

Lost Villages Historical Society
Christmas Luncheon Show & Tell
December 13, 2021

The Lost Villages Historical Society held their annual **Christmas Luncheon & Show and Tell** on Monday, December 13, 2021 at O'Neill's Pub in Long Sault at 1:00 pm. President Jim welcomed the 31 members and guests to the Luncheon. Due to Covid restrictions, the board decided to have a prepared catered meal of ham/scalloped potatoes or fish and chips for the meal in compliance with covid regulations and procedures.

Jim thanked Krista and Mike O'Neill, owners of the pub, and kitchen staff for the delicious meals served today. Thank you, Krista and Mike.

Jim also said thank you to Rick and Gloria Waldoff for organizing the 1st Lost Villages Christmas "**Light Up the Lost Villages**" event held on November 27, 2021. The evening was a great success.

Jim updated the members and guests about the success of moving the **Ernie McDonald Blacksmith Shop** to a new foundation. He asked for volunteers to help him on Thursday, December 16th at 10:00 to return all items back into the blacksmith shop. Please send Jim a message if able to help.

Jim advised that the board passed a motion at the last executive meeting to have two donated windows from the North Lunenburg Church restored. The pair of windows will be incorporated into the new pavilion, which will be built by South Stormont Township this upcoming summer.

Jim updated that he has written 41 consecutive articles about the Lost Villages in the "**Know It All**" News and 22 articles in the "**Neighbours of**

Long Sault and Ingleside East” magazine. He stated, “it is good recognition for the Lost Villages Historical Society.”

Tim Gault reported on the **2021 Guest Register Summary** at the Lost Villages Museum. He advised that considering this was year 2 of the Covid-19 virus, the Lost Villages Museum did well and still recorded 5,544 visitors (up from 3,174 in 2020). The report is on file.

Jim thanked everyone for coming out to this event today. He expressed that it has been a long time since we gathered together, and very nice to see everyone.”

Show & Tell

Carol Culhane presented a Long Sault Rapids painting titled, “In the Summer” by William Henry, 1838. She also showed a painting titled, “St. Regis Indian River”, a book titled, “The Seaway and Power”, 4th edition, 1958, and another book titled, “Winter Studies & Summer Rambles in Canada” by Anna Brownell Jameson.

David Hill circulated the” **Life in a Little Town (Aultsville)**”, written by the late Mavis Dixon. David welcomed her family members, Brent and Brigitta Nixon.

David presented a “Reliable” doll bottle, which was part of a children’s tea set. The divers had retrieved the bottle from Lake St. Lawrence near the village of Moulinette and gave it to David. He showed a book about a local hockey player named Cy Denneny. Cy was born in Farran’s Point and was inducted in the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Cindy Bickerstaffe presented a rectangular clear glass jar with silver metal lid. She was not sure of the history of the jar but did see the jar in a scene

from the Christmas show “It’s a Wonderful Life”. Members suggested that it looked like a candy jar commonly found in general stores.

Art Buckland showed a page from a blacksmith book of Sandy Mulligan, 1897, author unknown. He also presented a 1936 Steamer Trunk given to his uncle, Jim Buckland, as a gift from the Olympic committee for Canada’s winning of the Olympic and World Championship.

George Gowsell showed some very old letters from and to the Bagg family of Moulinette, great-great-great-grandparents of his wife, Karen (Henderson) Gowsell, dated 1844. He also showed a September 21, 1880 poster from the Annual Exhibition and Fair held at Osnabruck Centre.

Jim Brownell showed the creation of a miniature 1956 home by Melody (Vandermeer) Letford, created from glass and objects found mudlarking along the shoreline of Lake St. Lawrence.

Alan Daye described the restoration work on clocks he owns including the clock given to his grandfather, Russell Daye, when he said goodbye to the Farran’s Point Lockmaster’s office at Lock 22 at the time of its closure for the flood of 1958. He circulated a photo of the clock.

Joan McEwan showed some old magazines from the 1960’s and donated them to the archives. They included:

- 1967 Centennial Issue of Chatelaine
- “How We Lived” – 1867-1967
- Expo 67 Edition of Chatelaine

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm with a motion by Gloria Waldroff.

Secretary

President
