



STAYNER HERITAGE SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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Spring 2023

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**“We Are Not Makers Of History. We Are
Made By History.”**

Quote: Martin Luther King Jr.

President’s Spring Report

Celebrating 25 years of preserving the unique history of Stayner and embracing the years to come.

A lot has happened over the last few years with the pandemic being the main culprit.

Our events were curtailed, and our volunteers restrained, but we have started to come alive with the help of our energetic volunteer team.

Once again, you’ll find us involved in events such as Black History Month, the Health & Leisure Show, the Historical Walking Tour & Remembrance Day Banner projects and our sponsored concerts.

Our next event, on June 16th, is a concert by Canadian fiddle champion Scott Woods and his multi-talented band.

Please, if you’re ever thinking about volunteering and joining our enthusiastic team, you are invited to join any of our monthly meetings and learn more about our ongoing projects.

We should never forget about our past and it should be honoured to the utmost level.

Jeff Parton, President

A Message from Brian Pounder

I wish to extend my congratulations to every member of the executive since the beginning of the Stayner Heritage Society on reaching 25 years of important service to the community. Your hard work and dedication are appreciated and have not gone unnoticed.

There is no doubt that a successful Stay-Teen Reunion in 1988, and the 70th Byng School reunion in 1992 kick-started the Stayner Heritage Society. I am proud to have been a part of both these events. Also, Dorothy-Anne Millsap (nee Wheeler) was a driving force behind both events.

Dorothy-Anne was a classmate and a high achiever who read voraciously and skipped Grade 6. I often think back to her intellect and drive, wondering if, even then, she had the idea to one day start a Heritage Society in Stayner.

The writer, Brian Pounder, is a founding member of Stayner Heritage Society who lives in Orillia.

Looking Back



As We Move Forward

The Story of Stayner Heritage Society

Stayner Heritage Society became official in February of 1998. This was achieved after much hard work by a dedicated group of volunteers. As Brian Pounder stated in his comments, the idea of a Historical Society was conceived following a Stay-Teen and Byng Public School Reunion in the late 80's and early 90's. Early keeners were presidents Dorothy-Anne Millsap and Lorne Stewart together with Brian Pounder, Jim Paul, Jack Craig, Helen Hanna, Pete Jerry, Glenn Millsap, Rod Robinson, Pam Townsend, Shirley Parton, Mary Burkholder, Edythe Phillips, Ferne Allen, Kevin Jerry, Manfred Leimgardt, Bob Charlton, and Myrna Johnson.

Myrna is an original member of the Heritage Team. For the past 25 years she has managed the Society's written records, which is not an easy task. Suffice it to say, if there is a document, minutes, agenda, correspondence, or any form of record keeping, Myrna was there for us. To all these forerunners and those that came after, thank you for your visionary contributions to the Stayner Heritage Society.

Replicas of the Train Station and the Station Park Gazebo were created. One of the earliest successful fundraisers was a tree sale.

With the birth of the Society came the creation of the Spring and Fall newsletters which continue to this day. These newsletters have shared with our readers the past dreams and disappointments of our community. They have also shared stories of community families, their businesses and major events that have occurred over the past 25 years. The newsletters also serve as a portal for keeping former Staynerites now living from coast to coast involved about their roots. Newsletter

back issues can be found on our Society's web site. The newsletter is managed by Tom Scholte, Myrna Johnson, Larry Culham and Barb Stransky.

Heritage Day started before the group was officially in place. In 1996, on the second Saturday in July, Stayner Heritage Day began. In 2016, the Society created, together with the Township of Clearview and Stayner Chamber of Commerce, a combined Heritage Day/Canada Day celebration on July 1st. Stayner Heritage Society worked with other community groups on revitalizations of Fountain Park (Oak Street & Hwy. 26 East) and Station Park (Huron Street & Hwy. 26 East).

Efforts to save heritage sites such as the original railway Station, the Town Hall and the Bell Tower had unsatisfactory results. The metal shingles from the Bell Tower were saved and crafted into mementos. The Society continues to move forward with ideas to help Stayner folks become engaged in their rich history.

