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## PROGRAMME NOTE:

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1991, 8:00 p.m.  
at the Nova Scotia Museum  
ANNUAL MEETING and FUN FOR FUNDS AUCTION  
(More inside about this exciting event)



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

for  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, JUNE 1991.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

My 1991 year began with three summer research projects. I provided guidance and supervision for two projects under the Provincial Employment Program and one project under the Federal Seed/Challenge program. The researchers were Irene Fennell, Rod McMahon and Nicole Murphy. At the conclusion of the summer the completed research reports were submitted to various levels of government; already the reports have begun to bear good results. The City of Halifax registered Chebucto Road School as a Municipal Heritage Property and the Provincial Advisory Council has recommended Heritage Trust's own house, Richmond Hill Farm, for registration as a Provincial Heritage Property. We hope that a plaque installing and celebration will occur at Richmond Hill Farm in the not too distant future.

In the early fall I attended the Heritage Canada convention in St. John's, Newfoundland. Convention participants were taken to the small heritage communities of Carbonnear and Brigus near St. John's to study their heritage potential. As well as these case studies, lectures were given at plenary sessions.

In October and November the Provincial Law Amendments Committee held several days of hearings on the proposed Bill 82 (an amendment to the Heritage Property Act) and Bill 93 (An Act to Protect the Public Gardens). Running concurrently with these hearings, the Public Advisory Committee of the City of Halifax held two public meetings on the Brenhold proposal to put up two high-rises across from the Public Gardens while maintaining only part of the facade of the Garden Crest. Also in Bedford, their Public Advisory Committee held a public hearing on the Tolson proposal for the Fort Sackville Manor House and its grounds. On behalf of the Trust I made presentations at all of these fall public hearings and meetings.

In January and February of 1991 the strenuous public hearing season continued. In Bedford the Town Council held a final public hearing on the Tolson proposal, and in Halifax the City Council held a three-night public hearing on the contentious Brenhold proposal. At the Brenhold hearing Heritage Trust was represented by myself, consulting restoration architect Harry Jost, and lawyer Valerie MacKenzie, and at the Tolson hearing I made a presentation on behalf of the Trust. As this report goes to press Heritage Trust is preparing for an appeal to the Nova Scotia Municipal Board in opposition to the Brenhold Development and a further development proposal and hearing is planned on the Tolson development for the Fort Sackville Manor House lands. As well applications for continued summer research have been submitted to the Federal and Provincial governments.

My sincere thanks to the Executive and Board members for meeting regularly and faithfully to discuss the many important heritage issues.

Respectfully submitted  
ELIZABETH PACEY  
President

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE REPORT.

This is my third and final report as person responsible for Programme. I truly hope members have enjoyed the variety of events held during my term.

The events for 1990-1991 included:

- September - Dr. Jean Weir - Andrew Cobb Buildings.  
(held in the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia).
- October - Alec Wilson - History of the Public Gardens.
- November - Maud Rosinski - on restoration undertaken by the Rosinskis of "Thorne Deane" and houses on Hollis and Brunswick Streets.
- November - Annual Dinner at Brightwood Golf and Country Club - Gilbert Hutton - Waterfront Restoration.
- January - Bernard Harte on Shubenacadie Canal.
- February - Maritime Express Quartet.
- February - Heritage Day Display in Bayers Road Mall.
- March - Marjorie Whitelaw - Nova Scotia Writers and their heritage homes.
- April - Noel Knockwood - on MicMac Culture.
- May - Harry Jost Annapolis Royal Restoration Society.
- June - Annual General Meeting.
- June - Tour to Shelburne.

I have found Programme challenging and more suited to someone who can be by the telephone for calls and responses. My tour business keeps me away from the telephone so I feel it best that others take over Programme. Along with arranging speakers there were many meetings to attend to co-ordinate the Dinner and Heritage Day activities. I would like to thank Doris Butters for making some of the return calls and Patricia Cunningham for helping set out the coffee and cookies. A considerable thank you is due to the 'regulars' who attend monthly meetings and show support for events. It is that appreciation that is reward for being involved.

