

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This past year has indeed been both challenging and exciting for the Society. One year short of reaching the milestone of existing for the past 125 years, the Executive, Council and committees have been eagerly planning and organizing events for members to attend, and I look forward to your participation. We plan to promote our celebration to all Manitobans by working with elected officials as well as the media. I hope all members will assist in making our 125th Anniversary a success!

Dalnavert Museum has been a major issue over the past 12 months. With the decision by Society members to build a Visitor Centre for the museum, Council has discussed and debated endlessly on a proper plan of action to continue with its construction. Though the building plans for the centre have been revised over the years, I am confident construction will start on the new centre for what City Councillor Jenny Gerbasi calls, "one of the special jewels in the downtown area."

One of the first challenges as President was to fill the vacant positions of Executive, Council and Committees. I was extremely delighted and relieved to have both Gordon Goldsborough and Stephanie Middagh accept positions on the Executive as well as the many others that answered the call for Committee membership and representing our Society. Without this dedication, our Society would not exist.

My one-year anniversary also coincides with that of our new Office Manager, Jackie Friesen. Jackie's extensive experience in Municipal field and great sense of humour has assisted me enormously in running the Society. Her suggestions and ideas have proven to be both profitable and rewarding and I look forward to working with her for another year. The Society has continuously had the support and loyalty from Dalnavert staff Tim Worth, Nancy Anderson and Barb Howie. Their ceaseless dedication and commitment to the museum is immeasurable and they are not thanked enough for their remarkable effort. Thanks staff! It is with great sadness that I inform all members of the retirement of Dalnavert Volunteer Co-ordinator, Barb Howie. Barb's involvement with and commitment to the museum and relationship with its volunteers will be greatly missed. Good luck Barb in what other adventures await you!

Our Society has revised its website and I encourage all to visit it. Having hit the site over the past few months, I have found it to be extremely user friendly. Webmaster Gordon Goldsborough has constantly kept both Executive and Council updated with the number of hits the site has received and what information users are trying to retrieve. Gord is happy to accept suggestions and information to keep this state-of -the-art website current.

2002-2003 also marks a year of co-operation between our Society and various other heritage and business organizations. Our partnership with such groups as Canada's National History Society, the Heritage Canada Foundation, Heritage Winnipeg and the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, to name a few, has strengthened our Society as a whole. This spirit of co-operation can only help promote the MHS in recruiting "new blood" to continue for the next 125 years and beyond.

In closing, the Manitoba Historical Society is alive and well. This is the result of the hard work provided by Executive and Council members and staff. The Society also owes its success to its dedicated and loyal members. It has been a great pleasure serving as President this past year. I truly hope you celebrate the Society's upcoming 125th Anniversary with us!

**Steven A. Place, President
Manitoba Historical Society**

TREASURER'S REPORT

The general operating revenue of the Society for the 2002-2003 fiscal year, before taking into account net revenues from projects, decreased from \$52,490 to \$50,482. If we remove the special projects grants received for the display unit, revenue decreased to \$45,982, a drop of 13%. The main drop in revenue came from donations which reduced from \$10,598 to \$6,875. Membership fees remained flat at \$13,745. Sales of publications dropped from \$2,228 to \$1,219. General expenses of the Society remained virtually equal to last year. However, the following expenses were incurred which were not present last year. \$2,368 was spent on computer upgrading, \$2,524 was spent on a new membership brochure and \$4,172 was spent on a display unit. The special grants received for the display unit of \$4,500 are included in the revenue of \$50,482. These special expenses were offset by a reduction in salary costs of \$8,924 relating to the duplication in salaries in the prior year for the office managers. All of these factors combined to produce a net loss for 2002-2003 from general operations, before project revenues of \$16,519 compared to \$14,873 for the previous year.

However, net revenues from projects decreased substantially from \$11,065 to \$2,370. This was mainly due to a larger, but anticipated, deficit in Ross House, a reduction in Field trip revenue of \$2,556 and the net cost of the Heritage Poster of \$1,986. The Centennial Farms and the Centennial Business Awards programs were self-sufficient but we are currently without a donor for the Centennial Farms Project. In addition, there was no donor for the Young Historians Program which incurred a loss of \$1,195. A detailed breakdown of the project revenue is in Note 5 to the annual financial statement.

The operations of Dalnavert showed an excess of revenue over expenses, after inter-fund transfers of \$552 compared to an excess of expenses over revenue of \$9,646 in the prior year. The transfer made to Dalnavert for the year from the Heritage Trust was reduced from \$22,490 to \$15,000. Operating expenses, excluding special projects, increased from \$136,505 to \$142,527 or a total of 4.4%. Dalnavert's revenues, apart from Grants and Donations, remained virtually flat with a reduction in admissions revenue from \$10,539 to \$8,305 offset by an increase in program revenue from \$6,591 to \$8,081. In this year's statements, we have itemized the amount spent during the year on the Visitors Centre pre-construction in the amount of \$87,252 and last year's figures have been restated to reflect those costs of last year's \$62,608. Those costs have been covered by special donations to the Society. Dalnavert continues to draw funds from the Heritage Trust Fund to support operations, but the amount drawn this year was substantially below the prior year and continues to be less than the income received from the Winnipeg Foundation.

As I have continually expressed in the past, we continue to experience a lack of growth in areas of membership revenue and donations for operations. These areas need to be increased substantially to support the day to day operations of the Society so that our reliance on the fundraising from the Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner can lessen and the funds raised from the dinner can be used for new initiatives of the Society. Our surplus has been diminishing due 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 the 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

MANITOBA CENTENNIAL BUSINESS AWARDS

In 1999 the Manitoba Historical Society initiated the Manitoba Centennial Business Awards to recognize businesses that have 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 awards are presented annually at the Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner in January.

This year three businesses received the award: Trim Services Ltd., Thomson Funeral Chapels and Reesor's Jewellery Ltd. of Brandon. They joined the twelve 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.; and Pringle's Men's Wear in Boissevain.

In 2001 awards were also presented jointly by the Manitoba Historical Society and the Manitoba Community Newspapers Association to nineteen newspapers that had attained one hundred years or more in operation.

Dr. Sam Loschiavo left the committee this year after dedicated service since the award was established. His contribution was appreciated. We welcome David Deane of J.J.H. McLean as a new member.

Judith Hudson Beattie, Chair

Committee Members: Ken Zealand and David Deane

CENTENNIAL FARM AWARDS COMMITTEE

2002-03 saw Centennial Farm applications from 49 eligible families, including the first family to be recognized in the RM of Lawrence – Rorketon North of Dauphin and 7 families that received recognition at the opening ceremonies at the Baldur Homecoming.

