



THE POINTER

The Newsletter of the Smith's Cove Historical Society

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WELCOME EMMA ROBBINS



Welcome Emma Robbins – Summer Intern at the Smith's Cove Museum.

Emma lives in Smith's Cove and is currently attending Acadia University for the Bachelor Accelerated Nursing program. Emma has been involved in the community and the museum for many years through the Tree Lighting, Whatnots, and Strawberry Tea.

METHODIST CHURCH GETS ELECTRIFYING UPGRADE

The Methodist church is looking pretty spiffy these days, with sconces being retrofitted to work with the new electrical wiring installed last year, thanks to the efforts of Jim Mountain. Also, the walls have been repaired, spackled and painted. We look forward to holding musical and other events in the upgraded space, starting with the Steve Skaft Book Tour, “**Out of the Ordinary**” on July 13, 2026 at 7:00pm

SAVE THE DATE

- July 11** 12:00-2:30 pm Strawberry Tea, Museum
Admission: \$15 Adults, \$7.00 Children Under 12
- July 13** 7:00 pm Steve Skaft Book Tour
“**Outskirts of Ordinary**”, Methodist Church
- July 21** 7:00 pm Annual General Meeting, Museum
Duff Wilson will present “**Protecting Our Shorelines**”
- September ?** Music event, Methodist Church
- Ongoing throughout the summer - all are welcome**
 - Tuesdays 10:00 am-2:00 pm Rug Hooking, Museum
 - Thursdays 9:30-11:30 am Community Coffee, Museum

SMITH'S COVE TREE LIGHTING



AND POTLUCK

SMITH'S COVE TREE LIGHTING AND POTLUCK A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

This year marked the return of the Potluck Dinner to the Smith's Cove Tree Lighting event.

The event started out with the tree lighting and carol sing at the Christmas tree at the museum. Then attendees moved to the fire hall where they enjoyed arts and crafts, and a visit from Santa, along with a potluck dinner.

Our chair fundraiser was well supported with \$560 in donations raised towards the \$3000 expenditure.

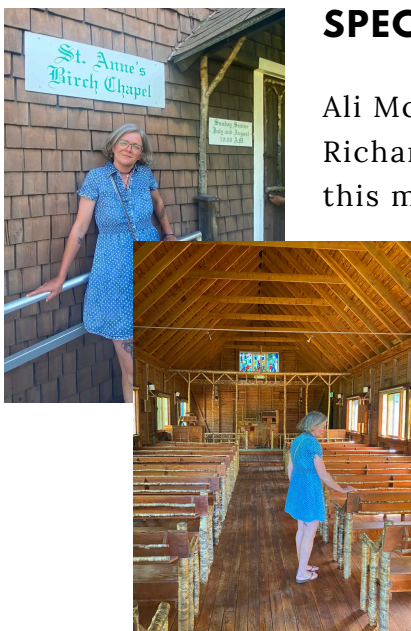
Special thanks go out to Barbara MacBeath and Diane and Harold Clapp for organizing this event.

Thanks for ending the 2025 year with our Christmas Celebration!

SPECIAL VISIT TO THE BIRCH CHURCH IN SMITH'S COVE

Ali McCormick, great, great granddaughter of John Andrew Richardson, Archbishop of Fredericton, contacted the Museum earlier this month to arrange a tour of the Birch Chapel which is dedicated to the Bishop. The seasonal residents of Harbourview raised the funds to build the Birch Chapel which Bishop Richardson consecrated in 1919. Barbara MacBeath helped to give her access to view the inside of the chapel.

McCormick resides in the Ottawa Valley, where she is a farmer, singer, songwriter and touring musician. Ali had several gigs in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in early June. Visit alimccormick.ca for more information about her music.



HERITAGE PROPERTIES MAINTAINED BY THE SMITH'S COVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Smith's Cove Museum
590 Hwy 1



Methodist
United Church
660 Hwy 1



Bear River Lighthouse
Smith's Cove
Lighthouse Park

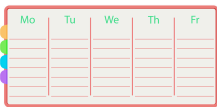
SUMMER HAPPENINGS AT THE MUSEUM



JULY 11, 2026, SATURDAY: ANNUAL STRAWBERRY TEA
12:00 - 2:30 P.M.
\$15 FOR ADULTS AND \$7 FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12

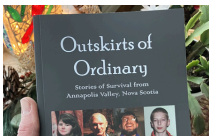


JULY 21, 2026, TUESDAY: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
7:00 P.M.
DUFF WILSON PRESENTS "PROTECTING OUR SHORELINES"



WEEKLY, TUESDAYS 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. RUG HOOKING
WEEKLY, THURSDAYS 9:30-11:30. COMMUNITY COFFEE
THE MUSEUM IS OPEN MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY TO SATURDAY
9:00-12:30 AND 1:00-4:30. CLOSED TUESDAY AND SUNDAY.

SUMMER EVENTS AT THE METHODIST UNITED CHURCH



JULY 13, 2026, MONDAY: STEVE SKAFTE BOOK TOUR
"OUTSKIRTS OF ORDINARY" 7:00 P.M.



AUGUST 2026, TBD ANNUAL HERITAGE CHURCH
SERVICE (NON-DENOMINATIONAL) 11:00 A.M.



AUGUST 2026, TBD FILM NIGHT



SEPTEMBER 2026, TBD MUSIC EVENT

PLAN AHEAD FOR OUR WINTER EVENTS

- Wednesday, November 11, 2026 - Laying of the Remembrance Day Wreath at the Centotaph, tentatively 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, December 6, 2026 Christmas Tree Lighting and Potluck. 5:30 p.m.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP



The Smith's Cove Historical Society provides programming for the community and maintains three Heritage properties with many hours of volunteering by Board and community members and a very, very limited budget. We can only do what we do with your support through donations and membership dues.

- **Join the Historical Society** - Annual Membership fees to the Historical Society help keep our local Museum open and operating (electricity, water, Wi-Fi, summer student, insurance etc.) The dues are \$20 a year.
- **Donate to the Historical Society** - Dues do not cover our operating costs, so additional donations are needed and appreciated.
 - If you wish to make a donation or buy a Membership you can
 - provide a cheque payable to the Smith's Cove Historical Society to the Society at 590 Highway 1, Smiths Cove, Nova Scotia, B0S 1S0
 - do e-transfer to schsdonate@gmail.com (Canadian bank transfers only) Please provide a mailing address for donation tax receipts.
 - pay via credit card through Canada Helps <https://www.canadahelps.org>
- **Donate household items** to the What Nots Shop at the museum - and purchase items from the What Nots Shop. If you have household items in very good condition, consider donating them to the Museum during our hours of operation in the summer.

Please give generously if you can. Thank you in advance for your support.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to assist with the special events, serve on a committee or the board. To volunteer or to find out more about what help is needed, please email Honey Shields at HShields@nyc.rr.com