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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Norma Husk

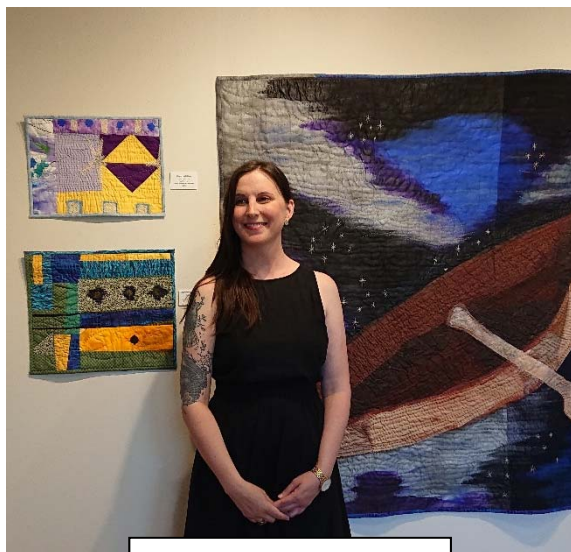
Hello Everyone!!

It has been a year since our last newsletter and we have much to share with you. Let me begin by saying that I hope you are all still keeping well and staying safe. We are happy to announce we will be open once again this summer! More details are contained later in this newsletter.

The 2022-2023 season was a busy one here at RCHS. We were most fortunate to welcome four artists from our region last summer. Daniel St-Amant, Jennie Johnston, Sandra Picken Roberts and Tracey Hill were with us to share their incredible talents using a variety of media. The event was well received by visitors from near and far. The artists

generously donated a portion of their sales to the RCHS. We wish them well with their careers and hope to host this type of event again in the future.

Last fall, our Mural Project was completed with our project partner, the Saint Patrick's Society of Richmond and Vicinity, on the wall of Quincaillerie Richmond Hardware. Our Inaugural Event was held on-site October 23rd and was attended by about 100 community members, dignitaries and representatives of the Abenaki community on a beautiful day with temperatures in the 20C range. The mural is a long-lasting contribution to the wider community, as well as a tourist attraction bringing attention to



Artist Jennie Johnston



Mural inauguration event



Artist Daniel St-Amant

both organizations and the history of the region. We are very proud and thankful to all who contributed to the realization of this project.

Last October, we also welcomed Literacy in Action to our site to host their Festival. The day's festivities were enjoyed by young and old alike!

We continue to make headway with our ongoing Archives Project and are starting a new project to create a permanent exhibit of the region's local history with the support of Township's Research & Cultural Foundation among other funding sources. This bilingual multi-media exhibit would be a dedicated permanent exhibit space in our museum, showcasing local history, brought to life through displayed artifacts and documents from our collections.

Your donations will help us to preserve the area's history for generations to come! These are ongoing projects and much remains to be done!

Membership: It's that time of year again! We invite you to renew your membership ahead of the Annual General Meeting to be held May 28th, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. via Zoom. Being a member in good standing is necessary to maintain your voting privileges at the meeting. Please see more details in this newsletter on both the AGM and membership renewals. Wishing everyone a safe and healthy summer! We're looking forward to seeing you!

All the best,
Norma Husk



Black Histories in the Eastern Townships exterior exhibit, courtesy of the ETRC



Literacy in Action's Migratory Community Arts Festival. Clockwise from upper left: Members and participants at the event; Event MC, Sonia Patenaude; Collage activity with copies of archival items from RCHS collection.

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GET INVOLVED AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING

It's time to renew to get your say The Richmond County Historical Society will be holding its Annual General Meeting on May 28, 2023 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. via a Zoom feed. All are welcome to attend. You must, however, register for this event by e-mailing president.rchs.shcr@gmail.com before the end of the day May 23rd. The agenda and relevant documents will be circulated to registrants via email. A separate e-mail will be sent with the Zoom link. Please note that only members in good standing may vote – so renew your membership now!

INDIGENOUS EXHIBITION

This season, we are grateful for the collaboration of the Legacy of Hope Foundation in sharing with us their indoor exhibit "Indian Day Schools in Canada: An Introduction." The exhibit will be available June 18th to August 26th, 2023, Wednesday to Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Describing a not-so-long-ago period of colonization and assimilation practices this must-see exhibit acknowledges our past and allows us to take a step toward reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. Bring your families and friends. Donations at the door are much appreciated!

TRAIN & TELEGRAPH EXHIBIT

Also coming this summer on August 6th only from 12:30 to 4 pm at St. Andrew's Hall beside the museum, we will be co-hosting with Arthur St. Hilaire an exhibit focusing on the telegraph and train memorabilia. Arthur has lined up a couple of telegraph experts to demonstrate and explain that long-used technology. Keep an eye on our Facebook page closer to the date for more information.



Bilingual exhibition highlighting the history and contributions of 20 Irish immigrants to Canada was hosted at the RCHS Museum as part of the Irish Heritage Festival. Visitors learned from the panels while listening to the fine traditional Irish music of Isabelle Gosselin on fiddle.

CENTURY PROPERTY CERTIFICATES

Once again, we would like to remind readers of the Century Property Certificates that have been awarded by Richmond County Historical Society over a period of years. These certificates are given to residents whose family has lived on the same property for 100 years or more. As part of the 50th anniversary celebrations in 2012, Richmond County Historical Society granted twenty-two Century Property Certificates, six 150-year certificates and four for 200 years and more. Since 1967, 135 Century Property Certificates have been granted. Without a doubt, some families were missed. If anyone knows of a family that qualifies, meaning 100 years and more (1923 or earlier) on the same property, please contact Bev Taber Smith at 819-239-8804.

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION

We've updated our e-mails We want to be sure that you can reach us so please take note of our new e-mail addresses below and on our website www.rchs-shcr.ca.

President: president.rchs.shcr@gmail.com
Archivist: archivist.rchs.shcr@gmail.com

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Richmond County Historical Society – Membership Renewal

Name: _____ 2023 Membership (\$20) _____

Address: _____ Donation _____

Note: only donations of \$20 and more are eligible for tax receipts;

Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

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NEW: We are now accepting e-transfers for membership fees/donations. Please use one of the following e-mails for your transaction: president.rchs.shcr@gmail.com OR info.rchs.shcr@gmail.com

or mail your cheque to:

Richmond County Historical Society 1161, Route 243, Canton de Melbourne, QC J0B 2B0

Your membership card and/or tax receipt will be mailed to you.

Please note: annual membership fees are not eligible for a tax receipt.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT. | MERCI À TOUS DE VOTRE SOUTIEN.

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