The many presentations were accomplished with the invaluable assistance of the Committee: Mary Perfect, Lee Treilhard, Corinne Tellier, Dave McDowell and Jac Heibert. We were also assisted this year by Jim Blanchard and Judy Beattie. Many miles were traveled and many summer weekends were devoted to representing the Manitoba Historical Society at family and Community gatherings.

Manitoba Agriculture and Food continue to be of great assistance with our program, and we wish to extend our gratitude and thanks for their continued support.

The following families received Centennial Farm Plaques during 2002-03.

Altamont

Ted, Jack & Joe Scoles S.W. 5-6-8-W.P.M. 1902

Arborg

Raymond & Katherine Palsson
S.N. W. 27-22-4 E.P.M. & S.N.E. 28-22-4 E. P.M. 1889

Baldur

Edith (Bolack) & Norman Desrochers
N.E. 32-3-14 W.P.M. 1881

Donald J. Gudnason & Lorraine Somerville
N.W.35-5-14 W.P.M. 1896

Eric & Ellen Gudnason
S.W. 35-5-14 W.P.M. 1896

Allan Bramwell S.E. 33-3-14- W.P.M. 1899

Gordon & Lauren Jones N.W. 16-4-12 W.P.M., 1902

Brandon

Lee & Dawn Robins S.E. 30-9-18 W.P.M., 1902

Crystal City

Clare & Shirley Hudson / Ross & Jewell Hudson S.25-1-12 W.P.M., 1898

Dauphin

Frank & Lydia Bawdon
Karen (Bawdon) & Earl Pryce
S.W. 25-25-19 W.P.M. 1896
South of the Vermillion River

Walter W. & Doreen (Chute)Robson
S.W. 25-25-19 W.P.M. 1896-1996
North & West of the Vermillion River
Centennial Farm Certificate

Charles & Susan Gilson S.W. 14-3-24 W.P.M, 1901 &
N.W. 11-3-24 W.P.M , 1902

Dugald

Arthur & Margaret Thomsen S.E. 24-10-5 E.P.M., 1902

Elm Creek

D. Anne (Baragar) & Alan L. Crossin
S.W. & S.N.W. 1-9-5 WPM 1895

Glenboro

Wm. Frank & Sharon Stevens S.W. 28-4-14 W.P.M 1882
N.W. 28-4-14 W.P.M., 1890

Glenora

Harry & Maude Comber S. 4-413 W.M.P. 1890

Grandview

Keith & Sharon Dalglish N.E. 21-24-24 W.P.M., 1902

Gretna

Edna(Wiebe) & Diedrich Dueck E.N.W. 2-1-1 W.P.M. 1896
S.N.E. 2-1-1- W.P.M. 1902

Hamiota

Keith & Agnes (Killoh) Bridge N.W. 28-15-23 W.P.M.,
S.W. 28-15-23 W.P.M & N.W. 21-15-23 W.P. M., 1901

Holland

Lawrence & Valerie Walker S.W. 33-8-11 W.P.M., 1898

Inglis

Wilfred & Rita Wildeman S.E. 24-23-27 W.P.M., 1902

Inwood

Bert & Doreen Emms S.W. 30-17-2 W.P.M. 1902

Komarno

Michael & Katie Maksymyk
N.W. 7-18-3 E.P.M. Dec. 1900

Minerva

Sheila (Benediktson) & Tony Panteluk
S.W. 1 – 19 – 3 EPM 1898

Michael & Roberta Panteluk
N.W. 1 – 19 – 3 EPM 1899

Nesbitt

Terry & Linda Cory
W.27-7-18 W.P.M. 1902

Notre Dame de Lourdes

Armand & Annette Bosc / Robert & Elaine Bosc
S.O. 21-7-8 O.M.P., 1899

Oak River

Richard & Ivy Heapy
N.W.8-13-22 W.P.M., 1898

Ochre River

Richard & Linda Hamilton / David Hamilton
N.W.26-23-17 W.P.M., 1902

Gordon & Violet Hess

S.W. 15-24-17 W.P.M., 1896

Pilot Mound

Olive Hunter, B. Catherine (Hunter) Furevick, G. Brian Hunter, William O. Hunter & R. Kent Hunter
N.E.21-4-11 W.P.M. (1898) & S.E. 21-4-11 W.P.M. (1902)

Roy C. & Priscilla Grassick

S .W. 20 – 4 – 11 WPM 1883 – 1991

Centennial Farm Certificate

Piney

Sheila Norman

N.W. 13-1-11 E.P.M. 1900

Portage La Prairie

Kyle & Sonya Smith N.E.33-12-6 W.P.M., 1902

Rapid City

Peter & Bernice Olson / Everett Olson

W.14-14-18 W.P.M., 1902

Ridgeville

Dennis & Marguerite Seward
N.E. 32-1-4 E.P.M. 1902

River Hills

Ray & Erika Henschell
L.S. 3+6 & all
S.E. 16-13-11 E.P.M. 1902
West of Whitemouth River

Roblin

Joseph & Joyce Dugan N.W.28-24-29 W.P.M.,1883

Rorketon

Perry & Glenda Korotash
S.E. 36-28-18 W.P.M. 1901

Rosser

Gladys Roche
Brian & Jeanette Roche
Diane (Roche) Blue
P.S.E. 27-11-2 E.P.M., June 1902

Terry & Carren Wedge
Darlene Wedge
P.S.E. 12-12-1 E.P.M. 1902
S.N.E. 12-12-1 E. P. M.1902

Russell

James & Emily Wondrasek N.E. 34-19-29 W.P.M., 1901

St. Leon

Henriette (Leblanc) & Rhéal Labossiere
S.10 -5-9 O.M.P., 1902

Sandy Lake

Nestor & Barbara Hrabinski
N.E. 12-19-21 W.P.M., 1902

William & Elsie Macksymchuk
N.W.12-17-20-W.P.M., 1902

Snowflake

Walter & Mary Booker N.E. 26-1-10 W.P.M., 1902

Solsgirth

Dale Workman N.W. 8-18-25 W., 1902

Souris

Reid & Kelly Cowieson / Trevor Cowieson
W.6-7-21 W.P.M., 1902

Starbuck

Greg & Marianne Goldsborough

N.W. 9-9-1 W.P.M. & S.S.E.16-9-1 W.P.M., 1900 / N.S.E. 9-9-1 W.P.M. 1901

Virden

Walter & Myrna Churchill

N.W, 26-10-27 W.P.M. 1900

Anne MacVicar

Chair

FIELD TRIP COMMITTEE

This was an unusual year in that we were forced to cancel our proposed field trip to the Stuartburn area at very short notice. Five days before the trip the area that we were to visit received nine inches of rain in one day. The community of Gardenton was threatened with inundation and evacuation. Roads to Sirko, our ultimate destination, were impassible and clearly the trip was impossible. This trip will be re-run in June 2003. We hope for better weather.

