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MUSEUM HOURS
Closed for the season
reopening May 2023

We always encourage you to check out our website & facebook for stories and updates.



We acknowledge that we are in Treaty 1 territory and that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene Peoples, and the homeland of the Métis Nation.

Lac du Bonnet & District Historical Society



Newsletter 2022

ST. JOHN'S HERITAGE CHURCH & ARTS CENTRE



St. John's Heritage Church and Arts Centre

ADVENT CAFÉ

"Treat yourself to the aromas of Christmas"
starting November 29—December 21

TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

2pm—5pm

St. John's Heritage Church Hall will open its doors
for its first ever

Advent Café

offering an ever changing Christmas menu of mouth
watering desserts from cookies, cakes, to muffins!
Indulge in a good cup of coffee or tea and take time for
yourself.....

all proceeds go to St. John's Heritage Church foundation remediation

Listening Room
presents:

OCTAVIOUS CHRISTMAS

Christmas Songs & More
with **Octavious**
in Transition

Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022
St. John's Heritage Church & Arts Centre - 86 McArthur Ave
Show Starts 7:00pm • Doors Open 6:00pm

HALL DOOR ENTRY
Website: ldbhistorical.ca
Facebook: Lac du Bonnet District Museum

**DECADENT
CAKES &
CHRISTMAS
COOKIES
AVAILABLE
FOR SALE
FROM THE
CANTEEN**

TICKETS:
Lac du Bonnet & District
Historical Society Members: \$10
Contact Terry 204-345-6329.
E-transfer: info@ldbhistorical.ca
Non-members: \$15
Available at Daley Pharmacy.
TICKETS ARE LIMITED

**50/50
ACCUMULATOR
RAFFLE
FINAL DRAW**

'Tis the Season
Enjoy hot cider & coffee on us

First things first!

St. John's Heritage Church & Arts Centre
has a few new events to boast about.....

ADVENT CAFÉ

November 29—December 21

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 2-5 pm

the doors will open to the public as
a Christmas café offering a quiet place to enjoy
a cup of coffee or Tea and holiday desserts.....

Octavious Christmas

1st Annual Christmas Concert
in the Listening Room

Lac du Bonnet & District Historical Society
members special ticket price \$10 available
through ldbhistorical.ca or calling Terry
204-345-6329

Hot Cider & Coffee are on us and Christmas
goodies will be for purchase at the canteen.....

*proceeds go towards St. John's Heritage Church
Foundation Remediation Project*

Lac du Bonnet's historical
significant building



Former St. John's Anglican Church

The Lac du Bonnet & District Historical Society acquired the former St. John's Anglican Church in January 2019.

The Society wants to ensure Lac du Bonnet's oldest building (1906) is being conserved for future generations as a testament to our pioneers.

Designating the building under the Heritage Resources act was a top priority and the Town of Lac du Bonnet did this on July 18, 2019. **The Church now stands as Manitoba Municipal Heritage Site #422.**

This year the Society with the support & guidance of Heritage Resources Manitoba completed Phase 1 of the Foundation Remediation Project. DGH Engineering was hired to do a visual inspection of the Church foundation at a cost of \$6225.00. This project was completed and paid in September 2022

with the aide of a 50% grant from Heritage Resources, reserve funds, & community donations.

With the results of the DGH Engineering report, a more costly Phase 2 will begin with concrete repairs to the Church's grade beam, replacing posts, & pads, and sistering several deteriorating wood joists. This Foundation Remediation Project will cost over \$24,000. The Society hopes to have this project completed by late this year or early 2023.

The Lac du Bonnet & District Historical Society is grateful to the Province of Manitoba for providing a 50% grant towards this worth while project. As this is another challenging year the Society is reaching out to the public to consider donating today and help save this valuable resource in our community. Our strength is our members, please consider renewing or taking out a membership for 2023. We are so grateful to our donors, members, and volunteers for sticking with us. We could not do what we do without your support.

While we have made great strides to make the building self sustainable, (paid off the line of credit), we still have a lot to accomplish. We greatly appreciate your support over the years and look forward to continuing our relationship with you.

Visit ldbhistorical.ca to find out how you can support.

"To the Lac du Bonnet & District Historical Society on my visit Sunday May 23, 2022. Thank you for your passionate work of keeping history for next generations."

*Kaspars Ozolins
Ambassador of Latvia*



Ambassador Kaspars Ozolins & wife Aina



Update:

This space will highlight exhibits pertinent to Lac du Bonnet & area such as Aviation, One Room Schools, Lac du Bonnet 1st Industries, & our Cultural & Indigenous Heritage.

In early 2022 the Society completed the interior of the exhibit room. This included taping, painting, flooring, and tongue & groove ceiling. Basically all interior work is done and the space is ready for exhibits.

