

## President Message

Despite the lingering impact of COVID-19, the summer has been amazing, and Barb and I hope that you all are taking advantage of the wonderful weather. However, it is difficult to believe that August is now upon us. Can someone tell me, where did the month of July go?

Speaking of COVID-19, although some restrictions have been lifted, the State of Emergency continues to exist, and the Mandatory Order still imposes significant restrictions on gatherings. Thanks to Francis and Bob Dallison, we have had a couple of smaller events that have been well attended and more are planned. The Board remains vigilant in its review of the changing circumstances and if things continue to improve, we may actually be able to organize a larger Club gathering soon. For instance, we still need to hold our AGM. The Board is aware that this entire situation has been very tough on us all and we continue to wonder what the "new norm" will look like. So, please stay tuned for further announcements.

In closing, I hope that you all are able to enjoy the month of August to the fullest and remain strong, safe and healthy.

George Filliter

## Maryville Walk with Bob Dallison

It was a picture perfect sunny morning when we all gathered at Marysville Place for another Club visit to this historic part of our beautiful area. Our very own historian extraordinaire, Bob Dallison, treated us to a most wonderful few hours of history, culture and wit. Learning about Alexander Gibson and his cotton mill and the workers of this historic place is always so fascinating! Afterwards we all had a wonderful lunch in the shade of some pine trees which included some tasty homemade Strawberry Ice Cream



## Message from the Club Manager

The summer always goes fast and even with a nasty pandemic, it still seems to be moving fast. Things certainly have not been normal and that includes the extra hot and humid summer! (See attached sheet about heat health)

We, (the activities committee), have talked about other events that we could try but the social distancing, crowding and finding a large venue that allows for distancing has become an impossible chore. We will continue to brainstorm some possible gatherings and see what COVID/Government has in store for us. Please, if you might have any ideas, by all means reach out to me.

Normally, I would be taking a nice group over to PEI in the next few days but not this year. I am heading over without you all. I sure look forward to next year (fingers crossed) when I can again take you over and show off "My Island."

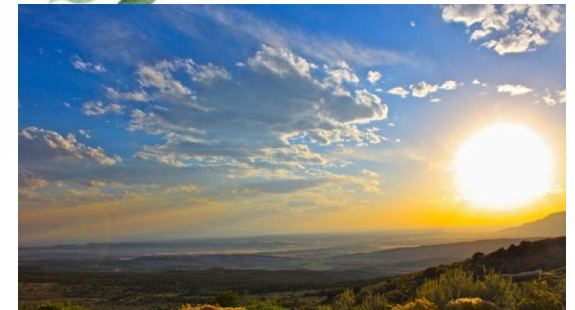
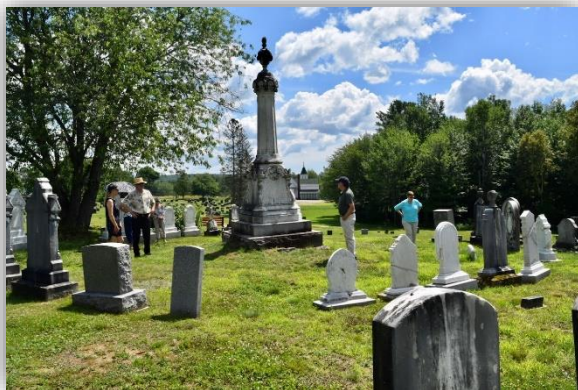


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