

The Heritage Times

THE LUTZ MOUNTAIN HERITAGE FOUNDATION INC.



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Message from the Board

Much has taken place here at the Meeting House since the Spring Newsletter.

First, I'd like to welcome Helen Dunstan-Blackie to a new role. In June the Heritage Board voted to hire **Helen Dunstan-Blackie** as our **Executive Director** beginning in September. Helen has worked for the past two years as our Collections Co-ordinator but took on some of the Executive Director duties in the winter/spring of 2019 as well as volunteered in various capacities this past summer. Helen brings a lot of experience and ideas to this position and we are seeing the positive results already.

Secondly the Heritage Board also voted that **Miriam McArdle** continue as **Kitchen Manager** and **Events Co-ordinator**. Miriam has brought much to the team as she organizes ongoing and introduces new food related events as well as volunteer in other areas.

Since Helen took on the role of Executive Director the duties of Collections Co-ordinator is still part of her responsibility along with **Helen Halfpenny** and volunteer **Susan Copeland** who comes in every Wednesday to work on Collection related activities.

Thirdly the Heritage Board voted in a new **Director** and **Treasurer Sharon Gallant CPA**

We had a busy summer at the Museum and Meeting House with site supervisor **Deanna Gallant** of the Summer Students. Deanna also organized and advertised the themed summer camps which proved to be popular. Deanna was hired under the Young Canada Works program and we are pleased with how that program works so will be looking at it for next season as it now goes into the Fall season.

Congratulations are extended to one of our longstanding Lutz Mountain Heritage Board members **Gerry Gillcash** on his recent election as Vice President of the Association Heritage New Brunswick. Wishing you all the best as you take on this new role.

Message from the Board (continued)

As I have said before our **volunteers are the backbone of our organization** and very much a part of the team without you, we wouldn't be able to carry out many of our events so a big **THANK YOU to all our volunteers.**

We are always looking for new volunteers so if you'd like to give of your time and talents let Helen or Miriam know 384-7719, lutzmntnheritage @rogers.com.

Betty Lutes, Chair of the Board



*Designed and Hooked by Pat Winans 2005.
This wall hanging was recently donated to
Lutz Mountain Heritage Museum by Stilesville Church*

The Lutz/Lutes Family Scholarship

The Lutz/Lutes Family Scholarship is awarded April 1st of each year. If you know anyone applying to college for 2020 get them to check out this link.

<https://lutzmntnheritage.ca/news-events/scholarships/>

Permanent Settler Hooked Mat Project

The Museum hosts a weekly fibre arts group. Members of the group (also members of Moncton's rug hooking group Past Time Matters) decided that they would like to work on a group rug hooking project and that the finished piece should be on permanent display in the museum



The Moncton Permanent Settlers Association commissioned a colouring book, *The Story of the Permanent Settlers of Moncton*, in 2016 as part of the 250th celebrations. The colouring book, illustrated by Madison Barnes-Boileau, depicts a version of the land grants showing farm houses, animals, crops and gardens. Inspired by the illustrations in the colouring book and a replica of the 1766 land grants on display in the museum, the group decided to interpret the nine permanent settler land grants along the Petitcodiac River.

In the summer of 2018 Debbie Lessard and Helen Dunstan-Blackie adapted the illustrations to make a design suitable for rug hooking and transferred the patterns on to linen purchased by the Lutz Mountain Heritage Foundation. Some of the group members had connections to the settler families; others chose their rug patterns because they like the design.

The mats are hooked in 4 & 5 cut wool strips and with yarn. The group wanted to include the river in the design and insisted that it be a 'chocolate river'. The banner with the family names was to have uniform lettering but with a free choice of background colour. Though loosely based on the colouring book, rug hookers were given the opportunity to develop and change aspects of the design and encouraged to add personal touches. The project was finished in August 2019.

