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HOW TO JOIN OUR SOCIETY

Our membership dues for 2006 and 2007 are \$25.00 per year for individuals, and \$30.00 per year for families or couples. Anyone is able to join the Society, and we welcome new members. You may do so by filling out the form on the last page of the newsletter and mailing it to us with your dues, or you can drop by the Argyle Township Court House Archives in Tusket in person. As a member of the Society you will receive four issues of *The Argus*. The newsletter is initially distributed to our members at our meetings. Any member not in attendance at such a meeting will receive *The Argus* by mail. To members who live in the USA - your fees should be remitted in US funds to help defray our mailing costs. Our members do not pay admission fees to the museum or research fees when using the archives, and enjoy reduced photocopying rates as well. Memberships may also be paid by telephone, using VISA or MasterCard. Phone:- 902-648-2493

Cover:- The Wedgeport Inn, with the manager and four of his employees posed by the sign for the inn around 1938. See article p.13 ATCHA Photo #P2006:378

President's Message Winter 2006

The leaves have left the trees and landed in our backyard, the store speakers are playing Christmas carols and the flyers are full of toys for both little and big boys and girls and the last Argus for 2006 is in your hands. Where does the time go? I wonder how many times that question has been asked? Four short seasons and another year has passed. I find this time of year I am thinking of all the things I am grateful for in my life.

Grateful for my family and friends, they add love and laughter to my life. Grateful for my husband who is my anchor when the whole world seems to spin out of control. I am grateful for my health and energy, albeit dwindling a bit over the years. But most of all I guess I am grateful to be able to experience this thing called life and all the wonders within.

Part of this past year's experience was working on the Site Development Committee for the new Argyle Township Court House Archives. The committee started out with Bill Crowell, Daniel Jacquard, Danny Muise, Phyllis Pothier and myself. Through work and family commitments we lost Daniel and Phyllis, but not before they gave many hours to the original concept. We then gained James Breen and Keith Anthony and we continued to meet, plan and examine in detail the final plans.

The committee, past and present, was great to work with, and I learned so much from everyone's unique talents and expertise. The new archives has become an extremely important place to me and at times I protect it like a dog with a bone, but I think I am starting to let go a bit. The Court House and the Archives are so rich in history, so many tales to tell, so many lives passed through them. The Tusket River flows as it has for centuries and carries on its mist the history of a beautiful part of the universe. To sit in the Court House or the Archives and look out on the Tusket River brings feelings of peace, tranquility, wonderment and excitement all at once.

So from my vantage point looking out on the Tusket River I wish you and your loved ones the same feelings. May you ever feel peace and wonderment as you go about your lives, both now and well into the future. See you next year!

Roseanne Blades
President



NEW EMAILS FOR ARCHIVES

Those who use the archives and Society email should note that our email addresses have changed:-
Peter Crowell, Municipal Historian & Archivist or Archives generally:- atcha@ns.aliantzinc.ca
Carol Jacquard, Assistant Archivist:- atcha2@ns.aliantzinc.ca
Society President, Roseanne Blades:- atcha3@ns.aliantzinc.ca

Email for genealogical inquiries remains the same:-
Trudy Olsen, Genealogical Research:- atcha_tusket@hotmail.com

Note:- Mail will continue to be collected from the old email addresses for some time.

NEW ARCHIVES OPENED ON NOV. 16TH 2006

We are pleased to announce to the members that our new Argyle Township Court House Archives opened to the public on Thursday 16th November 2006. This quiet opening was preceded by a great deal of work as all the members will be aware. A tremendous amount of volunteer and staff time has been taken up with making this possible.

Keith Anthony, the New Archives Project Manager, and Roseanne Blades, Society President gave an incredible number of volunteer hours throughout the spring, summer and fall. This included a great deal of interior painting, carpentry, landscaping and laying paving stones, and more jobs than could probably be listed here. The summer students employed at the Court House over the summer assisted with some of the interior painting, and worked hard throughout the summer insuring that the records were transferred to new banker boxes, checked for insects and mould, and in mid-August assisted with the physical moving of a large portion of the records into the new vault. A lot of this work has been tedious, and much of it just plain exhausting manual labour. All of the summer employees and volunteers took on these jobs with great enthusiasm.

The Argyle Township Court House Archives is a handsome building, both on the exterior and the interior. There are some areas of the building that will be finished at a future date, but we have gained occupancy and are fully functional for the public and the staff and volunteers.

