



The Royal St George's Society of Halifax



As you will see below, the Garden Party held at Joan Stead's was a great success with Joan always being a wonderful hostess.

We held a members meeting at that event and elected several members to the position of "Non-voting Honorary Members" of the Executive Committee. These new members of the Executive Committee are:

Larry Camp, Joan Stead, Beverly Woodward, David Redman, Carol Dodds and Angela Phillips.

These new members are all active volunteers who are contributing their time and talent to the affairs of the Society.

The Executive Committee has formed an Events Committee which is charged with creating a selection of events for the membership to enjoy. So far the committee is comprised of June Spindloe and Jeff Phillips, more volunteers would be welcome to join them.

We have also started a Newsletter Committee (Ange Phillips, Donna McNeil, June Spindloe) which will make sure that this Newsletter continues to be informative and timely.

We have three events coming up for members in the next few months, more on this below. We welcome your views on the type of events you want to attend.

Finally Basil Gorgono our immediately Past President, pictured above is looking forward to exploring his new role as the Society Historian and I am looking forward to joining him on a visit to the Nova Scotia Archives to inspect some of the Societies old records.

Forthcoming Events

Here are some dates for your diaries – please support us by ensuring you RSVP where requested.



Saturday 9th August

Barbecue (food included in cost but please bring your own bottle)

5854 Gorsebrook Avenue Halifax B3H 1G2

3pm – 7pm

Basil and Sonia Grogono will be hosting a barbecue at their home and would like to invite all members and their children to join them to celebrate the summer. Please feel free to bring a guest - cost is \$15 per person over the age of 12 (children under 12 are free) and includes bangers, burgers and dessert.

See the flyer accompanying this newsletter for full details.

In order to ensure we cater for sufficient numbers please RSVP by 28th July to jeffphillips@eastlink.ca or call Jeff or Ange on 404-4220. Please ensure you provide details of number of adults and children attending and if you have any special dietary requirements, including vegetarian requests.

Thursday 4th September

Aviation Museum

3pm – 6pm

The museum is near the airport and is run by volunteers opening in the summer only. It is well worth a visit by anyone interested in old aircraft. On display is a fabulous collection of aircraft memorabilia and airplanes in various stages of reconstruction. **We need to know who is interested in attending before making further arrangements so RSVP by 28th July to jeffphillips@eastlink.ca or call Jeff or Ange on 404-4220.**

Wednesday 5th November

Guy Fawkes Night Bonfire, Fireworks and Pot Luck Supper - details to be confirmed a.s.a.p.

Garden Party



Members of the Society recently enjoyed a delightful afternoon at the Summer Garden Party.

Our hostess, Joan Stead, treated us to a glass of wine on the terrace overlooking her lovely gardens before inviting us to join her for that most English of traditions - high tea.



The tradition of high tea dates back to the late 1700s, when dinner was generally served very late in the evening. It is said that the Duchess of Bedford complained about a “sinking feeling” in the late afternoon and so introduced afternoon tea to help sustain her until dinner time.



As is also traditional for the Garden Party the weather held – Joan says it has only rained twice in all the years she has been hosting the party.

We enjoyed a selection of sandwiches, cakes and fresh fruit for those watching their waistlines, whilst surviving the social dilemma of how to balance cup and saucer alongside our tea plates and whether or not we should take our tea milk in first or last.



With almost half of the Society’s membership present the afternoon gave us all an opportunity to make new acquaintances including several new members who were in attendance at an event for the first time.

Our thanks to Joan for inviting us into her home, and for treating us to such a pleasant afternoon.



Events Committee and Volunteers

We would like to organize a mix of events suitable for all members of the society. To help us do this it was agreed at the recent Executive Committee that a small sub-committee, chaired by June Spindloe, be set up specifically to organise functions on our behalf. So far June has one willing volunteer, Jeff Phillips, to assist her but would welcome any member wishing to volunteer alongside her and Jeff either as committee members or as volunteers - drop her a line directly at relocationnovascotia@gmail.com or speak to her at any of the upcoming events – please remember the success of our events depends on having sufficient volunteers to help out.

We are always looking for new ideas for social and fundraising activities so if there is something you would like to take part in let us know. Ideas already suggested include:

Jumble/Book Sale

Cheese and Wine Evening

Harvest Festival (with food donations food bank)

Guy Fawkes Night

Maple Festival/Pancake Day

May Day (May pole/morris dancing)

Quiz/Pub Night

Picnic (including Teddy bear picnic)

Halloween Event

Christmas Dance

Easter Egg Hunt

We need to start making plans now for some of these so please let us know which of these events you would be interested in attending by contacting June relocationnovascotia@gmail.com or Jeff jeffphillips@eastlink.ca. If you have other suggestions please let us know, all ideas are welcome and will be seriously considered.

Spotlight a Member!

With new members joining on a regular basis we thought it might be helpful to feature one or two both old and new members each month so you can get to know a bit about each other. We'd love you to contribute to this section - don't forget everyone has their own story to tell and it could be you have knowledge, hints or tips that could help a newcomer - so don't be shy send your story to angephillips@eastlink.ca

Ange has volunteered to start the ball rolling!



2007 was a rollercoaster year for Jeff and I and we came back from our last holiday to Nova Scotia bound and determined to move here yesterday if not the day before! We were both career civil servants back in UK and our move involved a major life rethink for us! Jeff had just qualified as a Reiki Master and Teacher and wanted to link a new career with this so Easter 2008 found us getting off of that rollercoaster with Jeff holding a two year student permit to study massage therapy in Bedford. For various reasons to do with the way the course operates I was unable to get an open work permit so we had to really think hard about our options but here we are a lady of leisure and the oldest student in town!

With so many unknowns we linked up with June and Mark Spindloe from Relocation Nova Scotia. They were able to give us a lot of really useful help and advice saving us making several expensive mistakes when we first arrived. Mark and his business partner Donna, both realtors, helped us find a house in Bedford. The sale has just completed and we have begun to settle in and it's beginning to feel like home. Jeff starts his studies in a couple of weeks and then the real work will begin – everyone agrees this is a great course but very intense.

So what am I going to do with myself? Well I'm not entirely sure in the long term but in the short term I have hundreds of scrapbook and craft projects to complete which I never had time for when living in the UK. I used to run a monthly scrapbook club and I really miss the girls so I'm hoping to start something similar here. I've already got my first member – our new neighbour admits she hasn't a creative bone in her body and has a 10 year old daughter who wants to learn how to scrapbook so I've agreed to teach her in the fall! So if you are at a loose end, want a cup of tea or coffee and some company whilst you craft drop me a line – angephillips@eastlink.ca - my craft room should be set up by August!

