

Heritage Club Bluenose Chapter

Latest News and Updates

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President's Message

Happy Spring!



Springtime - A season to celebrate the return of warmer weather, birds chirping in the morning light and some beautiful flora. What could be better? I hope you enjoy all that this beautiful time of year has to offer!

The Heritage Club is celebrating its 35th Anniversary in 2024! Rather fitting, the Annual National General Meeting is being held in Ottawa in May. I will be attending this conference, along with the other 23 Chapter Presidents, as well as the National Executive. If you have any items that you would like to have addressed at this conference, please email me at BluenoseHC@gmail.com before April 30/24. Subsequent to the conference, the minutes will be posted on the national website – www.heritageclub.ca

Our first outing for the Bluenose Chapter will be on May 27th at noon at Brightwood Golf and Country Club. See page 5. Our Secretary, Marg MacKinnon will be in touch to determine how many members will be attending. Please come out and meet up with your co-members/co-workers!

My thanks again to our dedicated Executive: Sharon Simpson - 1st VP; Marg MacKinnon - Secretary; and Nancy Hopper – Treasurer. We continue to try and fill the 2nd VP position on the Executive. If any of our members are interested or would like additional details on the position, please contact us at BluenoseHC@gmail.com

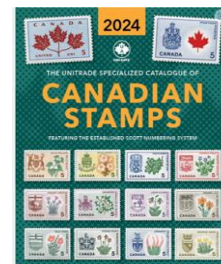
We have recently distributed the Bluenose Heritage Club membership cards to paid members. If you haven't received yours by mail by mid April, please email us at BluenoseHC@gmail.com.

Enjoy this beautiful Springtime! The next Newsletter will be distributed in Summer 2024. Til then... Please feel free to email us with any comments, suggestions, etc.

Louella AuCoin, President, Bluenose Chapter Heritage Club

Heritage Club Bluenose Chapter CPC Highlights & History

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Canada Post announces 2024 Stamp Program

Lineup includes Canada Post's first stamp featuring a solar eclipse, just in time for the historic event

Canada Post announced a 2024 stamp lineup that shines a light on truth and reconciliation, the natural world, accomplished Canadians, a rare space sighting, and much more. Here are highlights of the 2024 lineup:

- Remembering Mary Ann Shadd, an influential abolitionist and the first Black woman to publish a newspaper in North America, to be issued ahead of Black History Month.
- The always-popular annual Flowers series returns in March, this year starring a pair of regional wildflowers.
- Canada Post's first stamp featuring a total solar eclipse, just in time for a historic event on April 8, 2024.
- A new stamp series showcasing Canadian graphic novelists will be issued in May.
- In July, Canada Post will continue its tradition of featuring wildlife on stamps with endangered frogs.
- Still to be announced are additional stamps honouring great Canadians and popular culture icons.

These are some of the popular annual stamp series that will be released in more detail throughout the next year:

- A fundraising stamp for the Canada Post Community Foundation supporting children and youth across the country.
- The third issue in a series honouring Indigenous leaders.
- New stamps recognizing and bringing awareness to truth and reconciliation, ahead of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, 2024.
- Special stamps celebrating the holidays, including Eid, Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas.
- The Remembrance Day issue showcases an unheralded part of Canada's role during the First World War.

Canada Post is proud to be one of Canada's storytellers. The annual stamp program showcases the people, places and moments that shape our country. The independent Stamp Advisory Committee recommends the subjects for the program and relies on thoughtful input from groups and individuals to choose subjects that are meaningful to all Canadians.

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Payments for 2024 & Member Benefits

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Paid Dues Member Benefits

Payment of dues \$10 by :-

- E-Transfer:
BluenoseHC@gmail.com
- By cheque? Mail your payment to: Heritage Club - Bluenose Chapter P O Box 8145, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3K 5L2

Encourage co-workers to sign up!

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 and includes Covid-related coverage.
- Discounts up to 35% for **home and auto insurance** from **Belair direct** (formerly **Johnson**) Home and Car Insurance.
- Membership at **Good Life Fitness** at approximately 50% off the regular club access rates
- Travel discounts with **Collette Tours**
- The knowledge that a portion of your dues support local families and charities in need.
- Special **scholarships** for your children and grandchildren of \$2,000

Johnson - BelAirDirect

- We have been informed that the car and home division of Johnson Insurance is undergoing a rebranding to BelAirDirect. In the not too distant future, the Group Benefits and Travel Division will also be rebranded.
- You do not need to take any action at the moment. Your existing policy with Johnson Insurance will remain in effect and all contacts will remain in place.
- We will provide any additional information, if and when received.



