

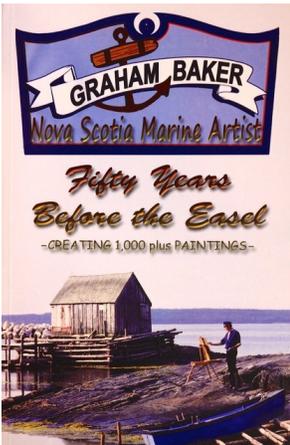


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# Scott Manor News

August 2019

## Buz Baker Book Launch: *Fifty Years Before the Easel*



Our summer program got off to a very busy start on Canada Day with the launch of Graham (Buz) Baker's Art Show and Sale combined with the launch of the artist's autobiography, *Fifty Years Before the Easel*. Before the afternoon was over, nearly two hundred enthusiastic visitors had filed through the North Room to view Buz's dynamic work – nearly twenty Bedford, Halifax, and nautical paintings created expressly for this show over the past year!

Buz is a "Bedford boy," who lived in the Ten Mile House at the time his family owned the property. Later, he trained as an artist with John Cook, during the years that John's studio was in the Ten Mile House, so it is no wonder that he told us that it all felt like a homecoming!

On Wednesday and Thursday evening, the North Room was filled to capacity as Buz read from his new book and delighted everyone with his guitar and songs. Bringing the week to a memorable close, Sunday featured Buz and his wife Linda (both on guitar) regaling a humming, singing, and toe-tapping crowd.

Buz's paintings hang in galleries and collections from Nova Scotia to Florida as well as points west. His autobiography is crammed with vivid recollections of his life's adventures, all the more absorbing because, as Linda points out, "they are all true." Buz graciously donated a copy of *Fifty Years Before the Easel* to the Fort Sackville Foundation; it is available in the Reading Room at Scott Manor House. Check your favorite local bookstore to buy a copy or contact Buz directly: [buzlinbaker@bellaliant.net](mailto:buzlinbaker@bellaliant.net)

*Contributed by Terry Gordon*

## *Many Thanks!*

Many thanks to Brian and Linda Smith of Hammonds Plain who kindly donated more Day Lilies to our garden. Since the initial donation, the bed has looked great, but these additional ones fill in some of the gaps. The centre of the bed has the original orange lilies (or ditch lilies) common in the province. One can see what breeders like Brian have achieved with new varieties. As of yet, nobody has been successful at growing a blue one if anyone feels up to the challenge!





## Summer at Scott Manor By the Numbers

- Number of Visitors who signed Guestbook: 2127
- Busiest Day in the Tea Room: July 24th (37 people)
- Busiest Week in the Tea Room: July 22nd—July 29 (144 people)
- Instagram followers: 132 (50 more than 2018)
- Number of People Reached on Facebook: approx. 27,573 people
- Number of Likes on Facebook Page: 633 (120 more than last year)
- Number of Tours Given: 123 tours, 327 people
- Farthest away a Visitor has travelled: Thailand

Dear Friends of Scott Manor House,

It has been a very exciting summer at Scott Manor! The Summer Program Team, under the leadership of Valerie Ivy and the late June Boswell, created a program that brought many visitors to the house to see the exhibits and hear the music. From all reports, both the exhibitors and the visitors were pleased! None of this would have been possible without the many volunteers who deserve recognition and thanks for their role in promoting Scott Manor and opening it to the public this summer.

The season began with our Georgian Tea which brought many visitors to Scott Manor during Bedford Days Week. Thank you to Debbie Miller and her team!

We were fortunate to have received grants from the NS Government and the Federal government that allowed us to hire three summer staff – Annaka Merrick, Olivia Tulloch and Angela Capobianco. Each of them added to the summer experience at Scott Manor House not only because of their welcoming personalities but also their knowledge about Scott Manor. Each of them also completed research to provide even more understanding of the history of Bedford. Hopefully, you will have a chance to see and read their work!

I would be remiss if I didn't thank HRM and District 16 Councillor Tim Outhit for their support. HRM contacts Bruce Chisholm and Trish Higby answered every call about the Manor House property and ensured that our needs were being addressed.

