

**Charleswood Historical Society
Newsletter December 2023**



**To our Members and Supporters
Season's Greetings and Happy New Year!**

Len Van Roon Sr. Birthday Celebration

With great happiness we celebrated the 102nd birthday of Len Van Roon Sr. at our November General Meeting. Len is one of the founding members of the Charleswood Historical Society and continues to be a valuable supporter and volunteer.

Congratulations Len and Thank You!





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Charleswood Historical Society Heritage Lecture Series for the 2023-2024 Session

DECEMBER 2023 LECTURE: "The History of Headingley in 10 Dates"

Date: Monday, December 4, 2023, 7 PM

PRESENTER: Stephen Britton, Past President of the Headingly Historical Society
(A separate notice has been sent out for this lecture!)

**** First Lecture of 2024 **: "Archeological Finds in Manitoba"**

Date: Monday, February 5, 7 PM

PRESENTER: Ed Fread, Senior Project Archeologist from Charleswood

Additional parking can be found at the back of the building, off Harstone Road. Wheelchair accessible. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served. Silver Collection. For further information, contact Deanne Coombs at 204-837-2312

Caron House

Our contractors have completed their projects at Caron House ... it is now ready to greet new tenants! Carpenters have completed their finishing work, plumbing and electrical upgrades are installed, and interior walls are freshly painted. We are working with the City of Winnipeg to attract prospective tenants. Please contact Lois Caron at 204 837 3155 for further information.

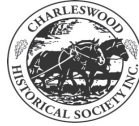
Charleswood Membership News

Thank you to our members who have bought annual memberships in 2023 to support our activities and programs continuing into 2024. Memberships are sold throughout the year at the museum on Saturdays, at the June picnic, before the pioneer dinner, or at the society's programs and meetings. Single memberships are \$15 and family (2 adults and under 18 children) are \$20. As of November 28, 2023, we have 28 single and 29 family memberships for a total of 86 paid members. Congratulations again to our recent honourees, Barry Carr, Jeff Delaney, Ed Derkach, Garry Epp, and Gordon Goldsborough.

Grey Cup tickets

Ken Morrisette reported a sellout of the Grey Cup tickets ... thanks to Ken for all his support over the years and to all those who participated! The Bomber's loss to Montreal was disappointing, but we can take some comfort in having won 50% of the last four Grey Cup's!

Charleswood Sign Replacement Update



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Councillor Duncan and staff are obtaining quotes for the new sign and some new designs ... more news in the New Year! We greatly appreciate Councillor Duncan's ongoing support for the CHS and the work we do.

Museum Information Kiosk Update

We will be installing our Information Kiosk and computer hardware in December at the museum. Staff training will take place as well. We look forward to adding historical pictures and stories to make a truly interesting and informative experience!

CHS Books

We have a new shipment of the popular book "Photos & Fragments of Charleswood's History", available at the Charleswood Museum for \$22.00. Another great Holiday gift! (Printing supported by Evan Duncan – thank you!)

CHS Mugs

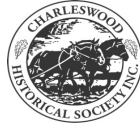
Christmas is coming fast .. these mugs are great gifts/stocking stuffers for friends and family, or to send to former Charleswood residents. The mugs sell for \$14.99 and are available at the museum. They have a variety of Charleswood images



CHS Youtube Videos

A reminder to view a couple of fun and informative Youtube videos featuring Charleswood history:

The Harte Trail – great outdoors in the city
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KWH-TJ6wdBk>
Charleswood Little Known Facts"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0YKojEE4us>



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CHS Lecture: "On the Road to Abandoned Manitoba"



On November 6, a full house was treated to a fascinating presentation by Gordon Goldsborough on the topic of "Abandoned Manitoba".

Gordon's roots in Charleswood go way back, having attended Dieppe School and Charleswood Collegiate. His interest in deserted and forgotten buildings started many years ago in Deloraine, MB, where he found a bank vault in an abandoned barn! From there he started mapping these curious outcasts, with over 9,000 logged in to date.

His incredible collection abandonments ranges from bridges to highway markers to outhouses. Gordon even drove a 1926 model T along the original Trans Canada Highway, providing the basis of his follow-up book, "On the Road to Abandoned Manitoba".

Thank you, Gordon, for an interesting and entertaining evening!