



ANNAPOLIS VALLEY



## Macdonald Museum

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### *Macdonald Museum Staff*

*Director*

Janice Slauenwhite

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Chris Kilburn

### **Museum Hours: April 1st – June 14th**

**Museum**

Monday – Friday 10:30 am – 4:30 pm

Saturday & Sunday – Closed

**Research Library**

Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday – Closed

### *From the Director ...*

We gladly welcome spring with all its new beginnings and changes and we are looking forward to the best year ever here at Macdonald Museum! Lots of exciting things have been happening over the last few months. I know that many of you attended our Heritage Day tribute to Mona Parsons and enjoyed the presentation by Andria Hill-Lehr. How wonderful to have such a hero from our own home town! Mona will be remembered for many years to come as an example of true love and bravery. We are proud to be a part of her history as her school from early years is now Macdonald Museum.

Over the winter, staff and volunteers worked very hard to freshen up the exhibit rooms and lobby. We have used wonderful colors to enhance the displays and we hope you will stop in to visit and experience the new atmosphere we have created.

You will notice several updates and much exciting news in our brief newsletter. Chris Kilburn has joined us in the library, Wendy Mick is with us for a year on a Job Creation Partnership grant and we will welcome new summer students next month.

We are so pleased to welcome the West Nova Scotia Regiment to their new exhibit home here. We hope you will join us on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 2pm for the grand opening of 'West Novas in Peace and War'. We have included a poster of their event in this newsletter.

On May 24<sup>th</sup> we hope you can join us for the opening of our wonderful Student Art Exhibit featuring pieces from senior students at MRHS and BRCS. What a privilege to showcase young local talent in their own gallery showing.

I'm sure most of you know about our upcoming Macdonald Museum Market! We are very excited to have almost 30 vendors signed up so far. It's going to be so much fun hosting this great community gathering each Thursday starting on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Please be sure to tell your friends and family to drop by and shop local!

Over the coming months we will be having a variety of events and exhibits for all ages and interests. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates!

*~Janice Slauenwhite, Director*

## *Upcoming Events*

### **Home School Expo**

Saturday, April 21st, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

### **AVHS Monthly Meeting**

Tuesday, April 24th at 7:30 pm

Guest Speaker Dr. Barry Moody will talk about Sinclair Inn's "Painted Room".

### **Chocolate & Wine Festival**

Sunday, April 29th, 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

### **Farm Market Vendors & Volunteers Meeting**

Wednesday, May 2nd at 7:00 pm

### **West Nova Scotia Regiment Exhibit Opening**

Sunday, May 6th, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

### **AVHS Annual General Meeting**

Tuesday, May 22nd at 7:30 pm

Guest Speaker TBA

Potluck Desserts

### **Student Art Exhibit Opening**

MRHS and BRCS Seniors

Thursday, May 24th, 2:00 – 4:00 pm and  
6:00 – 8:00 pm

### **Macdonald Museum Farm Market**

Starts Thursday, May 31st, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

June dates are 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th.

The market will continue every Thursday until  
October 4th.

### **Lion's Club Antique Car Show**

Saturday, June 16th, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

### **Canada Day Celebrations**

Sunday, July 1st, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Free cupcakes and lemonade, free children's  
activities, musical entertainment and the Middleton  
Fireflies selling hotdogs and strawberry shortcake.

## *Ongoing Events*

### **Bridge Parties**

Monday, April 23rd, May 7th, June 4th & 18th at  
1:00 pm. Admission – \$5.00. Light refreshments.

The Museum is free admission (library fee still applies). Tell your family and friends or bring them with you for a visit. We look forward to seeing you!

**Did you know...** that you can rent a meeting space at the Macdonald Museum for your business or organization? We have hosted various groups over the years and would be pleased to welcome your group to our facility.

Rental rates: 1 day - \$100.00

1/2 day - \$50.00

Non-profit: 1 day - \$50.00

1/2 day - \$25.00

Are you an amateur baker with a flair for creating delicious works of art? Then enter our Chocolate Dessert Contest at the Chocolate & Wine Festival!

Just call 902-825-6116 to enter.

## *A Word from Bonnie...*

Spring is here and I am looking forward to the upcoming tourist season and meeting many new people from other countries as well as other areas of our wonderful Canada! It is going to be a busy next few months. I am hoping everyone will come out and support the many upcoming events.

