

CHS Newsletter-May, 2022

“Doors Open Edition”

Isn't it about time to celebrate something?

Annually CHS welcomes visitors to Doors Open Winnipeg to showcase our Charleswood Museum and Caron House. Visitors tell us it was “worth the trip” to come out and see us.

This year our plans include:

May 28-Doors Open Winnipeg at the Charleswood Museum from Noon to 3:20 pm., showcasing a “tour through Charleswood’s history, beginning with,

- 3,000-5,000-year-old indigenous artifacts (old as the pyramids) from University of Winnipeg
- “Charlie” our CHS mascot who stands guard
- Our display of Metis heritage and families
- Early farming tools recalling our agricultural days,
- A peek into family and home life from “back in the day”
- Recognition of those Charleswood volunteers in the wars,
- A “Modern” kitchen with a few artifacts many would remember
- Our Lillian James display recognizing her life of service & heroism in the 1919 influenza epidemic
- The unique “high tech” exhibit illustrating that magical power “electricity”
- Also, come visit Dick and Jane in our “olden days school exhibit”, as well.

May 29-Doors Open Winnipeg at Caron House, from 10 am to 4 pm.

We are proud of the tremendous job the Caron House Committee has done to renovate George Caron’s 1904 home nestled in lovely Caron Park, one of the two remaining riverside farmhouses in the City.

- Caron Park was established in 1980 and Caron House is a Grade One Historical Building
- The Charleswood Historical Society saved it from demolition and has restored it for the City of Winnipeg
- Caron House anchors the history of Charleswood with links to St. Charles via the St. Charles Ferry
- The Chapman Room offers architectural features from the original home of George Chapman, Charleswood’s first Reeve.
- Outdoor tours will celebrate the St. Charles Ferry and early Metis history in the Charleswood area while indoor tours welcome you into this historic home.
- Along the river to the west are traces of what we believe to be the Red River Cart tracks from the old Baie St. Paul Road

(Volunteers are needed to welcome visitors, so please call Lois Caron at 204-837-3155.)

Fast Breaking News!

Our popular Free Membership draw is back! (See Pg. 2)

Starting May 24 when you renew your membership your name will be entered into a monthly draw for a free membership (Note: there are 8 draws to Jan. 1, 2023.)

Membership Renewal Options: Here are the options to renew your membership for 2022,

- ✓ On-line electronic funds transfer (e-mail Treasurer, Dan Furlan, hrstrateges@mymts.net),
- ✓ Drop in to the CHS Museum, 2-4 pm Saturdays,
- ✓ By mail to Charleswood Historical Society (5006 Roblin Blvd. R3R 0G7), or,
- ✓ Contact either Doug Sheppard (204-832-0810) or Dan Furlan (204-232-0903)

What's up!

- **May 24**-Our in-person CHS May General Meeting at 7 pm, 5006 Roblin Blvd.
- **May 28-29**-Doors Open Winnipeg at the Museum on the 28th and Caron House on the 29th.
- **June 21**-in-person CHS Annual General Meeting-Electing a new Board.
- **June 25** (Saturday)-2-4 pm Annual CHS Picnic at Caron Park-bring your lawn chairs (Volunteers needed).
- **June**-Assisting Dieppe School commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Dieppe Raid with a related CHS Display at the Library
- **July-August**-Museum open 2-4 pm Saturdays, and other times on request for tours
- **September-November**-Commencement of the popular Heritage Lecture Series
- **October 16**-Annual CHS Pioneer Dinner, Breezy Bend Golf Club

Projects and Ideas

This is a short note as time is tight and, frankly, we need people to step up and help as a few are doing 2-3 jobs which will not continue. If you think CHS is doing the right things please offer to help.

CHS Targets for 2022

- *Renewing our Board and Committees (Volunteers needed. Many hands make light work)*
- *Enhancing and preserving our valuable historic records at the Museum and adding a with a computer kiosk to access pictures and records*
- *Plus additional ideas you as Members can suggest...(but we need willing hands to help!)*

Our CHS Challenges (please read carefully)

A number of other nearby historical societies have folded. We also face challenges as membership renewals have been disrupted by the pandemic. If you can't remember if you have renewed your membership, you probably haven't. There's a note in this newsletter on how you can renew.

We need CHS members to:

- Help at events such as Doors Open Winnipeg
- Join committees to offer new ideas
- Join our Board of Directors if we wish to continue. Some of us are moving on and need to make way for new people and ideas.

Community

Charleswood Garden Club-Plant Auction

- May 25-26, 7:00 - 9:00 pm In-person or online

Rotary Club of Winnipeg-Charleswood Lobsterfest

- Friday, June 17, 2022. Deadline June 7 12 Noon.

Charleswood Legion Branch 100 Open House

- Sunday June 26 10 am-4 pm