



Scott Manor News

July 2021

President's Message

Friends of the Fort Sackville Foundation,

As I think back over the last six months, since our last newsletter, I cannot help but be impressed with the volunteers who enable the work of the Fort Sackville Foundation to continue despite the restrictions we have had to face. We, like all organizations in Nova Scotia, have abided by the public health directives throughout the pandemic. We closed, we opened and we closed again; yet, the volunteers took this in stride. They knew that keeping our population and, in particular, our volunteers safe was critical. Thank you to all of you who adjusted your expectations and abided by the regulations. As a result, we are now able to open Scott Manor House this summer. As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Scott Manor House, we invite you to visit and tour the home of Joseph and Margaret Scott.

Thanks to both a Provincial and Federal grant, we have been able to hire three students to act not only as guides this summer, but also as researchers to support the work of the Foundation. Unfortunately, the Tea Room will **not** be open this summer due to the COVID restrictions, but we do hope that we will be able to open next

summer. However, we do have the House and two exhibits for you to enjoy. Details can be found in this newsletter.

As Museum Evaluation will occur in 2023, we are reviewing, creating and updating our documents. Through the leadership of Jean MacLeod, with support from Elaine Loney and me, the Fort Sackville Foundation has approved new policies – in particular a Human Resources Policy and a Professional Development Policy. Both these documents will assist us in our work. We have also revised and approved many of our volunteer job descriptions.

I also would like to remind you that we are all volunteers and we always welcome new members! Currently, we are in need of individuals who are interested in the history of Bedford and have technology skills that would allow them to assist with *communication* on behalf of the Foundation. We are also in need of someone who would be the Coordinator for a team of members to develop the *programs* that will occur at Scott Manor House. Finally, we need someone to coordinate the volunteers for the *Tea Room*. If you think, you may be able to volunteer, please contact us at scott.manor@ns.sympatico.ca or by phone at 902-832-2336.

I would just like to give thanks once again to our retiring volunteers: Garry White, Lloyd Mitchell and Elaine Loney. Garry took on the Acting House position. What was to be a temporary role led to a two-year commitment. Under Garry's leadership we were able to make updates to our wiring and painting, in particular, in the North Room so the space is better for presenters and exhibitors. Lloyd served on our Board of Directors for many years and his calm, thoughtful approach was appreciated around the Directors' table. Elaine Loney was a Director, Vice-President, Coordinator of Communications and Acting Program Director. Her many skills and her professionalism will be missed by the Fort Sackville Foundation. Thank you to each of you who gave so willingly of your time and expertise to the benefit of the Fort Sackville Foundation.

We may not be out of the woods yet; as far as the pandemic goes, but, I know that our volunteers will be there as we move forward. I hope that each and every one of you have a wonderful summer and that you will find time to visit Scott Manor House as part of your summer activities.

Stay safe and healthy,

Judy

Judy White

Chair Fort Sackville Foundation

Summer 2021 EVENTS

The Group Of Seven in Nova Scotia: Bedford & Beyond

This exhibit is an art show in two parts entitled: *The Group of Seven in Nova Scotia: Bedford and Beyond*. Three years in the making and with the collaboration of twelve

museums, galleries and private collections from across Canada and in Britain, the Fort Sackville Foundation has assembled for display more than forty works by Group of Seven artists. Never previously exhibited as a single show, these paintings begin with a focus on Bedford, where Arthur Lismer lived and painted side by side with A. Y. Jackson, and then shifts to include Halifax, Herring Cove, Cape Breton and the South Shore.

Part 1: July 1 – July 22

Part 2: July 23 – August 18



Bedford Hillside Courtesy of the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria

Bedford Lions Club 75th Anniversary: Then & Now

The Bedford Lions have been a vital part of the Bedford community over the last 75 years. They have worked diligently to support the community in gaining improvements, such as the rink and the pool. On August 18th, we are pleased to host the Bedford Lions, who celebrated their 75th anniversary in March of this year. The Lions will be sharing photos and memorabilia of their history in the Bedford community and sharing ideas about the future work they hope to achieve in the community. We hope you will come out and speak with the members who will share their stories!

