

# Annual Fundraising Dinner

Saturday, 20 September 2008, 6:30 for 7:00 p.m

Old Orchard Inn

Speaker: Barry Moody

Professor of History, Acadia University

“The Planters Come to Kings County, 1760-61”

With specific Reference to the early Founding Families  
and the Establishment of the Assembly

Tickets: \$ 50.00 (\$14.00 tax receipt)

Available from John Vaillancourt 542-9766 or Elizabeth Browne 542-2279

## Afternoon Tea Extended

Fridays, September 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> and then  
Saturdays, September 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> plus October 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>  
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

If you were unlucky enough to miss having tea at the Randall House this summer, then don't fret! This popular event has been extended, so make up a party and come on down. Just think: teas specially imported from England in 7 different varieties, and 8 kinds of homemade local jams served on large tender scones, with cream.

Randall House will be open (on weekends only)  
until Thanksgiving.

Only Five Dollars

Wolfville Historical Society

# Newsletter

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## President's Message

This decade is a busy one for those of us interested in heritage matters. 2003 marked the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Lunenburg. In 2004 we marked the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of European settlers on our shores. The next year was the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the expulsion of the Acadians. Five years later, in 2010, we will celebrate the coming of the New England Planters in 1760-61.

At our fund raising-dinner on September 20<sup>th</sup> Dr. Barry Moody will speak to us about events in the five year period between the expulsion and the arrival of the Planters. This year's campaign by the government to acknowledge the beginnings of representative – certainly not “democratic”, as the slogan *Democracy 250* implies – government in Nova Scotia commemorates some of the machinations which occurred in that five year period to induce English-speaking colonists to populate our province. Dr. Moody's address, therefore, will provide a background to the Planter settlement of 1760 which we will mark in two years.

The Wolfville Historical Society is involved in the planning for 2010 Planter celebrations, principally through the Kings Hants Heritage Connection. The KHHC is working to prepare and co-ordinate appropriate educational material aimed both at our local population and visitors. Amongst the projects being proposed are a website; booklets on the four Planter townships of Cornwallis, Horton, Falmouth and Newport; material for local schools suitable for grade six students; a list of Planter-related books for local libraries; contact with historical societies in New England and co-ordination of exhibits by member museums and of celebrations which may be held by municipalities in East Kings and West Hants.

Over the next two years we will all hear much more than we are accustomed to about the Planters. This is not such a bad thing; many of us and our neighbours are Planter descendants, and the story of our ancestors and their coming often gets lost between the more prominent migrations of Acadians and Loyalists. Prepare to hear much that will interest you on the subject on September 20<sup>th</sup> and gird your loins for more between now and the summer of 2010.

*H. John Whidden*

## Upcoming Events, 2008

Saturday, 20 September, at Old Orchard Inn

### Annual Fundraising Dinner

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Wednesday, 15 October, 2:00 p.m. at Wolfville Fire Hall

This will take the form of a "pot-pourri", as members with interesting recollections, artifacts, discoveries or stories with an historical impact are invited to share them. This innovation was very successful last year and should be again. Those interested in presenting items should tell the Chair of the Programme Committee during the preceding week.

Wednesday, 19 November, 2:00 p.m. at Wolfville Fire Hall

Heather Watts will tell us about the sinking of the Atlantic liner Athenia on which she was a passenger at the beginning of World War II. New interest has been aroused recently in the sinking of the Athenia and Heather has been in touch with the survivors and is enthusiastic about her new research.

In December the Society traditionally has a Christmas Party at the home of one of the members. No plans have been made for this as yet. Members are invited to make their wishes known to the Programme Committee.

### *Randall House Wish List*

The success of our afternoon teas has shown up some deficiencies in our working china and silverware collections. We have lots of china tea cups (thanks to a previous appeal to our members) but Bonnie wonders if anyone has surplus tea knives, small tea spoons, china cream & sugar sets, nice dessert plates and an elegant tea strainer or two! Any or all of these items will be gratefully received.

Many, many thanks to Glen Hancock who managed to produce the perfect old-fashioned, weathered rain barrel for Randall House. He won't say where he found it, but it sure looks great in our Victorian garden.

## *From the Treasurer*

The Society's fund raising this year, for support of the continued employment of the curator, has proceeded very well and I am confident that the total required will most certainly be subscribed by the end of the year. As treasurer, I sincerely thank you all. Here is the current status:

Regular memberships (renewals and new members)	\$860.00
Donations (by members, life members and others)	\$3,595.00
Sustaining memberships.	\$4,050.00
Sub-total	\$8,505.00
Business donations	\$1,850.00
Town grant	\$6,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,855.00</b>

Our membership today stands at 106, which includes 3 new-this-year members. There were 120 members on record last year, and I appeal to those 17 who have yet to renew to do so soon. A year-on-year increase in the number of members is the best sign we can give to our stakeholders (of whom the Town, represented by the Town Council, is now the single most important) that we are a community organization worthy of support.

Special thanks and recognition are due in particular to the local businesses who faithfully contribute to our fund raising, acknowledging the part that the Society and the Museum occupy in the Town. In their turn, they too depend on faithful patronage for their own success. Society members are therefore urged, when needing the several kinds of services offered by these firms, to keep in mind the support of the Society's enterprise they have already given. Here are the names of those firms:

**MacKay Real Estate**

**VisionCare Optometry Centre**

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**Herbins - Family Jewellers Since 1885**

**Davies & O'Leary - Plumbing, Heating and Electrical Services**

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**Old Orchard Inn**

**Pete's Fruitique**