

# BEDFORD - PAST AND PRESENT



The summer days are going fast but you still have time to come out and visit us. There are still many things to see and do. We had a wonderful Georgian Social on June the 29th, although the weather looked iffy. It was dry and clear for the pipes and drums band of Clan Farquharson and our town crier and our guests and dignitaries enjoyed refreshments. This year the house was open for tours and our summer students have been busy showing off the many features of this beautiful old home and all of our displays. Keep an eye out for our highway sign and our website and Facebook to find out about upcoming events such as the Palettes and Pigments Plein Air Art Show and Sale in August. And of course our tea room is open every afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00. Spend some time exploring the house; gardens and then drop in for a cup of tea and our famous oat-cakes. We are also hosting our annual Quoits tournament in August where we invite teams from local heritage societies to compete for the Brenton Cup. We are aiming for August 19 or 20 so watch the highway sign and Facebook for date and time. The last day for tours will be August 28 so please make sure you drop by to say hello and visit this beautiful gem in the heart of olde Bedford to see what life was like back in 1770. Hope to see you all soon!

Debbie Miller, Chair

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Are you interested in being part of the planning and promotion of the activities at Scott Manor House?

**BRINGING  
HISTORY  
TO LIFE**

We have openings for individuals to assist in a wide variety of roles. They include creating/compiling our newsletter, working on social media, website development and maintenance, researching and writing about Bedford history, updating our photo database, supporting our archives committee, assisting the curator with exhibit development and installation, developing programs/events and more. Good computer skills are an asset.

There are people with lots of experience available to mentor you so drop us a note and tell us about yourself and how we might work together.

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## SCOTT MANOR HOUSE SUMMER SCHEDULE

\* Scott Manor House is open daily June 23rd - August 28th from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

\* Tea Room is open daily July 1st - August 28th from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

\* Yoga with Maureen - Mondays starting July 14th and ending Aug 25th; Time 10:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. on the lawn at Scott Manor House. No class if it rains.

Event	Date	Time	Rain Date
Beginner Rug Hooking Workshop	August 5th-6th	11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	N/A
Palettes and Pigments Long Brush Event	August 10th-15th	Every day/All day	N/A
Palettes and Pigments Plein Art workshops	August 10th-11th	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	August 11th-12th
Workshop - Paint your own lobster barrel top with Kat from <i>The Restless Mind</i>	August 13th	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	
Lakeview Jam Band Concert	August 13th	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	August 27th
Palettes and Pigments Quick Draw Event	August 16th	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	N/A
Palettes and Pigments Art Show and Sale	August 17th - 23rd	11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	N/A
Second Chances Community Band	August 21st	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	August 28th
Workshop - "Print" your own set of decorative dish towels with stamps of art work by Kat from <i>The Restless Mind</i>	August 27th	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	N/A

This information is also available on our website and Facebook pages. Updates, cancellations and new information will be added to the website or posted on Facebook page as applicable. If you have any questions, please contact us at [scott.manor@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:scott.manor@ns.sympatico.ca)

**SUMMER REPORT:** So far our summer at Scott Manor House has been amazing. Over 100 people gathered for each evening the Chebucto Big Band played and all enjoyed the wonderful performances. Workshops presented by Kat from The Restless Minds were full and participants had great fun creating some wonderful décor objects for their homes. The Lakeview Jam Band provided a lively afternoon concert to an enthusiastic crowd. Not surprisingly the Tea Room has been well attended and many oat cakes have been consumed. Our student guides have enjoyed meeting people and giving tours of the museum. There is still plenty of time to come visit us in person so we hope to see you soon !

**SOME SUMMER FUN FROM JUNE AND JULY AT SCOTT MANOR**

**STILL LOTS OF OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT IN AUGUST !**



## PALETTES AND PIGMENTS PLEIN AIR

Scott Manor House is once again hosting our Palettes and Pigments Plein Air fundraiser in August. Participants have the option of participating in:

- 1) The Long Brush - 5 days of self scheduled painting in the environs of Paper Mill Lake (Aug 10th -15th) and/or
- 2) The Quick Draw - a Saturday morning paint out at Fish Hatchery Park (August 16th)



To learn more or to register for the Long Brush and/or Quick Draw, visit <https://forms.gle/hzGhJpeABRgnYKvH8>

This year, the event also includes the opportunity to attend a two day painting workshop (either watercolour or acrylics/oil) taught by local artists Anne and Edward Wedler. The cost of the workshop is in addition to the fee to participate in the Long Brush/Quick Draw portions of Palettes and Pigments.

To learn more or to register for a Plein Air workshop, visit <https://forms.gle/kNFgn67W3oMaA3VL6>

## PALETTES AND PIGMENTS ART SHOW AND SALE

August 17<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> , 2025

North Room, Scott Manor House

11:00 am - 4:00 pm daily

Featuring art created by participants during the Palettes and Pigment Plein Air Event week.

It is a great opportunity to support our local artists and Scott Manor House.

The paintings shown here are examples from last year's exhibit.



**VOLUNTEER PROFILE: CAROLYN CROWELL**

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

I began volunteering at the FSF in 1987 when I moved to Bedford. Ann MacVicar introduced me to the opportunity and I have enjoyed it ever since.

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

I have been the Secretary for a number of years. I started out organizing the minutes of the FSF since its inception and going back to some of the beginnings of historic work in this area, such

as Bedford Heritage '80. I believe it is important to remember what we have done through the years and to tell the stories over and over again as new people arrive in our neighbourhoods and young people grow up.

