

**Manitoba Historical Society
Annual Report
2003-2004**

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The Manitoba Historical Society Executive and Council extend their sincere thanks to all Members, Volunteers, Contributors & Staff for their continued support and dedication to the Society.

President's Report

This past year has definitely proven to be one of the most exciting and rewarding in our Society's 125 years of existence. The acknowledgement of the Manitoba Historical Society's quasiquintennial and the start of the construction of Dalnavert's new Visitor Centre are the two major projects councillors, committee members and staff have been involved with.

The Manitoba Historical Society, reaching its 125th year on June 25, 2004 is Western Canada's oldest historical society and our Dominion's second oldest. Both councillors and staff alike have worked arduously to promote this accomplishment to both the media and to the public of Manitoba. Our Society, in turn, has been greatly supported by the Press. Many newspaper articles have been written about our celebration and we have been contacted for comments regarding various heritage issues throughout local communities and the province.

Over the past year, our Society's biggest event was the Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner held at the Hotel Fort Garry in January. This highly successful evening was attended by former Manitoba Premiers, Howard Pauley and Gary Filmon. We were also extremely entertained by guest speaker, Jake Macdonald and musical guests, *Simpson's Folly*. Special thanks should be provided to Margaret Morse and the Dinner Committee for a splendid job!

The next big event will be taking place after the Society's Annual General Meeting on June 24, 2004. This will be our Society's celebratory evening to honour our 125th Anniversary. It will take place in the Rotunda of the Manitoba Legislature and is open to all members and distinguished guests. Chairman Carl James and the 125th Anniversary Committee and MHS Office Manager, Jackie Friesen are to be commended for their assistance in ensuring its success.

After many years of much debate, sometimes heated, Dalnavert Museum is ultimately having a Visitor Centre constructed. During my involvement with the Manitoba Historical Society, this concept started as a small Coach House Building, then blossomed to a 1.5 million-dollar state-of-the-art facility. Gordon Goldsborough and both the Dalnavert Management and Advisory Committees should be congratulated and thanked for their hard work and commitment in seeing this dream finally become reality. Dalnavert Staff, Tim Worth and Nancy Anderson should also be greatly acknowledged for their endless dedication to the Museum. It is only fitting that this Centre – the largest change to Dalnavert since its restoration, will take place during the Society's 125th Celebratory year.

The success of the Society over the years has come from the involvement of the committees. These past two years have had me witness the great work and thought members have put in to maintain and keep our Society alive. I would like to thank all those who offered their time by standing for a committee and taking part in improving services to all members.

With all this being said, the Manitoba Historical Society must come up with innovative and contemporary ways to modernize itself. Through the years, the Society has adapted to the many challenges it has faced and took on those challenges. For the Manitoba Historical Society to survive another 125 years, radical measures will have to be taken. I hope that in the coming

years, all aspects of the Society will be reviewed, examined and explored. This will only ensure that the MHS remains the province's premier heritage organization.

In closing, I would like to thank the Council and Executive for their continuous support these past two years. I look forward to still being involved and to work on some ideas I never had the chance to tackle as President. I would like to wish President Gordon Goldsborough and the incoming Executive continued success with the new challenges that will arise in the coming year and offer them any assistance and guidance that may be required.

In addition, I would like to offer my gratitude to both Tim Worth and Nancy Anderson for their support and for their discussions regarding Dalnavert. This too is also extended to Victor Sawelo in his role at Ross House. Thanks, of course, cannot go forgotten without saying so to Office Manager, Jackie Friesen. Jackie was the anchor of the Society while I was President. Without her support and continued dedication to her job, I would not have been able to carry on over these two years. Thank you to all staff!

In 1879, the leading citizens of Manitoba were proclaiming "that theirs was the next great frontier of Empire." Today, the Manitoba Historical Society has a chance to explore that next great frontier. It has been an honour and a privilege in serving as President these past two years.

**Steven A. Place, President
Manitoba Historical Society
June 2002- June 2004**

Treasurer's Report

The general operating revenue of the Society for the 2003-2004 fiscal year, before taking into account revenue from projects, increased from \$50,482 to \$58,727, primarily due to two bequests received during the year, of which \$15,750 was taken into general revenue of the Society. If we remove the bequests from the current year and the special projects grants received in the prior year, the general revenue would have decreased from \$45,982 to \$42,977, or a decrease of approximately 4%. Revenue from membership fees and members donations declined from \$20,620 to \$17,284, a reduction of approximately 16 %. This continues to be a disturbing trend as these monies are vital to the operation of the Society.

The general expenditures of the Society overall remained almost the same as 2003 fiscal year at \$67,482 versus \$67,001. However, last years expenses included approximate \$9,100 that was spend on special projects which did not reoccur this year. This means that core general expenses increased from \$57,900 to \$67,500, and increase of 16.6%. The deficiency of revenue over expenses from the core general operations decreased from \$16,519 to \$8,755, according to financial statements. However, if we remove from each year the special income by way of grants and bequests and the special projects expenses the deficiency of revenue over expenses from core operations actually increased from \$11, 918 to \$24, 505.

On positive note, however, net revenue from projects increased from \$2,370 to \$11,001. The details of those projects are referred to in note #5 in the financial statements. The Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner continues to be the major fundraiser for the Society with net revenue once again over \$10,000. We continue to look for sponsors for several of the projects, in particular Centennial Farms and Centennial Organizations.

We were fortunate during the year to receive to bequests total \$40, 250. Of the amount received, the Executive and Council decided to allocate \$16,500 to start the planned giving program, \$15,909 went into the current years income, and \$7,841 has been deferred until 2004-2005 year to offset the const of certain special projects expected in that year.

Operating revenue of Dalnavert excluding special project donations, decreased slightly from \$128,079 to \$126,187. Operating expenses, excluding special project expenses, decreased from \$142,527 to \$137,924. The operations of Dalnavert showed an excess of revenue over expenses, after inter- fund transfers of \$10,263 compared to an excess of revenue in the prior year of \$552. The transfer made to Dalnavert for the year from the Heritage Trust was increased to \$22,000 from \$15,000 for the year before. Dalnavert operating surplus stood at \$25,927 at the year end.

As I have expressed in the past, many times, we continue to experience a lack of growth in areas of membership revenue and donations for operations, and in fact continue to see a decline in revenue from these areas. These areas need to be increased substantially to support the day to day operations of the Society so that our reliance on the fundraising can be used for new initiatives of the Society. Our surplus has been diminishing to the deficits of the past few years, and every effort must be made in the new year to ensure at least a break-even year.

To all those that have extended themselves in the last year to support the Society, I once again extend my gratitude and look forward to the continued support in future. In particular, I would like to thank Jackie Friesen for all of her assistance over the past year, which has made my job substantially easier.

Kenneth A. Zealand, C. A.
Treasurer

Award Programs

Centennial Business Awards

In 1999 the Manitoba Historical Society initiated the Manitoba Centennial Business Awards to recognize businesses that contributed to the development and character of the province for over one hundred years. Kenneth A. Zealand Chartered Accountant has sponsored the award since its inception. The firm he is now working with, Meyers Norris Penny, is continuing that sponsorship, for which we are very grateful.

This year three businesses received the award: James Richardson and Sons, Ltd., and the law firms Pitblado and Aikins, Macaulay, Thorvaldson. They join the fifteen previous recipients: Hudson's Bay Company; The North West Company; Burrows Lumber Inc.; Wilson Furniture Ltd.; Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Company; H.P. Tergesen store in Gimli; Brown and Rutherford; Hartney Machine and Motors; Winnipeg Free Press; Arctic Glacier; J.J.H. McLean & Co. Ltd.; Pringle's Men's Wear in Boissevain; Trim Services Ltd.; Thomson Funeral Services and Reesor's Jewellery of Brandon. Nine awards made at special events in April and May 2004 will be included in next year's report.

We would welcome suggestions of worthy recipients for future awards.

Judith Hudson Beattie, Chair
Centennial Business Committee

Committee Members
Ken Zealand
David Deane

Centennial Farms Awards

In 2003-2004, the following families were recognized with a Centennial Farm plaque by the Manitoba Historical Society.