I must also thank all those who gave time to speak to the members at the monthly meetings. There is such incredible talent available, and such good work being done in the heritage field one can almost forget all the time spent at meetings trying to convince others to protect what we have.

I hope that at some point in the future I will be asked to serve on the Executive in another capacity. Until then I will join the 'regulars'.

Thanking you.

Respectfully submitted,  
BLAIR S. BEED - Chairman  
Programme Committee 1988-91.

PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT.

Projects for 1991 will all occur after this month's Griffin goes to press. On May 11 the McCulloch's will host a fund-raising "Mystery Seance" at the Bollord House. We can only handle about ten paying guests - \$50.00 is the fee and participants will receive a charitable receipt. The evening includes champagne (donated by Dr. Paul Price) before a gourmet dinner - very kindly created by long time member Kay MacIntosh and new member, Barbara Wade. Wine, too, is being donated by members to make the evening very conducive to heavy pondering about things mysterious. The Trust and Projects Chairman also wish to thank most warmly, dramatic advice given by Debbie Allen, Mary C. Chisholm, Jan Morrison of Catchword Productions, Gillian McCulloch, Mark DeWolfe and, finally and gratefully, Anna Cameron who agreed to play our Medium.

Another fund-raising project, a Raffle, will be carried on all summer, the draw to be in the fall - date to be announced. Everyone please take at least three books. The prizes so far are:-

1. Pastel portrait by Gillian McCulloch, worth \$100.00;
2. Luxury tour of Halifax by car, with dinner in a heritage restaurant, donated by Blair Beed;
3. Back Pages will donate a superb book of history, art or biography.

Finally, in September - date to be announced - the Heritage Trust will again host a daylong Workshop on "Heritage Begins at Home". Marc Denez has agreed to come and to talk specifically about different tax breaks newly instituted and now available through Federal Tax Canada, also of grants and mortgages available to owners of older homes. Robert Parker, architect for the newly-restored McCully house, and insulation expert Arthur Irwin from the Department of Mines and Energy, have agreed to participate. Hopefully there will be a chance for the Workshop members to tour the McCully House. Further particulars later.

Remember to pick up your Raffle tickets before going away this summer.

Respectfully submitted  
JOYCE McCULLOCH  
Projects Chair.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE REPORT

Issues of the Griffin published this year were:

June 1990, Vol.15, No.2 (containing 1989/90 Annual Reports)  
 September 1990, Vol.15, No. 3  
 December 1990, Vol.15, No. 4  
 March 1991, Vol. 16, No. 1.

The Newsletter Committee wishes to thank the Nova Scotia Museum which has been very generous in printing our Newsletter most attractively for the past several years. Members will have noticed that the March 1991 issue was in a different format. We have been informed that it was printed by another provincial department and that there will be further changes which are not clear at this time. Though the Newsletter Committee will do its best to continue to provide Trust members with information about Trust activities, we are not sure what form that will take in the future. In the meantime we express appreciation to all members who have contributed articles and news items to the Griffin.

Respectfully submitted,  
 DORIS BUTTERS  
 LUCILLE STEWART  
 MAUD GODFREY - Chairman,  
 Newsletter Committee

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT.

Prior to each of our regular monthly meetings, Public Service Announcements were distributed to all Radio, T.V. and Cable stations in the Halifax/Dartmouth area, also to Daily News and Halifax Herald newspapers.

In February 1991, with other executive members, I attended the Heritage Day Conference hosted by Dr. Brian Cuthbertson, Head of Heritage for the Nova Scotia Department of Tourism and Culture. Members of heritage groups and museums across the Province also attended this very successful event.

Thanks to Doris Butters for typing the monthly P.S.A. notices.

Respectfully submitted  
 HILARY GRANT  
 Publicity Chairwoman.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

We are pleased that new members are joining Heritage Trust all the time, many because of attendance at special events such as the Heritage Begins at Home seminar last June, or the Heritage Walk in April of this year. Some thirty new members have joined in the past year.

As always there are deletions from the list also, but in general the numbers remain steady.

The present breakdown is 27% single memberships, 18% family, 39% senior members, 15% senior couples and 1% students.

