

Heritage & Archives
Newsletter
April, 2013

This is the first newsletter since January. During the last half of February and all of March, I was not at work in the Archives as a result of a series of illnesses. I have been back at work for the past few weeks, and now trying to do a lot of catching up with regard to the regular happenings at the archives which includes the monthly newsletter.

Being away from here for over seven weeks, has meant that the re-establishing of the Archives has not gone according to the plans which were mentioned in January, however, it is hoped that before too much time elapses to have all the archival materials restored to their proper place.

As I was ill, I was not able to attend the Open House which I had planned for National Heritage Day. I appealed to the Historical Society executive members to take charge of the event on Wednesday, 20th February. I would like to extend many thanks to Margot Macaulay, Don Morrison and Donnie Macaulay for their assistance in making the day a reality and also a success. Unfortunately, our guest speaker, Jim St.Clair was not able to attend as the weather was quite nasty in Inverness County on that afternoon. Despite his absence, the open house, from all accounts was successful and there were a record number of people who were in attendance that afternoon.

The Baddeck and Area Historical Society met on Wednesday, 17th April at 2:00 p.m. here in the Court Room. There were approximately twelve members present. In the absence of the President, Margot Macaulay, Vice-Chairman, Don Morrison chaired the meeting. Jeanne Muller agreed to undertake the task of arranging for six members to judge at the Heritage Fair for Grades 4, 5, & 6 at Baddeck Academy on Friday morning, the 29th April. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 15th May at the usual time of 2:00 p.m. Members are asked to come up with ideas for compiling a series of scrapbooks for the society.

The Heritage Cape Breton Connection held its monthly board meeting on Friday, 19th April at 10:00 a.m. The archives hosted the meeting. Board members were happy to be back in their familiar surroundings. The date for the AGM and the Spring meeting was set for Friday, 31st May at 10:00 a.m. The location yet to be confirmed. It had been suggested by a member of the HCBC to inquire if the Gaelic College in St. Ann's would be willing to host both these meetings. Our board president agreed to contact Rodney MacDonald to find out if the College facilities would be available. In the event, that is not possible, Rodney Chaisson will host the meetings at the Highland Village in Iona. The board has scheduled a meeting for Friday, 10th May in Baddeck at which time, the details for the meetings will be finalized. Anyone or organization with an interest in the heritage and culture of Cape Breton is encouraged to attend the meetings to be held on 31st May. The location, time, etc. will be publicly announced.

Well, that is our news from here for the month of April.