Alexander

“Thomson Farm”
Kyle & Darby Cochrane
S.W. 23-11-22 W. P. M. 1887

Arborg

Kenneth & Trudy Foster
Keith & Kyle Foster
N.W. 18-23-2 E. P. M. 1903

Linda Sigvaldason
Scott & Jennifer Sigvaldason
N. E. 18-23-2 E. P. M. 1903

Ashville

Steve & Adeline Furkalo
N.W. 1 – 24 – 21 W. P.M. 1902

Baldur

Robert & Sherry Ramage
Craig & Carolyn Ramage
E.10-5-13 W.P.M. 1897

Binscarth

Murray Lyon
E.17-19-28 W.P.M. 1903

Boissevain

Alan & Linda Ransom
N.E. 4-2-21 W. P. M. 1901
N.W. 4-2-21 W. P. M. 1902

Brookdale

Stanley & Sharon Oliver
Douglas & Michelle Oliver
E.32-12-15 W. P.M. 1903

Caliento

Edward Koshelanyk
N. W. 14-2-8 E. P. M. 1903

Camp Morton

Gladys Haas
E.1/2 W. 17-20-4 E.P.M. 1901

Carberry

Lawrence “Larry” Elmhirst
W. 15-10-14 W.P.M. 1900

Cardale

Donald & Audrey Peters

Wayne & Wendy Peters
S.9-14-21 W.P.M. 1902

Clearwater

Tom & Lois Sloane
Mark & Dawna Sloane
E. 31-1-12 W. P.M. 1899

Carroll

Gordon Turner
W.30-7-19 W.P.M. 1901

Dauphin

David E. Carmichael
N.E. 36-23-19 W.P.M 1902

Durban

Stanley & Emily Brown
S.W. 33-34-28 W. P. M. 1900

Erickson

Sophie Miko
N.18-17-19 W.P.M. 1901

Ethelbert

Gregory & Arlene Rehaluk
S.W. 19-29-21 W. P.M. 1903

Foxwarren

Garth & Judy Graham
N.W. +S 26-17-27 W.P.M. 1902

Gilbert Plains

Joy Jubenvill
S.W. 14-24-23 W. P. M. 1903

Doreen Dzaman
60 ac.s of S.S.W. 27-27-22 W.P. M. 1902
Barry & José Randell
N. E. 31-24-21 W. P. M. 1897

Hamiota

Neville & Judith Cochrane
E. 30 – 15-23 W. P. M. 1901

Inglis

Bert & Bernice Marshall
S.W. 6-23-26 W.P.M. 1902

Inwood

Ed & Stephanie Hradowy
N.W. 4-18-1 E. P. M. 1903

Kaleida

Neil & Barbara McLean
S.W. 24-2-8 W. P. M. 1882
N. W. 22-2-8 W. P. M. 1903
E. N. E. 21-2-8 W. P.M. 1903

Kelwood

Wendy (Stewart) & Don Thiessen
N. E. 12-19-15 W. P. M. 1903

R. M. of La Broquerie

Herta Kihn
N. W. 31-5-7 E. P. M. 1903

La Salle

Monty & Elaine Magarrell
Jon & Jennifer Magarrell
approx. 200 acres of 18-8-2- E. P. M. 1902

Lenore

Edward Alexander
S. E. 5-12-24 W. P. M 1892

Lundar

Kenneth & Leonie Desjarlais
S. W. 4-21-4 W. P.M. 1903

Lowe Farm

Mary G. Enns
W.S.W. 22-4-2 W. P. M. 1898

Macdonald

Carl & Iris Ferris
W. 30-12-7 W. P. M. 1903

Newdale

Lorne & Janet Bradley
S. W. 15-16-21 W. P. M. 1903

Ochre River

Richard & Linda Hamilton
N. E, 26-23-17 W. P. M. 1903

Alan & Anne McIntosh
N. W. 3-23-17 W.P.M. 1897
N. E. 3-23-17. W. P. M. 1898

Ochre River

Wm. John Boles
Marda (Boles) & Jerry Kristjanson
N.E. 32-23-17 W. P. M. 1897

Oak River

Donald & Audrey Peters
Wayne & Wendy Peters
S.9 - 14-21 W. P. M. 1902

R. M. of Park

Sharon Malchuk
N.E. 14-19-21 W.P. M. 1903

Petersfield

Arthur Sherlock
S. W. 12-17-3 E. P. M. 1900

Pierson

Harold & Loretta Mayes
Wesley Mayes
S-17-2-28 W.P.M. (1903

Pilot Mound

Harley Munro
17-4-10 W. P. M. 1902

Plum Coulee

Henry & Gertrude Penner
N. W. 13-2-3 W. P. M. 1903

Roblin

Neil & Anna Stewart
N.W. 12-28-29A W. P. M .1903

Rorketon

Malcom & Karen Scott
S. W. 32-26-16 W. P. M. 1902

Rosburn

Edward & Phyllis Charney
S. W. 28-20-23 W. P. M. 1901

Sandy Lake

Irene Shandala
N. W. 36-17-20- W. P. M 1902

Shoal Lake

Martha Deller
N.E. 6-18-23 WPM 1902
S.E. 6-18-23 WPM 1903

Sifton

Daniel & Karen Yarema
N. W. 10-28-19 W. P. M. 1898

Souris

Russell & Grace Strath
N. E. 13-8-20 W. P. M. 1898
Gary & Donna Strath
S. 24-8-20 W. P. M. 1899

Sperling

Glen Hooper
N. W. 33-6-2 W. P. M. 1897
N. E. 33-6-2 W. P. M. 1902

Starbuck

David & Lois Allinson
N.E. 20-8-2 W. P. M. 1903

Starbuck

David Rasmussen

Centennial Farm Certificate Presented

R.M. of South Cypress

James & Emiliene Mills
E. 35-7-15 W. P. M. 1882-1992
S.W.35-7-15 W.P.M.1888-1992

Walter Rasmussen

Ronald & Gwen Rasmussen
L.S.s 1,2,3,6,7 & 11 of 20-10-1 W. P. M. 1903

Swan Lake

Cecilia Mason
S. W. 27-5-10 W. P. M.

Winnipeg Beach

George & Sharon Mckenzie
N. E. 20-17- 4. E.P. M. 1903

Woodmore

Robert & Teresa Mayne
S. E. 26-2-4- E. P. M. 1897

Appreciation is extended to Marlene Baskerville and Ann Johner of Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives for the continuing co-operation with this program.

The members of the Centennial Farm Committee continue to give invaluable time to the presentation of the Centennial Farm plaques, research, and other tasks of the Committee.

Anne MacVicar, Chair

Centennial Farm Committee

Committee Members

Mary Perfect	Jac Hiebert	Corinne Tellier
Lee Treilhard	John Bovey	Jim Blanchard
David McDowell		

Centennial Organizations Awards

Creation of the Centennial Organization Award was proposed to the MHS Executive and Council by Jackie Friesen and Gordon Goldsborough in June 2003 and approved in the fall.

The Society had been approached several times in the past year by organizations which were neither farms nor commercial enterprises and which had already, or were about to, celebrate their centenary. We had to regretfully turn down their requests, as we did not have a program to recognize the contributions by non-commercial groups to the culture and quality of life in Manitoba. However, we believed it was important for these organizations to be recognized and honoured in the same manner as farms and businesses, so we proposed this new award.

The program was modeled after the Centennial Business program. However, due to limited human resources and funds to manage the program, there were minor differences:

1. Application forms are available for downloading on the Society's web site, and from the MHS office for those who do not have Internet access.
2. The onus is on the organization making application to prove their eligibility, by way of applicable documentation similar to that required for Centennial Businesses, to reduce research time spent by MHS staff and volunteers.
3. A certificate suitable for framing is produced in house. Initial recipients will be presented at an awards ceremony; subsequently, certificates will be mailed to recipients, along with a letter of congratulations from the President, and a free one-year institutional MHS membership.
4. The program will be administered initially from the MHS office, with an Executive liaison for reporting purposes, until such time as it is determined that a formal committee is required, based on success of program and the work load demands.