Respectfully submitted  
BONITA PRICE  
Membership Chairman

RESOURCES COMMITTEE

1990-1991 was a pivotal time for our Committee. Gilbert Hutton, a past-President of the Heritage Trust, donated his extensive collective of Trust material to us. This collection consists primarily (but not entirely) of material relating to the first successful Trust "cause"--the retention of the historic waterfront buildings--now known as Historic Properties.

We have been very fortunate in having Mr. Hutton (who now lives in Burlington, Ontario) visit us three times since July of 1990. In conjunction with his generous donation of resource material, Mr. Hutton has agreed to work out a very extensive and detailed chronology of the events which culminated in the saving of these buildings. In addition, he is allowing us to tape his recollections of this battle. Other heroes in this cause have also been recorded: Cora Greenaway, Lou and Pam Collins, Allan Duffus, Allan O'Brien, Margaret Martin, Barbara Shaw, Paul Wendt, A.W. "Dooley" Churchill, Neils Jannasch, Keith L. Graham, John Fiske, Maud and Janus Rosinski, Pauline Hildesheim, Ralph Stoddard, Greg Murray and David Forsyth.

Anyone who attended the Trust's Annual Dinner in November, gained a very real sense of this dramatic and, at times, seemingly hopeless "cause". Fortunately for the Trust, we had tireless workers like Gilbert Hutton, Lou Collins, Allan Duffus and a very helpful Mayor, Allan O'Brien, who along with others, turned this battle into our first successful heritage "cause". Undoubtedly, if this battle had been lost, the face of present-day Halifax would be very different indeed.

It was the success of this fight and the subsequent transformation of these buildings into viable shops and offices which proved to Haligonians that heritage properties can and should be saved.

Respectfully submitted

Julie M. Ross  
Resources Chairman

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Research and planning has continued on the Publications Committee two projects: Seasoned Timbers Vol.III and Founded Upon a Rock.

A final selection of buildings to be included in Seasoned Timbers Vol.III will be completed in the near future. A trial layout has been in progress for some time.

Preliminary research has progressed on Founded Upon a Rock and final research has been in progress for several months. A trial layout has been completed for this publication.

Photography for both publications will be undertaken again this summer. Both books should be ready for press within two years.

The book distribution agreement between Nimbus Publishing Ltd., and Heritage Trust continues to prove a viable arrangement. Book sales have been good considering the economic recession.

Nimbus has suggested a co-publishing arrangement to re-print Seasoned Timbers Vol. I and II which are now almost out of print. The same offer has been suggested for future publications as well. After some discussion between Heritage Trust and Nimbus a draft proposal will be presented to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,  
ARTHUR B. CARTER - Chairman  
Publications Committee

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

Our one property in Windsor continues to function as in the past. We currently have a tenant who takes an interest in the property.

Due to the extensive renovations made after its acquisition not much is needed for repairs and upkeep. However some cosmetic decoration and minor repairs are needed and will be done this season.

It could be put to better use, and any constructive ideas would be welcome from the members.

Respectfully submitted  
DOUGLAS R. PRICE - Chairman  
Property Committee



### FUN FOR FUNDS AUCTION

Following the Annual Meeting, Thursday, June 20, 1991, Blair Beed will don an auctioneer's hat and auction off a great variety of treasures and services to raise funds for the Trust's work. You can join the fun by offering a treasure (anything from a pin to an armchair) or a service (a dessert for a party, dog-walking, baby-sitting, gardening advice, an afternoon at your cottage, fixing bicycles or lawnmowers, knitting a sweater--let your imagination soar!)

Call the office: 423-4807, and leave a message about what you want to offer and then come and join the fun.



### CITIZEN'S FORUM

A Spicer Commission Citizen's Forum discussion group of Heritage Trust members met on April 12, 1991 at the Dalhousie University Club to discuss concerns about Canada's future. Allan O'Brien chaired the discussion, with Jill Shlossberg recording proceedings for the report, with Joyce McCulloch, Pauline Hildesheim and Don Patton.

Discussion of the points of concern outlined in the Forum's information kit was vigorous and creative. The issues receiving most attention were: the Constitution and how to accommodate the aspirations of Quebec without destroying a federal Canada, and the public's loss of faith in politicians at all levels, and how the Canadian political process might change to restore faith in the system and institutions.

