

President's Message

Autumn has arrived in all of its splendour. Barb and I hope that you all have taken the opportunity to view the fall colours. Even I, who am red/green colour blind, have been in awe this year. The leaves are spectacular.

Your Board met (virtually) in September and discussed many possibilities for future events. We are aware of the frustration many of you are feeling, but we are equally mindful of the continued concerns many of you still have surrounding COVID-19. As citizens of this great province we have been so very fortunate to have such wonderful leadership, but the virus has not gone away, and we all need to heed the advice and admonishments of the Chief Medical Officer. Your Board is trying to balance the desire to hold social events with the need to protect our membership, so I ask you to be patient.

As for the AGM, we have heard from some of you that you are comfortable in participating in such a meeting by way of Zoom, but we would appreciate more input.

On a sad note, Paul Dorcas, the spouse of Joleen Leblanc, a former member of the Club passed away earlier this year. If you see Joleen please remember to express your condolences.

In closing, let me, on behalf of the Board wish you all the best and may you continue to stay strong, safe and healthy.

George Filliter

4th History Tour with Bob

We thought summer would be quiet for the Club. Distancing and closures made most events problematic.

But the outdoors was safe. So, we headed outdoors.

Thanks to our resident author,

historian and raconteur, Bob Dallison, the summer of 2020 was one of our best.

We recently completed the fourth mini History Tour. That's four events in The Summer of COVID. More than a regular summer. Different events indeed; but opportunities, nonetheless, for fellowship, travel and learning.

Bob brought the history of New Brunswick to life with stories of soldiers, slaves, ceremonies and shipwrecks. Our groups were enthusiastic and varied but always plentiful. Usually we had around twenty in attendance. Everyone was careful and followed stringent outdoor protocols to ensure participants stayed healthy.

Francis (and Greg) were prompt, efficient and organized. Adding a PA system really enhanced the experience for those with slight hearing issues.

Hats off to the Colonel, the Manager and the attendees. Great summer fun.

Jim Quigley



Message from the Club Manager

Summer has officially come to an end, and this year it seems like it went even faster. It

looks like we are going to have a wonderful fall and the trees are certainly showing off their colours. That is why one of our upcoming events will take advantage of these colours.

The Entertainment Committee met in late September and after our Board meeting this month, we will have more news on events. In the meantime, we are

going ahead with a few things that can be done mostly outdoors. However, we also have some plans in place that will take us inside too.

Please see our “What’s in the Works” section for what is happening along with the separate sheet sent with this Dispatches.

You might notice a little something different with the cover of Dispatches... I have changed the photo. I never knew why it was the same one but, 2020 is a time for the unexpected. I took this photo at the house we visited as part of our last history tour. I would like to invite anyone with a great “high quality” picture to send it to me. Once a month I will change the photo on Dispatches. The only criteria is there should be no recognizable humans in the shot. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Francis Perry

What's in the Works...

October 14, 10:45 start time– River Valley scenic tour with stops at Big Axe Brewery, Covered Bridge Chips and Moonshine Creek Distillery.
RSVP by Oct. 12 or sooner if possible

October 29, 4:30 start time – Zoom cooking class or Dinner In. For details please see the attached sheet.
RSVP by Oct. 23

Fredericton Inn meal – looking for feedback



Photos from our History Tour



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