We believe the benefits of the program are self-evident, including:

1. A new on-going award program is introduced as part of celebrations of the Society's 125th anniversary. To our knowledge, this is the first such award of its kind anywhere so the MHS is demonstrating leadership in fostering greater public awareness of the contributions by non-profit groups to the social, cultural, and economic life of our community.
2. The program will increase the Society's visibility, not only in the Province and in the communities in which recipient organizations are based, but also to the members of those organizations. Non-profit organizations are generally membership based, and this is an opportunity to reaching larger numbers of people who may be potential members of the Society, with minimal effort.
3. The Society may be able to establish mutually beneficial working relationships, for resource sharing and future program development, with the recipient organizations.

Our intention is to solicit a sponsor for the program, who will subsidize the cost of preparing certificates, distributing them to recipients, and other incidental costs. A proposal was submitted in fall 2003 to a couple of local foundations, so far without success. A list of national foundations has been compiled, and a proposal will be sent to them in mid-2004. We also intend to approach one or more of the inaugural recipients, perhaps in early 2005, to

invite them to become a sponsor. In the meantime, a \$1,000 allocation from the Nix bequest was made to the program by the Executive in March 2004. This covered the costs of preparing the first set of certificates, having them framed, and hosting an awards reception.

Opportunities to present two awards arose before formal certificates were prepared. Temporary awards were made to the Manitoba Beekeepers' Association in January 2004 and the University of Manitoba in April 2004. These were replaced at an awards reception held at St. John's College (University of Manitoba) on 16 May 2004. As of this date, recipients of the Centennial Organization Award, in chronological order, are tabulated below. All are based in Winnipeg, unless other noted.

Name	Founding date
Cathedral Church of St. John	1820
St. John's-Ravenscourt School	1820
University of Winnipeg	1871
Grand Lodge of Manitoba AF & AM	12 May 1875
University of Manitoba	28 February 1877
North West Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada	10 October 1882
Crescent Fort Rouge United Church	1883
Starbuck United Church (<i>Starbuck</i>)	1886
Westminster United Church	22 October 1892
Villa Rosa	November 1898
Brandon University	1899
Manitoba Beekeepers' Association	24 February 1903
CAA Manitoba	18 March 1904
St. Demetrius Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church (<i>Gardenton</i>)	1904

Many other potential award recipients have been identified, and we anticipate having enough applications to host another award reception in the fall, in the new Dalnavert Visitors Centre.

Gordon Goldsborough
First Vice President

Margaret McWilliams Awards

Since 1955, the Society has been honouring and encouraging meritorious works relating to Manitoba and its history through this award program, established through the generosity of former Lieutenant Governor Roland F. McWilliams as a memorial to his late wife, Margaret McWilliams.

Margaret McWilliams served as president of the MHS and, along with W. L. Morton, is credited with revitalizing the Society after the war years. Margaret McWilliams made many significant contributions to Manitoba during her lifetime, as a journalist, politician, activist and historian.

In celebration of Manitoba Book Week, the Society hosted a reading of the Margaret McWilliams nominees April 12, 2004, at McNally Robinson, Grant Park.

The following books in the respective categories were presented with awards during Manitoba Book Week, at the Association of Manitoba Book Publishers 16th Annual Brave New Words Gala, held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Fort Gary Hotel, April 23, 2004.

Scholarly Category

**Archbishop A. –A. Taché of St. Boniface
The “Good Fight” and the Illusive Vision**

- Raymond Joseph Armand Huel
- The University of Alberta Press & Western
Canadian Publishers

Popular Category

**The Canadian Crucible: Manitoba’s Role in
Canada’s Great Divide**

- Frances Russell
- Heartland Associates Inc.

The following award was presented at the Society inaugural Awards Reception, held May 16, 2004, at St. Johns College, University of Manitoba.

Local History Category

“Crossroads of the Continent”

A History of the Forks of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers

- Barbara Huck, Editor
- Heartland Associates Inc

Thanks are extended to the Association of Manitoba Book Publishers, the Manitoba Writers Guild, McNally Robinson, Ron Robinson(CBC Radio), and Jim Blanchard.

J. Friesen, MHS Staff

Margaret McWilliams Jurors Panel

Jim Richtik, Chair

Barry Bills Anne Morton
Lyle Ford Ron Kirbyson

Young Historian Awards

In 2003 the Society received 102 entries for our annual competition. As in the past, a few teachers, many from the private schools of Balmoral, St. Mary's Academy and St. John's Ravenscourt, accounted for the bulk of the entries (62 of 102). However, entries were also received from across the province, including St. Francois Xavier, Deloraine, Grandview, Arborg, and the city schools of Holy Ghost, West Kildonan and Gordon Bell. We concentrate our efforts on work not recognized at the Heritage Fairs, focusing on written papers in the categories of research, family history and historical fiction, as well as computer, audio and video projects. Judging among the excellent submissions made for lively discussions among the adjudicators. We always learn a great deal from the students' work and are impressed by their ingenuity and enthusiasm for history.

On 21 September 2003, the Awards Reception, with more than 200 attending, was held at the Manitoba Archives. Gordon Dodds, the Provincial Archivist, brought greetings. Awards were presented by the MHS President Steven Place, Dr. T. Kenneth Thorlakson, and the members of the Young Historians Committee. Manitoba Living History members once again provided exciting historical activities for those attending, and Maureen Dolyniuk, Chief, Hudson's Bay Company Archives, provided tours of the vault to the parents, students and teachers. A special thank you goes to those who helped to set up and remove chairs, to all the participants, and especially to Jacqueline Friesen who did so much of the preparation and even filled a vacancy on the adjudication team.

During the year we were very pleased to add Shannon Stunden Bower to the Committee. She is a PhD candidate at University of British Columbia working on a thesis studying drainage and flood mitigation in Manitoba. She will begin her involvement by judging the 2004 entries in May. Welcome!

The Young Historians Committee has not been successful in finding a sponsor. If anyone can suggest an appropriate source of funds, please let us know. This program provides important recognition for budding historians and is one that potentially could reach all parts of the province.

**Judith Hudson Beattie, Chair
Young Historians Committee**

Committee Members

Nancy Anderson – Dalnavert Staff
Shannon Stunden Bower
Janelle Reynolds

Virginia Johnson
Susan Moffatt-Rozniatowski
Jacqueline Friesen- MHS Staff

Young Historian Award Recipients

Level A- Grades 5, 6, 7

Research Paper:

First Place (Tie)

Student: Juliet Daet
Title: Louis Riel
Teacher: Laura Gentile
School: Holy Ghost School

First Place (Tie)

Student: Amy Guenther
Title: The Life and Times of Nellie McClung
Teacher: Bill Grant
School: St. Francois Xavier

Second Place

Student: Keri Guenther
Title: The Winnipeg General Strike 1919
Teacher: Bill Grant
School: St. Francois Xavier

Third Place

Student: John Kim
Title: Gabriel Dumont
Teacher: Laura Gentile
School: Holy Ghost School

Honourable Mention

Student: Kaylee Laramée
Title: My Hometown- St. Eustache
Teacher: Betty Ann Tiltman
School: St. Francois Xavier

Family History

First Place

Student: Jennifer Friesen
Title: The History of My Grandpa
Teacher: Betty Ann Tiltman
School: St. Francois Xavier

Second Place

Student: Bradley Van Wyk
Title: My Grandpa's Life Story
Teacher: Betty Ann Tiltman
School: St. Francois Xavier

Third Place

Student: Michaela Jochum
Title: My Selkirk Ancestors
Teacher: Bill Grant
School: St. Francois Xavier

Historical Fiction

First Place

Student: Samantha Janssens
Title: Bye for Now
Teacher: Ken Joyal
School: Deloraine Elementary

Posters & Paintings

First Place

Student: Pawel Giacon
Title: The Legend of the White Horse
Teacher: Laura Gentile
School: Holy Ghost School

Second Place

Student: Ariel Leyson
Title: Louis Riel and the Northwest Rebellion
Teacher: Laura Gentile
School: Holy Ghost School

