance to see next summer.

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without which, we would be incapable of maintaining our role as custodians of Dartmouth's diverse cultural heritage.

Sincerely Yours

Debra M. Barlow, Chairperson

Dartmouth Heritage Museum

EVENTS & EXHIBITS



Friday, December 18th, 3:30—5:30 pm Christmas Cheer & Song

The popular duet ‘**Acacia**’ with Gail Fulop & Wayne Slaunwhite on vocals and guitar are returning to help make this a special afternoon of good cheer. Helen’s room will be opened up for a get together of wine, cheese, mulled cider and Christmas fare. To learn more about ‘Acacia’ visit them at www.spoonstudio.org

As this is a popular event bookings advised. Call 902-464-2300. \$10.00 per person

NEW

Harriet’s Dress-Up Closet

In the last century western fashion has evolved considerably. Many of our ancestors would be shocked at what we today consider proper formal and leisure wear. With Harriet’s closet you are invited to (literally!) step into the shoes of those who lived over a century ago. From caps and hats to trousers and skirts, put together your Victorian ensemble and experience how fashion influenced the way people lived their daily lives in the era before the t-shirt.

NOW ON...

MUSEUM MAIN LEVEL

Uncovered Gems: Warehouse Secrets Revealed

This exhibit will take a glimpse of some of the artwork, artifacts and archival stored at the warehouse. As a result of the progress that is being made to the collection stored at the warehouse, many of the treasured items have been uncovered! This exhibit will include an eclectic array of things chosen by the museum staff, the Collections Management Committee and warehouse conservators.

SECOND LEVEL

The Golden Age of Postcards & Beyond: A Look Back at the Original Text Message

Around the turn of the twentieth century, billions of postcards were bought, mailed and collected in albums. A quick and easy form of communication, postcards can be compared to the social media craze today. With close to 1,000 postcards in the museum’s collection, this exhibit will showcase just a small portion. Featuring beautiful postcards from both locally and around the world, as well as collector’s albums, it is truly a trip back to a slightly slower time, in the “Golden Age.”

Tuesday - Friday 10am – 5pm & Saturday – 10am -1pm & 2pm – 5pm

Evergreen House, 26 Newcastle Street, Dartmouth

\$2.00 Admission. Members and children under 12 are free.

Phone 902-464-2300

DHM Society Donors:

Each year Society Members give over and above the membership fees to help us run our programs at the Museum.
Hats off to their ongoing generosity !

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Although we will be closing from December 19 until March 1st, 2016, the future looks very bright for the DHM as negotiations with HRM are very promising. My final thought is for Crystal Martin who has worked for the DHM since 2006. Crystal has taken a position with Laird House in Halifax. Over the few years I have been with the museum I have depended on Crystal for her knowledge about the museum, her steady nature and sense of humour. I wish her all the best in her future success.

Best wishes for a joyful season,

Bonnie Elliott

Evergreen Writing Group meets the *first Wednesday of each month.* We get together for discussion, encouragement, providing feedback to each other on works in progress, guest speakers and workshops. We welcome newcomers. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, December 2nd, 10:15 a.m. to Noon**, Evergreen House, 26 Newcastle Street, Dartmouth. For more information, call 463-5612 or email evergreen_writers@yahoo.ca

Friday, December 18th

Christmas Cheer & Song

Come Join us for some wine, cheese and hot mulled cider between
3:30 to 5:30 pm.

Featuring the popular duet
Acacia.

Gail Fulop & Wayne
Slaunwhite on vocals and
guitar will entertain us
throughout the afternoon
while you enjoy the
Christmas fare.



\$10.00 per person

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IMPORTANT NOTICE!!

The museum will be closed from
December 19th until March 1st, 2016.

We regret any inconvenience
this may cause.

DHMS Membership Form

Individual Membership - \$20

A \$10 tax receipt will be issued, you will receive our newsletter by mail, and membership will entitle you to free admission to museums (Evergreen and Quaker House) upon presentation of your card.

Family Membership - \$30

A \$15 tax receipt will be issued, you will receive our newsletter by mail, and membership will entitle you to free admission to museums

Please also consider the following levels of giving ...

\$50 Donor - Your name will appear in the newsletter, and a full tax receipt will be issued.

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