



Dear Supporters of Bresaylor Heritage,

Surprise! A spring Newsletter! Almost out before the end of March. Almost before the crows returned. We hope it's an omen for the coming season - that we will be, if not ahead, at least, not too far behind in our endeavors.

It's been a pleasant winter on the prairies, and a spring storm last weekend gave some welcomed moisture to our area.

Looking back on the past year, the highs and lows....We mourned the loss of Donald Innes in August, just after that of Mary Sayers. Then, the sudden, accidental death of John Guinan, one of our Board members, was a shock to all. We do miss these friends, and many others.

It was a good year for visitors to the museum...not more numbers than usual, but a fairly high proportion of people genuinely interested in the history that the museum represents - numerous descendants of former residents of the area, happy to find a small touch of their heritage tucked away among the artifacts of our collection.

We accomplished many of last year's plans; some were finished, others were replaced by more urgent matters. And so we carry on.

We are looking forward to another very busy year ahead. We're scheduling two work bees at the Museum to see if we can get a few tasks tidied up. If you have a bit of spare energy or time on your hands, come and join in.

Also, the annual meeting of the Board of Directors will take place on April 11. Anyone interested is welcome to come and participate.

I extend sincere appreciation to all of our supporters. Your continued interest in the Museum projects means a great deal to us. In this 90th year of our province, perhaps many of you can find an excuse to return to visit. Make sure that you drop in to the Museum if you do. If you live close by, make sure that you bring your summer guests to the Museum.

And, is it ever nice to receive those encouraging notes from so many of you. Sincerely, *June Foster*

P.S. Perhaps the next Newsletter can go to a larger format. It would be nice to include some longer articles - some of your recollections, thoughts or opinions for example?

CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BRESAYLOR MUSEUM:  
Maggie Webb (ch.); Margaret Currie (past-ch.); June Taylor (vice-ch.); Helena Caplette (Sec.); Velma Foster (cur./treas); Ross Currie, Yvonne Carpentier; Don Ferguson.

- ALL DONATIONS TO THE BRESAYLOR HERITAGE MUSEUM ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.
- A DONATION OF \$5. OR MORE ENTITLES YOU TO BECOME A CARD-CARRYING SUPPORTER OF BRESAYLOR HERITAGE.

**THE BRESAYLOR HERITAGE  
MUSEUM**  
ASSOCIATION INC  
LOCATED IN BRESAYLOR  
SASKATCHEWAN • CANADA  
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NEW HOURS:  
JULY & AUGUST: Sunday, Wednesday,  
Thursday & Friday from 1 - 5 p.m.  
BY REQUEST WHEN POSSIBLE:  
May through October.  
(306) 895-4813.

**Last Year - 1994 - a Review:**

Campground: upgrading - new biffy holes dug by Bill and Garnet Caplette; road graded to remove potholes; dispensers for toilet paper added.

Cemetery: continued to add names to our list of unmarked graves; grass cut; no decision reached about markers.

Museum Signs: Office building sign redone and additions made; road sign repainted.

Yard: some trees planted in both yards.

Museum Association of Saskatchewan (MAS) courses: Curator took small Archives care course at Melfort; also display course at Maidstone; Certificate course in Display taken by volunteer.

• **HERITAGE DAY, July 31:**

--Of course, the Museum was open all afternoon.

--The Quilt of Names was on display - assembled by June Taylor.

--Supporter Acknowledgement area in main Museum Building was in place  
1) Wooden Plaque with brass name plates for Life Supporters. 2) Framed Scroll of Special Supporters. 3) List of basic Supporters and 4) Founding Directors.

-- "Petting zoo" - Rosemary Currie's horse Montana supplied rides; Lloyd and Karen Bullock brought their miniature ram; Leanne and Jesse Hue brought their cat rabbit; Sophia, Suzanne (and Teddy), the resident sheep, weren't far away, nor were several cats; and there was a guinea pig too.

-- A Read Canada Tent from Frontier College was set up for children.

-- Display of photographs: "The Heritage Oct Crop: a Tribute to those who made it all possible", especially Donald Innes and Hilbert Ferguson.