One big hurdle we must face is accessibility. At present several grant attempts for funding were turned down.

Stay Tuned.....

Season's Greetings



Hans Erickson Log Cabin

The Lac du Bonnet District Museum has completed a Heritage Conservation Project with the help of volunteers. This late summer the Lac du Bonnet & District Historical Society completed a Capital Project to refresh the exterior of the Lac du Bonnet District Museum. It has been over 6 years since the exterior has been stained. With thanks to the Province of Manitoba, Sport, Culture, and Heritage a 50% conservation grant of \$1375.00 went towards this worthwhile project.

The Society was able to acquire the Heritage Red Pine Tar Stain made in Sweden which is required for heritage log buildings as an authentic equivalent color and product used by our pioneers.

Prep work began on June 26 with initial wire brushing, scraping, and using wood filler on the window casings and some logs. Because of the messy nature of the Red Pine Tar and the long cure time, staining did not begin until the museum had closed for the season. After 92 hours of volunteer hrs. it was completed.



The Lac du Bonnet & District Historical Society appreciates the community's interest & support. Donated local artifacts & photographs are archived, catalogued, & exhibited according to provincial museum best practices.

Lac du Bonnet General Store /Pharmacy Showcase

Clive Daley has done some incredible renovations at 29 Park Avenue. Clive donated this showcase recently to the museum. This showcase dates to the time his building was one of six General Stores in the Village of Lac du Bonnet. It is made by the Kent McClain Ltd. Toronto Showcase Co. 1911 - 1935.



Henry Siewert's Wood Rimmed Bicycle

Henry & Annie Siewert were early Latvian Homesteaders in Lettonia (1910) They were the northernly neighbors to Peter & Olga Karklin. The Siewerts moved to Pointe du Bois selling their property to Latvians John & Annie Mathews.

Henry was employed as a welder with City Hydro in Pointe du Bois. This early wood rimmed bicycle was modified by Henry in an attempt to have a side arm attached so he could ride the Tramway rails which was the only way into the community for so many years.



Join in on our weekly "What's it Challenge" in the Lac du Bonnet Clipper

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The Listening
Room

Check out our Facebook
pages for history, events &
updates

*"Working in the present
while preserving the past"*



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Museum Director

PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Our Museum exhibits Lac du Bonnet's proud history & is respected and recognized by all who visit, locally and from around the world.

Through social media, the local newspaper, and magazines the Lac du Bonnet & District Historical Society along with historian Jennifer Strassel continue to contribute educational historical articles about Lac du Bonnet.

Highlights of the year included: - completion of flooring, taping and moldings in the barn's new exhibit room.. - Heritage log staining of the Hans Erickson Cabin.—A large movie screen, historic window panels, and a donor wall were improved additions to St. John's Heritage Church. - Newly appointed Latvian Ambassador to Canada, Kaspars Ozolins and his wife were welcome visitors in May.

The Society is grateful to the Town of Lac du Bonnet and the RM of Lac du Bonnet for its operating grants which enable our Society to continue it's mandate.

Thanks to the Province of Manitoba, Manitoba Arts Council, Heritage Resources, Mrs Luccis, our membership base, tireless and devoted volunteers and community organizations for their support.

I extend my appreciation to our board for their ongoing support as we look forward to a safe, healthy, and successful future.

Terry Tottle

We welcome your support with a donation,
volunteering, and becoming a member.
Email: info@ldbhistorical.ca

MEMBERSHIPS:

Individual	\$20.00
Family	\$35.00

**Memberships due
January 2023**

Donations

Patron	\$100-\$499
Sustaining	\$500-\$999
Sponsor	\$1000-\$4999 or
Benefactor	\$5000+

Note: Income tax receipts will be issued for
donations.

NEW! Online membership registration !

Membership Benefits

- Use of museum library books
- LdB Museum annual newsletter and updated events
- Free + reduced admission on selected museum events + programs
- Preferred booking for special events
- 10% off selected retail items in Museum with membership card
- Outdoor Market Vendor discount if a current member
- Knitting with Brigitte—Tuesdays

Great Gift Ideas
year round
Visit MUSEUM SHOP
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OCTAVIOUS IN TRANSITION



Tim Osmond & Grant Simpson



The Weber Brothers

The Listening Room 2022

**Octavious in Transition
Tim Osmond & Grant Simpson
The Weber Brothers**

What great performers graced our stage
this year!

Thank you to everyone that came out to
support St. John's Heritage Church &
Arts Centre's Listening Room events.

Volunteers THANK YOU !

Volunteers are the driving force for the LdB &
District Historical Society, a not-for-profit
organization, which operates the Lac du Bonnet
District Museum & St. John's Heritage Church &
Arts Centre
Connect with history by volunteering !
Contact us: ifo@ldbhistorical.ca