



The Heritage Times

THE LUTZ MOUNTAIN
HERITAGE
FOUNDATION INC.



How Are We Coping

The COVID - 19 world-wide pandemic has thrown a monkey wrench into so many aspects of our lives. This is certainly true here at the Meeting House. The Board and staff have been adjusting to the way we operate and so far things have been successful.

A great deal of our operations boils down to monetary issues. That said, we truly enjoy the camaraderie and friendship of all the patrons who continue to support the Museum on an ongoing basis. We miss that wonderful relationship that existed prior to the pandemic and really look forward to the day we can once again host these fabulous gatherings.

Speaking of funding – Throughout the years we have been blessed with support from many different sources. To all of them we extend our sincere appreciation. A special thanks to our community supporters who have been with us for 45 years now.

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How Are We Coping



Federally – The Department of Canadian Heritage has been providing funding for some of our summer students (usually 2) for many years now. This is an application process with no guarantees but we have been successful for a number of years. As well there are other grant programs for special projects or training for which we can apply.

Provincially – Under the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture there are different programs from which we benefit. Again, we apply for summer students (2) to help out during the summer months. The Heritage Branch also provides an operational grant to assist with the day to day running of the Museum. They also have a program where we can apply for assistance (50%) when upgrades or repairs are required on our heritage building. They are great folks to work with and we appreciate all their input.

Municipally – The City of Moncton has been supporting the Meeting House for many years now, especially through the operational grant program. Mayor Arnold and Council have upgraded the City Cultural Plan and hold heritage and culture in very high regard. They support those things that enrich our society, both for our local citizens and the tourist industry. Thank-you Council.

Our Community – The Lutz Mountain Heritage Foundation Inc. was established in 1975 as a Museum, Genealogy Center and a Community Center. Forty-five years later those functions continue to be an asset within our Community. For many years the Spring Salad Supper and the Fall Ham & Scallop supper, always with sell-out crowds, sustained the Meeting House. Over the last fifteen to twenty years programs have expanded, the building has expanded and therefore the staff has had to expand to accommodate all the activity.

Over all this time the community has continued to support the Meeting House. Without this wonderful support, this beautiful Heritage property could not function in the midst of our community. We can hardly wait to get back to hosting those birthday parties, showers, anniversaries and entertainment like music nights and the theater. To all – thank-you for your continued support. Your Meeting House strives to make this community a great place in which to live.

How are we coping? – Way back in February 2020 when this pandemic first got under way the Board recognized that we cannot keep an open door policy. With the Museum closed to the public and limited ability to do fundraising events, there was no option but to lay off staff. Fortunately, a Federal Government program was instigated which provided some back-up funding for those who were affected.

Secondly, the Board, with the guidance of our Events Coordinator Miriam McArdle, decided to try some of our traditional food related fund raisers only in take-out format. Again, the community support has been phenomenal.

Over the past few years we have done our best to build up our operational funds, as any business should be doing, to the point where if anything dramatic were to occur, we would be in a better position to deal with unforeseen circumstances. Well, guess what. No one could have foreseen a pandemic of this proportion that would affect all aspects of our daily lives. That being said, between responsible financing and those community supported fund raisers this year – we are proud to say to our community – we are still in the black, just barely, but we are not losing ground.

Let's hope we can get a grip on this pandemic and get our lives back. In the meantime, be safe, wash your hands, wear a mask and hopefully we will see you at the Meeting House



Director's Profile



Sharon Gallant

Sharon was born in Bathurst; however, lived and attended 3/4 of her school life in what is commonly known as “Downshore” (the English dominant coastal communities east of Bathurst that stretches from Salmon Beach to Grand Anse). She lived in her grandparent’s large country home in Janeville; breathing in the Bay of Chaleur salt air; eating home-cooked meals prepared by her grandmother from garden fresh vegetables and farm raised livestock; and picking various fruit that grew on their property.