-- Small Display of photos and memorabilia commemorating the soldiers from this area who died in 1944, with respect to the 50th Anniversary of the Normandy invasion.

-- Videos shown: Cal Schermerhorn's video of the Reunion and History Book Launching; Ron Shaak's video of Donald's Last Thrashing Bee - at Bresaylor, 1993. Some slides were also shown of threshing at Donald Innes' farm about 15 years ago.

--The Summer Raffle draw took place: Cash prize of \$50. went to Clara Sulz; \$25. to Dawn Carlton; \$10. Gift Certificates to the Museum Gift Shop to Marjorie McKee, Tyler Gust and Dorothy Archuk; Copies of "The River Trip" series to Shirley Janish, Harold Waterhouse and Ed King; crocheted slippers to Christine Pike. Complimentary tickets for the 1995 Summer Raffle went to Joni Weoff, Bev Davis, Mildred Creagan, Betty Churchman, Jean Petty, Elizabeth Head, Jeff Schwab, Bert Sayer, Mary Dreganiuk, Mary Parker and Jorgen Groseth. The raffle netted the Museum \$415. Thanks to all who participated.

- about 50 people took in the pot luck supper. (Claud and Melissa Durupt from Ponoka and Howard and Marci (Durupt) Sherman from Lacombe happened to drop in and were made to stay for supper and a visit with old neighbors.)

We now have a Bresaylor Museum brochure. Nothing elaborate, but it will let the world know that we are here. There won't be room for a copy to be included with this Newsletter, but, if you would like one, let us know and we will get one (or more) to you.

Congratulations to June Taylor who celebrated her 65th last summer. Her family sprung a surprise party on her.

Priority was given to installing support for the upper floor of the main Museum building. This meant removing some exhibits on the first floor. While at it, we decided to do some major rearranging of exhibits - trying to make them more informative. Hopefully, everything will be presentable for the summer season. The outdoor map will be an extension of this project.

The Archives area is in progress. We have so many interesting photos and artifacts which will take some time to make accessible. The material for protection of the artifacts are on hand, and gradually they are being applied.

The last history book was sold in December. Errata Sheets are included in this mailing. It's unlikely that we will order more copies of the history book, but we'll keep a list of names of those interested anyway.

Some people who didn't get a book would surely like one. So, don't throw yours away when finished with it. (Of course we know you wouldn't do that.)

We are continuing to expand the Gift Shop activities. We had a Christmas Sale held in conjunction with Velma's annual sale of art works. We plan to make this an annual event. Margaret Currie made some very special Christmas cakes for the occasion. They were very popular. Notice the "Bresaylor Preservers" label which we have started to attach to jars of goodies sold through the shop.

### COMING EVENTS

- April 11 - Bresaylor Museum Annual Meeting at the office in Bresaylor, 7:30 p.m. Open to anyone interested.
- April 29 & May 27: Work Bees at the Museum starting at 10 a.m. We can use help with all aspects of the museum - especially outside maintenance - painting, roofing, repairs, grass cutting etc.
- July 1 - Canada Day - Saskatchewan's 90th Birthday Celebration. To date we have nothing special planned, other than that the Museum will be open and the coffee will be on.
- July 30, Sunday, **BRESAYLOR HERITAGE DAY**. This is the weekend before the long weekend. Plan to be with us for a special day and a pot luck supper.
- October 8, Thanksgiving Sunday, museum open for the afternoon in celebration of harvest, and then officially closed for the season.
- Special Christmas Gift Shop Sale - the last two weekends in November. Watch for further details.
- **SPECIAL PROJECT** In celebration of Saskatchewan's 90th: the Bresaylor Museum Board at its last meeting decided that we would mark the sites of the 4 schools in our area - Bresaylor 111, Battlebank, Arbor Hill and Bresaylor Federal. Some discussion was held as to how this will be done. Likely the markers will be in metal of some sort.

### 1995 SUMMER RAFFLE

The prizes for the next Summer Raffle include 1) a Quilt made and donated by June Taylor, 2) 2 - \$25. cash prizes, 3) 3 - \$10. Gift Certificates for the Museum Gift Shop, 4) Other consolation prizes, and 5) 15 Complimentary tickets on the next Museum Raffle. A book of tickets is enclosed for those who wish to participate.