The fall trip was also a departure for the MHS as it was our first venture by air. Forty people in a chartered Calm Air turboprop aircraft flew to Norway House for a visit to the community. Saturday was spent exploring Norway House's historic sites, with a traditional meal of wild game and fish in the evening, followed by a chance to row a York Boat under the moonlight. The following morning the party flew on the the Manitoba Hydro development at Jenpeg where, after an orientation by Hydro engineer Kevin Gawne, we toured the facility and dined courtesy of Manitoba Hydro. This time the weather was perfect. Our thanks go to Norway House Cree Nation, Manitoba Hydro and the friendly crew from Calm Air.

John C. Lehr

Committee Chair

WEB SITE COMMITTEE

The Web Site Committee was established in November 2002, chaired by Gordon Goldsborough with Jim Blanchard, Bill Fraser, and Tim Worth as members. The site (www.mhs.mb.ca) immediately underwent a major “facelift” and we anticipate it will continue to evolve and grow throughout 2003.

The new web site was designed for improved efficiency and future expansion. Our primary objective was to establish a firm foundation on which growth can occur by making the structure logical, and the system of navigation consistent and easy to use. A menu system at the top of every page allows visitors to move quickly to any part of the site. The page layout was designed so it could be modified easily in the future. At the same time, the Society switched from dialup to high-speed Internet access, and added several new email addresses. The main address for routine correspondence is now info@mhs.mb.ca (the old address manhisso@escape.ca will be phased out in late 2003) and the address for the webmaster, Gordon Goldsborough, is webmaster@mhs.mb.ca. On the technical side, the files comprising the web site were transferred to a new server computer because the computer on which the site had formerly been hosted was being phased out by new owners (MTS). The Society's domain registration was changed with Jim Blanchard as the administrative contact and Gordon Goldsborough as the technical contact.

The changes are too numerous to describe in detail. An overview of additions since November 2002 is as follows:

- Profiles of all MHS Centennial Businesses, and short biographies of several Past Presidents were added, along with a complete index to the back issues of *Manitoba History* and *Manitoba Pageant*, and links to other web sites relating to prairie and Canadian history.
- A calendar of upcoming MHS events was added, as well as other items of interest provided by the Manitoba Genealogical Society, Heritage Winnipeg, University of Winnipeg Alumni Association, and University Women's Club of Winnipeg.
- An area for contributed “special features” were started, the first of which was an introduction to Manitoba church architecture by Doug Parsonage.
- Downloadable versions of the Centennial Farm, Centennial Business, and McWilliams competition entrance forms were made available in Adobe Acrobat format.

Use of the web site, based on analysis of statistics provided by MTS, is increasing. Between October 2002 and April 2003, the number of files sent to visitors daily increased from 573 to 1,416. A search function, which was added to the site during the early stages of redevelopment, is likewise proving popular; the monthly number of search queries increased from 89 in December 2002 to 314 in March 2003. So far, no trends are emerging in the phrases being used as search queries.

There are numerous possibilities for future development of the web site. It can become a medium for communication with MHS members, to provide news (e.g., an electronic version of *Keywords* could be offered as an alternative to the printed version, thereby reducing printing and mailing costs), to sell publications, to renew existing memberships and to solicit new ones. The site can augment the function of the society by making information available that would be too costly for publication by traditional means or that is of interest to a limited number of people. Our vision is for the web site to become the best place on the Internet for Manitoba history – a sort of digital archives. To start this process, the committee has hired Sian Bumsted, a University student majoring in History, to help prepare documents for delivery on our web site. Sian will scan the old *Transactions* (to add to “leftovers” from Jim Blanchard’s recent book) and, as time permits, issues of *Manitoba Pageant*. A tour of buildings in Point Douglas, based on an architectural survey provided by Tim Worth, will also be converted to digital form and a collection of historical photographs, provided in partnership with the Provincial Archives and the Western Canada Pictorial Index, will be made available. A partnership with the Province’s Historic Resources Branch will enable us to provide many of their excellent publications on our site.

Gordon Goldsborough
Committee Chair
Web Master

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD FUNDRAISING DINNER COMMITTEE

On January 18, 2003, the Committee had the pleasure of hosting the 38th Annual Sir John A Macdonald Dinner, in the Provencher Room at the Historic Hotel Fort Garry. We were most privileged to have had as our guest and keynote speaker, the Honourable Justice Mr. Murray Sinclair, introduced by Professor Gerald Friesen. The Honourable Justice Sinclair delivered a stimulating and provocative message with his topic "A Pocketful of Mumbles" - Indian Treaties and the Supreme Court of Canada.

A special guest appearance of the internationally acclaimed Summer Bear Dance Troupe, directed by Clarence and Barbara Nepinak was enjoyed by all and received a standing ovation.

The event was covered in the media by the national Aboriginal Peoples Television Network, and appeared on various broadcasts.

Mr. Paul Haverstock, Catering Manager and his staff of the Hotel Fort Garry excelled in providing us a wonderful dinner in such a graciously appointed setting, and our committee is very appreciative of the special efforts extended to the MHS.

The event was attended by 162 persons, and the committee is pleased to report that our efforts raised approximately \$9,600.00.

The Committee extends its thanks and gratitude to those who supported our efforts by contributing to and attending our event, making the evening such a great success.

Committee Members:

Margaret Morse, Chair
Rose Brocki
Betty Laing
Bernie Wolfe

John Bovey
Miles Pepper
Mary Louise Zorniak

MHS Staff/ Resources
Jacqueline Friesen

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Prepared by Tim Worth

The Historic Preservation Committee met during year on a bi-monthly schedule, on five occasions. The Committee is composed of Co-Chairs Ashleigh Drewett-Laird and Irene Shaw, Members: Lily Stearns, Glenn King, John Gunn, Cindy Sciberras, Robert Kadolph, Carl James and Tim Worth.

The work of Committee is broken down between the active committee discussions and research and the representation borne by Mr. Worth and Ms. Drewett-Laird as members of the City of Winnipeg's Historic Buildings Committee.

The principal endeavour of the Committee's research continues to be that which they have been doing on the Point Douglas residential neighbourhood. The committee looks to wrapping this long term study during the 2003-2004 fiscal year at which time the end product will be a substantial index of residential research, made available to the community at large through the MHS's web site and a walking tour of the Point Douglas area. During the course of the ongoing discussions the committee received valuable advice from noted local historian and architectural researcher Randy Rostecki.