In 2015, the Township provided the Society space at the Clearview Tourism facility (former Co-Op building) on Huron Street. Here, local treasures are displayed in the beautiful cabinets that were built with the funds from the Byng Reunion in 1992. These treasures, along with the categorization of our local history through our Stayner Sun Collection allow our residents to look back at nearly 100 years of events. Our appreciation goes out to Barb Stransky (nee Martin), Jim Paul, Susan Brockwell (nee Baker), Ferne Allen, Nancy Rumney (nee Pilkey) and Phyllis Perry for managing and completing this huge task. Thursday evenings from June through August, our museum is open during "Music Market & Park It" and we invite you to visit our Museum displays and share in our communities history.

In 2019, to honour our local veterans, the

Remembrance Day Banner project was conceived. To date, our collection consists of 49 banners which are put on display on our Main Street during the month of November. Our thanks to Myrna Johnson, Barb Stransky and Tom Scholte for managing this project. In 2022, the first Historical Walking-Tour brochure was created to show case many of Stayner's heritage homes. This project is ongoing, and we extend our appreciation to Roger Fry for managing this project.

The Stayner Heritage Society has retained and updated a collection of old film and video footage of our community's past and present-day activities. Each November we showcase our Remembrance Day Video called "We Remember". This presentation honours local veterans who served our Country in World and Regional conflicts. In 2022, a new video production was made called "Stayner, Then & Now". This video was presented and well received last June at the Simcoe County Historical Society's Conference held in Barrie. Our appreciation to Tom Scholte for managing this project.

In closing, the Stayner Historical Society team would like to acknowledge all the citizens and businesses who have supported our organization through membership, sponsorships and volunteerism over the past 25 years. You all have "Embraced our Past and made the next 25 years possible.

Current SHS Executive

President Jeff Parton
Vice President June Holroyd
Secretary Myrna Johnson
Treasurer Carol Marsden
Directors Tom Scholte, Roger Fry, Richard Marsden
& June Holroyd

**News And Information From
Your Heritage Team**

Our executive team is pleased to recognize contributions made by two of our Heritage Society members. *Ron Besse* was awarded the Order of Canada for his many contributions to the Canadian Publishing industry. Also,

June Holroyd was awarded life membership in the Wasaga Beach New Wave Women's Probud Club. Well done! You both have made your hometown proud.

Stayner Heritage Society Annual Meeting will be held on May 17th, 2023 at Stayner Community Centre, 269 Regina Street commencing at 7pm. Our guest speaker will be Brian Pounder. Brian was an original founder of our Heritage Society and we look forward to his SHS reflections over the past 25 years.

"Music Market & Park It" A quick reminder that Thursday nights are just around the corner. A great chance to visit our SHS Museum where historical artifacts and documents etc. are maintained.

Scott Woods & His Multi-Talented Band will be performing an Old-Fashioned Hoedown on Friday, June 16th, 2023, starting at 7pm at the Clearview Community Church, 1070 County Road, 42, Stayner. Tickets (Cash Only) can be purchased at Barb's Clothes Closet (7283 Hwy 26 705-428-2829) or by calling Tom at 705-517-5171, or Myrna at 705-428-2540. Order with a credit card by calling The Scott Woods Band Office at 1-855-726-8896 toll free. Tickets are also available through any member of the Heritage Team.

Clearview Tulip Days will be held Thursday, May 18, 2023, 11:30am till 1pm (Rain date: May 19th, 2023. A community BBQ and celebrations will take place at The Stayner Fountain Park, on the corner of Oak St. and Hwy 26.

Your ***Stayner Heritage Society Membership*** is very important to our ongoing success. Your financial support is a vital part of our ongoing project initiatives. We thank you for your past support and look forward to your continued commitment to our Society. As a reminder our address has changed to **Box 1595 Stayner, Ontario L0M 1S0**