



C H E S T E R M U N I C I P A L H E R I T A G E S O C E Y

On-going projects:

- * Copying and tagging graphic files
- * Outreach to community a priority
- * Database updating

Lordly Museum Spring 2016

Celebrating 20 years at Lordly House

On July 15, 1996 the Chester Municipal Heritage Society became the lawful owners of Lordly House after signing the transfer agreements with Marion MacNutt at the Law Offices of Hennigar Wells. The Society had been negotiating the terms of a purchase and sale agreement with John and Marion MacNutt since 1987 but, following the death of John MacNutt in 1994, Marion decided it was time to conclude the sale for a total of \$130,000. The Society made a \$30,000 down payment and agreed to pay \$10,000 for the next 10 years at no interest.

The MacNutts purchased the property in 1964 from Dr. Charles and Lucy Stanford of Chester. Marion and John were devoted to preserving the house and they were avid collectors of Lordly papers, photos and artifacts. The Heritage Society owes a monumental debt to the MacNutts for their thirty-years' tenure as the keepers of Lordly family stories and traditions.

We wish to extend our deepest gratitude to John and Marion MacNutt whose foresight helped to ensure the preservation of a Chester landmark. Now, twenty years later, we have a very bright future to celebrate.

The 2015 Victorian Christmas Show

For the fifth year in a row, the Victorian Christmas show was held at the Lordly House Museum in Chester. A lot of very positive comments were heard again this year. Folks just seem to like to come to the museum for the craft show. This proved very beneficial for the 20 vendors that participated in the show. Of this number, 5 were new vendors to the show in 2015. A total of 752 items were sold. Total sales were \$5777.10. The show vendors all donate 20% of their sales to the Society. This show netted the Society some \$1155.42. Thanks to all the vendors and helpers who worked many hours to help make the show so successful in 2015.



The 2016 show will be held at the Lordly House Museum, November 24-27, 2016. Hilary McCarron, show chairperson.

Summer Events:

- Annual Heritage Auction July 9 – 10 am Flea Market 9 AM
- Blandford Display Room—New Display Planned - June 22
- Opening of the Underneath Display - July
- House and Harbour Tour- August 27 from 10 - 4 cost \$30.00 beginning at the train Station, 20 Smith Road no advance tickets rain or shine

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Updates and Activities

Train Station

The Train Station is looking pretty good these days. Over the past few years it has received a new roof, deck, paint job and chimney plus it has been re-wired.



The Explore Oak Island Display

continues to delight and educate the many visitors to the Train Station. New exhibits continue to be set up and this year there will be two. A faithful, highly detailed reproduction of the In-scribed Stone is under construction right now and hopefully, it will be on display by June. Secondly, a dendrochronology display (study of tree rings) will educate and inform with some new artifacts acquired this winter.

The Chester Seaside Farmer and Artisan's Market

will once again be open every Friday this season. Get your locally produced items from food to décor and all sorts of creative, hand made products.

Their Web Address is:

<https://chesterfarmersmarket.wordpress.com>



Bear Facts

This year, come and have a look at our new life size carved Polar Bear donated by Chester area carver Olaf Peterson. The Bear was created from a single limb that fell in Lordly Park years ago. You will be impressed when it is finally unveiled. This unique and impressive carving will be enjoyed by everyone who stops in for a visit or even those who drive by the Train Station

It was a big effort to get into place, but thanks to Steve

Foran, manager of Chester Building Supplies and Dale Kaizer expert operator of their boom truck, as well as Ken Mosher of Oceanview Garden Center and Landscaping and his crew for lifting the Polar Bear out of it's storage location where it could be picked up by the boom truck. Lastly, we must thank Olaf Peterson and family for their generous gift and his talent as a carver.



“Underneath It All” is a historic review of North American undergarments from 1860 to 1960. It was on display at the Lordly House Museum mid-July to mid-September 2015. The exhibit was inspired and compiled by Dudley Grove and designed by Fran Underwood. The five-room display was installed and dismantled by 20-some volunteers. The exhibit will be re-mounted in July 27 and remain at the museum until fall.



The Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on April 22, 7pm
 Guest Speaker: Duane Porter Curator,
 Halifax & Southwestern Railway Museum
 Everyone Welcome

The 1806 Fund was generously supported for \$11,805.00- thank you to everyone who donated.

Virtual Museum

The Forman Hawboldt profile on the Virtual Museum of Canada will be on line beginning April 22. Our thanks to Dave Stronach, Cindy Lamson, Hawboldt Industries, and Marina Davidson and other community members for making this possible.

