



THE POINTER

The Newsletter of the Smith's Cove Historical Society

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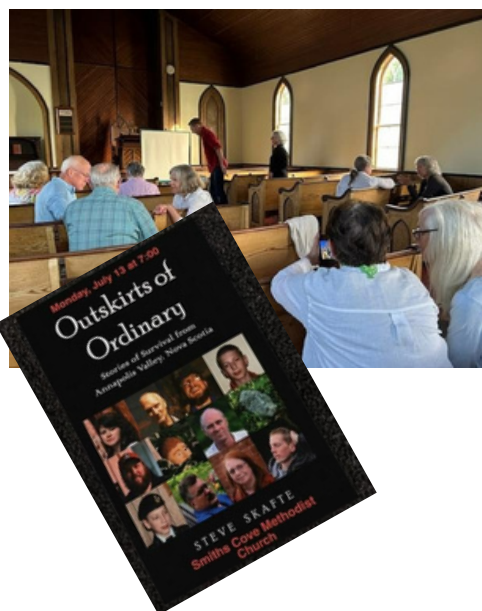
OUR EVENTFUL SUMMER



Strawberry Tea: Our annual Strawberry Tea on July 11th was a resounding success. We had a steady stream of guests throughout the afternoon for tea, sandwiches and strawberry shortcake.



Thank you to all who came out and supported this fundraiser and to the many volunteers that made it possible.



Steve Skafte Presentation: Local author Steve Skafte joined us for the evening at the Methodist Church on July 13th to share excerpts from his latest book: 'Outskirts of Ordinary- Stories of Survival from Annapolis Valley, Nova Scotia.' This is a follow-up to the publication of last year's 'This River was once a Road'. It was another evening of great storytelling.

OUR EVENTFUL SUMMER, CONTINUED

On July 21st we hosted our **Annual General Meeting** at the Temperance Hall. Our guest speaker was David 'Duff' Wilson who gave an interesting presentation on 'Protecting our Shorelines'. Duff has been leading the Bear River Waterfront-climate change adaptation project.

The annual **Heritage Church Service** was held at the Methodist Church on August 16th and was well attended. We are indebted to Reverend Mark Cress who presided over the service for the 12th time in 15 years. The newly painted interior of the Church looked great!

We also hosted the reception for the Harbourview Walk Run to the lighthouse for 40 people.

In addition to these special events, we have had our regular programs of **Rug Hooking** every Tuesday from 10 until 1:30 and our **Community Coffee Hour** every Thursday from 9:30-11:00.



The Historical Society hosted our last community coffee for the season at the Temperance Hall on August 27th. Community Coffee will now move back to the Fire Hall. Look for an announcement from the Smith's Cove Fire Department on when Community Coffee will start up again in September.

HIGHLIGHTING MEMBERS OF OUR SMITH'S COVE COMMUNITY



A big THANK YOU and recognition to Nancy Irvine (nee Perscesky) and her family (Natalia and Greg Hanlon and Dylan and Meagan Irvine) and Harbourview friends who cleaned up Exit 24 and 25 of Highway 101 for Smith's Cove on August 15th.



This was the 6th year of cleaning highway exits into Smith's Cove in honor of Doug Irvine, who was a long-time summer resident of Harbourview and Director of the Smith's Cove Historical Society.

We also would like to thank the unknown individuals who anonymously clean Exit 25 throughout the year. Why does anyone throw their garbage out the window when exiting off the highway into our Smith's Cove community?

NEW MUSEUM EXHIBITS UNVEILED THIS SUMMER



We had two special exhibits this year on display, a fantastic collection of Royal Memorabilia and an exhibit on the bridges spanning the mouth of Bear River - 'Bear River Bridges through the Ages'.



2026 FUND RAISING INITIATIVES A SUCCESS!



Thanks to all of you we were able to purchase new chairs and tables for the Museum in the Temperance Hall. We have done a quality assurance check on the chairs with two of our Smith's Cove residents (Sandy Rudolph and Dave Schwingbeck) and they approved!!



With your generous support we have also successfully completed the electrification of the Methodist Church, including new light fixtures and a freshly painted interior as well. The Church looked wonderful for our annual Heritage Church Service we hosted on August 16th.

NEW CAPITAL PROJECT FOR 2027



Just as we're thinking that we have made good progress with the maintenance of the Heritage properties in our care we discovered that the doors on the Temperance Hall building need to be replaced because of rot. As a designated provincial heritage property, the replacement doors must be custom built to match the ones in place. We have obtained a quote for the building of replacement doors and plan to complete the project over the next two winters. In support of this project, we are initiating a further capital campaign to raise the necessary funds for this project. Our goal is \$6,500 to replace both doors. Please support this project if you can.

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 bring your items to the museum when we open for the 2027 season.

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

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE WINTER EVENTS



NOVEMBER 11, 2026, WEDNESDAY: REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY
2:00 P.M. AT THE CENOTAPH. IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE CEREMONY WILL MOVE TO THE FIRE HALL



DECEMBER 6, 2026, SUNDAY: CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AND POTLUCK
5:30 P.M. AT THE TEMPERANCE HALL FOLLOWED BY A POTLUCK COMMUNITY DINNER AT THE SMITH'S COVE FIRE HALL AT 6:00 P.M. PLEASE JOIN US. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED CLOSER TO THE EVENT.