We will continue to put the finishing touches on the new facility in anticipation of our Grand Opening. This event will take place over three days in June, namely June 14, 15 & 16, 2007. This will give members who live in other areas and wish to attend, the opportunity to do so.

NOVA SCOTIA POWER - THROUGH THEIR GOOD NEIGHBOUR VOLUNTEERS' FUND HELPS THE NEW ARCHIVES PROJECT

Shown are Roseanne Blades, Society President and Gerald Jacquard, employee of Nova Scotia Power Inc and member of the Society standing outside the door to the steeple in the new Argyle Township Court House Archives. Gerald secured funding for the new archives project through a program at his work called the Good Neighbour Volunteers' Fund.



This is the second time that Gerald has secured funding for the new archives project through Nova Scotia Power Inc. Good Neighbour Volunteer's Fund. The first donation went toward the restoration of the steeple and the second time the donation went towards replacing the door in the steeple and enabling us to provide wheelchair access.

Gerald also co-hosts our website with his wife Carol, our Assistant Archivist, as well as offering IT help, scanning and general assistance in the archives. The Society wishes to thank Nova Scotia Power Inc. and Gerald Jacquard for their generosity to the new Argyle Township Court House Archives.

Society President, Roseanne Blades, and Society member Gerald Jacquard stand in front of the entrance to the new Argyle Township Court House Archives. Gerald, an employee of Nova Scotia Power Inc., presents a cheque for \$1,000 from Nova Scotia Power's "Good Neighbour Volunteers' Fund". This is the second time this program has made a contribution to New Archives Project.



A Future For Our Past



A FUTURE FOR OUR PAST FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN GOALS ARE REACHED! A THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SUPPORTERS

I am pleased to announce to the Society members that the fundraising goal set for the Society for the New Archives Project has been reached! "A Future for Our Past" has been the slogan for the fundraising campaign, which began officially in 2004. A fundraising goal of \$220,000 was set by the Society and agreed upon at our Annual General Meeting on 10 June 2004. As of 20 November 2006 we have raised the sum of \$224,245.46

We cannot thank those members and other contributors enough for enabling us to realize the important dream of creating a new home for our archives, and for saving and preserving another important heritage building in the centre of Tusket next-door to the Court House.

In 2004 we published two issues of "A Future for Our Past" fundraising newsletter, and a third issue was sent out in 2006. These three newsletters and regular updates in *The Argus* have served to keep the members informed in regard to our progress.

The members should know at this time that the Society's Board of Directors will continue to fundraise to complete additional aspects of the New Archives Project, and also to pay down the capital debt associated with the project. At the 10 June 2004 Annual General Meeting the Society members also approved the Board of Directors obtaining a line-of-credit to a maximum of \$150,000. It has been necessary to use this line-of-credit in order to finish the New Archives to the point where we could gain occupancy of the building. The Board will keep the members informed of their activities in this regard as time goes on.

The important thing for the members to know at this point - is that the initial fundraising goal has been reached! And you are largely responsible! Thank you! Thank you!

Some Fundraising Highlights!!

Very early in "A Future for Our Past" campaign we offered the opportunity for members to sponsor windows in the New Archives. These ranged in price from \$4,749.50 for the large three-part window on the front of the former church, to \$500 for the small triangular window found in the front peak of the façade. Perhaps due in part to the fact that this was formerly a church building, the members and local businesses came forward with great enthusiasm, and within two months all windows had been sponsored.

Many members contributed to the Steeple Fund.

Margaret d'Entremont made a beautiful hand-made quilt that we sold tickets on. This raised \$2,371.

Roseanne Blades donated a bicycle that we sold raffle tickets on.

Several Acadian family associations, formed to carry out family reunions and related events during the World Acadian Congress 2004, have been very generous to the New Archives Project. Several of these organizations disbanded after having successfully realized their own goals and objectives. Surplus funds were distributed amongst worthy organizations throughout the Municipality of Argyle. We were the grateful recipients of gifts from four such organizations.

Association des Mius (Muisse, Meuse) de la Nouvelle-Écosse
Association des Pothier-Pottier, Corporon de la Nouvelle-Écosse
Association des Blanchard, Dulong, Frotten & Vacon de la Nouvelle-Écosse
Association des Bourg-Bourque de la Nouvelle-Écosse

The Association des Bourg-Bourque, an organization that has not dissolved, also took on the planning and execution of our first Christmas House Tours in Tusket in 2005. All proceeds from this event went towards the New Archives Project.