The advice provided by the two-committee representatives to the City of Winnipeg's Historic Buildings Committee, is perhaps the best service that they can provide there. During the year they have been actively involved in the evolution of the City's inventory of structures being monitored. For the most part this sees addresses added to the list like massive warehouses at 130-132 James Avenue (Victor Fox Foods), however it may also see address removed from the list due to deterioration or damage beyond the hope of repair. One of the buildings lost to downtown Winnipeg was the Capitol Theatre. Lost but not forgotten due to plaster ornamental work, from the Capitol that has been mounted for permanent display in Pantages Theatre. Mr. Worth assisted with the display copy that will bring the significance of the pieces to light

Ashleigh Drewett Laird, Co-Chair
Irene Shaw, Co-Chair

MUSEUMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Prepared by Tim Worth, Curator

Taking responsibility for the management of the Dalnavert Museum that the Society owns and Ross House Museum that the Society operates on behalf of the City of Winnipeg have been William Fraser (Chair), Muriel Aboul-Atta, Kathleen Beatson, Karolyn Bradley, Shirley Bradshaw, Dr. John Cooper, Deborah Edwards, Rob Inman, Carl James, Stephanie Middagh, Victor Sawelo, Gloria Seale, Terry Willerton and Honourary members Kathleen Campbell and Kathleen Richardson.

DALNAVERT MUSEUM

When Dalnavert was saved from the wrecker's ball in 1969 little did the Society envisage the path that their actions were to take. Thirty-four years and many thousands of hours later Dalnavert is set to make new inroads in development. Like all the years in between 1969 and 2003, this past year was a complicated weaving together of the contributions of many different individuals who all shared the same goal of making Dalnavert better.

Fund Generation

The revenue generating capability of Carlton Lane Gift Shop has become increasingly important. During this year it has exceeded its budgetary goal. The committee overseeing the shop, Rob Inman and Nancy Anderson has introduced a growing variety of merchandise to the shop, to provide it with new direction and marketing potential. During the year a cash register was purchased which enabled better cash control and stock management. More positively perhaps is that the new technology did not deter any of the gift shop volunteers from continuing their involvement.

Stephanie Middagh, in addition to serving on the Museums Management Committee and Second Vice President of the MHS also enlisted the assistance of her friends to hold another Cook Book Sale.

This year's Chocolate Madness occurred on one of our bitterly cold February days. Yet 85 people made it out to the museum that day and consumed more than their fair share of chocolate. The Society's President, Steve Place, appeared on the A-Channel's "Big Breakfast" show, while Amy Howie and her friend Holly provided the "Karma Readings". Then there were the 33 people who contributed a wide variety of baking to the event, Raspberry Fudge Brownies, Chocolate Strawberry Torte, and Crazy Cake, etc. The value of sampling tickets purchased increased from \$3.64 per person to \$4.07 per person.

Operational Developments

During 2002 - 2003 regular meetings took place as plans for the construction of a new Visitor's Centre developed. The project received the approval of the City's Planning and Development Committee. With completion planned for 2004 the Dalnavert Visitor Centre will be a tremendous plus for the MHS 125th Anniversary Celebrations.

During the summer of 2002 Kathleen Campbell started planning the redevelopment of the grounds around Dalnavert. Current ideas for the grounds are taking into consideration design concepts of what the property will look like when the Dalnavert Visitor Centre is constructed. Mrs. Campbell's efforts have been assisted by the work of Kevin Kushiner.

One of the projects that were undertaken in the summer of 2002 was the development of a storage area for Dalnavert's institutional records. For this purpose, a shelving unit was purchased and installed in the former bathroom of Lady Macdonald (an area unseen by visitors). Dalnavert also purchased archival storage boxes for the project. Some of these costs were borne by funds generated by the 2001 Christmas Raffle. A grant from the federal Young Canada Works program contributed the wage support, of Lisa Hutniak's salary. Through this project a centralized storage area for the museum's text records and casual photographs was created.

Staffing

Dalnavert's year round operation is made possible through the dedication of its paid staff Curator Tim Worth, Assistant Curator Nancy Anderson and Coordinator of Volunteers Barb Howie.

Dalnavert's volunteers are drawn from many different locations. In recent years the winter season has become measurably easier due to the number of high school students who have been drawn to our operational program, this year totalling eighteen students. Most of the students have been drawn from the Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute (MBCI) due to a grade enhancement program provided by a couple teachers, but students have also come from Kelvin, Gordon Bell, Westgate and Balmoral Hall.

The Volunteer Recognition event held this past year at the St. Boniface museum was an opportunity to thank all those who contributed to Dalnavert in every way over the past months. However it has become an opportunity to bring special recognition for those who have served for 5, 10, 15 and 20 years as a Dalnavert Volunteer. Those who received awards included:

For 5 Years - Beryl Aitken, Shirley Bradshaw, Myrna Henderson and Emily Roscoe;

For 10 Years - Deb Hurell, Pat Lewak, Linda Meckling, Victor Sawelo and Wendy Molnar;

For 15 Years - Jean Sagar and Bob Flanagan;

For 20 Years - Gloria Seale and Art Ferguson.

Volunteer Hours for 2002 - 2003 amounted to 3,898, which is equivalent to a \$50,596 value of time provided to Dalnavert. Touring visitors or providing services through the reception Carlton Lane Gift Shop area filled the bulk of the time. Other duties performed by the volunteers included assisting with the museum's Birthday Party program, serving as a

member of the Museum Management committee, providing for the education programming, assisting with one of the fundraising endeavours or the ongoing maintenance of the property. This year volunteers also provided staff assistance for two Bingo dates that provided \$3,000 towards the costs of the development of its Pilot Programming project. All in all the volunteers have continued to make a very measurable difference in the continued operation of Dalnavert.

A notable loss to Dalnavert in the past year was the departure of Hugh Gainsford. Mr. Gainsford moved to Brandon to be near some of his family. As the grandson of Sir Hugh John Macdonald and the great grandson of Sir John A. Macdonald he has a special link with the house and with Canadian history.

During June, July and August 2002 four students were hired to work on a number of special projects. Peter Broussard did research into Dalnavert's fine art collection. He located ten of the artists represented in the works on the museum's walls and this information was added to the collection records, thus enhancing their collection resources. Lisa Hutniak sorted through the buildup of files and documents in the development of Dalnavert's institutional records. She also appeared on the A-Channel's "Big Breakfast Show" to promote the summer children's programming. Tara McLauchlan focused in on the delivery of the summer children's program "Happy Birthday Teddy" and Liz McKendry continued with the entry of data on the collection into the collection management database. The Young Canada Works Program offset the wages of Lisa and Liz, while the Career Focus Program provided wage assistance for Tara's position.

