



Charleswood Historical Society Newsletter March 2025



Perched on Local Rooftop!

To our Members and Supporters Get Ready for Spring!

Charleswood Celebrates Its New Sign!



On a very cold and windy December 13 day, our new Welcome to Charleswood Sign dedication took place. In attendance were Eileen, Janet, Lou, Althea, Deanne, Gwen, Ken and Charlie joined by Evan Duncan, Marty Morantz and Kathleen Cook.

The Charleswood Historical Society initiated talks with Councillor Evan Duncan on getting a new Charleswood sign, and he met the challenge. CHS also provided Evan with historical background information of the previous signs. Thank you Evan!

CHS President's Report

Carolynn Derkach, who has served on the executive and board for many years and is a Past President, has stepped down from the Board. Carolynn worked on numerous committees within the Society. We would like to thank Carolyn for her hard work and dedication over the years. We will miss you Carolynn.

New Board Members:

We are happy to report we have a number of new board members joining us. I would like to thank and welcome Cathy O'Donnell, Ric Coy and Brad Kinnear. Cathy has agreed to serve as secretary on the Executive. Ric along with his daughter Sarah will be helping us rejuvenate our website. Brad will be focusing on Social and Fundraising.

We are also pleased to have Cindi French volunteer to take over the responsibility of our social media.

Welcome to All! Janet Adam



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CHS Heritage Lecture Series 2025

Upcoming Lecture, #5:

Date: Monday, March 3 at 7:00 pm

Topic: **The Life and Times of John Taylor**

Presenter: Stephen Britton, Past-President of the Headingley Historical Society

We are looking forward to Stephen's presentation.

Upcoming Lecture #6:

Date: Monday, April 7, 2025

Topic: **Sir William Stephenson, the Man called Intrepid**

Presenter: Alan Parkin, Member of the Intrepid Society

Past Lecture:

Date: February 3, 2025

Topic: **Archaeological Projects in Manitoba**

Presenter: Ed Fread, Archeologist

Ed spoke of his various archaeological projects. The site of St. Andrew's Lock and Dam is one of the oldest Indigenous sites in Canada. Ed described the many treasures and remains, some dating back several thousand years, which he and his team have uncovered on both sides of the floodway and Red River. His discoveries include living quarters, tools, and household items. Many of his finds relate to the Hudson Bay Company and Lower Fort Garry.

Ed also traveled around Northern Manitoba and discovered artifacts of early Scottish settlements. He brought many beautiful artifacts for display. Thank you, Ed!

All CHS lectures take place at the CHS meeting room, 5006 Roblin Blvd.

Wheelchair Accessible Facility

Parking available in front as well as at the back of the building, enter off Harstone Road.

All are welcome

Refreshments will be served. Silver Collection

Please visit our website www.charleswoodhistoricalsociety.ca for further information on our Heritage Lectures



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CHS Museum Update



Several people have visited the Museum in the last few weeks. Most visitors were very interested and stayed for the entire two hours. Activity continues as we head into spring. Dresses and other attire on display have been sent out for steam cleaning.

Recent donations include a tile plate with the Legion design on it (thanks Barb Shumeley), Dan Furlan's curling sweater from the 60's and Bob Hobday's sleigh, all on display in the Museum. This sleigh has a patent date of 1928!

We also received a vintage Singer Sewing Machine and two Box Cameras from Rick Kolesar. Carolynn Derkach donated a collection of 3 projectile points and 3 scrapper tools (identified by Charleswood Archeologist Ed Fread), which she found on Fairmont Road. An unknown donor donated a Charleswood Collegiate Yearbook from 1958 as well as a World Series encyclopedia.

Future displays will include a vintage Doll collection prepared by Carolynn Derkach and an art display from the Harte Trail Art Group (Annemarie Layman). With the Charleswood Library now open seven days a week, our display case is an excellent way of letting the community know about us!

Goodbye Chapman School!



Original School in 1913

Chapman School, at 3707 Roblin Blvd, was demolished on January 9. It was the third school in that location since 1913. The school was named after the first reeve of the rural municipality of Charleswood, George Chapman. The Chapman School District was established formally in May 1913 and it operated a school near this site. The original school building was destroyed by fire in 1916.

Its replacement, a three-room school, burned down in 1943. A local citizen reportedly made 50 retrieval trips into the blazing building in an attempt to save books and furniture! The third and last Chapman School was officially opened 30 September 1944, at a cost of \$45,000. In 1955, high school grades were transferred to the newly opened Charleswood Collegiate. Chapman School closed in June 2016.



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Local News

Last Reminder ... Charleswood Legion Tank Room Project: The Charleswood Legion is selling 100 plaques (\$125 each) to create a maintenance fund for the legion Tank Room. Please contact Tom Crew, Chairman Charleswood Legion 100 at 204-479-2907 for further information.

CHS Books and Memorabilia

CHS Book Corner:

Donna Janke's book, "**111 Places in Winnipeg That You Must Not Miss**" has been released in Canada this week. It is the ultimate guide to Winnipeg for locals and experienced travelers, featuring interesting and unusual places, even some in Charleswood!

Citizen, Settler, Soldier, Scoundrel: A Social History of the Militia of Manitoba 1870-1885 (<https://www.amazon.ca/Citizen-Settler-Soldier-Scoundrel--ebook/dp/B0DLJ53W65>) by Colonel David W. Grebstad, examines the profound cultural and social impact of the militia garrison maintained in Manitoba from 1870 to 1877, as well as the interactions with First Nations and Métis communities

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!)

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

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>