

THE POINTER

Smith's Cove Historical Society Newsletter Spring 2024

Save the Dates

Tuesday May 28th Rug Hooking begins again at the Old Temperance Hall Museum on Tuesdays 10 – 2:00 590 Hwy 1. All are Welcome!

Monday June 10th Our Museum in the Old Temperance Hall Opens for the Summer Hours of Operation: Mon. Wed. Thurs. Fri. & Sat. 9:00 to noon and 12:30 to 4:30 PM

Saturday July 6th Strawberry Tea 1:00 to 3 PM at the Museum

Saturday July 13th Music at the Methodist/United Church, 2:00 to 4:00 pm, 660 Hwy 1. Free admission (Tentative Date, yet to be confirmed.)

Wednesday July 17th Smith's Cove Historical Society Annual General Meeting with Guest Speaker at the Old Temperance Hall at 7 PM

Sunday, August 18th Annual Heritage Church Service (non-denominational) at the Methodist/United Church at 11:00 AM. 660 Hwy 1. (Tentative Date, yet to be confirmed.)

Events with Dates Yet to Be Announced: (dates will be posted on social media and at the Museum and Post Office when confirmed)

Official opening of the Smith's Cove Lighthouse Park and dedication of the Bear River Lighthouse as a Municipal Heritage Property. (likely July 20 or 21)

Story Telling \ Story Time for Children at the Methodist/United Church.

An Hour for Personal/Spiritual Reflection at the Methodist/United Church, 2-3 days a week depending on volunteer availability.

VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS 😊

We need volunteers to help with several of our projects and activities including the Strawberry Tea, our Church Project (see below) and gardening/planting activities at the Old Temperance Hall and the Lighthouse Park.

To volunteer or to find out more about what help is needed, please email Honey Shields at HShields@nyc.rr.com.

Support and Membership.

We are most grateful for the many generous contributions we received in 2023 for the Lighthouse Project, and for maintenance and operation of the Old Temperance Hall Museum.

We rely on your membership in the Society to help keep our museum open and operating and to preserve the heritage buildings in our care. Annual membership comes with a contribution of only **\$20**. Please join up!

Memberships may be purchased by:

1. cheques payable to Smith's Cove Historical Society and sent to the **Smith's Cove Historical Society, 590 Highway 1, Smiths Cove, Nova Scotia B0S 1S0**;
2. by e-transfer to schsdonate@gmail.com ; or
3. drop by the Museum when it opens in June.

Lighthouse Project Update

This year, we will be continuing landscaping, and installing a lower walking trail and raised flower beds at the Smith's Cove Lighthouse Park.

Methodist/United Church Project – 2024



This year we are undertaking a project to restore/ update and upgrade the Methodist/United Church so we can make better use of this beautiful heritage building. **(660 Hwy 1, Smith's Cove, NS)**. To do this, many improvements are needed, including:

1. repairs to the steps and access to the church,
2. dry-rot repairs,
3. new roofing,
4. repairs to the Steeple, and
5. exterior painting.

We are applying for municipal and provincial grants to help with the costs, however, we will have to raise most of the money ourselves to carry out this project. So, we look forward to continued participation from within our community and beyond. The provincial grant through Nova Scotia's department of Communities, Culture & Heritage

will match what we raise (dollar for dollar) up to \$7500. Success here would bring in \$15,000 to support the project. The Municipality of Digby grant could provide up to an additional \$5000 of grant monies.

Our total fundraising goal for 2024 is \$40,000. This is a large capital project for the Historical Society and our community, and we look forward to your support. If you can support this project, donations can be made by:

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Charitable Tax receipts can be provided for donations of \$10.00 or more.

We also are looking for new ways the Church building can serve the Smith's Cove community. This summer we will explore the Church as a place for live music, storytelling and personal/spiritual reflection (see schedule under the first section, "Save the Dates page 1). Let us know what you like to do, or see take place, in this historic church? Please contact Donalda MacBeath at Donalda.macbeath@gmail.com with your suggestions and ideas.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THIS SUMMER!

In the meantime, you can find us online at:

Facebook: Smith's Cove Museum;

Instagram: smithscovemuseum;

by email: Museumschs@outlook.com; and our

Website: www.smithscovehistoricalsocietyandmuseum.org .

When making donations by email transfer please include your address and designate if the funds are for Memberships, the Church Project or the Society's operations in general.

THANK YOU !!