



Charleswood Historical Society

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Manitoba Crocus

**To our Members and Supporters
Have a Great Summer!**

Bud and Spud Fund Raiser!



We held a fabulous fund raiser at the Thirsty Lion Tavern on Thursday, June 5. There were 185 tickets sold – a sell out! With a fantastic array of raffle prizes, and a 50/50 draw, we raised \$ 4,200 to support CHS projects and initiatives. We had great feedback from everyone there and we were pleased to see ten people join us from the seniors group.

Many thanks to our generous raffle supporters and to all in attendance! We are certainly lucky to have such generous people who were willing to support us. And a special thanks to the event committee headed up by Brad Kinnear, including Kathy Turner, Cathy O'Donnell, Eileen MacDonald, Cindi French and Janet Adam. We had additional help from Laura who was a great contributor to the prizes and sale of tickets. Also thank you to Myron and Maureen for the sale of the 50/50. A final thanks President Janet Adam for her skills as Master of Ceremonies!

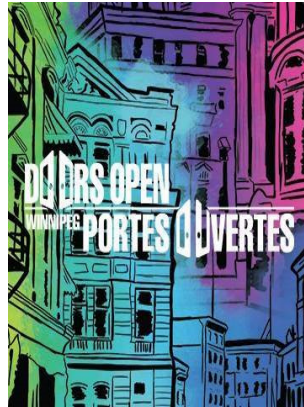


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Doors Open Winnipeg



Charleswood Museum – May 24

The Museum had a very successful Doors Open and the museum looked wonderful. Upstairs we displayed all the school information and had a sports display as well as the wedding dresses. The comments of the visitors were very positive and people spend a long time looking through the year books and other school memorabilia.

Gwen had the museum vacuumed and clean. Thank you to Gwen, Deanne, Eileen, Janet, Mr. Van Roon, Kathy Turner and Ken for their support at the museum during Doors Open.



Caron House – May 25

Mother Nature gave us a perfect day as a record 310 visitors attended the opening of Caron House for guided tours. Rich in history, this wonderfully restored homestead of the Caron family showcased the original settlement of this prominent Charleswood family.

Feedback was very positive. We had ten volunteers from the society and five other volunteers (from the library) and Mark Caron and family). Thank you to Kathy Turner, Cathy O'Donnell, Janet, Eileen, Kathleen Land, Steve and Paul. Lois once again did a wonderful job of managing traffic outside the house.

Ferry Tour – 25 May



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At the same time, visitors could also be guided through the history of the ferry crossing located on the banks of the Assiniboine River near Caron House. Operated from 1908 to 1959, when the Perimeter Highway was opened, it provided essential access to St. James.

Thank you Myron and Don who did such a wonderful job taking tours down to the ferry crossing.

CHS Annual Picnic



The picnic was held on Sunday July 6th at beautiful Caron Park. The weather was perfect! We had 30 members join us and we all enjoyed the hot dogs prepared by Chef Ken! A big thank you to Ken and Bonnie Morrisette for all their planning and hard work up make it such a successful day.

CHS Website

Ric and Myron continue the work on the website and it is now entering the final stages of completion. There will of course be ongoing updates and changes over the next 6-8 months. We need more pictures for the site as well as developing 3 email addresses for the members to access and that will be determined shortly.

CHS Heritage Lecture Series 2025

The following is a list of presenters and topics for the 2025-2026 session. The list is not complete yet.

Oct. 6/25: Charleswood Streets and Parks

Presenter: Eileen MacDonald, Past President, Charleswood Historical Society

Topic: Charleswood Streets and Parks

Nov. 3/25: The Lewis Letters: the Exploits of a 20th Century Aviator and Adventurer

Presenter: Pam McKenzie, (past) Head of library and archives of the Aviation Museum in Western Canada in Winnipeg

Future Planned Presentations:

Dec '25: Siloam Mission

Feb '26. Archeology, Ed Fread, Archeologist

Mar '26 Stephen Britton, Headingly Historical Society



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Apr '26 John Burchill, Policing

CHS Museum Update



We continue our work for accessioning the museum. We have our committee of Eileen, Janet, Cathy O'Donnell, Pam McKenzie, Kathleen Land, Richard Howes, Deanne Combs, and Nancy Fluto. We have itemized and catalogued in excess of 500 pieces.

CHS Community and Schools Program



On May 14, 2025, twelve CHS members attended a tour of the Police Museum on Smith Street. The tour was interesting and impressive...as for the police cars and motorcycles and paddy wagons - wow! Thanks to drivers, Bob Adam, Kathy Turner and Len Van Roon Jr.

Gwen Jamieson took photos which Cindi French posted on the Charleswood Facebook page, which have received over four hundred hits!

We have several other suggested tours which will be announced.

CHS Books and Memorabilia

CHS Book Corner:

Norquay, Indigenous Premier, Canadian Statesman – a fascinating account of John Norquay, born in the Red River Settlement, he farmed, hunted, traded, and taught school before becoming a legislator, cabinet minister, and, from 1878 to 1887, premier of Manitoba.

<https://uofmpress.ca/books/the-honourable-john-norquay>

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 winter-time reading next to the fireplace! (Printing supported by Evan Duncan – thank you!)

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=cOYKojEE4us>