The **Bresaylor Reunion Video** - by Cal Schermerhorn is available for viewing.

*Our apologies to Leander Slaney: This message should have been in the last newsletter. "I would like to hear from people who knew or knew of my Grandfather F. A. Slaney and his family including and especially Mary Millhouse. I am looking for stories, anecdotes and photos, or just general tidbits. I would like to add them to his memoirs." You can reach Leander at 1420 - 22 Ave. N.W. in Calgary, T2M-1P8.*

**Where are the Artifacts?** Ross Innes, of the Battlefords North-West Historical Society, is concerned about the fate of artifacts once housed at Fort Battleford (some 20,000 in all), many collected by his father, the late Campbell Innes. Some of the items were from original Bresaylor Settlers. The intention was that they remain in the Fort for the enjoyment of future generations. When the Federal Government took over Fort Battleford the artifacts started to disappear. Now Ross Innes and Don Light, both authorities on Battleford and area history, are trying to contact families whose ancestors contributed artifacts. They want to put pressure on the government to prove that the items are safely stored as claimed. Or otherwise explain what became of them. If you recall your family having put things into the Fort collection, you might like to contact Mr. Innes, either through us, or at Box 303, Battleford, SK, S0M-0E0. Ph. 937-3395.

We are members of the NORTHWEST MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION, a network of Museums who gather a couple of times a year to exchange information and to report on each Museum's activities. Other members in the organization are: Cut Knife Clayton McLain Memorial Museum, Frenchman Butte Museum, Glaslyn District Museum, Goodsoil Historical Museum, Lashburn Museum, Loon Lake Big Bear Trail Museum, Maidstone Historical & Cultural Society, Neilburg Museum, Rabbit Lake Museum, St. Walburg museum, Turtleford Museum, Unity & District Museum and the Wilkie Museum.



## IN REMEMBRANCE

of those who have passed away this past year

Orval Beaudry  
Hugh Desmarais  
Lauretta (Oliver) Favel  
John Guinan  
Gwen (Land) Head  
Donald Innes  
Frank Jones  
Jim Jones  
Ken McDougall  
Tillie (Griffith) Pryor  
Mary Sayers  
Myrtle Taylor

## THE MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

### STILL AVAILABLE

- "Footprints in the Dust" by Doug Light.....\$29.50
- "The Other Side of Rebellion, by Margaret R. Stobie.....\$10.50
- "The Sands of Time" by Ross Innes.....\$18.50
- "Sayers Family RECIPES" \$9.
- "Haywire" by Jim Caplette.....\$14.95.
- "The Silent Observer" by David Aoaster.....\$14.
- & "Pictures on Parade" by David Aoaster..... \$5.
- "The Mice of Scamperville School. The Children's Stories of Mabel Petty" ..... \$5.
- "The Adventures of Deedle by Stormie Douville/ill. by Terri Buell ...\$5.
- "The Bard of Edam. Walter Farewell, Homesteader Poet" by Michael Taft. ".....\$14.
- "The (4) River Trios" by Don Doble (1988, 1989, 1990 and 1992) in the new 7"x 8 1/2" format.....ea. \$4.
- or.....the set of 4 for \$12.
- "Outside the Women Cried" by Jack Funk.....\$8.

### OTHER ITEMS IN THE GIFT SHOP include

- Porcelain Dolls by June Taylor. var \$
- Limited edition prints of historic subjects of the area by Velma Foster. ....\$10. b/w \$20. col.
- Note cards - 10 different Historic Subjects/ pkg. by Velma Foster.....introductory price..\$7.50/pkg. Single cards.....\$ 1.25 ea.
- *Museum Mugs (hand thrown by Colleen Rayner) currently out of stock.....\$8.*
- Souvenir Bags of Oats from the 1992 Reunion.....\$1.
- Other miscellaneous souvenir items and publications.
- • • • • AND
- WATCH FOR OUR **BRESAYLOR MUSEUM PRESERVERS LABEL >>>>>>**
- on jams, jellies, pickles, etc. at varied prices.