Computer Project

Student: Quillan Leclerc
Title: Icelanders that Moved to Manitoba
Teacher: Betty Ann Tiltman
School: St. Francois Xavier

Level B – Grades 8, S1, S2

Research Paper

First Place

Student: Ashley Walus

Title: The Winnipeg General Strike of 1919

Teacher: B. Lucas

School: St. Mary's Academy

Second Place

Student: Natalie Landry

Title: The Trial of Louis David Riel: An Unfair Ordeal

Teacher: D. Nickel

School: St. Mary's Academy

Third Place (Tie)

Student: Hilary Ramsey

Title: From Oarsmen to Women: The Evolution of Rowing In Winnipeg

Teacher: B. Lucas

School: St. Mary's Academy

Third Place (Tie)

Student: Mai Ngvyen

Title: Discrimination of the Chinese in British Columbia

Teacher: B. Lucas

School: St. Mary's Academy

Family History

First Place

Student: Andrea Mrak

Title: Mrak Journey to Canada

Teacher: D. Alexander/T. Friesen

School: Balmoral Hall

Second Place

Student: Tracey Sokoloski

Title: Hardships of a Refugee Family

Teacher: M. Desaulniers

School: St. Mary's Academy

Third Place (Tie)

Student: Lianne Denysuik

Title: Brian Deysuik's Memoirs

Teacher: B. Lucas

School: St. Mary's Academy

Third Place (Tie)

Student: Alexis Kozak

Title: The History of Ukrainians in Manitoba

Teacher: D. Alexander/T. Friesen

School: Balmoral Hall School

Honourable Mention

Student: Ellen Gervino

Title: My Family History and Immigration to Western Canada

Teacher: M. Desaulniers

School: St. Mary's Academy

Historical Fiction

First Place:

Student: Tatiana Murray

Title: The Trial of the Century

Teacher: D. Alexander/T. Friesen

School: Balmoral Hall

Second Place

Student: Mylène Gamache

Title: The Diary of a Métis Girl (Renae Doucette)

Teacher: D. Alexander/T. Friesen

School: Balmoral Hall

Third Place (Tie)

Student: Kiran Dhillon

Title: Diary of an Immigrant

Teacher: D. Alexander/ T. Friesen

School: Balmoral Hall

Third Place (Tie)

Student: Andrea Berger & Susan Yamamoto

Title: Japanese Internment Diary

Teacher: D. Nickel

School: St. Mary's Academy

Posters/Paintings

First Place

Student: Brittany Dolynchuk

Title: Canada's Mosaic

Teacher: D. Alexander/T. Friesen

School: Balmoral Hall

Second Place

Student: Michelle Maryk

Title: History of Warehouse One the Jean Store

Teacher: D. Alexander/ T. Friesen

School: Balmoral Hall

Project

First Place

Student: Danielle Guénette

Title: Welcome to..... Saint Boniface

Teacher: D. Alexander/ T. Friesen
School: Balmoral Hall

Title: History of Grandview Video
Teacher: B. Grexton
School: Grandview School

Second Place

Students: Grade 8 Class Project – Grandview School

Level C- Grades S3, S4

Research Paper

First Place

Student: Amanda L. Horn
Title: Winnipeg General Strike 1919 – Labours
Finest Hour Or Revolution Failed
Teacher: P. Bursa
School: Gordon Bell High

Second Place

Student: Jennifer Dyck-Sprout
Title: History of Mental Health in Western Canada:
The Selkirk Mental Health Centre
Teacher: D. Alexander
School: Balmoral Hall

Third Place (Tie)

Student: Beth Usiskin
Title: Jewish Immigration and Settlement
Teacher: W. Owen
School: St. John's Ravenscourt

Third Place (Tie)

Student: Alexander Suen
Title: The Very Scum of China: Chinese Immigration
to Canada
Teacher: A. Levine
School: St. John's Ravenscourt

Family History

First Place

Student: Kyla Caners
Title: The History of Adam Dunlop
Teacher: D. Alexander
School: Balmoral Hall

Second Place

Student: Vanessa Heron
Title: A Family History
Teacher: D. Alexander
School: Balmoral Hall

Third Place

Student: Leena Hasan
Title: Struggle for Survival: Leena Hasan's Family
History
Teacher: D. Alexander
School: Balmoral Hall

Historical Fiction

First Place

Student: Natalie James
Title: The Great Depression “ On Da Bum”
Teacher: Ms. Rinn
School: St. Mary's Academy

Second Place

Student: Kristian D. E. Vigfusson
Title: Journal of one Þorsteinne Gunnlaugsson
Teacher: N. Gerrard
School: Arborg Collegiate

Third Place

Student: Carolyn Hancharyk
Title: Silent Voices
Teacher: Mr. Swirksy
School: St. Mary's Academy

Project

Honourable Mention

Student: Tara Chymy
Title: The Flood of the Century Video Interview
Teacher: T. Schmidt
School: West Kildonan Collegiate

Programs

Program Committee

The Program Committee met eight times in the past year.

Programs during the 2003-2004 season included a tour of Balmoral Hall with a lecture by Murray Peterson, luncheon following the 2003 AGM at Gimli with a talk by Peter Bjornson, a joint meeting with the German-Canadian Historical Association at the Wildwood Community Club with an address by Prof. D. Roger, a video presentation at the Manitoba Archives by Prof. Peter Geller, an illustrated program titled "Manitoba History Lite" by Greg Thomas and Rob Gillespie at Ralph Connor House, and our always popular March Multicultural Dinner which was held this year at historic St. John's Cathedral.

Attendance at some of these events was somewhat disappointing, which surely can't be due to a lack of interest in Manitoba History! We rely on MHS members to take note of our announcements in the bi-monthly *Keywords* newsletter, and it is perhaps expecting too much for them to keep track of the variety of dates and locations for these programs. We are hopeful that completion of the Dalnavert Visitor Centre will provide us with a regular meeting place and the opportunity to establish a regular schedule of programs.

As always, sincere thanks are due to Patricia Forsythe and Nancy Anderson, resource persons for the dinners and publicity respectively, also to Jackie Friesen for all the help provided by the MHS office.

Thanks are also due to President Steven Place who has faithfully attended all our programs and welcomed those present.

**Alan Crossin, Chair
Program Committee**

Committee Members

Dan Furlan	Carl James
Margaret Jensen	Carol Polson
H. John Selwood	Carol Scott

MHS 125th Anniversary Committee

The committee was formed to generate ideas that could be implemented to help the MHS celebrate this special anniversary year. This year a number museums and libraries have allowed us to display a variety of MHS materials with particular emphasis on current programs and activities. These displays will appear in rural locations as well as in Winnipeg.

Since the MHS was incorporated in 1879 by an act of the Manitoba legislature, it seems quite appropriate that we will have a chance to celebrate our 125th anniversary on June 24th at 7:00 p.m. at the legislative building. A program for the evening is being planned.

The committee is considering other activities and events for later in the year.

Carl James, Chair
125 Anniversary Committee

Committee Members

Céline Kear	Judith Hudson Beattie
Bill Fraser	Corinne Tellier
Bob Sutton	Margaret Morse

Field Trips & Historical Tours

Field Trip Committee

Two field trips were organized in 2003. The Spring Field Trip explored the landscapes and settlement history of Ukrainians in southeastern Manitoba, visiting Rosa, Gardenton, and Sirko. On the journey southwards we had an opportunity to visit the old Convent at St Pierre Jolys where we had refreshments in the Nun's Kitchen Restaurant. Some fifty participants enjoyed an excellent lunch of traditional Ukrainian dishes at the Gardenton Museum. The tour visited St. Michaels, the first Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Canada, now a National Historic Site and St Elias Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Sirko.

The Fall Field Trip was originally intended to be a two day trip but was changed to a one day outing when the number of attendees was less than expected. This trip, led by Dr. Gordon Goldsborough, explored Manitoba's environmental history. The tour visited Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre, St Ambrose Provincial Park, Flee Island Provincial Historic Site, and The University of Manitoba's Delta Marsh Field Research station.