I would like to personally thank Jean MacLeod who provided ongoing support and training to the staff throughout the summer; Ann MacVicar who scheduled the students and oversaw the Tea Room; Pat Branton and his team who looked after the Grounds; Ken Dodsworth who oversaw the renewal of our road sign and Garry White, who looked after the House this summer. In addition, recognition must be given to our program leads coordinators: Terry Gordon, Elaine Loney, Dave Selig, Patricia Leader, Joan Lively, Barb Macey, David Conley, John MacDonald, Jean MacLeod, Ann MacVicar, Pat Branton, and Ken Dodsworth. Thank you to Margaret Embree, Lynn Loder, Francene Cosman and Carolyn Crowell who supported the smooth running of the summer program. I rarely thank individuals because I am sure to miss someone so to those of you who also volunteered to assist this summer thank you for your time and dedication to Scott Manor House. However, I am awed by the strength and commitment of this group!

As the summer ends, I would like to encourage you to become a member of Scott Manor House and look for opportunities to share your strengths, knowledge and abilities with us as together we continue to be not only custodians of the Manor House but also those who wish "to protect, preserve and promote the history and cultural heritage of Bedford." Information on becoming a member can be found at <https://scottmanor.ca>.

Hope you will join us at one of our events!

Regards,

Judy White

Chair Fort Sackville Foundation

## British Home Children Project

The Fort Sackville Foundation would like to record the stories of British Home Children and their descendants who have a Bedford connection. Interviews will begin at the end of 2019.

From the mid-1800s to just after WWII, orphaned, homeless or children from families in crisis were emigrated to various organizations in Canada. The Middlemore Fairview Home on the Bedford Highway (since demolished) was the destination for some of these children. Children were distributed across Canada to work on farms and as domestic workers in homes. Today, an estimated 1 in 12 Canadians are related to these children.

If you would like to share your British Home Children history, email volunteer Pat Leader at [patricialeader@eastlink.ca](mailto:patricialeader@eastlink.ca).



## Scouting in Bedford Project

One of the many projects the Research, Reading and Resource Committee is working on at Scott Manor is an extension to the George A. Christie monograph "Memories of Scouting in Bedford 1919 - 2003." Committee member Terry Greenham, a Scouter over 40 years and recently retired from active Scouting with the 1<sup>st</sup> Bedford Group, is assembling notable information on Scouting in Bedford during the years 1999 to the present. Information sources include Scouts Canada archives, sponsoring organizations and recollections of some of the many adult leaders and youth involved in program delivery. Terry would welcome a conversation with interested leaders and youth who participated in Scouting in Bedford over the past 20 years, and who are interested in sharing stories and/or pictures. For more detailed information, contact Scott Manor House or email Terry Greenham: [t.greenham@eastlink.ca](mailto:t.greenham@eastlink.ca).

## Tea Room Thanks

The Tea Room had another wonderful summer thanks to the more than 80 volunteers who served 927 guests in July and August. We appreciate the volunteer weekly coordinators and all the volunteers they organize to serve tea and bake oatcakes (that never cease to get rave reviews). This year's weekly coordinators: Joan Tompkins, Jeanette MacLean, Sheila Broussard, Margaret Galbraith (Girl Guides), Barb Macey (Bedford Grandmothers), Marilyn Sangster (Anglican Church Women,) Penny St. Amand (Catholic Women's League), Margaret Embree (United Church Women), Ann MacVicar, Jean MacLeod, Nancy O'Brien, and Jean White. Thank you to all the volunteers and guests for supporting the tea room, an important Scott Manor fundraiser.



## Volunteer Opportunity

**House Committee Chairperson:** There are many ways to volunteer at Scott Manor House. Garry White is our temporary House Committee Chairperson, but we are hoping that there may be someone out there who would be interested in taking on this position. Basically, the person is the contact between HRM and the Fort Sackville Foundation Executive Committee regarding general maintenance of the Manor. Our House Committee Chair oversees minor maintenance of the interior of the house and the cleaners, ensures all necessary tools and cleaning supplies are available and works closely with our volunteer Grounds Coordinator. If you are interested in taking on this responsibility, or in becoming a member of the committee, please contact Judy White, Chair, at 902-229-0854 or by email at [judygwhite@gmail.com](mailto:judygwhite@gmail.com).