She immensely enjoyed the summer months when her home became the hub for extended family members and good old-fashion toe-tapping kitchen parties, with the sweet sounds of a violin being played by her grandfather. In 1978, after her family home burnt, she moved to Salmon Beach and then to Bathurst. After graduating from BHS, she moved to Moncton, went to NBCC for two years, started her working career, graduated from Mount Allison University, and for the past 23 years has been employed with the NB Dept of Finance & Treasury.

Sharon is currently semi-retired; however, finds herself busier than ever. She is constantly on the go, but always finds time for family, camping, and enjoying long walks on the beach. She plans on retiring in 2022 and living in her trailer at the water’s edge, breathing in the salt air, as she did as a child.



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 2021 get them to check out this link.

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

Message From The Heritage Foundation Chair



Betty Lutes Chairberson

Little did we know on January 1st when we welcomed in 2020 what would lie ahead of us. Who would have dreamed that we'd be facing a world wide pandemic and making serious adjustment in our operations here at the Lutz Mountain Meeting House even closing the Museum to the public and changing the fundraising meals to "Takeout Meals".

Thank-you to all who have supported the fundraising efforts. **Kudos** to our Kitchen Manager and Event Co-ordinator Miriam McArdele and her team of volunteers Nancy Burlock, Susan Copeland and Martha Lane who looked after all the takeout's.

Without those who volunteer their time, talents and financial support we wouldn't be where we are today. This summer we lost two such faithful volunteers Eddie Bannister and his wife Freda. Eddie served as Heritage Board director for 10 years. He was always willing to help when ever called upon and the same can be said of Freda who helped prepare sandwiches for the Muriel's Teas, worked at the Spring and Fall suppers and washed more stacks of dishes in the old galley kitchen than you can imagine. You could always count on Eddie to be in attendance at the Heritage Board meetings and both of them attending Heritage sponsored functions. They will be truly missed.

We do have vacant positions on our Lutz Mountain Heritage Foundation Heritage Board. We can add new Directors to fill these vacant positions. Check out the website www.lutzmntnheritage.ca or Facebook www.facebook.com/lutzmntnheritage to see what's happening or contact us through email at lutzmntnheritage@rogers.com if you are interested in preserving local history or learning more about the Heritage Foundation and how you might volunteer. We are looking for people who are computer savvy and share in our vision to increase awareness of preserving local history and expand community engagement while maintaining financial sustainability.

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Special thanks to Helen Dunstan Blackie who helped so much with keeping you, our members and supporters, informed of what was and is happening here at the Meeting House. Helen had stepped up to the plate and took on the role of Executive Director when the position was vacant as well as looking after the job, she was originally hired for that of Museum and Artefact collection manager. As of August 31st that position is now vacant as Helen wanted to focus her time on being Museum and Collection manger. She, Helen Halfpenny, Susan Copeland and Martha Lane are doing a great job cataloging, researching and filing.

Fall is upon us with a chill in the air, I hope everyone is keeping well during these difficult times and perhaps using this time to discover what our beautiful province has to offer. It appears we will be dealing with limited numbers at functions for some time to come; I am certainly looking forward to seeing people face to face without masks and hearing from you now as to how you are coping, how it has changed the way you look at things or any interesting discoveries you've made as this pandemic will be in our future history books and part of your family stories.

In the meantime, stay safe, stay strong, be thankful – together we will get through this.



Summer Day Camps 2021??

We are looking for your feedback, would you be interested in Summer Day Camps at the Lutz Mountain Meeting House with COVID-19 protocols in place?

Please feel free to reach out to us and let us know your opinion!

Artifact

SCHOOL BELL



School Bell

School bell dates to circa 1900. The bell is set in centre in the top. A double looped piece of metal holds the clapper and fastens to the screw, which goes through the top of the bell and into the wooden handle.

Typically, this sort of bell would be used by the teacher to alert students to come inside after a recess, or signal the beginning and end of the day.

This particular bell was used in the Lutes Mountain School in the early 1900's. The original Lutes Mountain School was built during the 1800's.