Two students were hired under the 2002 Urban Green Team, Carson Lavalée and a Point Douglas student, Ava Julien. In addition to boulevard maintenance and gardening around Dalnavert the students also spent their time weeding the Ross House garden and picking up garbage throughout the Point Douglas neighbourhood. Supplies necessary to clean the graffiti off the autobins were obtained from the City of Winnipeg, Water and Waste Department.

Grantsmanship

This year Dalnavert received a grant from the Heritage Grants Advisory Council for the development of a Pilot Program for public programming and the new social studies curriculum. The funding assistance took the form of an outright grant of \$1,500 plus two Bingo dates valued at \$1,500 each. The provincial Career Focus program provided \$750 in assistance towards one of our summer students, while the Federal Young Canada Works Program provided \$3,750 towards the cost of hiring two students.

During 2002 the City of Winnipeg, through Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council provided a grant of \$6,750 towards the operating expense of the museum while the Province of Manitoba Museum Grants Program provided \$3,150.

Promotion

A couple years ago Dalnavert was able to enter into a partnership program for lure card production with other National Historic Sites. With supplies of the current stock running low an opportunity to revise and produce additional quantities was gladly accepted. The lure cards are distributed to the major hotels, Travel Manitoba sights, CAA/AAA offices, museums and other attractions.

Bed and Breakfast operations cater to visitors with specific interests. During the year an alliance was formed with a number of "Heritage Bed & Breakfast" operations that wished to establish a promotional relationship with Dalnavert. Two-for-one coupons promoting Dalnavert have been made available to these facilities that they can distribute to their clientele.

Collection

Odours and sounds can add considerably to an interpretative experience of a historic house. Whereas odours are often difficult to introduce the sound of a ticking clock is far easier. As the clocks in Dalnavert's collection no longer worked the services of an experienced clock repairer was acquired, to address the needs of specific time pieces.

The Larder's shelves have crocks, dishes and kitchen implements but little in the way of things that identify what sort of food might have been consumed. Through the generosity of the Department of Canadian Heritage the museum was given access to their foodstuff label collection. Colour copies were made of a number of different labels that will be glued to cans and crocks to show the differences and similarities of what people were eating at the turn of the previous century.

During any given year Dalnavert like a great many other museums is offered a number of items it can not use, but included amongst those things that were accepted were some bed linens, an "Eaton's" Tea tin and glass Christmas tree ornaments. A very special donation that was received from the Winnipeg Police Department was one of the legal books owned by Hugh John Macdonald - *The Criminal Code of Canada*, in which can be seen notations in Hugh John's handwriting, where the laws have been amended.

Programming

July 2002 had some of the highest attendance figures in the past five years, despite the summer heat, which failed to hold up through August, but still resulted in a good summer. The summer program for Children celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Teddy Bear and was called "Tea Bear Tea". The expected success of the Folklorama Plus Program has never achieved the projected numbers of visitors. In 2003 the program is to be marketed differently that is anticipated resulting in an increased audience. By year end the visitor numbers could be broken down into the following groups:

Number of School Program Visitors	1,375	
Number of General Admissions	2,131	
Number of Youth Groups (Birthday Parties, Brownies, etc.)		609
Number attending special events, workshops, etc.	<u>776</u>	
Total	4,891	

Due to the adoption of a new system of accounting for visitors it is impossible to provide the same breakdown for years prior to 2002. However the total number of users of the museum facility during the 2001-2002 year amounted to 5,495 a 10.9% difference from 2002 - 2003. The biggest changes have been decreases in casual visitation and increases in attendance numbers participating in Birthday Parties, Youth Groups, workshops or other public programs.

This year's *Festive Sunday* program was much better than 2001 (up 42%). The annual presentation of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* continues to be an amazing success. In 2002 almost all of the 400 seats were sold out, long before the

performances commenced. Richard Hurst has already indicated that he is looking forward to the 15th year of his performance of this marvelous Christmas tale in 2003.

A couple years ago a Birthday Party Program was introduced to Dalnavert. This year it has become so popular that it generated sufficient revenue to support the hiring of an individual who is responsible for delivering the program.

Driving the proposed changes for Dalnavert's programming is an agreed position that an increase in the amount of programming will be required if Dalnavert is to increase its popularity and consequently success. To this end a grant from the Heritage Grants Program enabled the development of a series of Pilot Programs. In March 2003 a new curriculum-guided program was tested with a number of elementary classes. Even though teachers will not be required to implement the new curriculum program in the classroom until 2005 this advance work by Dalnavert will provide it with an advantage over other similar institutions that have yet to work towards new school age programming.

The contribution has been great and sets the museum up well to proceed along the next steps in its evolution.

ROSS HOUSE MUSEUM

During the summer of 2002 two students, Nancy Grant (Site Supervisor) and Josh Diaz (Program Interpreter) staffed Ross House Museum, to attend to the needs of the community, the tourists and the museum. Like every year the majority of their initial time was used to prepare the museum for opening and to familiarize the staff with the operation of the museum and the available historical information. They completed an inventory of the artifacts, cleaned the museum and the office space, made an inventory of supplies, raked the grass and cleaned up the grounds immediately around the museum, and cleaned graffiti off the monuments in the park.

As well during the summer of 2002 an Urban Green Team split their activities between four days in the area around Ross House and one day around the other MHS museum Dalnavert. During the summer Carson Lavallee, Danny Rusnak and Ava Julien were occupied in the various duties that included weeding the gardens at either location, picking up garbage, and painting out graffiti on autobins in the Point Douglas neighbourhood. All the necessary painting supplies were provided by the City of Winnipeg, Department of Water and Waste.

Programming

The garden behind Ross House continued to be a popular site of activity for the community. Tilled by Barry Hammond the garden was readied for planting by representatives of the North Point Douglas Women's Centre. The intent was to have the group involved in the maintenance of the garden throughout the summer and to use some of the produce in a local community kitchen. The garden was planted on June 3 with the participation of ten community members, under the guidance of Barry Hammond, Mary Mathias, and Henry Van Aert. Marigolds supplied by the Society were planted around the border of the flower garden. Ron Zebowski from Parks came to look

at the garden to make sure that the City workers did not inadvertently interfere with the perennials.

Based on their experiences from summer 2001 community women once again became involved in a community program at Ross House. The North Point Douglas Women's Centre planned the first gathering of the community women for the first week of July. It was decided to continue the initial craft activity throughout the summer - the making of a quilt, to display in the community Women's Centre. A community resident experienced in quilt making provided assistance to those who wished to participate. To complement the learning of quilt making the instructor provided information about how women made quilts in the past.