Our largest individual donor (anonymous) donated \$20,000 towards the project.
Our second largest individual donor (anonymous) donated \$15,000
Our third largest individual donor is Society President, Roseanne Blades.

The most common donation amount was \$100.

Every dollar given to this campaign has meant much to the success of this project. We understand fully that everyone has given to the best of their ability.

Although the New Archives opened for business on 16 November 2006, our Grand Opening will take place over three days in June. 14, 15 & 16 June (Thurs., Fri., Sat.) 2007 are the days to mark on your calendar. We will hold a three-day Open House during that time, and further details will be outlined in future issues of *The Argus*.

There will be a permanent acknowledgement wall in the New Archives, which is being designed now. This will feature the names of all donors and sponsors who have contributed \$500 or more to the campaign. There will also be "Register" displayed in the archives that will feature the names of all donors, excepting those who have chosen to remain anonymous. There will also be a panel located in the steeple/tower entrance acknowledging those who have given \$100 or more to the Steeple Fund.

We are also including along with this issue of *The Argus* an updated list of contributors to this campaign. We thank everyone again for their generosity in contributing to this important project, and enabling us to reach our fundraising goals.

A special thank you as well to Raymond Bowers, who has assisted with the fundraising records, Roseanne Blades who has played a large part in grant applications and reporting, and Bill Crowell, who has handled the issuing of our Income Tax Receipts for donations.

I have been deeply touched by everyone's support and friendship.

Peter Crowell
Municipal Historian & Archivist
Chair, "A Future for Our Past" Fundraising Campaign
1 December 2006

**2007 HERITAGE CALENDAR IS STILL FOR SALE
THIS CALENDAR MAKES A VERY NICE CHRISTMAS GIFT
FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN ARGYLE HISTORY
AND OUR WORLD WAR I & WORLD WAR II VETERANS**

We are very pleased with our 2007 Heritage Calendar. "*Argyle in the Two Wars*" is the general theme and it features a wide range of photographs of both male and female veterans, war brides, war memorials throughout the area and much more. There are detailed write-ups on all the people featured in the calendar, and many communities through the Municipality of Argyle are represented.

We expect this to be one of our more popular calendars, so urge members to order while they are still available.

The calendar makes an attractive Christmas gift. It sells for \$10 and can be mailed for an additional \$2.50.

If members wish they can order calendars to be sent as a gift anywhere in Canada or the US. This can be done by sending a cheque to AMHGS PO Box 101 Tusket, NS B0W 3M0 Canada, or you can transact this business over the telephone using either MasterCard or VISA. Phone 1-902-648-2493.

We will include one of our own attractive heritage Christmas cards with a message indicating who the gift is from.



The month of June in the 2007 Heritage Calendar.

MEMBERSHIPS IN THE SOCIETY

The following is a list of those members who have paid their dues for the years listed below since the publication of the last *Argus*, namely from 24 September 2006 to 1 December 2006. This is a running list, that continues from one issue of the newsletter to the next. Those who paid their dues prior to 24 September 2006 will find their names listed in previous issues of *The Argus*. For those who wish to check the status of their membership, an expiry date appears on the address label attached to the envelope in which your newsletter was mailed, or on the *Argus* itself, if your newsletter is delivered by hand.

At current count we have 597 members for 2006. It seems safe to assume that even this late in the year we should reach 600 members for the year. This is a decline in membership numbers as last year we had 630 members. As members will have noted we have lost 12 members to death over the past year. We hope in 2007 to increase our membership base again. If you know someone who you feel might enjoy reading the *Argus*, let us know. We would be pleased to send them a copy of the newsletter, along with an invitation to become a member.

MEMBERS 2006

Jerry Hurlbert, Weaverville, CA, USA - New
 Norbert & Carol LeBlanc, Arcadia, NS - New
 Ken Wyman, Glen, NH, USA - New
 Claude & Deanna Bourque, Sluice Point, NS - Renewals
 Barbara Hamilton, Lisbon Falls, ME, USA - Renewal
 Bonnie Kehoe-Gove, Merrimac, MA, USA - Renewal
 Basil & Jeannette LeBlanc, Franklin, MA, USA - Renewals
 Marilyn Weber, Clarkston, MI, USA - New
 Jane Bourque Cook, Bend, OR, USA - Renewal
 Peter & Marjorie Spinney, Gloucester, MA, USA - Renewals
 Mrs. Pearl Gavel, Oshawa, ON - New
 Roger Devine, Yarmouth, NS - New
 Jim & Nancy Muise, Lanark, ON - New
 Kenneth Winter, Brenton, NS - New
 Lucille White, Richfield, NS - Renewal

