

Ste-Agathe

Historical Society



The name for the park celebrates the town's history. Alexandre "Mennon" Ouellette, born in St. André de Kamouraska, Quebec, in 1804, first settled along the St. John River in what is now Frenchville during the 1830's. Legend has it one day "Mennon" told his wife, Theotiste, he was going for a trek in the woods southeast of the river. It was at that time he came upon this beautiful field of water – now Long Lake. He and his family settled at the head of the lake and for years it was called 'lac à Mennon.' "Parc Du Lac À Mennon" name was created in part by James & Rita Chamberland and the town selectmen. Lake Mennon Park is home to the Memorial Trees planted in 2010 by Marquis Tree Works, a softball field, paved walking path, playground, a tennis court and picnic areas.

STE-AGATHE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

EST. MARCH 23, 1978

P.O. Box 237, 534 Main Street, St. Agatha, ME 04772

Preservation Center

Open:

mid June to mid September
1:00 to 4:00 daily, Tues. – Sun.

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www.steagathehistoricalsociety.com

Board of Directors

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Dr. Paul Buck

TOTAL STAHS LIFETIME

MEMBERSHIP- 399

REGISTERED VISITORS FOR 2013 – 674

MOST SENIOR CITIZEN AWARD - FEBRUARY 9, 2014

Maude Marin



*Sitting: Avril Marin, Rachel Marquis holding Mitchell and Collin Harvey, Pat Dow, Maude, Terry Ouellette, Tonya Michaud holding Drew Marquis.
Back: Bob Marquis, Jack Michaud, Rachel Michaud,
Sylvia Dow-Harvey and Tanner Marquis.*

MOST SENIOR CITIZEN AWARD - FEBRUARY 9, 2014



Ste-Agathe Historical Society Board Members-

*Front: Carole Plourde, Gloria Gervais, Lise Sirois, Town Manager Christy Sirois,
Recipient of Most Senior Certificate Maude Marin, Terry Ouellette
Back: Alan Michaud, Jackie Michaud, Philip Morin, Diane Castonguay
and Gary Boucher.*



Montfort Heights Residents:

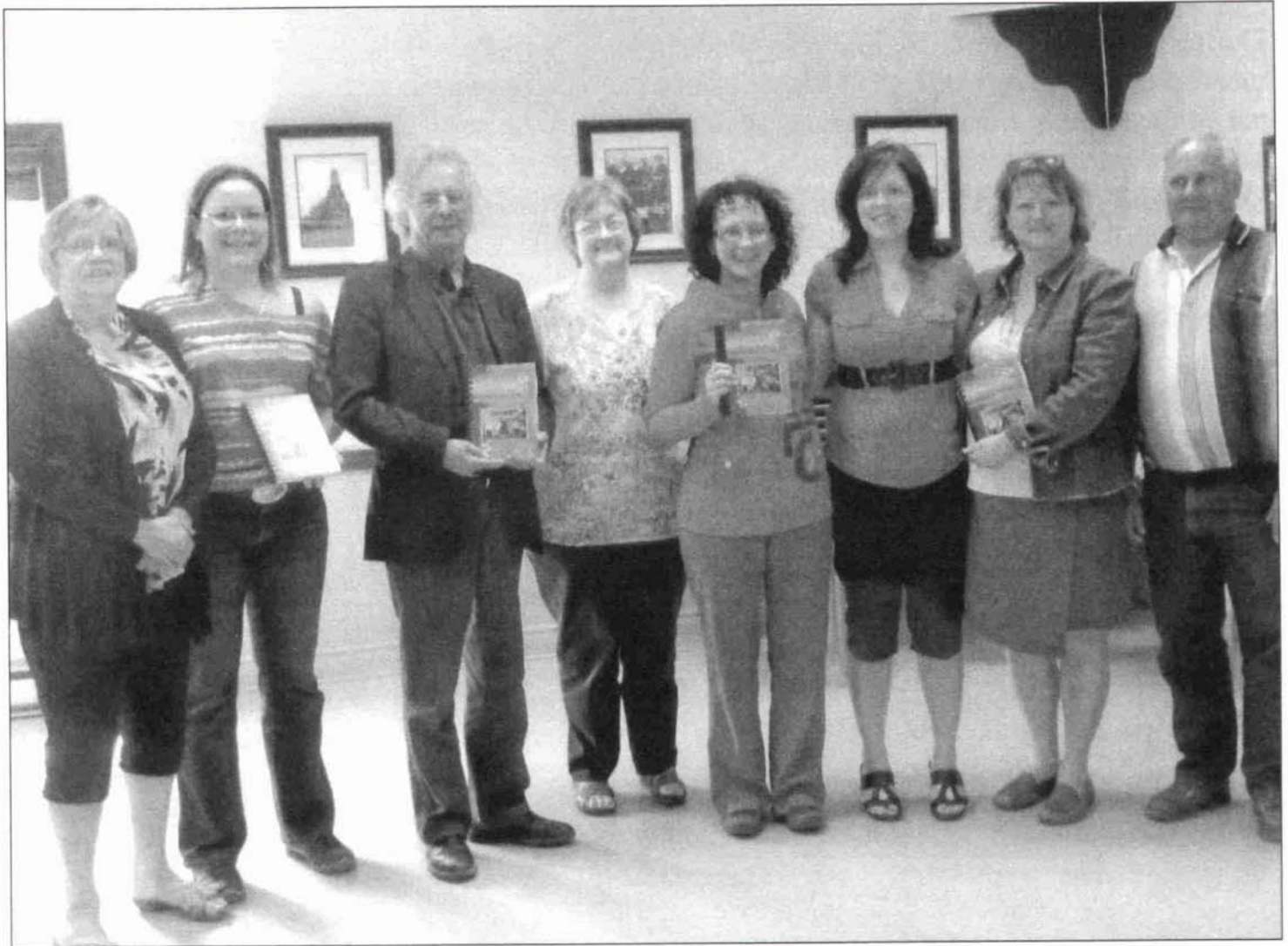
*Front: Claudelle Dufour, Charlene Coulombe, Georgianne Fongemie, Maude,
Fern Chamberland, Sr. Aurelie Michaud. Back: Bernice Dumais,
Sr. Joan Joan Ayotte and Jackie Ayotte*