This lovely piece, now on display on the stage at the Meeting House, represents a lot of hard work by the rug hookers. Many thanks to *Mary Lou Bath, Judy Boudreau, Connie Dennahauer, Helen Dunstan-Blackie, Debbie Lessard, Shelley Lipscombe, Joy Trites and Helen Valentin.*

The Treitz Family Mat

I chose to hook 'The Treitz' family hooked mat as I am married to Darrell Trites, a direct descendant of Jakob Treitz. I live in Stilesville on farm land owned for many generations by the Trites family. Still operational on this property is a beautiful mature maple sugar woods which is most vibrant in the fall and the reason I chose to hook an autumn scene. The generations before us kept animals and grew market vegetable gardens including buckwheat, which turns a lovely colour at harvest time. Moose were often seen in this area. I adapted my farm house to represent the original *Treitz Haus* presently located by the Petitcodiac River. It had three chimneys and a heart located over the front door which was a German tradition practiced when the original families settled in Moncton.



Mat hooked by Joy Trites 2019

Mary (Blakeney) Churchill says she remembers going after school (Stilesville School) to visit grandfather Rufus at our sugar camp. He would make taffy on the snow and tell the children "eat all you want but pocket none".

Darrell Trites

Many thanks to Joy Trites for this article and photograph.

A Heritage Place - Stilesville School

With time comes change. We are proud of our built heritage in this area and I would like to share with readers some facts and stories regarding several of the schools in this area. Stay with us over the next few issues of the Heritage Times and see if you can relate to any of these bygone times.



School Photograph from Vivian (Briggs) Stainforth 1940

In January 1963 the last classes were held at the Stilesville School. The last teacher was Miss Gloria McNulty (Mercer). On January 28, 1963 Magnetic Hill Consolidated School was opened which meant the demise of the schools in Stilesville, Indian Mountain, Lutes Mountain, Ammon, Gallagher Ridge and Canaan Station. During the latter part of 1962 the grades five to eight students from Stilesville attended the Indian Mountain School with Mrs. Joan Rogers while the grades one to four remained at Stilesville under Miss McNulty.

One of the best articles that I came across in my research was a booklet produced in 2003 called "*Our Seat of Learning and The Teacher We Love*". I would love to be able to reproduce this booklet in its entirety because it is full of great stories as we don't have the space, let me pick out a few gems.

Some time between 1864 and 1870 it was proposed that the first school was to be built in what was then called 'Stiles Village'. It was situated near the site of the latter school but a little closer to the road. The new church was built across the road in 1875.

“Old Marve Lutes from Berry Mills built the new school on land that probably was owned by Jim Renton, according to his great nephew, Allie Renton. A strong tradition, supported by the fact that the school records have been preserved from that date, insists that the new school was opened in 1896. It is likely that Marve Lutes was a while in building. Enman Trites recalls his mother saying that Tyler Stiles, a young scallywag and a daredevil, walked around the exposed plate of the school before it was roofed in. Tyler and his brothers went to France in World War I, where daring was no doubt required in the service of King and Country. Tyler and Alvin came back; their brother John did not. Tyler, born in 1888, would have started school in 1894. Perhaps the new school was framed then, but not yet boarded or roofed in. The new building was certainly in use by 1897; that year, the old one was sold to Jacob Roberts for \$11.00.”



Stilesville School 1899 with teacher Miss Jennie A. Smith

The booklet describes many of the teachers who passed through the Stilesville school. Like the “exceedingly sweet and attractive teacher, Gracie Weaver”. “She was real pretty and awful nice, a loving person. Both Albert Colpitts and Enman Trites both agreed.”

“Lula Johnson, the daughter of Bruce, a storekeeper in Berry Mills, taught a couple of years in the mid-twenties. Lovel Trites once tried to outfox her when she gave him the strap. A cunning 12 year old at the time, he walked up the aisle with his hands behind his back. Miss Johnson ordered him to put his hand out, which he did, deeply muffled in a thick mitten. After a tussle, the mitten came off, the strap was laid on and order was maintained.”

From the booklet – “For the last few weeks of Miss Johnson’s second spring term in 1926, probably after sugar mapling was over, Lettie Briggs (now Renton), went to school as a visitor, since she was too young to be enrolled. The next year she told the new teacher she was in Grade 2. When Lettie fared less well than the teacher expected, Miss Johnson paid a visit to Lettie’s mother. Mrs. Briggs told her “I don’t know why you put her in grade 2! She was never in Grade 1!”. Lettie reports that her teacher left her in Grade 2 as long as she could do the work, and as clever as she could be mischievous, Lettie succeeded!”