## Looking Forward

**Manor House Mondays**—resume Monday, Sept. 16 at 9:30 am and continue on the first and third Monday mornings of the month through May. If you are interested in helping *to collect, protect, preserve and promote the history and cultural heritage of Bedford*, stop by and find out more about the Reading, Research, and Resources and the Archives and Acquisitions (RRR/AA) Committees who gather and have fun working on various local history projects.

**Graveyard Walk**—a popular annual event, led by Ann MacVicar will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 7:30 pm. Meet at Scott Manor House and bring a flashlight.

**General meeting**—Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 7pm, Scott Manor House. Joe Ballard will be speaking on *The Bluenose Tradition of House Naming*. The public is always welcome!

### Keep up to date with our events

Check our website: <https://www.scottmanor.ca/>

Like us on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/ScottManorHouse>

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## Thank You Friends

The Fort Sackville Foundation appreciates all the community volunteers, donors, businesses and organizations who generously supported Scott Manor House activities. Federal and provincial student summer employment grants and HRM support and grants make it possible to open the Manor to the public and offer programs.

Thank you to all who helped make the 2019 Georgian Tea such a successful Bedford Days event, including all our community volunteers; Bernice Harnett for floral arrangements; the Pipes and Drums of Clan Farquharson for entertaining us with their stirring music; tea pourers MP Geoff Regan, MLA Kelly Regan, first Mayor of Bedford Mayor Francene Cosman, Councillor Tim Outhit, and Ann MacVicar (past chair of the FSF); and sponsors Sobeys Mill Cove, RBC, DAVIDsTEA (Sunnyside Mall), and HRM & Councillor Outhit.

Thanks go to Sarah Wishart for her work on the program brochure as well as the various businesses who assisted us this summer with sign repairs and other projects: Signs-to-Go, Canadian Tire (Bedford Commons), Payzant Home Hardware, and Baileys Plastic Fabrication Limited.

*Volunteers Pat Branton, Rod MacLeod, Ken Dodsworth putting up the newly refurbished sign, as the old one was damaged last winter. Photo by Jean MacLeod, June 2019*



# Summer Program



*Photos by A. Capobianco, (clockwise): LEGO display, Playford English Country Dancers, Old Bedford in Flowers, Heartstrings*

The Fort Sackville Foundation was pleased to provide a very diversified summer program this year at Scott Manor House—a delightful mix of arts, music, tea and history. We featured the annual Georgian Tea, original paintings and a book launch, flower arranging by the Bedford Horticultural Society, crafts, dancers, a celebration of 80 years of volunteer firefighting in Bedford, and for the first time, displays by three neighbouring heritage societies (Hammonds Plains, Rockingham, and Fall River). We ended the season with the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Quoits Tournament. Congratulations to the Rockingham Heritage Society on their victory!

We welcomed back Eight of Clay ceramic artists, the Mayflower Doll Club, Gail Meagher's Lego display (a hit with all ages) and the Mayflower Quilters' Guild. New this year were the Atlantic Spinners and Handweavers who demonstrated their skills, and the Kingfisher Fibre Artists' show celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rug Hooking Guild of Nova Scotia.

Musical entertainment was also a highlight of the Fort Sackville Foundation 2019 summer program. Ten different bands, groups or individuals provided a wide variety of styles of music. The lovely summer weather allowed most musical entertainment to be enjoyed outside on the beautiful Scott Manor House property.

The Fort Sackville Foundation thanks all participants and volunteers for making the summer program such a success. We welcome your suggestions for future summer programs. Let us know if you are interested in volunteering. Contact us at [scott.manor@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:scott.manor@ns.sympatico.ca) or 902-832-2336.

# A Celebration of 80 Years of Volunteer Firefighting

The Fort Sackville Foundation was very happy to recognize 80 years of dedicated service by volunteer firefighters in Bedford, with displays of photos and memorabilia, August 19-25 at Scott Manor House. The event even included fire trucks on the grounds one afternoon.



The Bedford Volunteer Fire Department formed in 1939, replacing the bucket brigade. When the Department ended in 1996 at amalgamation, there were 60 volunteers and 10 paid (career) firefighters. Volunteers continued to serve, although reduced in number, as part of Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Services (HRFE). Today, 16 volunteer firefighters provide backup to the 16 career firefighters staffing Bedford Station 8. For 80 years, the volunteer firefighters of Bedford have been an important pillar of the community. Visitors to the display

were able to explore the story of a highly professional volunteer force that has deep community roots.