John C. Lehr, Chair
Field Trip Committee

Sir John A. Macdonald Anniversary
Fundraising Dinner Committee

The Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner held January 17, 2004, at the historic Fort Garry Hotel, was the first gala event of the Society's 125th anniversary year.

Congratulatory messages were received from her Excellency, the Governor General Adrienne Clarkson, the Prime Minister, Hon. Paul Martin, and the Lieutenant Governor, Hon. Peter Liba. Greetings from the Provincial Government were presented by Hon. Peter Bjornson, Minister of Education, and from the City of Winnipeg, by Councillor Garth Steek.

We were honoured to have as our guest speaker, award winning author, Jake MacDonald, who engaged all those present with his accounting of the role of Sir John A. Macdonald and the development of the province of Manitoba.

The Society presented Distinguished Leadership Awards to past premiers in attendance, the Hon. Howard Pawley and the Hon. Garry Filmon, and they provided a light hearted touch to the evening with their reminiscences of their time in office. The Society's Centennial Business Awards were also presented during the evening.

Musical entertainment for the evening was provided by Simpson's Folly, and through their traditional music we were transported to an historic time in Manitoba history.

The Committee extends its sincere thanks to MHS President, Steven Place and his wife Liza for their assistance at the event, to Carl James and Tim Worth for assisting with the raffle during the evening, and Bill Fraser for photographing the event. Thanks are also extended to Judith Hudson Beattie and Corinne Tellier for arranging the Society display, which enhanced the main stage, and to Céline Kear for arranging the Winnipeg Sun's attendance at the event, and Keith Burr, Piper, ANAF Vets Unit 60.

Finally, I am extremely grateful to Jackie Friesen, the Office Manager, for her very pleasant assistance over the four months preceding the event, and for overseeing details during the dinner. It is very difficult to find adequate words to express my thanks.

The Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner Committee thanks all of those who attended the event. Your continued enthusiastic support of the Annual Sir John A. Macdonald dinner is very much appreciated. We are indebted to our many sponsors and contributors who added to the success of the evening.

Margaret Morse, Chair

Committee Members

John Bovey	Jim Blanchard	Bernie Wolfe
Shirley Bradshaw	Miles Pepper	Mary Louise Zorniak
Jacqueline Friesen, MHS	Staff/Resources	

Communications & Publications

Web Site

It was a very busy year for the web site committee. The site (www.mhs.mb.ca) has undergone a considerable transformation over the past year, after being re-launched in late 2002. A large amount of information has been added, navigation aids have been improved, and fundraising done. A summary of some notable developments from the past year follows.

Site additions

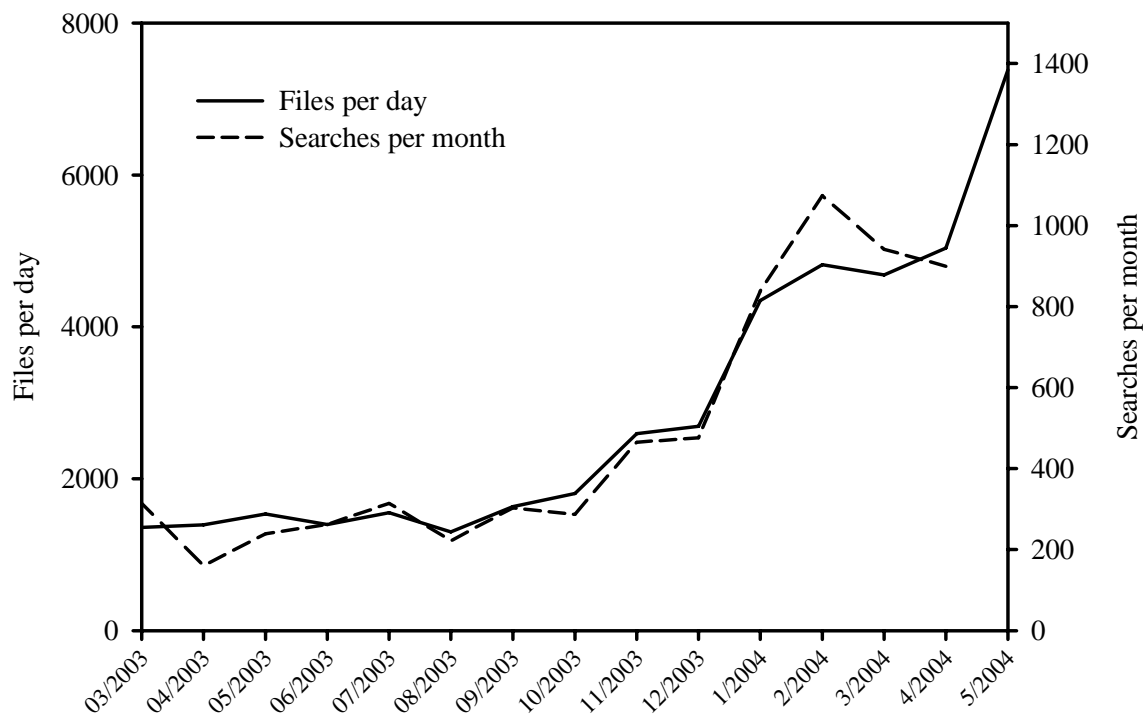
- The full text of the MHS *Transactions*, published from 1882 to 1980, are now almost all online. Work of scanning the original articles and converting them to editable text was done by Sian Bumsted and Idalia Allegría, with additional processing and formatting done by the webmaster. The articles are fully searchable, covering a wide range of topics. They have probably been the primary reason that site traffic has increased so markedly in the past year.
- Biographies were added for MHS Past Presidents, based on information obtained by Tim Worth. Where available, short biographies for authors of *Transactions* were also added.
- Additions to the Dalnavert area of the site included: 1) a construction news page for the Visitors Centre project, including weekly photographs and updates provided, in part, by Tim Worth and Gerry Humphreys; and 2) Dalnavert crossword and word search puzzles.
- Some of the new features included: 1) a series on rural museums by Maria Zbigniewicz; 2) finding aids to three old books: “Manitobans As We See ‘Em 1909-10”, “A History of Portage la Prairie and Surrounding District, 1970”, and “The Tread of the Pioneers, 1932”; 3) a “Manitoba History Photo of the Day” using photographs provided by the Manitoba Archives; 4) a prototype online database of early 20th-century Winnipeg postcards, in collaboration with Collectors Club of Heritage Winnipeg; 5) maps of the locations of all centennial farms designated since the beginning of the program were prepared using data provided by the Historic Resources Branch; and 6) photographs were taken of homes in the Point Douglas area in preparation for a feature on demographic changes in this area of Winnipeg.
- News and events were updated periodically, including information on the Gimli and Warren AGMs, 1879 Dinner, the spring and fall field trips, McWilliams Award nominees and winners, new centennial award recipients, new C. N. Bell award criteria, and recent publications (e.g., book of old Winnipeg photographs from 1903 re-published by the Rotary Club). The latest issues of *Keywords* were uploaded, along with the table of contents for *Manitoba History*. Lists of MHS committee members, and links to other web sites were updated throughout the year.

Fundraising

Development of content for the web site, especially digitization of the *Transactions* and other documents, was made possible through grants received from Canada's National History Society and the Historic Resources Branch. The heritage grant from the latter required us to work at two bingos at the Club Regent Casino. Thanks are due to volunteers who helped at the bingos: Idalia Allegría (x2), Nancy Anderson, Judy Beattie, Jim Blanchard (x2), Alan Crossin, Bob Flannigan, Bill Fraser, Jackie Friesen, Len Goldsborough, Danna McDonald, Steve Place, Victor Sawelo, Carol Scott, Bob and Evelyn Sutton (x2), Fernando Valenzuela, and Maria Zbigniewicz (x2).

Status

- The following graph shows that traffic on the web site did not increase immediately after the re-launch in late 2002. The increase coincided with the uploading of the *Transactions* and other content in late summer 2003. This reinforces the importance of our strategy to continue adding more documents to the web site. The highest-ever single-day value for files served (12,318) occurred on 4 May 2004, and daily values for the second half of April and early May were mostly over 5,000 and often over 6,000.