Wonderful stories and recollections but the day-to-day running and maintenance of the school throughout the year fell to the trustees. Providing winter wood and keeping the school in shipshape condition could be a daunting task but with the help of parents and friends all seemed to work out for the best.

It is fascinating to follow this historical booklet and witness the transformation of this community, ‘Stiles Village/Stilesville’, from the late 1800s through the early 1900s and up to the present day. Our schools are a hub from which our communities learn, grow and prosper. There are many other records kept at the Lutz Mountain Museum and Genealogical Centre and we invite everyone to visit and enjoy this rich history of our surrounding communities.

Gerry Gillcash

Reppert, Wade L. *Our Seat of Learning and the Teacher We Love: A Brief Account of the Stilesville School and the Early Career of Vivian Steeves Briggs Stainforth*, 2003

Stilesville School Artefacts

School Desk

This desk is a gift from Albert Colpitts. The legs of the desk are adjustable. The feet are designed to be screwed to the floor. The top is hinged and there is a hole to locate an inkwell.



School Chair

This wooden chair sits on an iron base which is designed to be screwed to the floor. The chair can be adjusted for height by means of a metal bolt. Chair is also a gift from Albert Colpitts.

Stilesville School Teacher's Desk

This desk was used by Gloria (McNulty) Mercer who was the last teacher at Stilesville School from September 1962 until Magnetic Hill School opened on January 28, 1963. Miss McNulty boarded with Fulton and Alice Kelly of Stilesville who lived then at the corner of the Crossman Hill Road and the Gorge Road. The desk was originally brown but she painted it red and white to brighten it up.





The man in the above photograph is Enman Dimock Trites (1911-2007) son of Dimock Trites (1876-1953) and Agnes Elizabeth Horsman (1887-1983). He is pictured at his farm located at 430 Indian Mountain Road, Stilesville, Westmorland County, New Brunswick. This picture is believed to have been taken in the 1960s.

According to Lettie Renton, (born 1922 and who was his neighbour), Enman would take the team of horses to school in Stilesville to pick up his children. He always kept the bells and harness polished. Enman lived on the family farm with mother, Agnes, and sister, Claudine (Trites) Beach in the 1970s.

Thanks to Helen Halfpenny the artefact information.

Did you attend of one the schools in Stilesville, Indian Mountain, Lutes Mountain, Ammon, Gallagher Ridge and Canaan Station?

Or have memories of being a student in a one-room school house?

We would love to hear your stories! Drop by the Office and ask for Helen Halfpenny or Helen Dunstan-Blackie.

Director Profile

Wendy Donahee

Wendy Donahee joined the board of Lutz Mountain Heritage Foundation in 2018. She was born in Moncton but raised and educated in the United States, returning to Canada as a young adult.

Wendy retired from the Atlantic Lottery Corporation after a 32 year career that included managing the corporate library and providing research services as a research analyst. Before her career with ALC, Wendy worked at the Albert Westmorland Kent Library on a project what would eventually become the AWK Heritage Room.



“I love history, research, as well as restoration and preservation of historical information. I have been researching my family genealogy for 20 years. I am a Mayflower descendant from two passengers of the Mayflower as well as a Loyalist descendant from two Loyalist families.”

Wendy now lives with husband John in the north of Moncton.

Interested in joining the Board? Come along to our next Board Meeting to find out more.

Dessert Theatre

The Dessert Theatre is back this November. The Lutz Mountain Players are presenting a play entitled 'Killer Reviews - A Murder Mystery Farce in One Act' by Michael Druce. When six famous film and theatre critics gather at the Castle Poupon on the Ille Begotten off the Normandy Coast to receive the prestigious Van Janz Award for Literary Criticism, they quickly discover the sword is mightier than the pen...