Bedford Leisure Club Orchestra

The twenty-five-member Bedford Leisure Club Orchestra, under the direction of conductor Bob Bauer, will be holding their rehearsals on the lawn of the Scott Manor House on Friday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. (weather permitting). The public is welcome to bring a lawn chair, follow COVID protocols and enjoy the music.

Outdoor Textile Installation

Local artists Pat Loucks and Violet Rosengarten have created an outdoor textile installation on the grounds of the Scott Manor House. The artists have located their art, titled “In Solidarity” around a group of trees to the right of the entrance to the property.

The theme for the artwork centres around concern for our Indigenous peoples, particularly in light of the recent horrific discoveries at the residential school cemeteries in western Canada. Pat and Violet decided to construct a series of “prayer flags” stitched to lengths of cord and strung between branches of trees. Each flag carries thoughts and prayers into the universe, in solidarity with those who have suffered such loss.

The public is encouraged to visit the site over the summer. The work can be viewed until the end of August.

New Display at Scott Manor House

HMCS Harry DeWolf Model

The Fort Sackville Foundation is pleased to have a model of the HMCS Harry DeWolf on display at Scott Manor House. This is timely, as the actual ship was officially commissioned on Saturday, June 26, 2021 at CFB Halifax.



The model builder, Bill Moore, is a member of Maritime Ship Modellers, a group to which the Fort Sackville Foundation’s late archivist Warren Ervine also belonged. Warren felt it would be appropriate to have a model of the HMCS Harry DeWolf displayed at Scott Manor House. Always being proactive, Warren inquired as to whether or not a member of the Maritime Ship Modellers could produce such a model. Fortunately, Bill, who had grown up in Bedford, volunteered to take on this project. Bill spent 600 hours over three and a half years building the model. The 18-inch-long detailed replica of the ship is constructed of pine.

The HMCS Harry DeWolf was named for Vice-Admiral Harry DeWolf, a highly decorated Second World War naval officer. Harry DeWolf was born in Bedford and lived here until he went to the Royal Naval College of Canada in Esquimalt, British Columbia at the age of 15. Even though he did not return to live in Bedford, Vice-Admiral DeWolf always considered Bedford his home.

Thank you, Bill Moore, “one of Bedford’s boys” for your generous donation!

Some Bedford Trivia

How many do you know? ... answers on page 6

1. What Bedford service organization is celebrating 75 years in September 2021 at Fish Hatchery Park?
2. Who were Bedford's four mayors? Extra points if you get the correct order.
3. What was the original Mi'kmaq name given to Bedford?
4. What park now exists in the place where the Bedford Shipyard once stood?
5. What Bedford resident was a part of the famous "Group of Seven"?
6. Was there ever a golf course in Bedford? If so, what is it now?
7. What "Bedfordite" was commonly referred to as "Hard Over Harry" by those who worked for him?
8. Who was the Captain who built Fort Sackville?
9. Who is the lilac garden on the Scott Manor property named after?
10. How many fireplaces does the Scott Manor House have?
11. What was the motto on the Bedford Coat of Arms when Bedford was a town?
12. Who were the predecessors to Bedford's Fire Department?

Meet the Summer Staff

Thanks to both a provincial and a federal grant, the Fort Sackville Foundation is pleased to welcome three former CPA students this summer. The students support the work of the Foundation when the Scott Manor House is open to the public.

Sarah Drysdale is currently attending the University of King's College in the



Journalism program, although you may have seen her behind the counter at Bedford's Chickenburger. Sarah is engaged in the research of artifacts at Scott Manor House as well as being a tour guide of both the Scott Manor House and *The Group of Seven in Nova Scotia: Bedford and Beyond* exhibit.



Kiera Machat is going into her third year at Acadia University. She is completing a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental and Sustainability Studies, with a minor in history. Kiera is researching artifacts, doing guided tours and completing a write-up based on an interview completed with Roy & Helen Fredericks. The Fredericks were

long-time residents of Bedford with links to the Moir's Mill, one of Bedford's landmarks. Megan McLeod, a Dalhousie student, is taking a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences program, which she hopes will lead to a career in nursing.