Prior to the 1940's, the Lutes Mountain School housed all students from grade one through eight in one room with only a single wood stove to keep warm. However, after the late 1940's, a second floor and basement were added allowing students to be separated by age and have access to indoor bathrooms. The Lutes Mountain School would serve its community until 1962 when the Magnetic Hill Consolidated School was opened. The two storey school was located at the former site of the residence of Les and Rachel Ryder at 3031 Mountain Road, Moncton, New Brunswick.

Donor of school bell - Muriel Lutes Sikorski

SCHOOL DESK



School Desk

Wooden desk has an interior shelf with three compartments. Desk lid has an incline.

This desk was used in the Lutes Mountain School.

Donor of desk - Dawn B. Lutes

Helen Halfpenny for the Accessions Committee

The Lutes Mountain Consolidated School



The original Lutes Mountain school house was located next to the original church which was up by the graveyard on the Whitfield Trites Road. Over the years, both of these buildings would succumb to fire.

From documents received at the Museum from the estate of Mary Lutes (1903 – 1996) we see that the original school burned on December 16, 1889.

Mr. Albert Horsman was given the contract to build the new school for \$599.00

Later documentation on letterhead from Jacob Hans, Wholesale Butcher, Lutes Mountain, NB, there is a thank-you note to Mr. Harry Gilmore dated April 12, 1923 which read “ The School Board has requested me to, as sec: “To give you a vote of thanks for your good service done putting out the fire at the school”. The letter was presented to Harry Gilmore when he was a teacher in 1923. Harry was in World War I and later would be active in World War II and attained the rank of Major. He later married Gladys Trites from Lutes Mountain

A one roomed single story schoolhouse was built well before the turn of the century. Records indicate a plebiscite was signed to have the road between Bonnell’s Corner and the Charles Lutes Road to be upgraded. This was to accommodate the schoolchildren who lived on the Flats and would make a shorter route to school.

Once at school there was no indoor plumbing until some time in the early 50s. The outhouse was the name of the game. Cold butts and Eaton’s catalogues. Also a wood shed at the back of the school to accommodate sufficient wood to run through the winter. The classroom had the stove in the center of the room. The school comprised all 8 grades. The younger students had desks around the middle of the class while older students were required to sit around the outside walls. In the late 40s a second floor was added and grades 1 – 4 remained on the lower level while the grades 5 – 8 were on the second floor. Later in the 50s, washrooms were added in the basement.

For many years there was no specific fire escape. Fire drills were a regular occurrence. There was talk in the early 60s to build a set of fire stairs on the outside of the school but instead large one inch ropes were anchored inside the second floor windows. In the event of a fire, the ropes were to be thrown out the window and the students would climb down the ropes to safety.

Alice Jones was one of the teachers at this time. She boarded with Winston and Ethel Lutes on the farm just up the road. At noon time she would walk up there for her lunch. On the east side of the school Eddie and Whilla Lutes lived on the farm and was within sight of the school. The older boys would throw the fire ropes out the window and climb up and down the side of the school. Whilla would call Winston's and tell the teacher what was going on. The boys could never figure out how Miss Jones always knew when they did this.

One of the teachers over the years was Muriel Berryman. She loved her spelling bees and was a strict disciplinarian. If you stepped out of line or your work wasn't done, you got the strap. She wore long tight skirts, down to her ankles. When she would give the strap she would hike up the skirt sufficient to get a better stance and balance. On one occasion, Harold Berry required discipline. He was told to hold out his hand and she proceeded to apply the strap. At the last second, Harold pulled his hand back. The strap left a large welt on her leg. Not to be deterred, he was told to hold out his hand again. She upped her skirt a little further and with great vigor swung the strap again. Harold moved his hand again. This time the strap went flying across the room leaving a mark on the blackboard at the back of the class. Was justice ever served? We'll never know.

Winston Lutes (1910 – 1965) along with his siblings, attended this school as well. We are told that one day he took a bucket of water and climbed up inside the wood shed. When the teacher came for an armful of wood, he dumped the water on her head.