The display highlighted the people, and their equipment, training, fire stations, and community service, as well as historically significant fires, and it featured a tribute to the Ladies Auxiliary. On display were items from the Bedford Volunteer Firefighters Association and personal collections, the Regional Firefighters Interpretation Centre, and the Fort Sackville Foundation collection. Visitors had the opportunity to talk with past and present volunteer firefighters, Dave Selig (retired volunteer Bedford Fire Department Chief), Lt. Robert Andrews (current volunteer firefighter in charge of volunteer training at HRFE Bedford Station 8), Barb Hiltz Gorrell (Bedford's first female firefighter), Clarissa Cameron (current volunteer firefighter) and Lloyd Mitchell (retired volunteer firefighter). There was a reunion atmosphere as retired firefighters and their families reminisced and shared their memories. The public expressed interest and appreciation as they toured the exhibit.



On Saturday, August 24, there was a rare showing of one of Bedford's early fire trucks, the Village Queen, courtesy of former volunteer firefighter Dave Dodsworth, who restored this Bedford icon. What a contrast to see the Village Queen, a 1939 ARP pump mounted on a 1941 Ford truck with the suction hoses secured on top, parked on the Scott Manor House grounds beside the 2004 American LaFrance truck used by current volunteers serving with HRFE. There were lots of smiling faces on people of all ages at this family friendly event.

Thanks to the FSF event coordinators, Elaine Loney and Dave Selig, and all who made this commemoration possible: Lt. Robert Andrews and the Bedford Volunteer Firefighters Association; Dave Dodsworth and the Regional Firefighters Interpretation Center; individuals who generously loaned items for exhibit—Glen and Marlene LeLacheur, Barb Hiltz Gorrell, Eric Sheppard, Dave Selig, Robert Andrews, the family of Don and Kay Howard, Don McCarthy, and Lew Turner; HRFE volunteer firefighters for displaying the truck; Sarah Wishart for designing the information panels; Bob Loney for photography; Say it with Stitches for loaning mannequins, and Scott Manor House summer staff and volunteers for their behind-the-scenes support.

*Photo credits: R. Loney*

# A Little Bit of History

Dr. Luther MacKenzie

Contributed by Summer Staff

Doctor Luther Burns MacKenzie was born at West River in Pictou County in 1880. He moved to Bedford at two years of age, when his father, William MacKenzie, became Station Master.

After completing a Bachelor of Arts at Dalhousie in 1900, Luther MacKenzie studied at New York University School of Medicine, graduating in 1904. He was an internist specializing in heart and lung ailments, who was noted for his diagnostic achievements. He provided leadership in the development of the New York University College of Medicine, where he began teaching clinical medicine in 1920. Dr. Mackenzie was also a very successful fundraiser, which led to him playing a significant role in the expansion of the New York University – Bellevue Medical Centre. In 1947 Dr. MacKenzie received an Alumni Meritorious Service Medal for distinguished service to New York University.

He retired in 1953 and returned to Bedford, where he loved sailing in the Basin. Luther and his wife, Rena, lived on Shore Drive in a residence designed by famed architect, Andrew Cobb.

Many Bedford residents, however, remember Dr. MacKenzie, not only by his prestige in the medical community, but by his age. Remarkably, on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in 1980, he received an Honorary Doctor of Law degree from Dalhousie University, honouring his accomplishments. Dr. MacKenzie lived to be 101 and is buried in Bedford's Brookside cemetery.

## The Arrival of Train Service to Bedford

By Robert Tennant

In this age of superhighways and jet-powered aircraft, it may at times be difficult to visualize the significance of the advent of the steam railway in this province in 1853. On 31 March 1853 the Nova Scotia Railway obtained legislative incorporation as a provincial Crown corporation. In June of that year there occurred a festive First Sod ceremony in Richmond (located east of today's Mulgrave Park area, on the waterfront).