- A “Site News” box to direct visitors to updated material was added, and the search page was modified to make clearer that phrases searches should use quotes. (Few people do this.)
- The web site was transferred by MTS to a more powerful server in early 2004. The transition was not smooth. The webmaster was prevented from logging into the site for nearly two weeks and, after access was restored, he could make no updates for another week. The problem was solved after numerous calls to personnel at MTS Technical Support.
- On 11 May 2004, our site was selected as the “Web Site of the Year” by the Manitoba Library Association. A presentation took place at the MLA’s annual general meeting on 21 May.

Gordon Goldsborough, Webmaster
Web Site Committee Chair

Committee Members

Jim Blanchard
 Bill Fraser
 Tim Worth

MHS Newsletter

The Society newsletter is published six times per year, and for the past decade, has been under the editorship helm of long time dedicated Society member and volunteer, Bill Fraser. The newsletter has under gone many format changes over the years, the last of which was in the early 1990’s when the current format was developed, and the name **Keywords** introduced. Through the years and changes, the newsletter remains true to its origins and purpose, continuing to inform members of the activities and news of the society, and the heritage community at large. The newsletter is vehicle for all members of the Society to share their commonality; their love of the history of Manitoba, and the related concerns, information, or items of interest which arise from that common link. Our newsletter is also published on our web site, www.mhs.mb.ca.

Thanks and appreciation are extended to our long time volunteers, Doreen Ball, Joan Birt and Kay Crowston, who generously give their time to assist with the mailing of the newsletter. Their hard work and dedication enables the timely delivery of our newsletter to our members.

J. Friesen, MHS Staff

Manitoba History Journal

The Society's journal *Manitoba History* continues to publish on its twice yearly schedule. As most MHS members know, the journal has published continuously since 1980 and in 1996 won the Certificate of Merit from the Canadian Historical Association. As it has been since the first edition, the magazine's editorial staff is comprised of a group of dedicated Society volunteers.

This past year we published issues number 46 (Autumn/Winter, 2003-04) and number 47 (Spring/Summer, 2004). Issue 46 contained two major scholarly articles: "Western Canadian Fur Trade Sites and the Iconography of Public Memory" by Michael Payne and C.J. Taylor, as well as a piece by Brian Richardson entitled "The Quality of Friendship: Andrew McDermot and George Simpson." The same issue also contained a couple of Gazette pieces: "Doctor Beyond the End of Steel" the reminiscences of Dr. Gordon Ferguson who worked on the HB Railway, edited by Rosemary Malaher, and an account by Alexander Sokalski of the 1947 Sherritt-Gordon Mine Strike. The issue also contained the valuable and comprehensive Manitoba Bibliography prepared by Jim Blanchard, as well as four book reviews collected under the auspices of Book Review Editor, Jim Blanchard.

The Spring/Summer issue of *Manitoba History*, published in early April, was a special issue of the journal marking the centennial of the founding of the Faculty of Science at the University of Manitoba. Entitled "Science Comes to Manitoba" and ably guest edited by Gordon Goldsborough. The issue contained a survey history of the Faculty by Gordon and Harry Duckworth, an interesting article by Gordon entitled: "Reginald Buller: The Poet-Scientist of Mushroom City," and an important contribution by historian Don Nerbas that brings a new perspective to the history of Winnipeg's early business elites.

We would like to acknowledge funding support from the Department of Culture Heritage and Tourism, as a portion of their annual grant to the Society goes towards the publication of *Manitoba History*.

Manitoba History continues to use the printing services of Shaw Printing here in Winnipeg and they provide us with excellent services and a reasonable and competitive price. Layout and design of the journal is done by Paul Burns who also provides us with excellent service.

We are in the process of forming an editorial board for Manitoba History and are asking a number of local academics as well as individuals from outside the city to join the board. The creation of a board is important for a number of reasons: the primary activities would involve assistance in the solicitation of potential articles for publication, as well as helping to arrange for peer review. We are also very interested in ideas people might have for *Manitoba History* in terms of content and direction, as well as layout and design. We are looking at having a board of perhaps 8 to 10 people.

Robert Coutts, Co-Editor

Volunteer Editorial Staff

Bob Coutts, Co-Editor

Morris Mott Co-Editor

Rosemary Malaher –Gazette Editor

Jim Blanchard – Book Review Editor

Heritage Preservation Committee

The Manitoba Historical Society's Historic Preservation Committee met several times during 2003-2004. The main aspect of the internal work of the committee has been focussed on the completion of the research that it started on analyzing the social history of the Point Douglas area of Winnipeg from its early days through to 1950. This year its work included talking with the North Point Douglas residents to ensure that the people stories were included as part of the research. It is the committee's intent to do its first walking tour later in 2004, in time to be a part of the Society's 125th anniversary celebrations. During the summer of 2003 the primary research documents that identified the physical make-up of the Point Douglas community, from which all the current research has stemmed, were scanned into an MHS data base for future inclusion on its web site.

During the year the Committee's representatives on the City's Historic Buildings Committee fielded questions from various sectors of society on matters concerning structures or historic or public interest. They also played a role in monitoring the inventory of buildings with a heritage interest on either the City of Winnipeg's Inventory or Conservation Lists. During the year a number of structures were added to the City's Conservation List. Those buildings that saw a change in status this year included the Canada Building (352 Donald Street), the Cadomin Building (280 Main Street), and the Casa Loma Apartment Block (Portage at Sherbrook Street). The committee representatives also had a role to play in a review of the Historic Buildings Committee that was undertaken during this past year.

T. Worth, Committee Member

Committee Co-Chairs

Irene Shaw
Ashleigh Drewett –Laird

Committee Members

Lily Stearns	Carl James
Glen King	Robert Kadolf
John Gunn	Cindy Sciberras
Roselle Miko	Tim Worth

City of Winnipeg Historic Buildings Committee

MHS Representatives

Tim Worth
Ashleigh Drewett- Laird (Alternate)

Museum Operations

Dalnavert Museum

New Governance Structure

At a special meeting of the new Manitoba Historical Society Council, final approval was given to proceed with the expansion project for Dalnavert. In anticipation of this major new initiative, the Society membership voted at the AGM to amend the governance structure of the museum. Previously, the Museums Management Committee oversaw the general operations of both Dalnavert and Ross House museums. However, major policy and financial decisions remained the responsibility of the MHS Executive. Under the new model, a reorganized Management Committee will guide Dalnavert's operations. The museum will continue to remain under the umbrella of the Manitoba Historical Society. Gordon Goldsborough was named chair of the new Management Committee. A separate committee chaired by William Fraser continues to manage Ross House Museum.

Dr. Goldsborough was joined on the Committee by Jim Blanchard, Stephanie Middagh, Deborah Edwards, Sarah Piercy and Karolyn Bradley. Many of those who served on the previous Management Committee continued their association with Dalnavert through the Dalnavert Advisory Group including: William Fraser, Shirley Bradshaw, Rob Inman, Carl James, Victor Sawelo, and Gloria Seale. This group will work with the museum staff on day-to-day operations, special events, and providing advice on museum development.

Education and Public Programming

We began to develop a new school curriculum program to address the problem of declining school tours. By piloting the program before teachers deliver the new course content themselves, we are able to see what works and what does not, and then make changes as expeditiously as possible. We are indebted to the development work that Nancy Newman and Nils Frederickson did for us.

In 2003, new programs were funded, in part, by the Heritage Grants Program of Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism. On April 1st, we introduced a new interpretive mandate which focuses on thematic program content, the subjects of which are derived from larger societal and historical issues. The Spring Break children's workshop (Mother of Invention) looked at who invents things, the processes by they are invented; and some of the hot "new" 19th century inventions in Dalnavert's collections.

In "Dr. Amelia Makes a House Call", the role of an early social reformer was explored. Amelia Yeomans was an outspoken social reformer who tackled such issues as inadequate housing, sanitation, women's equality, morality and temperance. During the performances, visitors could meet and speak with Dr. Amelia through actor Joyce Krenz.

