

Bayfield Heritage Society Town Hall

Spring, 2009

Dear Friends of Town Hall,

Thank you for your continued support of The Heritage Town Hall and the activities and events that make it such a unique, charming historical venue. As you know, Town Hall is maintained and funded through rentals, fundraising and private donations. Many of the events have brought people from well outside Huron County and with the new A/V equipment; the Hall is more attractive for seminars and meetings. This letter will update you on what your contributions and support have provided for the Hall and the community.

In the past the Town Hall has hosted:

- The Aldeburgh Society Concerts for the past four years
- The Bayfield Film Society which provides a fall and winter film series at reasonable prices.
- Weddings, private dinners, birthdays and anniversary celebrations.
- Yoga classes and other activities.
- Concerts and dances throughout the year including the annual London Citadel Christmas concert.
- The Powers Music School utilizes the facility to teach many area students of music.
- The Headquarters for "Doors Open: Haunted Huron".

This year the Hall will offer a variety of cultural and fundraising events, including some of those previously mentioned:

- Thursdays at the movies
- "Bayfield Reads" in cooperation with The Village Bookstore
- The Blyth Festival "Hockey Night in Bayfield"
- The London Pro Musica Choir
- An expanded Festival of Song with the Aldeburgh Connection.
- The Bayfield Town Hall Town and Country Home and Garden Tour
- "After Four" a vocal Jazz Quartet
- The "Festival City Big Band" dance
- "The Salvation Army Band Christmas Concert"
- The film premier of Richard Fitoussi's film
- Numerous weddings, meetings and family events.

With the income generated from these events, donations and fundraising efforts, we have been able to make improvements that enhance the Hall's appearance and utility:

- Window shades have been replaced, acoustics have been improved, and a 12 foot power screen and professional projector have been added to accommodate the Film Society.
- Ceiling fans in the lavatory have been replaced.
- The fire alarm panel and smoke detectors have been replaced and upgraded...
- Trees on either side of the Hall that were causing roof damage were removed and the roof repaired.

Our improvement goals for this year are to:

- Obtain Grants from Huron County and the Economical Development Committee
- Landscape the front of the building in keeping with the historical nature of the village with 2/3 Hardscape and 1/3 planting.
- Provide a more functional and attractive entrance
- Be accessible to all
- Conform to LCBO requirements.

Toward this end, we are planning some fun and exciting fundraising events.

- The 2009 Bayfield Town Hall Home and Garden Town and Country Tour featuring eight unique and lovely homes and gardens in the area. Mark July 4th from 10:00 to 4:00 on your

calendar! Tickets are \$15.00 and are available for purchase from Elaine Kennedy at 519-565-5093 or Gail Grant at 519-565-2435. Invite friends and relatives to come along.

- The Town Hall is sponsoring a brick sale for a Heritage Walk in the tradition set by The Clan Gregor Square Committee. The Town Hall will offer these bricks for the first time during the Bayfield Town and Country Home Tour on July 4, 2009. The cost of the bricks will be \$100 for 6 x 9 and \$250 for 9 x 12 and \$500 for 12 x 12.

We hope this letter, while informing you, makes you proud of the part you play in keeping our Town Hall an active viable spot for all our residents and visitors. We thank you again for any contribution you have made. Maybe you helped out at an event, maybe you brought a friend or neighbor to a movie, maybe you made a monetary donation or maybe you passed the word to someone who joined us for an activity. Whatever you have done is greatly appreciated. Our thanks to special friends of Town Hall and to our Patrons:

The Bayley Group

Scott Bradford

Jim Collins, Patron

Charlie Kalbfleisch

Ilse Elliott, Patron

Gail Grant

Gayle Waters

OLG, Patron

The Bayfield Film Society

Sincerely,

The Town Hall Board of Directors