MEMBERS 2007

Claude & Deanna Bourque, Sluice Point, NS - Renewals
 Alice Clairmont, Melbourne, NS - Renewal
 Otis J. Dulong, St. Catherines, ON - Renewal
 Letha Pottier, Whitby, ON - Renewal
 Jeanette Jacquard, Lower Wedgeport, NS - Renewal
 Rosemary Marlyn-Trimble, Lindsay, ON - Renewal
 Robert Mood, Quincy, MA, USA - Renewal
 Doreen Anderson, Arcadia, NS - Renewal
 Claire T. Pothier, Wedgeport, NS - Renewal
 Bernadette Wilson, Dartmouth, NS - Renewal
 Barbara B. Allen, Thunder Bay, ON - Renewal
 J. David & Janice Surette, Lower Eel Brook, NS - Renewals
 Joyce Rogers & Veralyn Rogers Bonnar, Gavelton, NS - Renewals

Alphonse Pottier, Ste-Anne-du-Ruisseau, NS - Renewal
 Norman E. Pothier, Deep River, ON - Renewal
 Michelle Pothier, Creemore, ON - Renewal
 Roland LeBlanc, Pincourt, PQ - Renewal
 Doug & Yvonne Eldridge, Deerfield, NS - Renewals
 Joyce Burton, Raynardton, NS - Renewal
 Jane Bourque Cook, Bend, OR, USA - Renewal
 Roland & Pauline Bourque, Tusket, NS - Renewals
 Del Bourque, London, ON - Renewal
 Peter & Marjorie Spinney, Gloucester, MA, USA - Renewals
 Mrs. Pearl Gavel, Oshawa, ON - Renewal
 Jim & Nancy Muise, Lanark, ON - New
 Anita Robinson, New Elm, NS - Renewal
 Edward Spinney & Gloria Hearn-Spinney, Argyle, NS - New & Renewal
 Patrick Cornelius Amirault, Nashua, NH, USA - Renewal
 Dorothy Allan, Hebron, NS - Renewal
 Caroline Babin, Lower Eel Brook, NS - Renewal
 Louise V. Card, Ashaway, RI, USA - Renewal
 Dr. A.M. Clark, Pubnico, NS - Renewal
 John & Winnifred Coleman, Seattle, WA, USA - Renewals
 Yvonne Eaton, Tusket, NS - Renewal
 Rosemarie Fay, Little Brook, NS - Renewal
 Robert J. Frost, Victoria, BC - Renewal
 Catherine L. Goyer, Yarmouth, NS - Renewal
 Tracy Hatfield, Yarmouth, NS - Renewal
 Annie Lantz, Clyde, AB - Renewal
 Audrey Larkin, Lower East Pubnico, NS - Renewal
 Natalie Lunau, Morris Island, NS - Renewal
 Alain Meuse, Yarmouth, NS - Renewal
 Royce Nixon, Yarmouth, NS - Renewal
 Kenneth & Doris Peters, Pubnico, NS - Renewals
 Alice Pilling, Stoughton, MA, USA - Renewal
 Georgette Saulnier, Pinkney's Point, NS - Renewal

Lester & Rosalind Smith, Halifax, NS - Renewals
Janice Stelma, Yarmouth, NS - Renewal
James & Theresa Dulong, Ste-Anne-du-Ruisseau, NS -
Renewals

MEMBERS 2008

Rosemary Marlyn-Trimble, Lindsay, ON - Renewal
Vernon & Louise LeBlanc, Wedgeport, NS - Renewals
Del Bourque, London, ON - Renewal
Anita Robinson, New Elm, NS - Renewal
Jacqueline Garron, Toronto, ON - Renewal
Catherine L. Goyer, Yarmouth, NS - Renewal
Annie Lantz, Clyde, AB - Renewal
Audrey Larkin, Lower East Pubnico, NS - Renewal
Janice Stelma, Yarmouth, NS - Renewal
James & Theresa Dulong, Ste-Anne-du-Ruisseau, NS -
Renewals

MEMBERS 2009

Jacqueline Garron, Toronto, ON - Renewal
James & Theresa Dulong, Ste-Anne-du-Ruisseau, NS -
Renewals

MEMBERS 2010

James & Theresa Dulong, Ste-Anne-du-Ruisseau, NS -
Renewals

MEMBERS 2011

James & Theresa Dulong, Ste-Anne-du-Ruisseau, NS -
Renewals