Visitors

The bulk of the visitors were composed of local children (ten to fifteen per day) who used Ross House on a regular drop-in basis. On Canada Day, the big event of the season for Ross House, there were approximately 300 people in attendance at the barbecue. During the rest of the summer there were 200 casual visitors. Among them there were representatives of Clan Ross, an Age and Opportunity tour, a descendant of the Ross family - Vern Pulfer, and a seniors group tour from Lions Place. Also there was a researcher named Sherry Farrell Racette from the University of Regina who visited the museum to look for artifacts to support her research into Métis Women's Decorative Arts.

It was gratifying to see the number of community children who returned to Ross House again this past summer from the previous year. Generally there were ten to fifteen community children using Ross House each day. Outdoor activities continued to be popular although when the number were low enough they were at times engaged in colouring and crafts within the summer kitchen office.

Canada Day 2002

The North Point Douglas Women's Centre once again provided able assistance to the Canada Day celebrations. Through the Women's Centre eight community members were found to volunteer with the event. It was once again a great success despite periodic rain. A teenager from the community was hired for the day to help where needed including getting supplies ready, setting up the tent and tables, picking up garbage, entertaining children, assisting the volunteers at various tasks, and cleaning up. Thirty-two dozen hotdogs were served along with considerable quantities of soft drink, carrot sticks, chips, and watermelon.

During the day children were provided with various activities including face painting, the waterslide, and a scavenger hunt. A quill writing demonstration by Gary Styrchak, in the museum, provided added interest for those visitors who wished to tour the museum. Judy Wasylycia-Leis, the MP for the area, was able to drop by briefly to bring greetings and visit with area residents.

Maintenance

Ongoing property maintenance continued to be a concern of the summer staff. In addition to having to periodically replace pickets on the fence and remove graffiti from painted surfaces there was the continual litter picking around the park.

At the end of the summer a maintenance report was submitted to the Civic Buildings Department that outlined various maintenance issues about the building and property. Included in it was the condition of the deteriorating boardwalk, front deck and fence, and the need to replace some windows that were in poor condition. In due course some of the worse boards in the walk were replaced, although even the supervisor suggested that the entire walk should be rebuilt rather than simply mended.

As the operating hours of Ross House were changed this year it was necessary to cover portions of the remaining 5000 brochures with labels that displayed the correct time.

Opening a New Door to Interpretation

Almost twenty years ago Ross House opened its doors in the current location. Feeling that the interpretation methodology had become dated the management committee decided to explore the possibility of updating the way in which the story of Ross House and the Red River Settlement was told. With the assistance of support from the Manitoba Heritage Grants Program Cultural Visions Consulting and Aimm North Consulting were hired to examine the current state of the museum's interpretation and propose some new options that could be explored. Their final report was received in March 2003.

William J. Fraser, Chair
Museums Management Committee

MARGARET MCWILLIAMS AWARD COMPETITION

Since 1955, the Manitoba Historical Society has been annually honouring meritorious works relating to Manitoba and its History, in a variety of categories.

The Former Lieutenant Governor Roland F. McWilliams instituted the award as a memorial to his late wife, Margaret McWilliams. Mrs. McWilliams served as a President of the MHS, and was responsible for 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 and Manitoba History, the Society hosted evening of readings of the Short listed authors in the Scholarly, Fiction and Popular Book categories at Borealis Books, April 23, 2003.

The following books in the respective categories were presented with awards during Manitoba Book Week, at the Association of Manitoba Book Publishers 15th Annual Brave New Words Gala, April 26, 2003 at the Hotel Fort Garry.

Scholarly:

Walk Towards the Gallows
Tom Mitchell and Reinhold Kramer
Oxford University Press

Historical Fiction

Footsteps in the Snow
Carol Matas
Scholastic Canada

Popular

1000 Miles of Prairie
Jim Blanchard
University of Manitoba Press

The following works in the respective categories were presented with Awards at the Annual General Meeting Luncheon of the Manitoba Historical Society, at the Waterfront Centre in Gimli, May 31, 2003.

Local History

From Fire To Flood: A History of Theatre in Manitoba
Kevin Longfield
Signature Editions

Honourable Mention:
David Heinrich Friesen Family
Lynne Ward

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Honourable Mention:
Riverview Health Centre
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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE
MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
HERITAGE TRUST FOUNDATION FOR THE YEAR
APRIL 1, 2002 TO MARCH 31, 2003**

The Manitoba Historical Society Heritage Trust Foundation 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 \$10,000.00. Interest received from all investments was \$36,258.00. Dalnavert Museum was paid the amount requested for operating expenses, \$15,000.00, and \$40,000.00 was transferred to the Winnipeg Foundation.

Total contributed assets as of March 31, 2003 were as follows:

On deposit with the Winnipeg Foundation	\$580,824.00
Cash and short-term investments	<u>48,784.00</u>
	\$629,608.00

The total market value of the monies on deposit with the Winnipeg Foundation is estimated at \$749,747, per note 3 of the Financial Statements.

As of March 31, 2003 no request for 2003-2004 funding for Dalnavert had been received, pending clarification of proposed changes which may affect operating expenses.

Current Trustees are Garry Brickman, Margaret Carter, Alan Crossin (Chair), Carol Scott and Ken Zealand.

Allan Crossin
Chair

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Program Committee met three times in the past year. Active members at present are Alan Crossin (Chair) Dan Furlan, Carol Scott, John Selwood and Brent Stearns.

Programs during the 2002-2003 season consisted of a lecture by George Goulet at the St. Boniface Museum in April of 2002, the Annual General Meeting Luncheon and talk by Jack Bumstead in June, a joint dinner meeting with the Manitoba Empire Loyalists Association in October, and a joint dinner meeting with the Czechoslovak Benevolent Association in March 2003.

We hope to work with the 125 Anniversary Committee to arrange more frequent programs during the 2003-2004 season.

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.

**Alan Crossin,
Chair**

PLANNED GIVING COMMITTEE

This Committee was formed in May 2001 to organize a planned giving program for the Manitoba Historical Society. Members are Garry Brickman, Alan Crossin, Bob Sutton and Ken Zealand.

The Committee only held one meeting in the past year; however, we have continued to work on arranging publicity about gifts and bequests to the Society, including a brochure for distribution to members and other supporters. We are also developing information to assist the MHS office in answering planned giving inquiries.