MAINE TRIPLING MEETING - MARCH 23, 2014

St. Agatha, Saint-Louis-du-Ha! Ha!,
Saint-Elzéar & Kedgwick
Lakeview Restaurant



*Sitting: Terry Ouellette, Carmen Massé, Sonia Larrivée, Jean Paul Savoie,
Christy Sirois, Bert Paulin, Marie-Claude St.André*
*Back: Alan & Denyse Michaud, Gerard & Diane Castonguay, Lise Sirois,
Gloria Gervais, Donna Boucher, Harold Chamberland, Carole Plourde,
Real Lavoie, Gilles Pelletier, Michel Leonard, Martine Lemieux,
Laurette Lavoie and Philip Morin*



*Presenting the gifts *to the Tripling Members:
Lise Sirois to Marie-Claude St.André,
Jean Paul Savoie from Carole Plourde,
Carmen Massé from Christy Sirois and
Sonia Larrivé from Gerard Castonguay.
Remembrances and Recipes Cookbook



Carmen Massé, Mairesse de Saint-Elzéar

Visiting Her Father's Homestead

During the summer of 2014, Francois "Paco" and Belinda Plourde Cano, along with their sons, Cameron and Clifton, came all the way from Luxenbourg to visit with Belinda's father's relatives in St. Agatha, Maine. Belinda's father, Evan Plourde, son of the late Pierre and Madeline Ouellette Plourde of St. Agatha, was a career military man who served in the U.S. Marine Corps in Korea and was a T SGT in the U.S. Air Force when he served in Vietnam. Evan died March 28, 1975 at Newington's Veterans Hospital in Connecticut after 23 years in the military. His widow, Catherine Biermann Plourde, always stayed in touch with Evan's brother and sister-in-law, Reginald and Francoise Plourde of St. Agatha. In July of 2014, Belinda, "Paco," Cameron and Clifton, landed in New York and drove to New England where they visited with numerous relatives. While in St. Agatha they had the opportunity to visit Evan Plourde's burial site in the St. Agatha Lower Cemetery and visit with Carole Plourde and Francoise Plourde. The Luxenbourg family was delighted to see Evan Plourde's section in the military albums at the Ste-Agathe Historical Society's Preservation Center.



