

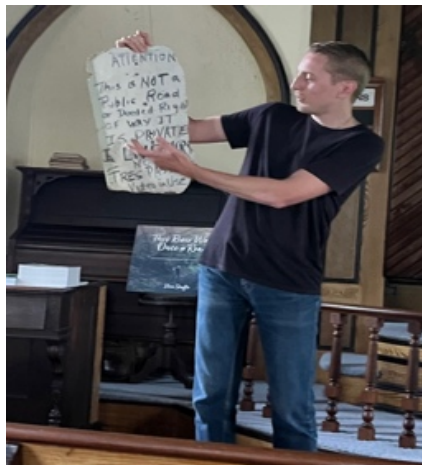
OCTOBER 2025
Smith's Cove Historical Society
Fall Newsletter
A review of our summer and upcoming 2025 Events

Prepping for the **Strawberry Tea** we hosted on July 5 with Volunteers and Guests





Presentation at the Methodist/United Church on July 3: Local writer and photographer Steve Skafte gave an excellent talk on 'Abandoned Roads of Nova Scotia'.



Steve Skafte and Board member Joanne Weaver assisting attendees

Our **Annual General Meeting** on July 16: We had a great turnout. Our Guest Speaker was local author and SCHS Board member, Ted Leighton (seen in front row) who shared entertaining excerpts and recollections from his new book, "People of Cove and Woodlot: Stories Across 100 Years of Memories."



Annual Heritage Church Service at the Methodist/United Church August 17th: Over 35 people attended. We were joined and supported by the Smith's Cove Baptist Church congregation and the service was presided over by Rev. Mark Cress.

A big **THANKS** to Alyssa Chitty our summer intern and resident of Smith's Cove who was with us again this summer. Alyssa worked extremely hard organizing and cataloguing items in the Museum and serving as a welcoming guide. She is a student at Acadia University.



SAVE THESE DATES:

REMEMBRANCE DAY: Our veterans will be honored on **Remembrance Day** with the laying of a wreath at the Smith's Cove Cenotaph on **Tuesday, November 11th**. Typically, the service begins at 2 PM but stay tuned for a more detailed announcement. In the event of inclement weather, the service is moved to the Fire Hall.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AT THE TEMPERANCE HALL on **Sunday December 7th at 5 PM**. We will have Hot Chocolate, Caroling, and the Smith's Cove Fire Department unless called away.

COMMUNITY POTLUCK DINNER AT THE FIREHALL on Sunday December 7 at 5:30. Prior to the pandemic our Christmas Tree Lighting was followed by a Community Potluck Dinner at the Fire Hall. Under the direction of a core group of volunteer organizers this popular community event is coming back this year. Please join us at the Fire Hall following the Christmas Tree Lighting at the Temperance Hall. There will be a craft table for the kids and Santa will be dropping by. Bring your favorite dish to share and join us for a festive evening with friends and neighbors. We hope to see you there! Further notice will be circulated ahead of the event.

UPGRADES TO OUR FACILITIES THIS YEAR:

Power in the Methodist/United Church. New wiring and an electrical service connection will make the Church more viable for events of all kinds. We expect completion in November of 2025.

Plumbing upgrades in the Temperance Hall (Museum) are much needed and to be completed this fall.

New chairs for the Temperance Hall. The chairs in the Hall are old and rickety so we will be purchasing 35-40 new chairs this fall.

DONATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS, PLEASE JOIN US:

The Smith's Cove Historical Society does programming for the community and maintains three Heritage properties. We can only do this through many hours of volunteer work and broad community support through Memberships and donations.

Membership in the Society costs only \$20 each year. The money goes to keep our local Museum open and operating (electricity, water, Wi-Fi, summer student, insurance etc.). Donations are needed too. Membership fees alone do not cover all the essential operating costs.

If you wish to **donate** or buy a **Membership** you can provide a cheque payable to the Smith's Cove Historical Society and send it to the Society at 590 Highway 1, Smiths Cove, Nova Scotia, B0S 1S0 or alternatively you can do an e-transfer to the Historical Society at **schsdonate@gmail.com**. Please indicate if the e-transfer is

for a Membership or Donation and provide a mailing address for donation tax receipts. Please give generously if you can. Thank you in advance for your support.

Did you know that we have a **'What Nots'** sale area in the garage at the Museum when it is open. Here we sell donated household items in good condition and various other treasures. Please consider donating items for the sale tables during our hours of operation in the summer.

ABOUT THE SMITH'S COVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

The Society was founded in 1972. The objectives of the Society are to collect, house and display articles of historical significance and genealogical interest to Smith's Cove and to interest the public in the articles, buildings, sites of historical interest in the area. We also restored and maintain three heritage properties in Smith's Cove: The Old Methodist/United Church, the Smith's Cove Baptist Meeting House/Temperance Hall and the Bear River Lighthouse and Smith's Cove Lighthouse Park.