Three new educational programs are available for Kindergarten to Grade 6. They have been designed specifically to complement the new provincial Social Studies curriculum, and target a wider range of grades. "Come Visit Me" for Kindergarten and Grade 1 introduces students to specific elements of community that shape children's lives, gain awareness of what life was like for some children in 1895 Winnipeg, and develop an appreciation of the connections they share with others across space and time. Students participating in the "Di-ver-city" program for grades 2 and 3 explore the stories, impact and contributions of the diverse cultures comprising Winnipeg. In the manner that people move to start a new life elsewhere, students will take on the role of potential immigrants who have travelled to Winnipeg to check out the city. Through the program the students gain an appreciation for the value of diversity and the way in which it enriches the lives of community members. "It's All Over Now Even the Shouting" is a program designed for grades 4 to 6 during which the students will explore how individuals can work together to effect change on issues both large and small. During this program, students develop an understanding of the consequences that Winnipeg's rapid growth had on the social fabric; gain an awareness of the processes involved in taking up a cause; develop an appreciation for the value and necessity of the collaborative process to effect change; and consider ways that these issues can be applied to their own lives and schools. We finished the year with new curriculum programs and volunteers who are all enthused about using them. In an effort to regain some of our lost school clientele, the museum had a brochure printed for distribution to schools in the Winnipeg and neighbouring school divisions.

The Birthday Party Program introduced a couple years ago continues to be one of the most popular public programs, surpassed only by the Christmas performances of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. On November 22nd the Winnipeg Embroiders' Guild held their 6th Annual Show and Sale at Dalnavert. This was the best show yet both by numbers (185) and value of goods sold (\$3,000). Dalnavert's own Carlton Lane Gift Shop did over \$500 in business in addition to receiving 10% of the show's receipts. This year's Festive Sunday program on December 7th was another great success, up 20 percent over last year.

The first program of the year was a pleasurable distraction from the cold weather. On February 8th Dalnavert once again hosted the museum's most flavourful program - "Chocolate Madness". Those who braved the chill February air thoroughly enjoyed themselves being able to indulge their passion for chocolate, in many forms.

The programs, special events and casual visitation meant that during the April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004 time period (of which the museum was actually only open 11 of those twelve months, due to the start of the Visitor Centre construction) Dalnavert saw 4,734 visitors of which 26% attended as a result of an organized school program.

December has always been one of the busiest time periods for Dalnavert. In addition to our Festive Sunday event it was also the fifteenth annual performance by Richard Hurst of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. By the end of the performances there had been 418 people to see the program, some having seen it before on more than one occasion. During each of the Christmas programs those present were entertained by the choral voices of the Pot Pourri Singers.

Communications and Promotions

Dalnavert participated in a Heritage Winnipeg project, the Virtual Library/Interactive Guide web site which will take viewers on a unique tour of the city's built heritage. In the autumn, seven students from Red River Community College's Creative Communications Program spent a few weeks researching and producing three audio pieces to promote the "Come Back to History" concept related to the developing Visitors Centre and general promotion of Dalnavert. ABC's affiliate WDAZ of Grand Forks included Dalnavert in a program that promoted Winnipeg as a travel destination and Shaw Cable Vision 11 spent several hours at Dalnavert taping a number of theme segments that illustrate 1895 life.

The two-for-one coupons in the Provincial "Travel Values Guide" and in the Entertainment Book continue to draw visitors. Of the forty-seven "Travel Values Guide coupons redeemed 60 percent were redeemed by Manitobans, of which 36 percent were from Winnipeg. The next highest usage was by visitors from Minnesota and North Dakota at 28 percent, then 15 percent from other American states. The lure cards that are used to draw visitors to the museum were, for the first time, distributed to a number of hotels in the downtown area. Also for the first time, Dalnavert hired an outside agency to assist with its promotion on the occasion of several tourist trade shows.

Operations

Dalnavert's Carlton Lane Gift Shop has become increasingly important as a part of the revenue generating stream of our entire operation. At year end the gross sales were the highest in the past six years, the per person spending being up 29 percent to \$2.96 per person.

During the year a workshop on "Planning for Risk Management" through an exercise of assessing the risk factors in one's own facility and then planning how those risks could be mitigated. An audit of all materials used or present in Dalnavert has commenced to determine the best way in which they should be stored. As well, ultraviolet testing equipment has been borrowed for the Manitoba Museum, and monitoring of Dalnavert's internal environment was reinstated.

In February, Public Works Canada, in cooperation with the Department of Canadian Heritage, carried out a photogrammetric study of Dalnavert. They used 35-mm, digital and 4 by 5 cameras, as well as drawings to create a highly accurate plan of horizontal and vertical details, interior and out. A copy of the end product will be made available to Dalnavert. Wins Bridgman indicated that this work is well timed, as it may be impossible to capture some of the details later.

Items worthy enough to be added to the museum's collection are offered far less frequently these days; however, during the year, six items were accessioned into the museum's collection including four Christmas ornaments, a watch chain, and a book.

The book is arguably the most interesting item as it was from the original home library of Hugh John Macdonald. Although the copyright date would have normally placed the book outside a range we would accept normally, it could be proven to have belonged to the Macdonald family prior to 1929, so it was gratefully accepted. The book is entitled 'Adventures in Journalism' by Philip Gibbs, written in 1923. An inscription within the cover says: 'To: Sir Hugh Macdonald, Dec 31/23' with the Macdonald bookplate.

The long process of entering the collection records into the museum's collection computer finished its first phase, wherein all the currently numbered material is recorded. The next phase of cleaning up the records, adding missing information or cataloguing those yet to be assigned numbers has begun. Currently, there are 4,659 accession records covering 7,478 items.

The museum had a large response to our request for contributions for the Garage Sale; in particular Ed Nix who contributed a considerable amount of tools that had been his son's who died a year earlier. Mr. Nix passed away and subsequently his estate bequeathed a substantial sum of money that was split between the museum's operating costs and construction of the Visitors Centre.

Grants were received from the City of Winnipeg (\$7,500), Young Canada Works (\$2,146), Career Placement (\$2,599), and a provincial Museum Grant (\$3,150).

Staffing and Volunteer Program

The annual volunteer tea was held at the St. Boniface Museum. The volunteers were thanked for their time and devotion to Dalnavert, reminding them that it would be impossible to operate the museum on the same basis without their assistance. Awards were presented as follows: *Five years*: Cheryl Ottenbreit, Muriel Aboul-Atta, Martin Olafson, Mark Milner, Kathleen Beatson, Kristie Iskierski, Carly Iskierski; *Ten years*: Carl James, Jeanette Olafson; *Fifteen years*: Jo Millard; *Twenty plus years*: Lee Treilhard, Margaret Astwood. The occasion also recognized the efforts of Barb Howie who had been Dalnavert's Coordinator of Volunteers over the previous thirteen years but who retired at the end of May. Mrs. Howie was presented with a hand-crafted glass bowl.

Fourteen new volunteers were added to our pool, including four who agreed to serve on the Museums Management Committee. The museum benefited from an interesting student placement from the Red River Community College Language Training Centre. A student from that ESL facility assisted the museum for three weeks; we feel that we gained more than she did just from the amount of work that she accomplished. As in previous years, Dalnavert benefited from the relationship that it has developed with seven of the Winnipeg high schools. Some of the students received a credit at school and one was working towards her Duke of Edinburgh Award. There are 76 volunteers who serve as Education Program Interpreters, in the Reception and Carlton Lane Gift Shop, as regular visitor interpreters, who do fundraising or special programming, and who serve on the Management Committee or Advisory Group. They contributed over 2,789 hours this past year, equivalent to \$38,937.

Four university students were hired during the summer of 2003 to work at Dalnavert: Tara McLaughlin, Cheryl Kopp, Megan Collison, and Emily Nesmith. Ms. Kopp's employment was supported by a grant under the provincial Career Placement Program. She presented the summer children's program "My House, Your House" and she worked in our popular birthday party program. Ms. Collison was hired with the assistance of the federal Young Canada Works Program. She and Ms. Nesmith researched wedding customs and public recreation in Winnipeg in the late 1800s. Their goal was to create reference files that will be used to enhance the interpretation of Dalnavert and its relationship to the late Victorian society in Winnipeg. Ms. McLaughlin returned for her second summer as a Dalnavert interpreter. She had done the birthday party program during the previous winter season, so she was a mentor for Ms Kopp. Ms. McLaughlin, after completing her Bachelor's degree in Education, was hired as a teacher of English and Geography at Silver Heights Collegiate in September 2003.