We have been busy planning the Chocolate and Wine Festival to be held on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. This year the festival will have live entertainment, free children's activities, wine tasting and sales with four valley wineries. A variety of vendors include a chocolatier, soaps, painted feathers, wood carvings, baked goods, tarot card reader, and Authors' Ink writing group. There will be a cash lasagna and wine bar as well as the Chocolate Dessert Contest with servings of the desserts for purchase! We are always grateful to those who donate food, money and/or their time at this annual event. I hope everyone will join us to enjoy lasagna, wine, chocolate desserts and more!

~ Bonnie Ward

# West Nova Scotia Regiment



## "West Novas in Peace and War"

An historical exhibit at the  
**Macdonald Museum**  
 21 School St., Middleton

**Opening Sunday, 6 May 2018 at 2PM**

Come early to see the Military Equipment Display  
 before the opening and stay for the  
 public reception with finger-foods afterwards

### Museum Displays include :

- West Novas in WWII
- Scout-sniper Platoon
- West Novas in the Afghanistan War
- West Novas with outstanding careers
- West Novas in the Devil's Brigade  
 (Canada-US Special Service Force)



Members of the West Nova Scotia Regiment  
 in the Netherlands in 1945

### FULL TIME SUMMER EMPLOYMENT IS HERE

ALL RESERVISTS CAN TRAIN AND WORK FULL TIME THIS SUMMER

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## Meet Our Special Project Coordinator

Hi, my name is Wendy Mick and I am happy to be working at Macdonald Museum on a Job Creation Partnership with Employment Nova Scotia.

This year-long project is allowing me the opportunity to gain valuable experience in Marketing and Social Media in the community of Middleton, as well as the digitization, scanning and research of artifacts and instruction of the accessioning process. While working with an amazing team, I also assist with the planning of upcoming events for our summer season. I look forward to meeting you!

## Escape Room

"Night at the Museum" is coming soon!  
 Can you escape or will time run out!  
 Watch for dates and details

## Welcome Our New Librarian

We would like to welcome Chris Kilburn to our staff as the new Genealogical Research Librarian. Chris is a recent graduate of Acadia University and as you may remember, he was our summer student for two previous years. Chris brings with him the extensive knowledge and experience he has obtained and will be happy to assist you with any genealogy requests.



## AVHS President's Message

This year's Heritage Day honoree in Nova Scotia was Mona Parsons, born here in our modest town. Mona attended the Macdonald Consolidated School, now the Museum. Mona was living in the Netherlands during the Second World War with her Dutch husband when she was caught and imprisoned by Nazi forces for hiding downed Allied airmen. Mona endured four years of hard labour before she escaped. She is believed to be the only Canadian woman imprisoned during that war.

On a personal note, the photograph of Mona with her teacher and class in 1911 that was in the newspapers, includes a great aunt of my husband's, Alice Dill. Several of my husband's ancestors attended the Macdonald School that year. So Paul's family has been associated with the school over a couple of generations as his father attended there and his grandfather took class photos there for years.

Mona's story inspired me to think about how we can all be connected. Please visit our genealogy library to research your own family.

Happy Spring everyone!

Susan Dill, AVHS President

## ANNAPOLIS VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

I want to preserve the museum for future generations to enjoy. Please find enclosed my gift of:

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## Membership

To become a member of the Annapolis Valley Historical Society, please contact the Museum. Membership means you have voting privileges and a voice in our future! \$17.25 per person.

## BE A PART OF OUR FUTURE!

We are so grateful for the ongoing support the people of the Annapolis Valley have provided to Macdonald Museum over the years. As you can see by our newsletter, we have been and will be very busy this upcoming season.

While we receive some financial support from the Province of Nova Scotia, it only totals one third of our annual budget and we rely on the generous contributions of our Society Members and the Valley community. We ask that you please consider making a donation to Macdonald Museum to help us continue our programming which benefits the community. Please use the attached donation form to send in with your cheque and we will send you a tax receipt.

We have listed some of our upcoming events on the second page of this newsletter. You can easily cut the list off the page and attach it to your fridge as a reminder of the dates! We hope you can attend some of these events and that you will share the news with your friends so they can attend as well.

To keep updated on our plans, please like our Facebook page **Macdonald Museum** or send us a quick email at [contact@macdonaldmuseum.ca](mailto:contact@macdonaldmuseum.ca) to be added to our email list. We also value your input and are open to any suggestions you might have. If you would like to help plan an event or want to volunteer, you can call us at 902-825-6116.

Thank you on behalf of the Annapolis Valley Historical Society.

## Visitor Information Centre

We are pleased to announce that the Town of Middleton's Visitor Information Centre will now be hosted at the Macdonald Museum. Opening date late May.