As requested by the Committee, the MHS Council has agreed to freeze the existing Centennial Memorial Fund, which has become dormant, and establish a new fund to be known as the Manitoba Historical Society Endowment Fund. All donations to this new fund will be retained as capital, 80 percent of the interest income will be transferred to the MHS Operating Account each year. 20 percent will be reinvested in the fund. The names of donors or persons memorialized will be published in the Society's Annual Report for the year in which the donation was made.

**Alan Crossin
Chair**

YOUNG HISTORIANS COMMITTEE

The Society was pleased to receive approximately 117 entries from throughout the province for our annual Young Historian Competition. The entries were all of high caliber, and presented a challenge to our panel of adjudicators.

The Awards Reception was held Sunday, November 17, 2002, at the Manitoba Archives, with over 200 persons attending. MHS President Steven Place presided as Master of Ceremonies, and Awards were presented by Dr. T Kenneth Thorlakson and the Young Historian Committee. In addition to the awards presentation ceremony, the Manitoba Living History Society captivated those in attendance with their interactive presentations and displays, and J. Hudson Beattie, Keeper of the Hudson Bay Archives provided guided tours of the HBC Vaults. Both of these events contributed greatly to the success of the Awards Reception. Thank you to all of the schools, teachers and students who participated.

Committee Members

**Nancy Anderson
Judith Hudson Beattie
Virginia Johnson
Dodie Metcalfe**

**Susan Moffat-Rozniatowski
Ann Peirce
Janelle Reynolds**

MHS Staff/Resources Jacqueline Friesen

The following awards were presented:

Level A

Family History

1st Place

Student: Johnathon Bogoslawski
Entry: My Grandfather's Life

School: St. Francis Xavier
Teacher: B.A. Tiltman

2nd Place

Student: Holly Penman
Entry: My Family's Past

School: Balmoral Hall
Teacher: J. Christie

Historical Fiction (Grade 5)

1st Place

Student: Megan McCullough
Entry: Diary of Emily Gibson

School: Strathmillan
Teacher: S. Steuart

2nd Place

Student: Brianna Hicks
Entry: Ivy Gibson's Journey to Wpg.

School: Strathmillan
Teacher: S. Steuart

3rd Place

Student: Jennifer Schroeder
Entry: Dear Diary, it's me, Emily Carr

School: Ecole Morden
Teacher: L. Mereniuk

Historical Fiction (Grade 6)

1st Place

Student: Grace Boyd
Entry: Henry Hudson's Lost Diary

School: Balmoral Hall
Teacher: J. Christie

2nd Place

Student: Claire Lefevre
Entry: The Great Depression Diary

School: Balmoral Hall
Teacher: S. Bourbonnais

Honourable Mention

Student: Ashley Adams
Entry: The Long Awaited Railroad

School: Deloraine Elementary
Teacher: Mr. Joyal

Research

1st Place

Student: Nora Fien
Entry: Thomas Clement Douglas

School: Balmoral Hall
Teacher: S. Bourbonnais

2nd Place

Student: Krystle Seymour
Entry: Catherine Schubert

School: Holy Ghost
Teacher: Miss Gentile

3rd Place

Student: Travis Kemp
Entry: International Peace Gardens

School: Deloraine Elementary
Teacher: Mr. Joyal

Project

1st Place

Student: Marfisia Bel
Entry: The Fort Garry Hotel

School: Balmoral Hall
Teacher: S. Bourbonnais

2nd Place

Student: Karlen Prendiville
Entry: The Forks

School: Balmoral Hall
Teacher: S. Bourbonnais

3rd Place

Student: Teresa Kennedy
Entry: The North West Company

School: Balmoral Hall
Teacher: S. Bourbonnais

Honourable Mention:

Student: Melissa Dayton
Entry: History of Schools St. Fr Xav.

School: St. Francois Xavier
Teacher: B. A. Tiltman

Computer Project Award of Merit

Class: Grade 6
Entry: Historic Sites of Manitoba

School: Ruth Hooker
Teacher: J. Sprange

Models/Dioramas

1st Place

Student: Keri Guenther
Entry: Prairie Giants- Can. Gr. Elevator

School: St. Francois Xavier
Teacher: B. A. Tiltman

2nd Place

Student: Jamie Slivinski
Entry: N.W. Coast Ind.

School: Holy Ghost
Teacher: Miss Gentile

3rd Place

Student: Michelle Weber
Entry: Klondike Goldrush

School: Ecole Morden
Teacher: Ms. Mereniuk

**Posters/Paintings
Grade 5**

1st Place

Student: Zack Clark
Entry: Effects of the Fur Trade
On Western Canada

School: St. Francois Xavier School
Teacher: B. A. Tiltman

Grade 6

1st Place

Student: Natasha Zloty
Entry: NWMP

School: Balmoral Hall
Teacher: J. Christie

2nd Place

Student: Susan Kim
Entry: Nellie McClung

School: Holy Ghost School
Teacher: Miss Gentile

3rd Place

Student: Erika Kasper
Entry: Red River Settlement

School: Balmoral Hall
Teacher: J. Christie

Honourable Mention

Student: Stephanie Caldwell
Entry: Manitoba Legislature Bldg.

School: Manitou Elementary
Teacher: Mrs Spencer

Level B

Family History

1st Place Student: Jolene Gross
Entry: My Family's History

School: Pineland Colony
Teacher: I. T. Ruttle

2nd Place

Student: Caitlin Puchniak
Entry: History of O'Conner/Downey Family

School: St. Mary's Academy
Teacher: Mrs. Nickel

3rd Place (Tied)

Student: Vlado Batarilo
Entry: Family History

School: Grant Park
Teacher: P. Bursa

3rd Place (Tied)

Student: Jenna Stacey
Entry: Family History Project

School: Balmoral
Teacher: D. Alexander

Historical Fiction:

1st Place

Student: Bria Sharkey
Entry: Klondike Chronicles

School: St. Mary's Academy
Teacher: B. Lucas

2nd Place

Student: Jamie Rosin
Entry: Property of Angela O'Ryan

School: Balmoral Hall
Diary Teacher: D. Alexander

3rd Place

Student: Erika Rae Pinga
Project: Japanese Internment Camps

School: St. Mary's Academy
Teacher: B. Lucas

Honourable Mention

Student: Nadveep Grewal
Project: The Letters of Peter Pond

School: St. Mary's Academy
Teacher: B. Lucas

Student: Jill Richot
Project: A War at Home

School: St. Mary's Academy
Teacher: B. Lucas

Research

1st Place

Student: Danielle Dubois
Entry: The Red River Rebellion

School: St. Mary's Academy
Teacher: D. Nickel

2nd Place

Student: Christine Nolting
Entry: Nellie Mclung: Life of a
Remarkable Woman

School: Balmoral Hall
Teacher: D. Alexander

3rd Place (Tie)

