

Heritage Club Bluenose Chapter

Latest News and Updates



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President's Message

Welcome Spring. As we say goodbye to winter, let's look forward to sunshine and warmer weather.

What's New?

As community events and travel reopens, we've included a section dedicated to "Fun things to do in Nova Scotia". Members may want to explore some of the events in the Province. The past two years have seen many of us sticking close to home. As health restrictions ease, we hope Bluenose Chapter members are able to take advantage of the many events communities offer.

Bluenose Chapter Executive Changes

We're also announcing a change to our Executive team. Cam MacDonald has stepped down and we'd like to thank her for her contributions, including communications and the 2022 Santa Letter Campaign. We are sorry to see her leave and she will remain as a Bluenose Chapter member.

We are excited to announce that Sharon Simpson has joined the Bluenose Chapter Executive Team as 1st Vice-President. A number of our Bluenose Chapter members know Sharon and we look forward to her involvement as we plan our 2022 activities.

2022 Bluenose Chapter Heritage Club Executive

Bluenose Chapter Executive Members are:

- Art Dewan, President (Kentville)
- Sharon Simpson, 1st Vice President (HRM)
- Louella Aucoin, 2nd Vice President (HRM)
- Nancy Hopper, Treasurer (HRM)
- Marg MacKinnon, Secretary (HRM)

The Heritage Club

The Heritage Club exists to promote volunteerism, be ambassadors of CPC and promote the camaraderie of long-service and retired employees. The motto of the group is "*People Helping People*". Regional Chapters organize member activities, support local organizations through member volunteerism, and donations, and preserves postage history.

Let's Grow Our Membership!

An ongoing goal of the Bluenose Chapter is to increase our dues paying Chapter membership and broaden our provincial Member representation. We have grown the Chapter's paid dues membership to **112** and we look forward to continuing to expand.

If you know Canada Post employees who have contributed 25 years or have retired with 10 years of Canada Post service, please encourage them to join our ranks!

If you'd like to join the Bluenose Chapter AND enjoy paid member benefits, the annual dues are \$10 per member. To enjoy member benefits you can:

1. Send a cheque to:
Heritage Club - Bluenose Chapter
P O Box 8145, Halifax, N.S. B3K 5L2
* Please include email address

OR

2. Send an Interac payment to:
BluenoseHC@gmail.com
* Please include your email address in the Interact message box

For new dues paying members, please allow up to 30 days for your membership to be activated. * *We require your email address to ensure you receive quarterly newsletters and notification of Bluenose Chapter events.*

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As Travel Begins Again

A terrific benefit for Heritage Club paid dues members is the discount available at the Choice brand Hotel chain across North America and Europe



All Heritage Club-Canada Post Corporation members have up to 15% discount available worldwide when booking through the corporate ID 00088652 using any of the 3 platforms listed below:

1. On the Choicehotels.com website with the corporate ID: 00088652 (direct URL: <http://www.choicehotels.com/?clientid=00088652>)
2. On the Choice Hotels mobile application through the corp ID: 00088652
3. By phone at 1-800-424-6423 giving the agent the corp ID: 00088652

IMPORTANT: Paid dues members should book their stays on one of these 3 booking channels denoted above and NOT calling the hotels directly. This is how the National Chapter team tracks the room nights booked to keep the Heritage Club member discount active.

Paid Member Benefits!

Paid membership in the Heritage Club is voluntary. **As a paid member** you are entitled to the following benefits:

- Special rates for **Johnson's Medoc Travel Insurance** are available to Chapter members in good standing (Dues are paid for the current year) and includes Covid-related coverage.
- Discounts up to 35% for **home and auto insurance** from Johnson Insurance
- Membership at **Good Life Fitness** at approximately 50% off the regular club access rates
- Preferred rates with **Choice Hotels**. Up to 15% in Canada, and worldwide, which includes Comfort, Quality and Rodeway Inns, Econolodge, etc.
- Travel discounts with **Collette Tours**
- Special **scholarships** for your children and grandchildren of \$2,000.
- **And importantly**, the knowledge that a portion of your dues goes to local families and charities in need.

IMPORTANT: In order to benefit from these discounts, you must provide your Heritage club membership number and your dues to the Bluenose Chapter for the current year must be paid. Otherwise, your coverage could be denied or terminated.

Do you know how Bluenose Chapter Donations and Sponsorships are made?

The Bluenose Chapter has members throughout Nova Scotia. To ensure Chapter donations and sponsorships are reflective of our provincial geography the Chapter Executive uses the following guidelines to determine donations and Christmas family sponsorships.

Donations are provided to Organizations providing a province-wide benefit. In 2021, donations were made to Nova Scotia Special Olympics, IWK and QEII Foundations and Feed Nova Scotia. These Organizations have the potential to benefit Chapter members and their communities.

Family Christmas Sponsorships are facilitated either through a school or faith organization. Funds flow via the Organization to a family with a demonstrated need for financial support. Anonymity of the recipient is maintained by partnering with a third party. In 2021, seven sponsorships were provided across Nova Scotia as follows: Eastern N.S., Northern N.S, South Shore, Annapolis Valley and HRM

Upcoming Bluenose Chapter Events!

Thank you to members who provided input on preferred 2022 activities. As a reminder, member's top activity choices were:

1. Halifax luncheon – Fall
2. A tie! Halifax luncheon – Spring AND a Halifax Harbour cruise
3. Valley Wine Tour

The priority is to offer the top 2 or 3 events Chapter members selected. As the Covid situation allows, we will be offering opportunities for members to reconnect with each other.

