



The Lac du Bonnet and District Historical Society Inc.

Working in the present while preserving the past for now and the future.

Heritage Happenings

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Greetings,

The Society is excited about the considerable progress made on the museum project this summer. The rainy weather made it challenging to complete the outside work. In spite of it, the first coat of the rust-red Swedish paint was put on the logs. Sewer and water tanks were installed, top soil was brought in, and landscaping completed. Foundation stones helped give the building a finished look; as did some wood trim and eaves-troughs.

It was August before the interior renovations got underway, beginning with the log section of the building. Oak flooring was put down. The original front doors were restored and put back. Dusty old insulation was removed from the ceiling. Walls and beams were cleaned and made ready for framing and new insulation. Once that was done the electrical wiring was put in. Walls and ceilings were paneled with pine tongue-and-groove boards and given a primary coat of varathane. Only a small section of the original interior wall was in good enough shape to remain visible; it received two coats of clear stain. Heritage windows were installed. The extension was framed-in and insulated as well. The same oak and pine paneling was used in the office. The storage room and washroom have been dry-walled. Three new wooden doors were hung inside the building. Electricity is in the process of being hooked up.

Raising money for the project has been ongoing. Volunteers at Granite Hills Golf Course brought in funds, as well as workers at Mrs. Lucci's. The third Wine and Cheese Party takes place on December 10th. The Province of Manitoba has given funding, advice on heritage construction and encouragement to continue the project. We gratefully acknowledge donations from the RM, the Town, the Lion's Club, and individual donors including those generous with time, materials and labour.

The community support has been impressive.

People came when they were needed. Some came time after time.

A museum is being built with community involvement and effort

Next year the Hans Erickson Cottage will be opened as a museum, and will be called
The Lac du Bonnet District Museum.

We plan to celebrate with a community party and open house at Halliday Park.