



# The Heritage Times

**THE LUTZ MOUNTAIN  
HERITAGE  
FOUNDATION INC.**



## DELAY, DELAY, DELAY

The Board of Directors of the Lutz Mountain Heritage Foundation Inc., (The Meeting House) is disappointed that construction hasn't been able to get underway. There have been numerous setbacks with regard to attaining a building permit.

The City, Planning and Development and down to the Building Inspector have a job to do to insure buildings are constructed in a manner which is both structurally and fire safe for all who may want to enjoy this new addition to the Community.

If we were to step back in history to the 1800s Lutes Mountain lost both the original Church and the original school to fire. Later in 1954 the Mountains succumbed to five different barn fires in a matter of fifteen days which devastated the lives of those families involved.

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This was different from the accidental fires of the church and school but it does represent the fact that fire takes no prisoners.

With a Museum with over 7000 artifacts and a Genealogical library with over 90,000 entries of family history plus a multitude of census and cemetery records, we have to do everything in our power to insure their safety. Furthermore, and more importantly, the safety of those who support this gem in the midst of our Community. We have been blessed over the years to have great Community support. At our Spring and Fall suppers for over forty years, and in more recent years the increase in popularity of the Muriel's Teas and the Dessert Theaters, this has brought a lot of folks into our building. Before COVID, of course.

We want to get back to those days of Community gatherings and socializing. This is why we want to expand your facility to make it bigger and better and provide for a wider array of activities. Wouldn't you love to attend your children's or Grandchildren's wedding reception in a grand new facility which has been a part of this Community since 1883 as a church and since 1975 as your Community Center, Museum and Genealogy center?

Our current and major stumbling block stems from the fact that the City does not provide basic infrastructure i.e. Water and fire hydrants past our site. When one wishes to construct a building over six hundred square meters, and our completed facility including the Meeting House itself puts us well over this limit, it brings into play a whole new set of Building Code requirements. One being, there must be a fire hydrant within ninety meters of the building. The nearest fire hydrant to us is about four hundred meters away with questionable pressure.

We are currently working with RJ Bartlett Engineering in Fredericton. They specialize in fire protection engineering, building code consulting and investigative engineering to develop alternative solutions. We haven't given up. The struggle continues.

Meanwhile, the price of materials has skyrocketed since early 2020. Prices have doubled, tripled and, yes, some have quadrupled, making estimates and planning a nightmare. Our ability to fundraise using our conventional methods has been challenging. The team, led by Miriam McArdle, has done marvelous work with all the take-outs and overseeing the new Farmers Market that we started this summer. The Christmas Tree fund raiser is back on for a draw on December 15<sup>th</sup> which, with your support will help the operations budget as well. With these initiatives and the very generous donations from our supporters we have been able to maintain our operating budget.

This says a lot about this Community. When you look around the Province there are a lot of the smaller Museums that have had to close their doors because of this pandemic and may never open again. We may have closed to the public for tours and visitation but we can assure you there has been a lot of activity going on throughout this time period. This leaves us little room to increase support for the building fund. We have reached out to Heritage Canada for a grant; we are hopeful, but there are certainly no guarantees. We still have the commemorative board "Dare to Dream" where one can make a donation in memory of a loved one or just a donation to the Meeting House which is eligible for an income tax receipt.

As we approach the winter months we are reluctant to start this new construction at this time. We are optimistic that we will be able to overcome these building code stumbling blocks but it is going to take a little more time. That being said, we are disappointed for 2021 but there is every intention to get underway when the frost lifts in 2022. We hope you will continue with the great support you have provided for all these years. This is your Community facility and we hope to see you, even through masks, if necessary.

God Bless, stay safe and we'll get through this pandemic together.



## Director's Profile



Robert Greenwood

### Introducing Robert Greenwood

I was born in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia in 1960 and shortly thereafter my family moved to Hillsborough, New Brunswick. Over the years my family did move throughout New Brunswick and eventually settled in the Greater Moncton Area in 1971.

After graduating from Riverview High School, I joined the Canadian Armed Forces as an Administrative Clerk. My military career spans 36 years with service with the Primary Reserve and the Regular Force.

I have been posted throughout Canada and deployed to: Norway, Germany, Cyprus, the Former Yugoslavia, Jamaica, Pakistan and Afghanistan. Eventually receiving my Commission as an Air Force Logistics Officer specializing in Transportation Management and Administration & Finance.

Since retiring from the Air Force in 2015, my wife and I have returned to the Greater Moncton Area to be closer to family and friends and building our retirement home. During the years since retiring, I have been employed with the Corps of Commissionaires, Medavie Blue Cross and Home Depot.

I am now completely retired and my family and I have come to enjoy the community functions available at the Lutz Mountain Meeting House. The fun and enjoyment of meeting those who volunteer at the meeting house has granted me the opportunity to become a member of the Board of Directors of the Lutz Mountain Heritage Foundation Inc. and of late have been appointed as the Property Director for the Meeting House.

Since I began volunteering, I have met a great many of the people in the community as well as having the privilege of working with a great group of people. I look forward to working with the community and developing ways in which we can provide an environment to help our community grow.



## “Wednesday Farm Market” (Social Night at the Meeting House!)

The old adage “Great minds think alike!” became obvious in the spring when Aubrey and Myrtle approached the Board with the idea of a weekly Farm Market on site.... We had been considering the same thought as well. We had a meeting, wrote up a contract, and plans were set in motion.

The Meeting House would provide the venue and they would organize the vendors! While it turned out to be a little optimistic, we lined the rear parking lot to handle up to 30 10' x 10' spaces to be rented at \$30 each. We scheduled 15 Wednesday nights from 4:00pm to 8:00pm starting on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and ending on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Even with Covid Restriction changes, rainy weather, and unforeseen “disasters”, people gathered 14 out of 15 nights.... we closed only once!