Construction soon began to bring the rail line from Richmond through Fairview Cove, Four Mile House (Rockingham) to Millview (now part of Bedford and eight miles from Richmond). It was at this latter community on the south side of the Nine Mile River (Paper Mill Run) that the first major obstacle was encountered. A giant causeway of 1 and 1/8 miles that required 100,000 tons of rock, topped with earth was constructed across the mouth of the river and completed in 1855. Incredibly, this project was carried out by horse-drawn wagons and carts with hundreds of men with shovels.

Regular passenger rail service began in 1855. Soon, the railway would reach the Sackville River where the next great obstruction was met. Here the railway would await crossing the river until the Caudle Brothers (and others) in 1856, built a four-pier masonry structure with ironwork and a wooden deck. In order to avoid confusion, the original name of the station was changed in 1856 from Sackville (there was one in New Brunswick) to Bedford. Such was the beginning of the provincial railway which was intended to become part of the Intercolonial Railway; this occurred in 1872.

# Summer Staff Reflections



## **Annaka Merrick**

In her third summer at Scott Manor, Annaka worked on researching the history of artifacts in the house. One of the most interesting items she researched was the seaweed insulation in the old kitchen that was uncovered when the Manor was renovated. At one time, seaweed insulation was used in most homes across the province because of its ability to insulate homes from extreme temperatures. Fishermen would collect the seaweed that came into their boats and sell it as insulation for additional earnings. Up until the Second World War, several companies on the East Coast of Canada and the U.S. made tremendous profits by exporting Nova Scotia seaweed across North America.

Annaka is very thankful for the customer service and research skills she has acquired during her time at Scott Manor. Annaka will miss all the great volunteers she had the opportunity of working with during her time here. Annaka is returning to her final year of Political Studies at Queen's University and is pursuing law school. She is looking forward to visiting the Manor in the Summer of 2020 and seeing what exciting new things are going on!

## **Angela Capobianco**

After her summer working at Scott Manor, Angela is sad to say goodbye to the job but is grateful for the experience. Over this past summer Angela has been working on a project documenting the changes in Bedford demographically. She has spent a lot of time pouring over old census records and analyzing the data. One of her favourite experiences of the project, however, was interviewing Heather Barrett, a long-time resident of Bedford. She provided a lot of information on what Bedford was like when she was growing up and how she believes development is one of the leading causes in the changes in the population of Bedford. Talking to her was a great opportunity. Angela has enjoyed delving into Bedford's past.

Angela is amazed at the robust skills she learned over her summer at the Manor. The inside look at archiving during HUB training was a great experience and she enjoyed learning the communications and advertising side of running a museum. Angela will miss Scott Manor and all the volunteers she had the pleasure of working with during her summer. Angela is starting her Masters at Queens University, but she looks forward to visiting in the future to experience the new and exciting events going on.

## **Olivia Tulloch**

Olivia is very thankful to have spent another season working at Scott Manor House and will forever treasure the skills and experiences gained this summer. Olivia spent the summer polishing the research project she started last year about the streets in Bedford. The research skills she honed, and the time spent pouring over documents and newspapers will not be forgotten. In order to find the information needed to complete her project, Olivia had to comb through the Bedford censuses, consult the scrapbooks available at Scott Manor, reference any material found in any of the file folders found throughout the house, and sift through any conflicting information. It was a labor made in love and hate and Olivia now has a greater appreciation for the work that goes in to writing historical studies. Olivia will miss Scott Manor House but looks forward to completing her Undergraduate degree at Trent University in the upcoming year.

### **Nets, Knots & Webs**

This was the first summer the Scott Manor House has hosted an outdoor art installation.

Pat Loucks, textile artist, and Violet Rosengarten, painter and textile artist, collaborated on the project which was on display at the Manor from mid-July until August 28th.



The installation symbolized connections and the networks humans makes to organize their lives and their communities. Visitors enjoyed interacting with the piece throughout the summer. We thank Pat and Violet for thinking of the Scott Manor grounds to display their wonderful art!

### **Music at the Manor this Summer**

We enjoyed your performances!

Pipes and Drums of Clan Farquharson

Graham 'Buz' Baker and Friends

Chebucto Big Band

Bedford Fiddle Group

Bill Jardine

Kathy Chisholm and Keith Fillmore

Wendy Manning and Friends

Dartmouth Concert Band

Georges Hebert

Second Chance Band



*Clan Farquharson performing at the*

*2019 Georgian Tea*

*Photo: Angela Capobianco*

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