In Photo: Front: Carole Plourde, Francoise Plourde, Belinda Plourde Cano, Clifton Cano. Back: Cameron Cano and Francois "Paco" Cano.



*Catherine "Triny" Biermann
Plourde & Evan Plourde - 1969*



*Catherine Biermann Plourde, wife
of Evan Plourde, with daughter
Coleen Plourde - 2014*

Closing Ceremonies for the World Acadian

More than 7,000 people attended the ceremonies and concert at Témiscouata-sur-le-Lac, Quebec, according to France LeMoignan, CMA 2014 communications coordinator. Jack Michaud of St. Agatha placed his handprint on the base of a new sculpture by François Maltais that was created for the closing ceremonies in Témiscouata. The sculpture symbolizes the future generation of Acadians through children whose hand imprints are part of. The sculpture will remain permanently at its outdoor location in Place de l'Acadie.

Jack was one of nearly a dozen children from Maine who joined other children from communities in New Brunswick and Quebec to place their handprints at the base of the sculpture.



St. Agatha Recreation Department Visits the Preservation Center

After getting a tour of the Preservation Center, the Pelletier/Marquis Museum House and the Granary, the group was treated to buckwheat pancakes – “ployes.”

They had the opportunity to make their own butter to go along with their “ployes.” It was a simple process on using room temperature medium cream, a glass jar with a firm lid, and a wooden clothespin. Ask about it next time you visit the Preservation Center.



*Front: Emma Chamberland, Josh Theriault, Macie Albert, Lily Roy,
Coleen Thamsen, Tanner Marquis, Tyler Rycler, Jack Michaud,
Shelby Guerrette, Camden Pelletier.*

*2nd Row: Jonah Babin, Shana Albert, Mackinze Schweter, Katelyn Zetterman,
Lily Ouellette, Ms. Lisa Bosse, Brooke Franck.*

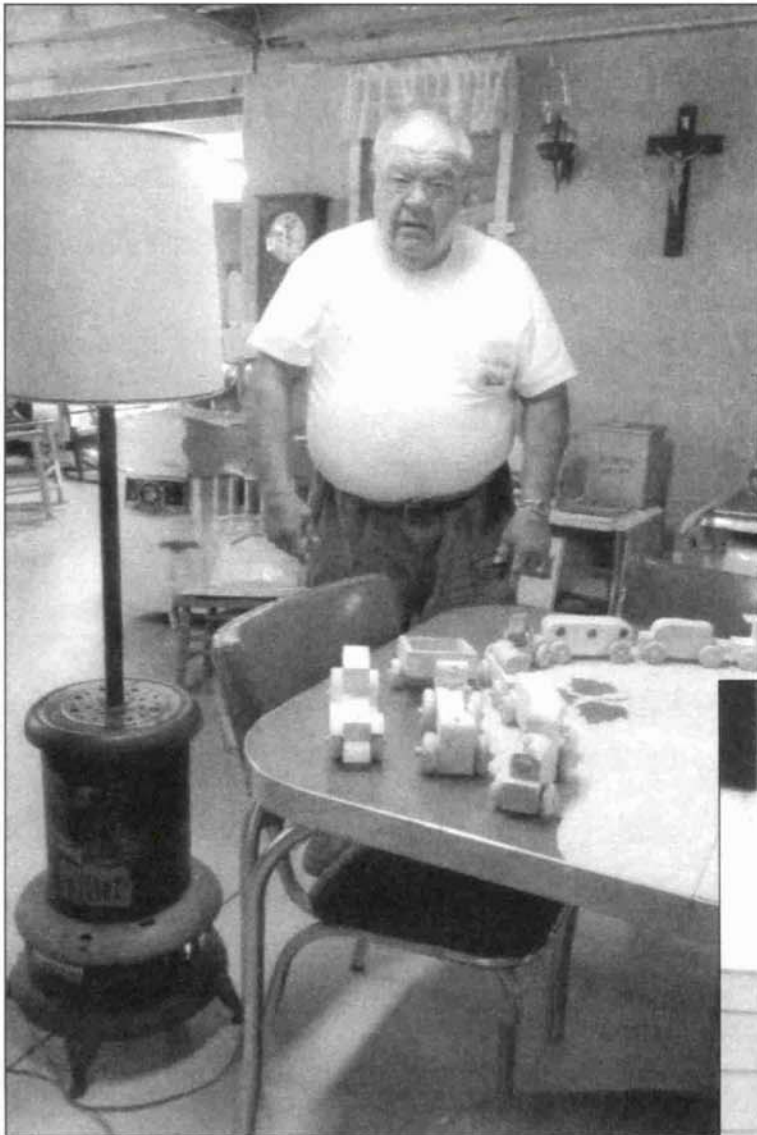
*Back: Ben Michaud, Sadie Babin, Alyssa Dumond, Nathan Boynton,
Andrew Guimond, Emily Albert, and Trail Guide Donna Boucher.*