I also keep an Events File on the various events that are held at the Scott Manor House. This helps with organizing the programs as the reports contain the names of contact people and what events might fit in with our work highlighting the lives of people who lived in this area through the years.

Working in the Tearoom has been a great experience over the years. I am somewhat disabled now, but I still wash dishes a few times each summer. The Reading, Resource and Research Committee, begun by Marion Christie, has been a favourite part of my time with Foundation. This group keeps getting bigger as people find out about what we do and want to be involved in preserving the history of what has occurred since the 1700s with their families, in the homes they have bought, or what lives were like in those days— so different from life today.

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

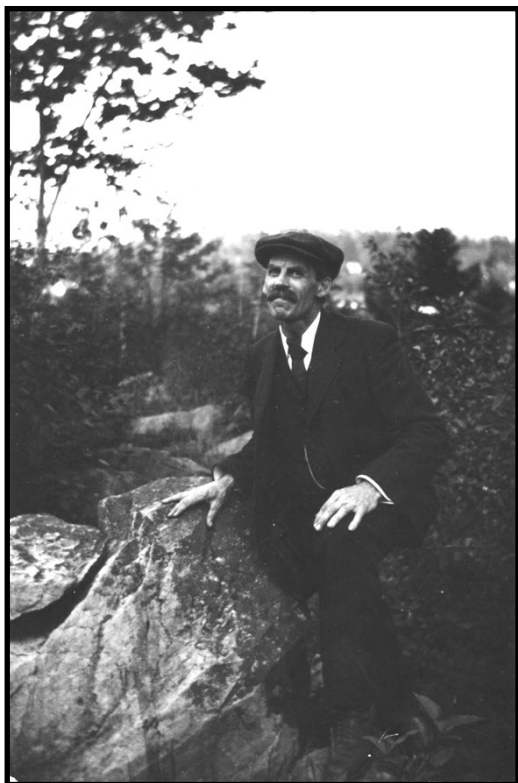
The best part of volunteering with the FSF is getting to know the people who work together to remember our past. Each of us also has our own personal story in the present and it is good to feel this is a safe place to share ourselves and our dreams.

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*Thank you Carolyn for all your contributions to Scott Manor House and the Fort Sackville Foundation!*



## PHOTO FLASHBACK



Frederick (Fred) Emmerson was well known in the Bedford area during the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. He was an amateur photographer whose images are at the heart of our photo collections today at Scott Manor House. Frederick was born in Quebec on August 21, 1868, the son of Robert Emmerson and Marcella Hawke. It is unclear how he came to Nova Scotia but while here, he made his living as a carpenter/builder. On October 1, 1904 in Mosher River, Halifax County, Fred married Margaret Archibald (b. March 14, 1869), daughter of James and Margaret (McQuinn) Archibald of Bedford. By the time Fred and Margaret's first child, Frederick Archibald Emmerson (aka Archie) was born September 9, 1906, the family was living in Bedford. Fred and Margaret went on to have two other children: Ethel Marcella (b. Jan 3, 1909) and Sara Gertrude (b. June 28, 1910).

Like many other locations in the early 1900s, Nova Scotia struggled with the impacts of tuberculosis. The disease struck the Emmerson family hard, first taking Emma on April 4, 1912 and then Mother Margaret on August 19, 1914. Not even a year later, daughter Sara died of pneumonia on April 2, 1915.

Fred Sr. was devastated by the loss of his wife and daughters. In an effort to distract himself, he took up photography, becoming the documentarian of life in Bedford for the period 1915 to 1916. His son, Archie, donated Fred's collection of over 400 negatives to Bedford Heritage, who in turn donated them to the Fort Sackville Foundation/Scott Manor House. We are grateful to be the custodians of this important pictorial collection of Bedford's history.

The graves for all the Emmerson family, including Archie who passed in 1955, can be found in All Saints Anglican Cemetery.

The beautiful mahogany, tilt-top table that once belonged to Fred's mother, Margaret, has graced the Scott Manor House parlour since 2013, courtesy of donor Lloyd Mitchell.



The Fort Sackville Foundation is a voluntary association and registered charity (No. 885410548RR0001) located at Scott Manor House, a Registered Provincial and Municipal Heritage property.

**MISSION:** to collect, protect, preserve and promote the history and cultural heritage of Bedford

**MANDATE:**

1. Collect, preserve, and interpret artifacts, archival material and intangible forms of heritage
2. Undertake research related to the people, places, organizations and events, and the built and natural environment of Bedford
3. Cultivate and promote greater understanding of the heritage of Bedford, by production of monographs, exhibits, public programs and other activities
4. Maintain and promote Scott Manor House and the Fort Sackville site
5. Advocate for heritage preservation

The Fort Sackville Foundation operates under a Board of Directors and an Executive Committee, holding regular public meetings. We depend on our members and other volunteers to accomplish our mission and mandate. Join us and help support our community heritage.

I'd like to become a member:  Annual Membership \$10.00     Life Membership \$100.00

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to volunteer for:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds/gardens  | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs, events     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tea Room   | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading Room         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research   | <input type="checkbox"/> Resource Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archives and acquisitions                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sharing practical skills (e.g. Carpentry, baking, etc. ) _____ |   |

*Please return this form with payment to:*  
Fort Sackville Foundation, 15 Fort Sackville Road, Bedford, NS B4A 2G6

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