

BEDFORD - PAST AND PRESENT



SCOTT MANOR HOUSE
FORT SACKVILLE FOUNDATION

A Message from The Fort Sackville Foundation

Happy Spring! There are hints of green and some warmth in the sun so we know relief is on the way.

Another way to tell summer is coming is all the activity from our program committee! Our new program director, Sandi Corbin, has already been busy scheduling meetings and contacting past participants. Thank you Sandi for taking over this important task! And welcome also to Kim Dompierre, our new summer student coordinator, another action-packed committee! Many of our members are also busy making plans for the tea room and other displays so check our social media accounts and road side sign for notices on upcoming events, including our Georgian Social on June 29th !

The lights dim a bit when we think of the loss of two of our favourite members with the passing of Lew Turner and David Conley. We will greatly miss their contributions and support and we hope they will continue to smile down upon us. We will try to make them proud.

The call will go out in early June for baking oatcakes for the Georgian Social and the start of tea room season so please dust the flour off of your copy of our famous recipe. We could not have all the success that we do without the help of our volunteer bakers, Thank You and stay tuned!

Debbie Miller, Chair

Thinking of Donating an Item to Scott Manor House?

Artifacts transport us back in time and help us record and interpret our cultural history. Museums are committed to providing care and custodianship of their artifacts to preserve them for future generations, and therefore have established processes for deciding whether to accept items into their collections. Fort Sackville Foundation artifacts are housed within the limited space of Scott Manor House and are cared for by volunteers.

Adding new items to our Collection is carefully considered by our Archives Committee volunteers, keeping in mind the item's history, its relevance to Bedford's history and cultural heritage, its condition, the required care and storage of the item, its suitability and opportunities for use in exhibition or research, and other factors. If you or someone you know is considering donating an item, you'll find more information on our website (scottmanor.ca).

Potential donors are asked to contact us first (email scott.manor@ns.sympatico.ca), describing the item (with photographs, if possible), how it relates to Bedford's history, and providing as much information about the history of the item as possible. The Fort Sackville Foundation is very grateful to everyone who has donated items to our collection. By contacting us first, we can establish early if there is mutual interest in the item, helping to ensure the successful donation and display of treasured items.

VOLUNTEER PROFILE

ELAINE LONEY

Why did you decide to volunteer at Scott Manor House/Fort Sackville Foundation and how long have you been volunteering?

I decided to volunteer at Scott Manor House in 2015 when I was asked to join the Fort Sackville Foundation Executive Committee as a member-at-large. Before that I occasionally served in the Tea Room, visited the summer program displays, and made use of the Reading Room. I had just wrapped up some other volunteer work and was ready for a new challenge. Serving on the Executive Committee was a great way to learn more about the Foundation operations, and that led to becoming more active in many other activities at Scott Manor.

What types of things have you done as a volunteer with SMH/FSF?

Over the years I have done lots of different things, including raking leaves at the fall clean-up day, baking oatcakes, coordinating the summer program, writing grants, communications, helping at events and programs, volunteering in the tea room. I have served on the Executive Committee that is responsible for operations, and later, briefly on the Board of Directors. I've had a chance to work with many amazing volunteers researching and developing resources including panels depicting Lew Turner's "Bedford Then and Now" (2017), and a week-long display in 2019 honouring 80 years volunteer firefighting in Bedford.

I've worked on oral histories, interviewing folks and transcribing their interviews, and recently edited Eric Sheppard's monograph "Firefighting Memories." This year, I joined the Archives Committee and am learning more about what this group does. For the Reading, Research & Resources Committee, right now, I am working on an outline to guide updating information on education in Bedford since 1996.

What are the best things about volunteering with FSF/SMS?

Three "best" things stand out. The first is an incredible opportunity to learn so many new things. For me, that's always been an important reason for volunteering. There is an opportunity to learn more about Bedford and how it has evolved from the time Scott Manor was built to present day. There is an opportunity to learn about the heritage sector in Nova Scotia and acquire lots of different skills in collections, resources and programming. I see Scott Manor as being an important part of our community, and something that strengthens our community. The second thing about volunteering, but just as important as the first, are the many wonderful people I have had the honour of working with. I have enjoyed learning from them and seeing projects grow and bloom. The third thing is that volunteering allows me to frequently visit and work in Scott Manor House itself. Every time I walk through the beautiful grounds to the front door, gaze at original hearth with its beehive oven or hear the creak of the floor boards in the attic, I am in awe that so many others, for over two centuries have done the same. There is something very satisfying in helping to preserve this part of Bedford heritage for the future and share its story with others.

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What are the best things about volunteering with FSF/SMS?

Instead of a personal photo, I'd like to share a picture of one of my favourite places in Scott Manor House, the old kitchen. No matter the age of the visitor, this heart of the house instills an appreciation of the hard work of feeding a family in days gone by along with gratefulness for our modern appliances and conveniences. It has certainly piqued my own interest in colonial kitchens and hearths. What's your favourite room in Scott Manor House? If you don't have one, come and visit to find one!
(Photo by Dave Reyno, 2018)



Thank you Elaine for all you do !!