WELCOME NEW PAID MEMBERS:

To date for 2024, we have 139 paid members! Our Executive team works hard to support the ongoing growth and development of the Bluenose Chapter.

Welcome to our new members & welcome back to our resubscribed members:-

Arlene Bailey, Carmen Barron, Andrew Baranowski, Geraldine Crouse, Gerard Leach, Don Moriarity and Ron Power.

CONDOLENCES:

On behalf of the membership, we would like to express our sincere condolences to families and friends of any of our members who have passed.

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Member Benefits - Scholarships

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Heritage Club Scholarship:

The Heritage Club is planning to award three (3) scholarships to children or grandchildren of all active members who have paid dues for at least the last two years with a Heritage Club. The scholarships, worth \$2,000 each, are for university or college studies. The scholarships will be awarded to students starting for the first time their first year of full-time studies.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA - Dependent children, including adopted children, stepchildren, grandchildren, and wards in legal guardianship of all active members of a Heritage Club Chapter. Applicants who have previously received a Heritage Club scholarship are not eligible. **ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS** - These scholarships are valid for all Canadian educational institutions which have provincial degree granting powers or their affiliates and at Canadian colleges or CEGEPs.

QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS - All applicants must have completed the requirements for admission into the first year of an undergraduate degree program or college diploma program at a recognized educational institution. Applicants must have obtained an average of 75% (or equivalent) on the best five academic courses (see list of academic courses below) in the final year of secondary school or CEGEP (pre-university education).

ACADEMIC COURSES – GRADE 12/CEGEP - Language Arts, Mathematics, Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Social Studies, Geography, History, Literature, Accounting, Computer Graphics, Law. French, English or any one language.

SELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS - The jury is comprised of the Heritage Club executive committee members. The evaluation will be based on scholastic ability, character, and leadership qualities at school and in the community. Decisions of the jury are final and without appeal.

APPLICATION DEADLINE - Submissions must be postmarked on or before June 30, 2024.

HOW TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION PACKAGE – Please visit the Heritage Club website at heritageclub.ca or for additional information, contact Eldred Holmes at holmese@nl.rogers.com

BelAir Scholarship :

New belairdirect Scholarship Program 2024 - TBD

Once information is received on this program, it will be communicated to paid members.



2024 MEMBER QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to those members who responded to our questionnaire about activities for 2024.

The top choices are as follows:-

1. Luncheon HRM
2. Luncheon (Outside HRM)
3. Wine Tour in Wolfville

These activities are dependent upon the level of interest by our members. Stay tuned throughout the year for information on these events. Our secretary Marg MacKinnon sends out (by email) information on any activity that we are proposing. If you haven't submitted your email address, you can do so by dropping us a line at BluenoseHC@gmail.com

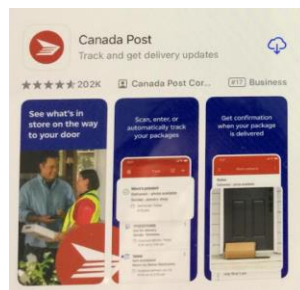
MARK YOUR CALENDARS:- #1 Luncheon will be held at Brightwood Golf Course on Monday, May 27th at noon!



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Tech Tip: So, did you know that Canada Post now has an app you can download?

It automatically adds packages to your track list. It lets you know when you have mail coming, and in some cases, from whom. It lets you easily find postal codes and rate. Check it out!



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Fun Things to Do in Nova Scotia

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There are so many festivals and activities throughout Nova Scotia during the Spring & Summer! Here is a small sampling by Region of some of the events taking place. For more information, go on line and discover all that our beautiful province has to offer.....

Eastern Region

Savoy Theatre – Glace Bay	
○ Island Girls	April 4
○ Mamma Mia	June 20-23
Highland Arts Theatre - Sydney	
○ Valdy (Cdn Folk Singer)	Apr 14
○ Daniel Champagne (Australian Guitarist)	June 9
159 th Antigonish Highland Games	Jul 7 - 14

Northern Region

90th Pictou Lobster Carnival	Jul 5 - 7
Marigold Cultural Centre - Truro	
○ The Stanfields	Apr 13
○ Kelly Loder	May 9
Riverfront Music Jubilee – New Glasgow	Aug 2-4

Central Region

Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo – Halifax	June 28-July 1
Cirque du Soleil	June 6-9
Jazz Festival	July 9-14
Hubbards Farm Market - Hubbards Saturday 9 am – 12 pm	May - October

Western Region

90th Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival – Windsor to Digby	May 29–June 3
South Shore Exhibition (Big Ex) - Bridgewater	TBD - End July
Digby Lobster Bash	July 5 -7
Wolfville Devour Fest	Oct 21-27

THANK YOU!