

Charleswood Historical Society Newsletter October 2024



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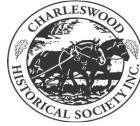
**To our Members and Supporters
Happy Fall!**

CHS Lecture Series 2024

Our first lecture this fall is October 7th at 7:00pm. "Recollections of the Searle Grain Elevator & the CNR in Charleswood", presented by CHS member Myron Hutmacher. Myron's family moved to Charleswood in 1954 when Myron's father was transferred to assume the Manager and Head Grain Buyer for the Searle Grain Elevator located on Elmhurst Road in Charleswood. Myron will provide a history of the Searle Grain Company and CNR activities and operations located in the east end of Charleswood.

Welcome to Charleswood Sign

The replacement of the +20 year old "Welcome to Charleswood" sign has started. The Historical Society initiated its replacement through Councillor Evan Duncan's office in the spring of 2023. The contract for the replacement sign was awarded and the first installment for work has been completed. While the CHS is no longer actively involved in the planning and replacement, hopefully we will see the new sign before the snow falls this year.



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Upcoming Charleswood Historical Society Events

Grey Cup tickets: They are almost gone! Tickets can be picked up any Saturday from 2:00 - 4:00pm at the museum or by contacting Ken Morrisette at 204-895-2787 or cell at 204-260-0434. Thanks and good luck to all!

CHS Pioneer Dinner: is October 20th at Breezy Bend Country Club tickets will be available October 5th and 12th (Saturdays) at the Charleswood Museum. All dinner tickets must be purchased by Oct 12. Tickets are \$35.00 for members and \$40.00 for non-members.

Charleswood Library / Harte Trail Studio Art



Here is the Library Display constructed by the Harte Trail Art Group. A lovely depiction of the Trail.

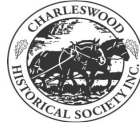
Also of note ... the Charleswood Library has new hours. The Library is now OPEN every day (except Sunday). They have hired new staff, including a Social Worker. (Thursdays only.)

The Charleswood Library cabinet displays through the summer months included a display of alphabet books & children's records.

Charleswood Museum News

The Museum continued to be open every Saturday during the summer months. Many visitors were first time visitors and others were people that haven't been in for many years. There continues to be people who are searching for their Métis roots. They are very interested in maps and historic locations in Charleswood. Ken Morrisette and Len Sr. have been very helpful in conversations. Also, a few Charleswood residents have been in searching for past family residences and historic locations in their memory.

Donations to the Museum include: two pioneer dresses made for Canada Centennial Celebrations in 1967 donated by Carol Ragnier; a vintage sewing machine donated by Jim and Irene Haddow. This sewing machine was brought to Canada by Scottish immigrants in 1910 and has been in the family all these years. Annette Shiller donated a box camera (different from



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cameras in our collection), a Fall and Winter Eaton's catalogue 1972 and various children's books that are useful in the School Room.

Gordon Crossley will be preparing a display of the 100th Anniversary of the RCAF which will be in place this week.

Charleswood Historical Society Programs

CHS School Programs on Charleswood history for children grades K - 12 are held at the Charleswood Museum can be arranged by contacting the CHS website. On June 12 we hosted 27 students from the Grade 3-4 class of Beaumont School visited. Thanks to Deanne Coombs for organizing and to Len Sr. & Jr., Althea Cunningham for attending that day.

Tours of the Charleswood Museum and of Charleswood's Historic Square Mile for interested groups of adults can be arranged by appointment by contacting the CHS website.

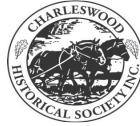
Deanna represented the CHS at the 160th Anniversary service & picnic at St. Anne's Church, Poplar Point on August 11. The St. Francis Xavier Historical Society organized an event to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of St. Francis Xavier, September 21 & 22. Way to go, Gwen and Deanna!

50th Anniversary of Charleswood Historical Society Video

Barry Carr, Charleswood film maker, has visited the Museum several times to interview members of the CHS and photograph Museum artifacts. Barry has prepared a short video of the 50th Anniversary of the Charleswood Historical Society. He has done an outstanding job!

The video will be presented at the Pioneer Dinner, and the link will be made available after that. We are sure you will find it most interesting!

Well done, Barry!



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CHS Memorabilia

Books ... Don't forget to pick up your copy of "**Photos & Fragments of Charleswood's History**", available at the Charleswood Museum for \$22.00. Perfect for summer-time reading in the back yard or lake! (Printing supported by Evan Duncan – thank you!)

Mugs ... Available at the CHS Museum, pick up a unique and colourful CHS mug. Impress your friends and neighbours with the Charleswood images familiar to all. Each mug sells for \$14.99



For museum location and hours: <https://charleswoodhistoricalsociety.ca/chs-upcoming-events/>

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>