ACQUISITIONS FROM JANUARY 1, 2014 TO NOVEMBER 1, 2014

Acadia Federal Credit (St. Agatha Branch)	Assorted Paper Talks Magazine and Yearbooks
Jackie Baller	Mom's Musings: "My Book" by Candide "Candy" Desrosiers
Therese Chasse Albert	Assorted Cotton Aprons, 1963 Copy of Bangor Daily News, Military Documents, Certificates, Religious Documents
Reminisce % Phyllis & Denis Levesque	Locally Made Dresses, Pink Jacket, Filene's Shipping Box, Records, Vases, Maine Almanac, Spray Bottle, Books, Assorted Frames, Iron Pot Lid, Ribbon, Material
Marie-Claude André & Carmen Massé	Book – Saint-Elzear-de-Témiscoata
Florine Morin Michaud	Andrew's Winter Boots
Philip Morin	Wooden Bench, Souvenir Plates, Medals, Tricycles, Assorted Linens, Wooden Stand, Coffee Cup, Square Nail
Arlene Voisine	Badges, Rosary, Pamphlet
Maynard Pelletier	Original Painting by Nora Pelletier
Mike Pelletier	Basket
Don & Rachel Daigle	Scarf, Linens
Stan Albert	Bottles, Jar, Doll, Basket, Doily, John F. Kennedy Busts, Calendar de Saint-Elzéar-de-Témiscouata, Prayer Books, Frames Photos, Top Hats, Statues
Roger & Anita Chamberland	Collection of Tools
Jeff Harvey	Levels, Wood Plane, Drills, Wrenches, Saws
Philip & Hermance Michaud	Granite Jar, Meat Grinders, Tools
Bouchard Family Farms	French Acadian Cookbook
Martin E. Morneault	WWI Veteran Donat Boucher Victory Medal, Purple Heart, Frames Photos
Barbara Boucher Dechaine	Albums & Data –Patrick Theriault School-Sinclair, ME
Odile & Marie Dube	Canning Jars, Adze
Gerry Morin	1981 Potato Blossom Pamphlet
Clarence & Helen Ayotte	Carding Paddles, Power Cord
Joe Roy	Hand Made Wooden Train Set, Lamp
Lorn Dumond	Collection of Old Tools, Grind Stone, Spade

ACQUISITIONS FROM JANUARY 1, 2014 TO NOVEMBER 1, 2014

Town of St. Agatha	Banners
Lise Sirois	Framed Photo of St. Agatha Scene c.2010
Paul & Susan Martin	Shovel
Carl & Theresa Michaud	Photo, Memorial Cards
Richard Bourgoi	Universal Food and Meat Grinder
Dorothy Chasse Michaud	Framed Photo of Glorieuse Rossignol & Jos Corriveau
Michael Larochelle, Carol Larochelle Lotz, Clayton Larochelle	Framed Photo of Genevieve Hebert Chasse
Guy Dubay & Violette Family Association	Book - A Violette History
Gary Norman	Sign – Gillespie House
Guerrette Family Reunion	Guerrette Family Reunion Sign
Dwayne McKinley	Collection of Irons
Terry Ouellette	Monitor
Donald B. Cyr & Jacqueline Guerrette Wilson	St. David Cemetery Records
Betty Ouellette	Ron's Vietnam Military Shirt
Clifford "Dédé" & Nancy Bourgoi	Minolta X-370 Camera & 200mm Lens
Philip & Alma Albert	Framed Family Photos
Oreille & Albertine Ayotte Dufour	Framed Photo of 1st Selectman – Joseph Boucher
Walter Fournier Estate	Pamphlet, Rosary, Necklace
Betty Marti	1927 Singer Sewing Machine
Francis & Claudia Morin	11 copies of Paper Talks
John Charles & Karen Michaud	Collection of Obituary Cards, Obituaries
Leonette St. Onge	Chairs, Lamp, Radio, Books, Tools, Cases, Paintings
Estate of Jackie Ouellette & Blanche Ouellette Baker	Webster's New Twentieth Century Dictionary
Claire Sirois	Mirror