BEDFORD HORTICULTURAL PLANT SALE

Spring is on our doorstep and this is the perfect time to select some new plants for your garden. The Bedford Horticultural Plant Sale will be taking place on the Scott Manor House grounds on June 1st (rain date of June 2nd). The sale begins at 9:00 a.m. and continues until the plants are gone. Come early as things go quickly.



Dahlias in the Public Gardens

On that day, Scott Manor House volunteers will also be collecting non-perishable food for the Bedford Lions Food Pantry. The Pantry can be found by the door to the Lion's Den at the LeBrun Centre on Holland Avenue and is a "give what you can and take what you need" location.



PALETTES AND PIGMENTS

En Plein Air Event hosted by Scott Manor House

August 2024

Stay tuned for more details !

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF A GAME CALLED QUILTS?

There are many suggestions on where Quilts originated including links to the Greek or Roman discus which was a flat, solid disc of stone or metal thrown as a trial of strength or skill. Quilts involves the throwing of metal, rope or rubber rings over a set distance, usually to land over or near a pin. It can be played in pairs or in teams. Other popular games such as horse shoes and ring toss are likely variations of quilts.

Quilts was a very popular activity in the early 1900s with enthusiastic players at the Bedford Club, the Waegwoltic Club and Carleton Club in Halifax and near the Tennis club at St. George's in Dartmouth. There were competitions at the County and Provincial levels at which some Bedford players participated.

Robert Brenton was at one time the Warden of Halifax County and at another time a MLA. He had connections to Rockingham and likely played the game at the village quilts pitch, located where Scotia Tire is in Rockingham adjacent to the Bedford Highway. Mr. Brenton donated a trophy, which bears his name, for a tournament first played in 1923 between the villages of Bedford and Rockingham. Bedford won that first game. Last year was the 100th anniversary of that trophy tournament and Teams from Scott Manor House, Rockingham, Fairview and Waverley continued the tradition. Bedford did not win but we hope to improve our standing this year.

We will be hosting a Quilts tournament at Scott Manor in August - date to be determined - so if you are interested in fielding a team or being on the Scott Manor Team, please let us know. We will be having a quilts demonstration at the Georgian Tea so come and throw a few rings. It is a fun and social way to spend an afternoon!

WELCOME TO THE FORT SACKVILLE FOUNDATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2024

Chair: Debbie Miller **Secretary:** Carolyn Crowell **Treasurer:** Lynn Loder

Boards Members: Sandi Corbin, Francene Cosman, Roslyn Duffus, Ken Dodsworth, Carolyn Harvie, Geoff Regan, Judy White and Margie Whitehouse

COMMITTEE CHAIRS/COORDINATORS 2024

Archives Team - Carolyn Harvie	Program - Sandi Corbin
Communications - Claire Richardson	Reading, Research, Resource - Ann MacVicar and Sandi Corbin
Curator - Francene Cosman	Tearoom - (acting) Ann MacVicar
Grounds - Steve Corbin	Technology - Graham Lindsay
House - Graham Lindsay	Student Supervisor - Kim Dompierre

The Scott Manor House would not exist without the time and effort donated by our dedicated volunteers. Thank you to those willing to serve on our Board of Directors, Committee Chairs and Coordinators and to all those who support our organization.

SUMMER PROGRAM NEWS

Plans for our summer programs are well underway. Bands are being booked, workshops organized and exhibits created. There will be familiar faces as well as some new activities for you to enjoy. Whether you are looking for an evening of musical entertainment, want to learn a new skill or simply want to see what Scott Manor House has to offer, we think you will find something for everyone. Don't forget to plan a stop in the Tea Room for a chat and some light refreshments.

If you have a few hours to volunteer with us this summer, please let us know scott.manor@ns.sympatico.ca

HONOURING OUR PAST

Ever wonder what 250 years old would feel like? Pretty darn good, if the Scott Manor could talk! Constructed circa 1770, the Manor House boasts a long and colourful history. Thanks to covid shutdowns, we are a little late in celebrating her 250th but better late than never. This summer, we are honouring our beautiful community museum all through the month of July with special exhibits that tell the stories of important times in the life of the house. Snippets of history will emerge from our archives to see the light of day.

Dedicated volunteers will select and display our colonial past in the Manor that was built by Joseph Scott, as part of the nearby Fort Sackville construction. The Manor sits snugly on the hill overlooking the Sackville River at the entrance to the Bedford Basin. Vignettes will demonstrate four different time frames with costumes and artifacts reflecting specific periods of residential occupation. Is history important? You bet! We learn from our past and we shape the future. Mark a visit to Scott Manor on your calendar from this summer and bring family and friends to discover us at 15 Fort Sackville Road.

CLEAN UP DAY AT SCOTT MANOR HOUSE

If you have a few hours to spare on Saturday, April 20th (weather permitting), grab your rake and your garden gloves and join us for an outside clean up day at Scott Manor House. Time: 9:00 - 11:00 am. We will end the morning with tea and a sweet snack.



YOU CAN ALSO FOLLOW US ON:

[The Scott Manor House website](#)