Megan has taken on the Communications role at the Scott Manor House and is doing guided tours of both the House and the exhibits. She is also transcribing interviews that have been completed on three of Bedford's former mayors. Megan hopes to complete an interview with the fourth mayor so this information will be available to the public in the Fall.

Thank You

The Fort Sackville Foundation would like to thank Tim Outhit, Deputy Mayor and our councillor, for his support in updating our technology at Scott Manor House.

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to Gerard Costard who, through his connection with an organization that supports other non-profit organizations, was able to have computers donated to the Fort Sackville Foundation. With these donations and the Board's decision to upgrade our internet connection, the public will now have easier access to the photos

and documents available at Scott Manor House.

Photography Project

A team of volunteers has undertaken a large project to assist the Fort Sackville Foundation's (FSF) photo master, Ken Dodsworth, with preserving the FSF photograph collection. The FSF's photo collection is extensive and has expanded continually since the Foundation was entrusted with the care of the Bedford Heritage Society collection. Ken Dodsworth has spent countless hours since 1992 scanning, describing and cataloguing photos for the FSF database. A small team, coordinated by Ann MacVicar, is now assisting Ken with scanning. We are very pleased to have Donald Wyllie, Joanne Kelly Dwinell, Carol MacKnight, and Carolyn Harvie join in this project. They have begun scanning the Bedford Waterfront Development photographs and the Lew Turner Bedford collection. Having all the FSF collection preserved and available on site at the Scott Manor House will be a wonderful resource for the public.

Looking Forward

In September, the Reading, Research and Resources (RRR) and the Archives groups will resume activities at the Scott Manor House. These groups usually meet the first and third Mondays of the month to work on a variety of projects. The RRR group coordinates all research, maintains the library, and organizes and studies documents and photographs. The Archives group collects information on artifacts that may be donated and makes decisions about their place in the Scott Manor House collection. Photographing, researching and entering data on NovaMuse are ongoing

activities. New volunteers are always welcome in these groups.

Fort Sackville Foundation:

The Fort Sackville Foundation is a voluntary, non-profit organization and registered Canadian Charity (No. 885410548RR0001). The Foundation manages Scott Manor House, which is owned by HRM. In March, the Fort Sackville Foundation elected its Board of Directors and selected its Committee Coordinators. Although we had to say good-bye to some of our previous volunteers, we would like to thank those who are continuing in leadership positions (c) and welcome those who are new (n) to the role or a new volunteer who has taken on a leadership position.

Board of Directors:

Shari Burnard Ostrom (n)
Patrick Branton (c)
David Conley (c)
Francene Cosman(c)
Carolyn Crowell (n) Secretary (c)
Rosyln Duffus (n)
Lynn Loder (c)Treasurer (c)
Jean MacLeod (c)
Ann MacVicar (c)
Debbie Miller (c) Vice Chair (n)
Judy White (c) Chair(c)

Committee Coordinators

Archives & Acquisitions: Carolyn Harvie (n)
Curator: Francene Cosman (c)
Grounds: Patrick Branton (c)
House: Graham Lindsay (n)
Reading, Resources & Research: Ann MacVicar (c)
Technology: Ken Dodsworth (c)

Vacant Positions:

Communications
Program
Tea Room

Trivia Answers:

1. Bedford Branch 95 - of The Royal Canadian Legion; 2. Francene Cosman, Keith Roberts, Peter Christie, Peter Kelly;
3. Kwebec; 4. The Lions Club Playground; 5. Arthur Lismer; 6. Yes, The Bedford Golf Club. It was on Golf Links Park now the Eaglewood Subdivision; 7. Vice-Admiral Harry G DeWolf; 8. Captain John Gorham; 9. Guen Tolson
10. Nine – and only two chimneys; 11. “For The Common Good”; 12. The Bucket Brigade.

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