Dessert Theatre tickets cost \$20.00 including dessert & beverage. Tickets are available from Lutz Mountain Heritage Museum and from Wheaton's on Mountain Road, Moncton.

Christmas Tree Fundraiser

Hurry up and get your tickets for our Christmas Tree Draw. The tree is decorated with a huge number of gift cards from local businesses! \$1500 worth! \$2.00 each 3 for \$5.00. The draw takes place at our Christmas Concert December 11th. Tickets are available from the Office and from our kiosk at Champlain Mall on November 9th, 10th, 16th & 17th.

Facility Rentals

Lutz Mountain Meeting House is a unique and welcoming venue for workshops; business meetings; office parties, bridal / baby showers, or family functions. We offer convenient parking; fully accessible meeting room and washrooms: and professional kitchen facilities. Lutz Mountain Meeting House is also a great place for art exhibitions and for small musical events.

Call Miriam McArdle on (506) 384 - 7719 or use our online booking form <https://lutzmntnheritage.ca/rental/>

Hourly Corporate - \$25.00/hour. Not-for-profit - \$20.00/hour.
Members Rate - 10% discount. \$18.00/hour.

Daily - Corporate - \$200.00/day. Not-for-profit - 150.00/day
Members Rate - 10% discount. \$135.00/day

(Based on 9 hours from 8 am to 5 pm. After 9 hours, hourly rates take effect)

Wedding Package - \$300.00 package

Includes Ceremony time, 2 hours for Rehearsal, 2 hours for Photography and access for wedding guests to visit the other Museum areas during photography time after the Ceremony.

Photography Location - \$25.00 per hour.

Kitchen - \$ 50.00 for the use of equipment such as dishwasher, stove, fridge, oven, heating oven and/or dishes. Preparation of food not involving these items, no charge

Projector and Screen - \$30.00/day

Please note: These fees are currently under review. Any new rates will be effective January 1st, 2020.

Fall 2019 Events

Fall Fest 2019



Vintage Tractors on Display



Blueberry Pie Eating Contest

Ryan's Case for Smiles



Sewing Pillowcases for Children in Moncton's Hospitals

Sauerkraut Workshop



Learning how to make Sauerkraut with Miriam McArdle

Upcoming Events at Lutz Mountain Meeting House 2019/2020*

Sat.	Nov 2 nd	Kitchen Party Music Night	7:00 pm
	Nov 20 th – 22 rd	Dessert Theatre	7:00 pm
Sat.	Nov 23 rd	Dessert Theatre Matinee	1:30 pm
Wed.	Dec 4 th	Christmas Tea	11:30am&1:00pm
Wed.	Dec 11 th	Christmas Concert	7:00 pm
Thurs	Jan 16 th	Fibre Arts restarts	10:00am–2:00pm
Sat.	Jan 25 th	Hillbilly Dinner	7:00 pm
Sat.	Feb 8 th	Valentine's Tea	2:30 pm
Tues.	Feb 18 th	Annual General Meeting	7:00 pm
Feb.	10 th – 17 th	Heritage Week	
Wed.	Feb 12 th	Volunteer Appreciation Night	7:00 pm
April		Dessert Theatre	TBA
Sat.	May 9 th	Spring Salad Supper Take-outs	4:30pm&6:00pm 5:00 pm
Wed.	May 27 th	Muriel's Tea	11:30am&1:00pm

**This is a tentative Calendar of Events;
Please check our events board, our Facebook page or website
www.lutzmtnheritage.ca for any updates.*

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all.

Bronze: Single \$15.00, Family \$25.00

Silver: Single \$25.00, Family \$40.00

Gold: Single \$75.00, Family \$90.00

(Gold includes tax receipt for \$50.00)

**Memberships for 2020
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Interested in Volunteering?

We are proud of the Foundation's accomplishments over the years and seek your ongoing support and encouragement. We invite you to consider volunteering – act as a tour guide; be a server for Muriel's Tea; sign up for an hour a month to maintain the flower garden; start up or suggest a special interest program; display your collections; or lend a hand in the kitchen. **We are currently recruiting volunteers to help research and catalog donated artefacts and to work in our Genealogy & Research Library.**