Starting with the first event, a **Spring Halifax luncheon**... stay tuned for an update on this event shortly. Event Information will be shared via email. A Halifax Harbour cruise will be explored in late spring for late summer availability and our traditional Fall/Christmas lunch will be organized for late November/early December.

Paid dues members may receive a small subsidization at these events. Another perk of being a paid dues member!



Brain Tester!

Shake off the winter blahs! Answer is at the bottom of page four. Good luck!

Challenge: Count the number of times that the letter F appears in the following sentence:

"Finished files are the result of years of scientific study combined with the experience of years."

Our Condolences:

Camille Joseph Franche, Darlene Trollope, Marilyn J. Schofield, Donelda White, Ronald Griffith, Paul Brittain, Cecil Jackson, John Fawcett

Welcome!

New Paid Members:

Sharon Simpson, Ken Gerhardt, Doug Barnaby, Ron Shanks, Reg Ware, Frances McCarthy

New Associate Paid Members:

Emily MacAdam, Corinne Ware

New Honourary Paid Members:

Jackie Bowman, Doug Bowman

2022 Heritage Club Scholarship



We append the Spring newsletter with important information regarding the 2022 Scholarship Program. 2022 scholarships have increased to \$2,000! The deadline for applications is **June 30, 2022**. Don't miss the opportunity to participate!

Eligibility Criteria

Dependent children, including adopted children and stepchildren, grandchildren, wards in legal guardianship of all active members (dues paying member for the last 2 years) of a Heritage Club Chapter. Full details are Included with this newsletter

Nova Scotia's Bruce MacKinnon - Honoured with a Canada Post Stamp

We are familiar with Bruce MacKinnon's editorial cartoon work. His work has been featured in the Chronicle Herald for over 35 years. As a high school and St F.X. University student, he drew for both the Antigonish Spector and the Xaverian Weekly.

While we are keenly aware of Bruce's talented work, it was recently recognized by Canada Post. The next time you send or receive a letter, you may recognize his work on your envelope as a postage stamp.

Bruce MacKinnon is one of five editorial cartoonists recognized by Canada Post with a collector stamp that featured one of their celebrated cartoons. The Canada Post collection also features Serge Chapleau from La Presse, Brian Gableli from the Globe and Mail, Terry Mosher with the Montreal Gazette, and Duncan Macpherson from the Toronto Star.

Canada Post Stamp

Canada Post selected Bruce MacKinnon's 2018 artwork that pays tribute to the Humboldt Broncos junior hockey team. The team was involved in a deadly bus crash in Saskatchewan on April 6, 2018. The editorial cartoon depicts a slouched player wearing a green and gold Humboldt Broncos jersey. 'Sask' appears on the reverse of the jersey. The player is supported by a group of players wearing red jerseys, each containing the short form name of each province.

Bruce's work captured the pain Canadians were experiencing and the outpouring of support to affected families and communities. During this difficult time, Canadian's tied Humboldt coloured ribbons on posts and trees, placed hockey sticks on front steps and raised funds to support players. Bruce's editorial cartoon reflected the country's spirit.

It is a powerful image.



About Bruce MacKinnon

Bruce MacKinnon's works form part of the permanent collections at St F.X. University, the National Gallery of Canada, and the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia. He received an honorary doctorate from St. Mary's University (1996) and NSCAD University (Fine Arts - 2013). Bruce MacKinnon is a member of the Order of Nova Scotia and the Order of Canada. A small sample of Bruce's awards include 18 Atlantic Journalism awards for editorial cartooning and six National Newspaper Awards. His professional acknowledgements and awards are numerous.

Brain Tester Answer: The correct answer is six.
Most people say three. Why? We often don't correctly process the word "OF" for two reasons. First, the letter F usually makes the "f" sound, like in "fox". However, in the word "of", it makes a "v" sound. Second, you have probably read the word "of" so many times in your life that you process it as one unit, overlooking the second letter/ sound

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Fun Things to Do in Nova Scotia

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Remember those fun things we used to do? Social activities!

Well, it's time to begin doing some of those things again. To get you started on building your "social calendar" we've included a sample of events available throughout Nova Scotia. Whether it's one of these events, or an event of your choosing, let's get outside in our communities and reconnect.

Here are some scheduled event ideas to get you started:

Eastern Region	Dear Rita - Savoy Theatre – Glace Bay	May 25 -29
	Jimmy Rankin - Savoy Theatre – Glace Bay	Jun 3
	Highland Arts Theatre - Sydney	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Cabaret o Shrek The Musical Jr 	Apr 14 - 24 May 19 - 22
	157 th Antigonish Highland Games	Jul 8 - 10
Northern Region	88 th Pictou Lobster Carnival	Jul 8 - 10
	Marigold Cultural Centre - Truro	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The Hello Darlins o Prelude to a Kiss: Love Songs of Ella Fitzgerald & Nat King Cole 2022 Tour 	Apr 7 Apr 10
	Riverfront Music Jubilee – New Glasgow	Jul 29 - 31
Central Region	Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo – Halifax	Jun 25 - Jul 2
	Beyond VanGogh -300 Artworks	
	Halifax Exhibition Centre	May 8 -June 12
	Hubbards Farm Market - Hubbards Saturday 9 am – 12 pm	May 7 – Oct 29
Western Region	88 th Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival – Windsor to Digby	May 25 - 30
	South Shore Exhibition (Big Ex) - Bridgewater	July 26 - 31
	Digby Lobster Bash	July 8 -10
	Wolfville Farm & Art Market Store – Wolfville	Year Round