



Chester Train Station

Lordly Ledger

Summer 2019



Chester Municipal Heritage Society

A Registered Charity

On-going projects:

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- Outreach to community
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Homefront Picnic

Saturday, July 27, 2019

Wharf paté with a baguette

Little Gooseberry Island grilled beef fillet with mustard sauce

Or

Picnic Salmon with Green Goddess dressing

Three sides

Apple pie

Blueberry compote w/ maple cream, shortbread

Admiral basket for two \$500

Commodore basket for two \$250

Captain basket for two \$125

Commander basket for one \$75

Please let us know if you are interested in a basket and/or helping this year: Elaine is taking orders now!

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Community Garden Party July 1st 3:30 - 9:30 PM at the Chester Train Station

A new event this year will be a garden party at the train station, open to any non-profit group in the municipality who would like to take part and raise money for their group as well as businesses who may want to raise money for a particular non-profit. This garden party will feature games for the young at heart, booths, music, food and at the end of the night fire works off Chester Yacht Club and Freda's Beach. Just one piece of information though the Heritage Society handles the money for this event we **CANNOT AND DO NOT** use it for anything other than the celebration. So if you donate to the July 1st celebration your money does not assist the society, only membership fees and donations directly to the society support our work. We wish to thank the Chester Village Commission for moneys donated toward the July 1st celebration and a grant from Heritage Canada for their support.

Updates and Activities

Dedicated Volunteer Honoured

It was a pleasure to see one of Chester's Heritage Society's hardest-working volunteers, Cindy Lamson, recognized for her years of service as a former board member and secretary.

Nancy Hatch was also thanked for her service on the board and her on-going commitment to documenting



Wayne Cameron and Cindy Lamson

our collection.

Our Board Members for 2019

Jayne Campbell, Hilary McCarron, Carolyn Conrad, Danny Hennigar, Joyce Hiltz, Micky Lantz, Fran Underwood, and Charles Williams, .

Executive Members for 2019

Carol Nauss (Chair), Wayne Cameron (Vice Chair), James Isaacs (Treasurer), and Vicki Levy (Secretary)

2018 Highlights

- Annual Auction and Flea Market
- Teas with Mrs. Lordly.
- Paint Off in Lordly Park.
- Station 20 Handcraft Shoppe
- The Victorian Christmas Craft Sale
- An antique quilt which is on loan to CMHS from the Chester United Baptist Church will be displayed in Maple Cottage.
- The continued accession of our collection, adding it to Nova -Muse's on-line provincial database.

- A signage project was initiated to bring attention to houses that are 150 years or older. Owners were invited to exchange their blue civic signs for burgundy signs. A map to serve as a walking or driving guide has been completed.
- An antique lace display and a Tuesday Painters retrospect was held at Lordly House Museum. I would like to thank everyone who helped or volunteered to make these exhibits a success.
- A knitting and hand craft group has continues to meet during Tuesday afternoons from 1-3 at the station
- The Victorian Christmas Craft Sale had 21 vendors 6 of whom were new in 2018. Lots of folks really appreciated being able to pay with credit/debit cards.

Train Station

Station 20 Handcraft Shoppe

The establishment of the Station 20 Handcraft Shoppe, which featured locally hand-made products from 36 vendors proved to be a success story, and received a 5-star review from Google's own employees on Google. We ran a Visitor Information Centre independently of the municipality, and continued to promote our region to those who visited . We provided advertising space in our store to downtown area businesses to help promote our local community. This year we are a Chester Tourism Ambassador. Visit us on FaceBook @station20shoppe. Craft demonstrations are on Wednesday afternoons from 1-3 PM through the summer. Special thanks to Carolyn and James for making this happen.

Station Displays This Year

Displays include: boatbuilding and rum-running, a gold mining exhibit, a display of wrought iron artifacts, a Station exhibit, the Forman Hawboldt exhibit and the very popular Explore Oak Island display, which has new additions this year and is curated by Danny Hennigar.

We are actively seeking to bring a locomotive or other part of a formerly working train to relocate at the Station as a draw. We hope to raise funds for a deck along the front of the station next to where the tracks would have run. Currently donations for the building of the deck can be given at Station 20.

**Lordly Park
Best Community Space**

The park was recognized by the legislature as Best Community Space in 2018

Hugh MacKay MLA for Chester-St. Margaret's presenting an award for best community space in 2018 for Lordly Park.



Skating in the Park

With the support of the Chester Volunteer Fire Department and the Chester Village Commission we had skating in the park this past winter.



Filling the rink



Finished Rink all ready to skate

Oak Island

In the fall, the digitized materials we hold in our collection were used to enhance the Oak Island Mystery website owned by Digital Fusion's Dwight Robar, www.oakislandmystery.com. This was a huge undertaking, and once again provided more exposure for us. The group working on the History Channel's "The curse of Oak Island," visited the museum to go through our files and we received credit for this. The television program contained the shots of the house, and dining room that were used while filming at Lordly House. What great publicity for us!