*Hand Crafted Wooden Train Set
made by Joe Roy
Modified Stove Lamp
Donated by Joe Roy
St. Agatha, Maine
July 12, 2014*



*Albertine Dufour
with framed photo of
Joseph Boucher
Donated by Oreille & Albertine Dufour
Caribou, Me
September 10, 2014*



*Tools donated by
Anita & Roger Chamberland
Lewiston, Maine
April 26, 2016*

*Collection donated includes:
axe, dtrop, spud, crooked knife,
dough cutter, draw knife, awl, saw
handles, buck saw*, and cross cut
saw*(galandore).
* Not in photo*



*Artifacts donated by Lorn
Dumont
Virginia & Grand Isle, Me.
Accompanied by his grandson,
Nolan Field - Boston
July 20, 2014
one man saw,
mopbucket ringer,
2 horse spade,
grind store,
crank wrench,
5 old double sockets, open and
wrench,
spring puller.*

ANNUAL MEETING - JULY 7, 2014

Preservation Building



Front: Secretary Diane Castonguay, Lise sirois, President Terry Ouellette

Back: Gaylen Thibeault, Gary Boucher, Harold Chamberland

Board Members not present:

Alan Michaud, Judy Chamberland, Carole Plourde,

Jackie Michaud, Vice President Gloria Gervais

“Do We Have As Much Sense as a Goose?” Todd H. Fast Sr.

Next spring when you see geese heading back north for the summer flying along in a “V” formation, you might be interested in knowing what scientists have discovered about why they fly that way. It has been learned that as each bird flaps its wings, it creates an up lift for the bird immediately following.

By flying in a “V” formation, the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own. **BASIC TRUTH #1: PEOPLE WHO SHARE A COMMON DIRECTION AND SENSE OF COMMUNITY CAN GET WHERE THEY ARE GOING QUICKER AND EASIER BECAUSE THEY ARE TRAVELING ON THE THRUST OF ONE ANOTHER.**

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front. **BASIC TRUTH #2: IF WE HAVE AS MUCH SENSE AS A GOOSE, WE WILL STAY IN FORMATION WITH THOSE WHO ARE HEADED THE SAME WAY WE ARE GOING.**

When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point. **BASIC TRUTH #3: IT PAYS TO TAKE TURNS DOING HARD JOBS – WITH PEOPLE OR WITH GEESE FLYING NORTH.**

The geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. **BASIC TRUTH #4: WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL WHAT WE SAY WHEN WE HONK FROM BEHIND.**

Finally, when a goose gets sick, or is wounded by gunshot or falls out, two geese fall out of formation and follow it down to provide help and protection. They stay with it until it is either able to fly or until it is dead, and then they launch out on their own or with another formation to catch up with their group. **FINAL TRUTH: IF WE HAVE THE SENSE OF A GOOSE WE WILL STAND BY EACH OTHER LIKE THAT.**

New Lifetime Members

Roland Jr. & Cindy Chamberland Paradis
Gaylen & Sally Brown Thibeault
Reginald & Claudette Ouellette Hebert
Mike & Dorina Daigle
Geraldine Souliere

Ann & Richard Milliard

Bob & Kit Schmidt

Annual Members

Camille Chamberland
Allen County Public Library
– Fort Wayne, Indiana



A few board members collected information for the new brochure and Sally Thibeault put together the final product for the 2014 visitors. It maps out the region and reviews the 27 points of interest or businesses in our town.

Sally Thibeault



St. Agatha resident James Chasse has a new interpretation of "The Man Cave." Where is it? Hint: Take a walk Lake Mennon Park.



The "Rosette Blanket" made and donated by Florence Rose Martin served as a fundraiser for the historical society. At its November monthly meeting Alan Michaud picked out the winner's name. The lucky winner – Terry Ouellette!