Vendors came from the community, greater Moncton, and even “grandchildren” from other parts of Canada booked a space and sold “goodies” .... ranging from cool drinks and a BBQ, to baked goods, flowers and potted plants, candy, veggies and canned fruit products. Then we also had non-food/plant items such as “insect” control products, crafts, and cloth goods. The average number of vendors over the summer was nine.....and each week we seemed to get quite a few “regulars” buying things, and always a fair number of “drop-ins”. It became a great “social” evening for all!

What will 2022 bring for the “Farm Market”? From all the comments heard when we shut down the final night, it WILL happen again in 2022! We have learned a few things, some minor changes will occur, and hopefully we will GROW!!! Attendance will increase with the word spreading that the “Lutz Mountain Meeting House” hosts the best “Wednesday Night Social Event” .... sorry, it just slipped out, should say “Farm Market” anywhere in Greater Moncton.

We will have an organizational meeting early in the new year. If you would like to volunteer to assist Miriam with the food, Rob at the BBQ, or Gerry setting up etc..... or if you'd like to be a vendor, please call the office and let our staff know your intentions.... thanks....

Richard Wood, President



## Heritage Home The Parsonage – 3161 Mountain Rd.



From church records we read, “Business meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church, in the fall of 1880, to devise ways and means to build a nice house of worship. At that meeting it was decided to build on the street **where the house now stands**”. Although we do not have a definitive year that this house was built, these records indicate it was prior to 1880. The house is a typical New England style home with two floors and an attic.

Since that time it has seen many changes. There was a woodshed attached at one time and a small barn/garage at the rear. These have both been demolished. As you can see from the original picture to today’s picture, several upgrades have been added.

Rev. Wilson and his family lived there for three years in the late 50's. Michael, one of the sons, tells us he remembers when they added new rod iron railings to the front porch. Also, when the new highway was being built ('58) a large earth mover brought loads of earth to fill a low spot between the Parsonage and the Church. This is now our picnic area. Michael raised rabbits in the loft of the barn.

Marc and Michelle Richard and their two children Melodie and Martin now reside in this heritage home. We thank Marc for his help from time to time with work around the Meeting House.



2021



## Artifact



**Coal Oil Lamp**

This lamp dates to circa 1883. It was manufactured in the USA. It is 55cm in height and 13cm in diameter and is one of the original lamps that were used in the Lutz Mountain Baptist Church, until electricity was installed. It has no specific donor but it appears that it came along with the building when Muriel Sikorski purchased the church back in 1974.





## Ornate Brass Design

Visit the Museum and see for yourself some of the beautiful artifacts that were part of our history.

## THE “SEXTON”

**Sexton – A person who looks after a church and church yard, often acting as bell-ringer etc.**

From church records we read... “August 4, 1883. Second Baptist Church of Moncton met in a special business meeting in their meeting house. Pastor Rev I. H. Carpenter in the chair.

Resolved that we sell to the lowest bidder the finding of all wood necessary to keep the house comfortable for all meetings and finding all **lamps, lamp chimneys and oil** necessary for lighting the house respectfully for all meetings and keeping the house clean and making all fires and lifting the lamps when necessary. On account of cold weather or evening meetings at least the fires to be made one half hour before the time meeting should begin and the lamp lit at least one half hour before the opening of evening meeting and left burning a sufficient time after to give time for all but the sexton to get out. Also, to repair the doors and to see that the doors and windows are securely fastened between times of meetings – and see the fence around the grave yard is kept up and the gates kept closed. The above job to be taken for one year to begin this August 4<sup>th</sup>, 1883. Sold to Gilbert Horsman for twenty dollars.

Resolved that the sexton receive one half of his pay when the time is half expired and the balance at the end of the year.”

## The Lutz/Lutes Family Scholarship 2022

The Lutz Mountain Heritage Foundation Inc. in conjunction with the Michael Lutes/Lutz Descendants (1766) are once again pleased to announce the offering of a scholarship for 2022.

The Lutz/Lutes Family Scholarship was established by Claudia (Lutes) Tugwell in memory of her parents Allen and Esther Lutes. The scholarship, valued at \$1,000.00 is awarded annually to a deserving high school student who will use said award toward the cost of the first year of his/her continuing education.

The recipient will have demonstrated high academic achievement and financial need. Completed applications received on or before **April 1st** of each calendar year will be considered. Decisions will be announced on or before May 1st of that same year.

Refer to application forms at  
<https://lutzmtnheritage.ca/news-events/scholarships/>

## Upcoming Events at Lutz Mountain Meeting House 2021 & 2022

Wed. Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Tea	11:30am & 1:00pm
Wed. Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Tree Draw	7:00pm
Thurs. Jan 13 <sup>th</sup>	Fibre Arts Restarts	10:00am – 2:00pm
Sat. Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Hillbilly Dinner	7:00pm
Sat. Feb 12 <sup>th</sup>	Valentine's Tea	2:30pm
Tues. Feb 15 <sup>th</sup>	Annual General Meeting	7:00pm
Feb 14 <sup>th</sup> – Feb 18 <sup>th</sup>	Heritage Week	
Wed. Feb 16 <sup>th</sup>	Volunteer Appreciation Night	7:00 pm
Sat. May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Salad Supper Take outs	4:30pm & 6:00 pm 5:00pm
Wed. May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Muriel's Tea	11:30 am – 1:00 pm

\*This is a tentative Calendar of Events,  
due to COVID-19 events may be added or changed per current restrictions.

Please check our events board, our Facebook page or website  
([www.lutzmtnheritage.ca](http://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. We are looking for volunteers to assist with our artifact collection.

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