Collections Management

The Society received 64 items from 12 donors in 2018. Notable additions included furnishings from the Danny Haughn Estate, a Hitchcock chair from Norman and Joan Chandler, a wooden bowl and platter made by Chip Smith and donated by Kathy Rothwell, a braided hair mourning bracelet from Gail Fraser and two Spode sauce boats from Frank Metzger. We also received numerous postcards and photographs from multiple donors. Our collections database currently has 561 objects listed with 938 representations of these objects. You may find the contents of our collection on Nova Muse, an online collections data base www.novamuse.ca.

We also acquired a Douglas Morash Sr. desk. Mr. Morash was a local furniture maker who lived on Pig Loop Road. He designed and built all his own machinery.



Events 2019

July 1 Community Garden Party at the Chester Train Station beginning at 3:30 with activities for children, games of chance, food, wheels, bingo opening shortly after that until 9:30PM, music from 7-9. Fire works off of the Chester Yacht Club at 10 PM.

Make a day of it starting at Chester for breakfast at the Royal Canadian Legion, on to Western Shore's Legion Garden Party from 10 -2; Grab a chicken BBQ at the Western Shore Development Assoc. at 12; and then come and celebrate with us at Chester Train Station from 3:30—9:30 ; followed by fire works off the Chester Yacht Club and Freda's Beach at 10 PM.

July 13 Annual Heritage Auction and Flea Market beginning at 9:30 AM at the Chester Train Station. A little bit of everything with great bargains and antiques.

July 27 Home Town Picnic baskets ready for pick up or local delivery.

August 10th Paint-off in the Park at Lordly Park & Tea with Wesley Lowe at Lordly House

Beginning at 12 PM, featuring a number of well-known artists who will spend 3 hours painting a group of pre-determined objects, (free). Followed by Tea with Wesley Lowe at 3:00 PM where works by Mr. Lowe will be on display. A \$10.00 entrance fee is paid at the door. The completed paintings from the Paint Off will be auctioned at the tea. Artists so far include: Wesley Lowe, Beverly Hubley, and Jayne Campbell. More artists to come.

Other News

"Then and Now", a video produced for the Chester Heritage Society with a Mental Health Foundation grant, led by Dawn Harwood-Jones, featuring local seniors, Shoreham residents and students. View it here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M9IrLBYflEw> A new grant has already been approved for this coming year.

This year we have received materials collected by the Blandford Historic Society who have endowed our museum with care and archiving of their collections. It is our intention to continue to collect and archive materials from that area for the foreseeable future. Our new board will include members from Blandford to ensure that we are doing our best for their area.

We have received funding for two students and we will need to work harder to ensure we can offer the quality and availability of services we usually provide. The students will man the Station and Lordly Museum.

The lease for the additional land beyond the Hawboldt Display building, running along the Chester Connection Trail has been approved and is due to be signed shortly.

GARDEN PARTY
Join us July 1
Chester Train Station
3:30 - 9:30

FIRE WORKS
Chester Yacht Club
10 PM

OTHER ACTIVITIES!
Kids games
Bingo
Lobster wheel
Dunk tank
Hot dog / hamburgers

WESTERN SHORE
Legion Garden Party 10-2
Chicken BBQ 12 PM

NEW ROSS
Garden Party & Celebration

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Join us—become a member.

Individual member \$15.00

Family membership (immediate) \$25.00

Additional donations gratefully accepted through the 1806 fund

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.

Our Mandate is:

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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Homefront Picnic

In keeping with the CMHS summer theme of Chester's Naval Heritage we are proposing a Homefront picnic. During World War II the citizens of Chester opened their village to the forces stationed in Halifax providing much needed rest and recreation and Chester's Hackmatack Inn became the Norwegian Convalescent Home for the recuperation of the Norwegian sailors based at Camp Norway in Lunenburg. Among the entertainments provided by the local residents were picnics. We are inspired by them and would like to build on this tradition.

Our picnic will honor not only the citizens, primarily women, who volunteered their time and rations then but also the citizens of Chester today who not only started the CMHS but continue to keep it going today.

We have been busy assembling baskets, napkins and glasses and know that they will be as lovely as they were for our last picnic basket fund raiser. The basket costs and donations remain the same although we have changed the names to reflect our naval theme.

We hope that you will consider buying a picnic basket again this year and maybe even volunteering to help create them. We will be having a kick off party on Wednesday, July 3 for the early basket buyers and volunteers.

Homefront Display

The Display at Lordly House Museum is "Homefront During WWII" featuring the volunteer work done here by the local women through the AJAX Group and others who assisted in the war effort. It will also introduce the Vice and Rear Admirals who at one time called Chester Home.



We offer opportunities to help preserve our municipal heritage, not just Chester village, conduct interviews and work with other groups to gather local knowledge. If interested in becoming a board member, or volunteer, please get in touch with Vicki our secretary at 902-275-3842 (Maple Cottage) or Carol at [902-275-3826](tel:902-275-3826).