Thank you to retiring secretary Carole Plourde

Carole Plourde has served as the society's secretary ever since Connie Desrosier gave up the post in 2007. At the in-kind rate of \$22.49/hour, Carole's time at attending meetings, taking minutes, and preparing the minutes for the monthly meetings would translate to an over \$8,000.00 contribution to the Ste-Agathe Historical Society.



*Looking on as Terry Ouellette presents Carole the card –
Front: Sylvia Belanger, Joyce Plourde, Julie Cyr
Back: Doreen Daigle, Dr. Paul Buck, Mike Daigle.*

2014

Thank You to Our Trail Guides & Volunteers



September 7, 2014

Appreciation Brunch

*Trail Guide Donna Boucher, Trail Guide Sylvia Belanger,
Joyce Plourde, Julie Cyr.*

Back: Doreen Daigle, Trail Guide Dr. Paul Buck, Mike Daigle.

Not in Photo: Youth Guide Holly Dionne, Florine Michaud

OCTOBER 29, 2014 - ORTLAND, MAINE

Maine Planned Giving Council Annual Conference

Planned Giving is a way for your generosity and commitment to the Ste-Agathe Historical Society to continue well into the future. Your generous gift will ensure the continued viability of the Ste-Agathe Historical Society and its work in preserving our cultural heritage and the many artifacts that have been shared by so many donors. Your planned gift can be in various forms and can be an affordable means of supporting our organization for many years to come. If you would like to have more information about planned giving options that are available to you, please contact us at staghs77@yahoo.com or at P.O. Box 237, St. Agatha, ME 04772.



Attending the conference representing the Long Lake Public Library, Ste-Agathe Historical Society, and Town of St. Agatha were:

L-R: Claudia Morin, Terry Ouellette, Diane Castonguay, Christy Sirois.

*Leave a Legacy – include your favorite organization in your will or estate plans
EVERY GIFT, NO MATTER WHAT AMOUNT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE*

OCTOBER 19, 2014

36th Ste-Agathe Historical Society Breakfast



The 36th annual breakfast served 330 guests. Mrs. Lynn Oakes, along with students from Wisdom High School, helped out with serving coffee and picking up the tables. Those students who volunteered their Sunday morning included: L-R- Dorothy Harris, Shana Paradis, Dorothy Rossignol, Emily Lavertu, Mrs. Lynn Oakes, Cody Theriault, Dominic Roy, Tyra Michaud, Melanie Raymond and Annie Ouellette.

KEEPSAKES

The following items can be ordered from the Ste-Agathe Historical Society:

Voici the Valley Culture way - CD & Booklet.....	\$ 5.00
Evangeline, The Novel by Richard F. Mullins.....	\$14.95 (Paperback).....\$24.95 (Hardcover)
Land In Between by Beatrice Craig.....	\$30.00
Destination Madawaska by J.R.T. Theriault.....	\$19.95
Fusion of the Acadian and Canadian Races In Madawaska-English Translation by J. Blesso.....	\$5.00
Les Filles de la Sagesse Ste-Agathe, Maine 1904 - 2004.....	\$30.00
Les Belles Histoire du Couvent de Ste-Agathe.....	\$25.00
Le Centenaire de St. Agatha Maine.....	\$25.00
History of Ste. Agathe Parish 1889 - 1989.....	\$10.00
Ste-Agathe Cemetery Records 1889 - 1989.....	\$10.00
Ste-Agathe Cemetery Records Part II 1990 - 2006.....	\$10.00
Marriages of Ste-Agathe 1889 - 1989.....	\$10.00
St. John Valley Souvenir Postcard Book.....	\$12.00
Recipes and Remembrances - Ste-Agathe Historical Society Cookbook.....	\$19.95
Heritage Sites of the St. John Valley by Louise M. Martin.....	\$ 5.00
Year 2015 Calendars.....	\$10.00

*New Items

To place an order by mail, circle each item that you would like, specifying how many. Please include \$4.95 for the first item and \$1.00 for each additional item to cover mailing costs, and mail to:

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St. Agatha, Maine 04772

Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____

STE-AGATHE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

November 30, 2013 - November 30, 2014

*In Memory of **Sister Annette Picard, D.W.**, by Gerald & Rose-Marie Dubois.*

*In Memory of **Mr. Louis Dubois**, by Gerald & Rose-Marie Dubois.*

*In Memory of **Mrs. Rella Paradis**, by Gerald & Rose-Marie Dubois.*

*In Memory of **Mr. Jason "Jay" Meunier**, by Terry M. Ouellette.*

*In Memory of **Mr. Rosaire & Mrs. Lucille Michaud**, by Julia K. Schulz.*

*In Memory of **Mr. Clifford Chamberland**, by Stan Albert, Florine Michaud, Philip Morin.*

*In Memory of **Mr. Adrien Morin**, by Patricia J. Morin, Philip Morin, Stan Albert, Terry Ouellette, James & Patricia Morin, James & Theresa Foster.*

*In Memory of **Mrs. Dolores Cyr**, by Clifford & Theresa Guerrette.*

*In Memory of **Mr. Camille Morin**, by Ronald & Sylvia Belanger.*

*In Memory of **Mrs. Cecile Albert Duquette**, by Stan Albert.*

*In Memory of **Mr. Richard Collins**, by Florence Mullins.*

*In Memory of **Mr. O'Neil E. Martin**, by Darlene Rose Laliberte Kritzman.*

*In Memory of **Mrs. Albertine Chasse Martin Beaulieu**, by Daurene Anne Laliberte Jerome.*

*In Memory of **Mrs. Blanche Ouellette Baker**, by Florence Mullins.*

*In Memory of **Ms. Jacqueline Ouellette**, by Lorraine & Richard Mullins*

*In Memory of **Mrs. Bernice Vaillancourt**, by Terry Ouellette, Stan Albert, Philip Morin.*

*In Memory of **Mrs. Patricia Guimond**, by James & Patricia Morin.*

*In Memory of **Mr. Alan J. Albert**, by Stan Albert.*

*In Memory of **Camille Morin, Rose Marie Morin Lapointe, & Richard Morin**, by Philip Morin*

*In Memory of **Rev. Henri Gory, Montfort Missionary, 2nd Parish Pastor**, by Philip Morin*

*In Memory of **The Daughters of Wisdom Congregation**, by Philip Morin*

*In Memory of **D.W. Missionary Sisters buried in Ste-Agathe**, by Philip Morin*

*In Memory of **Sister Christine de Marie, D. W.**, (Olive Doucette, class of 1920), by Philip Morin*

*In Memory of **Mrs. Helene Chamberland Chasse**, by Philip Morin*

November 28, 2014

Dear Members and Friends of the Ste-Agathe Historical Society,

The World Acadian Congress and all of its special events and family reunions has come and gone. We are now left with the memories and many new friends. The Town of St. Agatha participated with three communities in Canada for the Tripling Meetings. We met with members of the Saint-Louis-du-Ha!Ha!, Saint Elzéar-de-Témiscouata, and Kedgwick municipalities to create lines of communication and share the highlights of each region. There were 120 different family reunions held on both sides of the river. This attracted visitors to go to many other regions. Family reunions hosted in St. Agatha included the Guerrettes, the Michauds, the Lagassés/ Lagacés, the Picards, the Deschênes/ Deschaines/ Milville, the Fosests, the Chasses, the Babins, the Morneaults, and the Gagnons. The historical site kept extended hours from the 8th of August to the 24th and we were fortunate to have extra volunteers like Jean Paul Michaud from New York and Angie Chamberland from the DC area. Throughout the summer our Trail Guides and Youth Guide, made possible by the Maine Acadian Heritage Council, were available to welcome the visitors. St. Agatha native, Florence Rose Martin, and her daughter, Darlene Rose Kritzman, were featured at Musée Culturel du Mont-Carmel in Lille, ME. They presented traditional ‘complaintes,’ or ballads. Florence lives in Lewiston and Darlene lives in Topsham.

The exhibit room featured the story of the Acadians for the summer of 2014. As the season drew to a close, the directors were already planning the theme of the exhibit room for 2015. The one idea that rose to the top was about celebrating our town fathers, from Joseph Boucher, the 1st Selectman to the present town manager, Christy Sirois.

We had a very busy summer. The season is so brief to showcase the collection of artifacts and photographs. We are open from mid-June to mid-September. As you can see from the 2014 Acquisition List, we received many new “old” items. We look forward to another season and we hope that you will take the time to come visit the historical site.



Sincerely,



*Joyeux Noël
Bonne et Heureuse Année*

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