Kate McDonald volunteered during our winter season under the Manitoba Youth Serves Program. In return for giving us 100 hours, Ms. McDonald received a \$500 bursary from the Province of Manitoba. During her time at Dalnavert, she finished off the entry of collection information into the museum's collections management database and toured visitors through the museum.

Exhibit

In conjunction with the public program relating to Dr. Amelia Yeoman's visit to the Macdonald home, Curator Tim Worth assembled a temporary exhibit of material from the Manitoba Museum collection. The exhibit, entitled *A Doctor's Bag of 1900*, corresponded to public program that was being presented in the spring of 2003.

A doctor of the 1900s or earlier, where house calls were routine, was called upon to apply his or her skills in a wide variety of ways. The doctor's bag may have contained almost anything that he/she might have expected to encounter on any given day, such as a stethoscope, pair of obstetrical forceps, pair of probes, ophthalmoscope, and bottles of nitroglycerin pills, neatsfoot oil, carbolic acid, and creosote pills.

Assistant Curator Nancy Anderson began researching some of the period cookbooks in the museum's collection to create a list of commonly used ingredients. The information gathered by Mrs. Anderson was coupled with a report on beverage consumption in Winnipeg, previously prepared by Virginia Lockett, Interpretive Curator at Parks Canada's Western Canada Service Centre. The shopping list was then taken to the Western Canada Service Centre where Ms. Lockett assisted with the selection of labels appropriate to the period of Dalnavert. These labels were colour copied and applied to appropriately sized tins. The kitchen and larder have always been well furnished with cooking utensils and gadgets. Only the regular visitors to Dalnavert would have noticed that the Macdonald family is eating better these days. Cans of Jubilee Peaches, Reindeer Brand Condensed Milk, Log Cabin Strawberries, Maple Leaf Tomatoes, Heinz Tomato Soup and Grand River Refugee Beans appeared on the larder shelves.

Visitor Centre

Having received Society approval to proceed with construction of the Dalnavert Visitors Centre, the Management Committee worked with Wins Bridgman of DAPR Architecture to create architectural drawings. Project Manager Gerry Humphreys joined the project in February. Wins Bridgman was involved in meetings with various levels of government to ensure their endorsement of the project.

Although the bulk of the work will actually occur during the 2004 fiscal year, important work was required this year to prepare the entire site for the construction. The first order of business was the “deconstruction” of the brick house next door, at 57 Carlton. This 1940s-era house was not simply being bulldozed. Instead, it was taken apart carefully so its building materials could be re-used in the new building or sold. Although concerns over the safety of visitors and volunteers in a construction zone forced the closure of the museum, the permanent staff began to concentrate on the development of new programs while conducting an outreach program to schools and other regular day-to-day duties.

G Goldsborough, Chair, Management Committee
T. Worth, Museum Staff

Dalnavert Management Committee

Gordon Goldsborough, Chair	
Jim Blanchard	Rodney McDonald
Stephanie Middagh	Lisa Hardess
Sarah Piercy	Monique Woroniak
Gordon Harris	

Dalnavert Advisory Group

Shirley Bradshaw	Carl James
Bob Flanagan	Peter Lockett
Jane Fudge	Victor Sawelo
Echo Greenaway	Gloria Seale
Rob Inman	William Fraser
Gordon Goldsborough – Management Committee	
Tim Worth – Dalnavert Staff	
Nancy Anderson – Dalnavert Staff	

Museum Operations

Ross House Museum

Ross House Museum opened for the season on June 1st. The museum is located in Joe Zuken Heritage Park at 140 Meade St. E between Euclid and Sutherland avenues. The house, built of oak logs between 1852 and 1854, was originally the home of William and Jemima Ross and the first post office in the northwest. The building is owned by the City of Winnipeg and the artifacts are owned by the Manitoba Historical Society. The house was moved to its present site in 1984.

The City provides a grant to the Society to operate the museum. The museum is a valuable learning resource on the lives of the people in the Red River Settlement as interpreted through the Ross family. The museum also helps the residents of Point Douglas to enhance their pride in the cultural heritage of their community.

There was a change in management structure this year for Ross House Museum. One management committee for the Society's museums has been replaced by two committees and the Dalnavert Museum staff no longer oversees Ross House. The Ross House Management Committee was established and Victor Sawelo was hired as manager of Ross House Museum. Other staff members at the museum at the beginning of the 2003 summer season were Peter Broussard and Lisa Muswagon. When Lisa accepted a position at the Aboriginal Centre she was replaced by Kate MacDonald.

The Committee, comprised of representatives of the Manitoba Historical Society and the community of Point Douglas, spent time planning for future development of the museum. A flag pole, tree planting, and an outdoor interpretive sign were proposed and grant applications for funding were made.

Building improvements were covered by \$10,000 allotted in the City Wide Heritage Grant Program. Log siding was re-pointed and chinked. Interior walls were repainted, but not the trim and interior windows. The fence was repaired and painted. The bug screens were repaired; the dormer windows were upgraded with new security mesh. Hardware that holds back the storm shutters was replaced. The water utilities were replaced with a locked box outlet and a timed controller at panel of electrical utilities so that the staff no longer has to enter crawl space twice daily. The ladder to the crawl space was replaced with an improved step ladder. The soffit screens were repaired to stop birds from entering the dormer. Further work promised by the City was not completed. The main walkway and deck are still in hazardous condition in spite of repeated requests to replace boards. The front approach to the summer kitchen is muddy and there are pot holes from the rain spout spill down.

A number of events and activities took place during the season. As usual, the annual Ross House hot dog barbecue was well attended by over 100 Point Douglas residents and some members of the Manitoba Historical Society. Ross House also supported other community events held in the park. Throughout the summer as well as guiding tourists and other visitors through the museum the interpreters provided some craft and recreational activities for neighborhood children. Over twenty people in a Winnipeg walking tour group visited and toured the museum at the end of the season.

A vegetable and flower garden, planted and maintained by the staff and volunteers Barry Hammond, Mary Mathias and Raymond Desjarlais, was subject to some vandalism but still yielded produce shared by residents of the community.

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The Manitoba Historical Society Heritage Trust Fund was established in June of 1984 to receive donations and administer the assets of the resulting capital fund to provide income for the operation of Dalnavert Museum and for other appropriate needs of the Society. In June of 1985 the Winnipeg Foundation was appointed custodian and manager of the capital fund.

During the past fiscal year donations to the fund totaled \$22,408.00. Interest received from all investments was \$37,631.03. Dalnavert Museum was paid the amount requested for operating expenses, \$22,000.00. No funds were transferred to the Winnipeg Foundation during this period.

Total contributed assets as of March 31, 2004 were as follows:

On deposit with the Winnipeg Foundation	\$580,834.72
Cash and short-term investments	61,721.00
Accrued interest	<u>6,288.16</u>
	\$648,843.88

The total market value of the funds invested with the Winnipeg Foundation as at March 31, 2004 was \$816,481.86. See also Note 3 to the Financial Statements.

Due to the extensive construction and renovation work in progress at Dalnavert Museum it has not been possible to estimate 2004-2005 funding requirements for operating expenses.

Alan Crossin, Chair & Trustee
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This committee was formed in May 2001 to organize a planned giving program for the Manitoba Historical Society.

The committee has not met during the past year as we did not feel that we could finalize a program for gifts and bequests to the Society until funding requirements for Dalnavert Museum were known. Now that work is under way on the Dalnavert Visitors Centre the Society is soliciting funds for this important project and we do not consider it appropriate to encourage donations to other programs at this time.

We will re-activate our committee when funding for the construction of the Visitors Centre is in place.

**Alan Crossin, Chair,
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