One Halloween some kids broke into the school and brought out some text books and threw them into the slushy water in the ditch out front. There were, of course, some suspects but motherly love prevailed. All the mothers swore that their kids would never do anything like that and furthermore they were home all evening.

In the winter time at noon some of the students would take their sleds and walk to the top of the mountain (now Timberline) and coast all the way down the mountain not stopping until they got to Green Acres. (the Petro Can).

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As you can imagine, they would be late getting back but the teacher never seemed to mind. Can you imagine today. What a physical fitness program.

Whether by choice or economic circumstances, not a lot of young people

went to high school. In this writer's day we had Provincial Matriculation papers that you had to pass to go from high school to university. But I have just found out that apparently back in earlier years there were Entrance Exams to be able to attend high school as well. Did this in some way contribute to the lower numbers of students attending high school?

The school and the church were central to community activity. In order to raise money to support the school such things as pie socials and basket socials were held. The baskets were auctioned off and the winning bidder got to eat with the one who prepared the basket. There was an after school Bible study class. Bill Walker and Elsie Hicks would visit the school a couple of times each week. Bill was a "war child". That's where children from England were sent to Canada to keep them safe from the devastation of war. Bill would never return to England and he and Elsie would later marry.

From our own Heritage Times dated November 2010, we did a story on the Lutes Mountain School Fair that was held September 6th, 1921. This was a big deal in its day. They raised community spirit, added funding to support the school and unveiled a commemorative plaque to the fallen from the First World War. That plaque remains as an artifact here at the Lutz Mountain Heritage Museum.

With the opening of the Magnetic Hill Consolidated School in 1962, students would remain at the Lutes Mountain School until Christmas but then the school was shut down. The grand old school house would later be sold and demolished to make way for a new two story home.

I'm sure there are oodles of fascinating stories associated with this school. I attended there for 7 years, played a lot of ball out back in the summer and of course walked to and from school in snow storms, uphill and into the wind both ways. If you would like to share stories with us about this school or any other community related event, we would love to hear from you. Send us an e-mail at lutzmntnheritage@rogers.com.

Hope you enjoyed.

Gerry Gillcash, Director



Upcoming Events at Lutz Mountain Meeting House 2021

Sat	Jan 23 rd	Roast Beef Supper	Take-outs, 4:30 – 6:00
Wed.	Feb 10	Valentines Tea	11:30am 1:00pm by reservation
Tues.	Feb 16	Annual General Meeting	7:00pm
Sat.	May 9 th	Spring Salad Supper Take-outs	4:30 pm & 6:00 pm 5:00 pm
Wed.	May 27 th	Muriel's Tea	11:30am – 2:00pm
Mon.	June 15 th	Museum Opening	10:00am – 5:00pm
Wed.	June 24 th	Muriel's Tea	11:30 am – 2:00 pm
Wed.	July 8 th	Strawberry Social	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Wed.	July 29 th	Muriel's Tea	11:30 am – 2:00 pm
Wed.	Aug 26 th	Muriel's Tea	11:30 am – 2:00 pm

Moncton Heritage Week 21st – 27th September

Sat.	Sept 26th	Fall Fest & Museum Open Day	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Sat.	Sept 12 th	Museum Closes	5:00 pm
Wed.	Sept 25 th	Muriel's Tea	11:30 am – 2:00 pm
Thurs	Sept 19 th	Weekly Fibre Arts	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Sat.	Oct 17 th	Fall Supper Take-outs	4:30 pm & 6:00 pm 5:00 pm

We will be continuing with take-outs until the pandemic subsides.

Please call 384-7719 for reservations

Thanks for your support

*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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For Special Occasion Bookings: office parties, business meetings, bridal / baby showers, or family functions; contact us at the meeting house.

Artists and Musicians: Please speak to any of our staff about displaying your art work, or offering your musical talents, for one of our gatherings.

The Lutz Mountain Heritage Foundation Inc. was incorporated in 1975. The Corporation is managed by a 15 Member Board of Directors.

Membership is open to all.

Please see our website for details

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 waitress for Muriel's Tea Room, 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.

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