Student: Laura Horosko
Entry: the People of the Canadian
Prairies & the Great Depression

School: St. Mary's Academy
Teacher: B. Lucas

3rd Place (Tie)

Student: Kathryn Patrick
Entry: the Formation of the HBC

School: St. Mary's Academy
Teacher: D. Nickel

Posters/Paintings/Models/Dioramas

1st Place

Student: Tiffany Walker
Entry: Trial of Louis Riel

School: St. Mary's Academy
Teacher: D. Nickel

2nd Place

Student: Kendall Row
Entry: Japanese Internment

School: St. Mary's Academy
Teacher: D. Lucas

3rd Place

Student: Tegan McNabb
Entry: The Iron Link

School: St. Mary's Academy
Teacher: D. Lucas

Level C

Family History

1st Place

Student: Richelle McCullough
Entry: Harry Harmon McCullough's
Farm: a Family History

School: Balmoral Hall
Teacher: D. Alexander

2nd Place

Student: Joel Fridfinnson
Entry: Joel Fridfinnson's Family History

School: Arborg Collegiate
Teacher: Mr. Gerrard

3rd Place

Student: Christy Young
Entry: Overland by Cart

School: West Kildonan Collegiate
Teacher: T. Schmidt

Historical Fiction

1st Place

Student: Manon Gamache
Entry: Letters

School: Balmoral Hall
Teacher: D. Alexander

2nd Place

Student : Lisa Wicklund
Entry: Leaves from a Lost Diary
Diary of Julie Lagimodiere-Riel

School: Portage Collegiate Inst.
Teacher: J. Kostuchuk

3rd Place

Student: Catherine Quirk

School: St. Mary's Academy

Entry: Willow Weep for Me

Teacher: Swirksy

Research

1st Place

Student: Laura Penner

Entry: Rose Shepak

School: Balmoral Hall

Teacher: D. Alexander

2nd Place

Student: Holly Yeo

Entry: Research

School: Portage Collegiate

Teacher: J. Kostuchuk

3rd Place (tie)

Student: Karissa Wollmann

Entry: Japanese Canadian Internment
Diary WW 11

School: Willerton

Teacher: J. Young

3rd Place (tie)

Student: Nathanea Van Kuik Fast

Entry: Winnipeg, a History of Immigrant
Exploitation

School: Balmoral Hall

Teacher: D. Alexander

Project

1st Place

Student: Jane Polak Scowcroft

Entry: The Exchange District

School: Balmoral Hall

Teacher: D. Alexander

2nd Place

Students: Melissa Grapentine

Christina Caligiun

Jackelyn Tsouras

Entry: The University of Manitoba

School: St. Mary's Academy

Teacher: Mr. Burg

3rd Place

Student: Carmen Hui

Entry: Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet
The Nutcracker

School: Balmoral Hall

Teacher: D. Alexander

School Group Project

Award of Merit

Centennial Oral History Project -
Balmoral Hall School

School: Balmoral Hall

: Murray Peterson

REPORTS OF AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

FORT GARRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A revised constitution for the Society was passed this year that provides a new direction for the Society.

In the 1970's when the Society was first formed, the focus was on the preservation of heritage homes along the Red River in the former Rural Municipality of Fort Garry. This objective has been fulfilled with over 2,000 artifacts housed in the Turenne and Bohemier houses at the St. Norbert Provincial Heritage Park.

The Society has decided to focus our energies in the coming decade on the life and history of Fort Garry north of the perimeter. Initiatives include:

1. A membership drive that resulted in many renewed memberships but few new members. New members are needed along with their energy and enthusiasm to promote the future of our Society
2. The Wheeler art donation provided an excellent opportunity to open this decade with a new destination. We hope to obtain funding to preserve and maintain this collection as well as to make it available to the citizens of Fort Garry.

The Wildewood Club once again provided us with an excellent lunch for our General meeting in November, 2002. Anne Morton of the Provincial Archives and Jody Baltessen of the City of Winnipeg Archives provided us with a glimpse into the kind of information that we might expect to find in the respective archives. They also brought examples of some of the Fort Garry history that can be found. Their presentations sparked a wonderful opportunity for reminiscing for those present.

This was the first of a three year agreement with the Department of Conservation for management of the artifacts at the St. Norbert Provincial Heritage Park. We were able to subcontract with the St. Boniface Museum for the collections manager as well as cleaning. Corinne Tellier continues to provide superb guidance as the consultant. The contract worked reasonably well and we look forward to the second year with the hope that the St. Boniface Museum will develop a business plan to take over management of the Park in the future, in collaboration with the Department of Conservation.

Space for The Society to present a public face for the citizens of Fort Garry continues to allude us. We are open to suggestions of the membership. However, we will be a little easier to contact in the future as we now have a telephone listing and a voice mailbox. If you are interested in contacting us, our new telephone number is 284-6567.

The year 2003 has provided us with a new challenge – an attempt to restore the ward boundaries of the political community of Fort Garry for a city council seat. Before the last council election Fort Garry was divided into 3 wards despite being a strong historical community. We will be attempting to correct this situation before the next city election.

Leslie J. Roberts, President

Sam Waller Museum

2002 was a milestone year for the Sam Waller Museum. The installation of new permanent exhibits was the culmination of a multi-year project – one that involved the vision, planning and energies of the collective Museum family. Response to the renovated and expanded exhibits has been overwhelmingly positive and enthusiastic. These displays have been created to interpret the fascinating history of the Town of The Pas and area, while also honouring the memory of our founder, Sam Waller and his eclectic “Little Northern Museum” collection.

2002 saw a new Director come to the Museum, Ron Scott, whose practical skills and experience were a timely arrival for the installation of the new exhibits. With a change of Directors in mid-project, it fell to Curator Krista Cooke to provide continuity throughout this major project, while maintaining the care and management of the collection.

Our temporary exhibit space, the Susan MacCharles Gallery, hosted a variety of exhibits over the year, including a Courtney Milne photography show, a “Sports Hall of Fame” exhibit that complemented the 2002 Manitoba Winter Games, and a fascinating local art show. These exhibits attracted the interest of regular Museum guests and also helped develop new audiences.

The Sam Waller Museum would like to acknowledge the contributions of staff, volunteers, and Board members, all of who have played a part in the success of our Museum. 2003 will offer additional challenges, including the final stage in our Permanent Exhibit Project – our kid-friendly “Discovery Room” – where young visitors will learn about natural and human history through hands-on, interactive activities. Keep your eye out for opportunities to be involved!

The Sam Waller Museum

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