

Wolfville Historical Society

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Annual General Meeting 2005

The Society's Annual General Meeting took place on January 19th in the Fire Hall. As is customary, it was addressed by Mayor Bob Stead.

His Worship expressed the Town's support for the Society in the course of outlining its financial contributions to us and in describing two projects we are jointly undertaking. The first will significantly increase the Society's collection of photographs of streets and buildings of the Town. On the one hand, we will solicit donations of old photos and, on the other, we will create a new street-by-street pictorial record of the Town as it is in 2005.

The second project involves the reactivation of the Town's Heritage Advisory Committee of which three Society members, Wendy Elliott (chair), Pat Townsend, and Glen Hancock are members. The Mayor said that he would welcome a submission to the committee by the Society for this year's revision of the land use bylaws.

Both of these projects put the Society in a position of influence and support in the Town's heritage-preservation endeavours. The Board takes this responsibility very seriously. We are fortunate to have the backing we receive from the Town, financial and otherwise. It should be noted that as we assist the Town in these projects we are also furthering our own mission of preserving and publicising Town heritage.

In the business part of the meeting we expressed

our appreciation to retiring director Russell Elliott for his years of service, and welcomed John Vaillancourt to the W.H.S. Board. We heard the good news that the Collections, Garden and Social Committees and the Memorial Trustees have been strengthened by the addition of new members, and that plans for activity over the winter and next summer are in hand. Randall House will receive its final exterior coat of paint this summer, the conclusion to a three year restoration project; and the Garden Committee will continue with the creation of an early Victorian garden.

Thanks to the generosity of our members and friends, and the success of our fund raising, the Treasurer was able to report that we ended the year with our finances in good order. Our savings were depleted only slightly by the restoration and improvements to Randall House and the costs of rectifying the mould problem. We look forward again this year to raising funds to meet the expenses of the museum restoration.

I close by thanking our members for their continuing support and interest, and our volunteers, new and of long standing, for contributing their time and energy to making the Society a success.

H. John Whidden

18 March 2005

Heritage Dinner

6:30 for 7:00 p.m.

Wheelock Lounge, Acadia University

The Shapes of Religious and Spiritual Places

An illustrated talk by

ELIZABETH PACEY

AUTHOR AND CHAMPION OF BUILT HERITAGE

Choice of Three Menus @ \$25.00 per person

Please tell ticket seller your choice at time of purchase

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM DEREK/HEATHER WATTS (542-0307) OR JOHN WHIDDEN (542-5061)

Spring Events, 2005

FRIDAY, 18 MARCH 2005, 6:30 FOR 7:00 P.M.

Heritage Dinner at Wheelock Lounge

Elizabeth Pacey will give an illustrated talk on
"The Shapes of Religious and Spiritual Places"

WEDNESDAY, 20 APRIL 2005, AT 2:00 P.M., WOLFVILLE FIRE HALL

Professor Richard Davies, Chair of English Department, Acadia University, will speak on his new biography of Thomas Chandler Haliburton entitled *Inventing Sam Slick*

WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY 2005, AT 2:00 P.M., WOLFVILLE FIRE HALL

St. Clair Patterson, President of Hantsport Historical Society, will give an illustrated lecture on
"The Era of Wooden Ship Building in the Minas Basin"

WEDNESDAY, 15 JUNE 2005, AT 2:00 P.M., WOLFVILLE FIRE HALL

Susan Haley, noted local author and philosopher, will give a talk on
"The Literature of the Valley"

WANTED

"DEAD" OR ALIVE AND WILLING

Photographs

Do you have any black and white identifiable and datable photographs of Wolfville's street scenes, houses or other buildings, or significant events? Are you willing to donate these to the Society's collection? The Accessions Committee would be pleased to look at them. Please leave the photos at the Town Hall. Make sure the source(s) of the photos are identified without damage to them.

Volunteers

The Kings Heritage Connection - an umbrella group for historical and heritage organizations in Kings and West Hants Counties - is looking for volunteers from each of its

member groups to serve on two of its subcommittees:

- (1) A heritage advisory committee for Kings County;
- (2) A committee to oversee the creation of maps of the County showing historic sites and areas of the Acadian and Planter periods.

Anyone willing to serve is asked to contact John Whidden.

Your Dues!

If you haven't yet paid your 2005 dues to the W.H.S. [hint: no receipt enclosed :: no dues paid], please support costs of this *Newsletter* and other Society activities by mailing \$10.00 to Derek Watts, 88 Wickwire, Wolfville, NS, B4P 1W2.

ELIZABETH PACEY

Heritage Dinner Speaker

Elizabeth Pacey - a native of Halifax and a graduate of Carleton and Queen's Universities - has written several books, numerous articles, and the narrative for several walking tours, on the history of Halifax and Nova Scotia. Her most recent book *Miracle on Brunswick Street* (Nimbus, 2004) won her the valuable Dartmouth Non-Fiction Award in last year's Atlantic Book Awards. Her subjects range from the politics of contemporary heritage issues to anecdotes and architectural descriptions of Nova Scotia's Georgian and Victorian buildings. Elizabeth is a heritage activist and served as President of the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia from 1988 to 1991. She will draw from her writings for her illustrated talk at the Heritage Dinner.