The group felt the other major issues facing Canada are: jobs, the economy and the national debt; the government's responsibility to deal fairly with the aboriginal peoples' claims for land and self-government; concern for the environment including our heritage and history, also the CBC, railways, and other national institutions and the failure of the educational system.

Members completed individual reports to the Spicer Commission and these were mailed off together with the group report. It was a very stimulating meeting.

Jill Shlossberg



## HERITAGE AS SEEN BY A MICMAC

The speaker at our April meeting was Noel Knockwood, Micmac Elder, who shared with us some of the central ideas of the Micmac views of cultural heritage. Referring to Marc Lescarbot's History of New France, he quoted Lescarbot's estimate of the native people: "...they have courage, fidelity, generosity and humanity... they speak with much judgement and good sense; and if they intend entering upon any important undertaking, their Chief is listened to with attention, while he speaks for one, two, or three hours, and reply is made on each several point as the subject requires. So that if we commonly call them savages, the word is abusive and unmerited, for they are anything but that."

Mr. Knockwood explained the significance of the eagle and the eagle feather, of fire, of colours, of the peace pipe and the medicine bundle. Of the eagle he said "Our symbols, the eagle and the eagle feather, are truly intertribal, even international. In the minds of our people, the eagle flew high over all of the earth's creatures and saw everything. In Indian tradition our admiration for the eagle is so great, we take his name with great respect. This bird is holy. He is Solar, or Sunbird, and his feathers are regarded as the rays of the sun. When a feather is worn or carried, it establishes a bond between man and his Creator. With the union of man and eagle, the man becomes as holy as the eagle. Let the eagle be your guide whose spirit gives you strength to go further than you can see."

Concerning religion: "We all know that the creatures of God manifest His Spirit, for everything that we have is in relationship to nature." ... "In order for any medicine man to be a pipe carrier and to do a ceremony he must earn that title. As part of that earning, he must purify himself physically and spiritually"... "we take the pipe and we put sacred tobacco in the bowl. The pipe is round, like our Mother the Earth is round. Grandmother Moon is round, our oldest brother the Sun is round, trees are round, wigwams are round. When we dance, we dance in a circle. Everything is in relationship to

the circle or the cycle. Each day is a cycle - morning, noon and night and another day - a cycle. Spring, Summer, Fall. Winter - another cycle... God gave you life, and as you grew into a child, into adolescence, into womanhood or manhood, you complete the cycle of birth to death."

"The pipe is sacred to us because from our Mother Earth comes the material to make the pipe... The fire that we use comes from the sun. The air that we breathe comes from the plants."

"When you hear us do the chanting, we chant to the Creator. There are all kinds of chants. There are chants that are holy and sacred, there are chants that you dance to, there are chants that we call peace chants. Chants are verbal expressions without words. That is part of our tradition, of our culture." "The Ultimate, before you can become a medicine man is for you to go on a vision quest. It is to seek a vision, through fasting, through prayer, through meditation, through concentration, through living a good life... This is part of the Native Culture, this is part of what it is like to be an Indian. It is not an easy task, for the Creator tests you in many ways. If you can survive that testing, then you can truly stand in the presence of your people and others and say: 'I am ready to promote the Native way, and to walk hand-in-hand with other religious observers who wish to acknowledge that. And so today I am honoured to be here to share what little bit of knowledge I know about this great mystery they call God.'"

Mr. Knockwood also quoted from the wise and moving statement of Chief Seattle in 1884. We hope to include this in a later Griffin, but for now just the prophetic words: "All things are connected. Whatever befalls the Earth befalls the sons of the Earth. Man does not weave the web of life, he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web he does to himself... Contaminate your bed, and you will one night suffocate in your own waste."

Don't forget the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on Thursday, June 20, 1991,  
at 8.00pm in the auditorium of the Nova Scotia Museum, 1747 Summer  
Street, Halifax. The reading of Annual Committee Reports and  
election of officers will be followed by a short social program  
and refreshments. See you there!

Enjoy your Summer but do  
remember our next deadline .....  
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