New Ross Anniversary

In 2016 New Ross turns 200! They will celebrate this milestone all year, which will include events each month, highlighted by a founding weekend-long celebration from **August 5-7, 2016**. Events launched in January 2016, with an "opening of the time capsule" left from the 150th Anniversary, and launch of ***The History of New Ross – 200 Years***. Throughout the year you can enjoy suppers, children's artwork, food projects, and in

August, a night market, community parade, woodsmen competition, garden party and concert in the park. New Ross Celebrates 200 Years

NOVA MUSE Update

Lordly House Museum went on-line as a Nova Muse contributor in January, 2016. We joined fifty-six other Nova Scotia museums that can showcase our respective collections through an award-winning collective museum database. To date, we have photographed and catalogued more than 366 objects and have uploaded more than sixty photographs of the Lordly family as well as other early photographs of the Chester and area community. You are invited to browse our portal at: <http://www.novamuse.ca/index.php/Detail/Entities/211257>. You may also

browse all participating museum collections at www.novamuse.ca.

The popular **Blandford Room** has a new display

The South Shore Genealogical Society has finally found a permanent home at the Lunenburg Academy.

Fran Underwood has been nominated as our Community Volunteer



Big Changes at Lordly House...



Since just after last Christmas, we have been giving the interior of Lordly House at bit of a face lift.

We are attempting to restore the interior rooms to the Charles Lordly period of the mid to late 1800's with period color paint.

We have been very fortunate to have Wayne Cameron and Frank Metzger undertake this project for the Society. Other individuals like Ken MacRury have built period style furnishings for various rooms. Other friends have donated or loaned period furniture like a 19th C. bookshelf cabinet, side chairs and quilts as well as period china and silver. A number of our supporters have also given cash gifts to purchase paint and supplies, and in one case provide the funds to purchase an exceptional 18thC. brass face tall case clock for the formal parlor. The society has also incorporated a number of pieces from our own collection some of which are believed to have come from the Lordly family. We have set one room aside to showcase the photos and artifacts as well as the genealogy and photos of the Lordly family.

Cindy Lamson has and continues to do a great job of researching items and photos for the room. In addition, she and others have taken great care to research and document our total collection of furnishing and artifacts etc.



We hope to have the interior of Lordly House completed and ready for viewing by our June opening. Make sure to plan a visit this summer

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Join us—become a member.

Individual member \$15.00

Family member (immediate) \$25.00

Additional donations gratefully accepted through the 1806 fund

Membership forms are available on line or by calling 275-3826

The mission of the Chester Municipal Heritage Society is: *To cultivate awareness of the unique heritage of the Municipality of Chester for the enjoyment and benefit of present and future generations through the preservation of historically significant properties and the delivery of educational programming.*

Mandate

The mandate of the Chester Municipal Historical Society encompasses the natural and cultural history of the communities that make up the Municipality of Chester, both tangible (such as artifacts, buildings, and archival records) and intangible (such as oral history and customs).

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Edwina Lordly, Canadian Olympian 1936

Edwina Lordly, daughter of Edwin D. and Evelina Lordly of Chester, NS, was a member of the Canadian women's alpine ski team at the 1936 Olympics. But she was not the only member from Chester—she was joined by Miss Marion Miller, a close childhood friend as a member of the team. Some would ask how could a Chester resident possibly qualify as an alpine skier? Edwina did not learn to ski in Canada, but she became proficient at skiing in Europe after WWI and was known as a fierce competitor and skiing instructor.

Edwina left Chester as a young woman to study nursing in New York City. Upon graduation and the outbreak of WWI, she enlisted with the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Forces as a nurse. She served in France where she met her future husband, John Adrian Chamier. In 1936, Edwina and her team-mates were all in Europe and, since it was impossible to send other athletes from Canada, they were given the opportunity to represent Canada. Edwina was 46 years old, the oldest Canadian woman to compete in

the Winter Olympics to date (and she held the record for at least another 22 years). She cracked a bone in her foot during training and the team Captain, Mrs. Lois Butler, noted: "I looked at my team and I felt that Mrs. Chamier with her injured foot bandaged and Diana Gordon-Lennox with her broken fingers were very brave to start at all. Marion Miller looked so young and rather pale from her recent illness (bronchitis)." The course included a downhill race and a slalom event. On Day 2, Mrs. Chamier had to retire because of her injured foot, but the others finished and, although they did not win a medal in the competition. Team Captain Butler wrote: 'we were very happy, although we would have all liked to have skied a little better than Chrifl Cranz,' (the woman who won the Combined result for Germany).



We looking for pictures and rugs for Lordly House Also croquet sets, bocce ball sets and rings game for the park.