

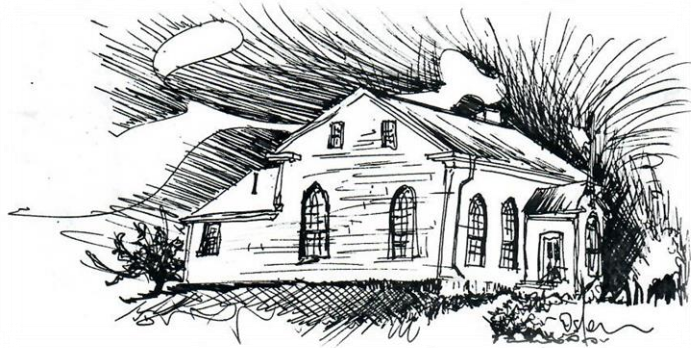
# Museum News

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*The Guysborough Historical Society and Old Court House Museum are located on the traditional and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq Peoples. We extend our appreciation for the opportunity to live and learn on this territory in mutual respect and gratitude.*

Old Court House Museum and Visitor Information Center



Preserving and Promoting Guysborough's History for 50 years  
1973-2023

## Upcoming Events

- **We would like to invite you to the Guysborough Historical Society Birthday Party Saturday July 29, 11:30am - 1:30pm at the Old Court House Museum. There will be cake, BBQ and fun activities.**

The Guysborough Journal had an interview with Guysborough Historical Society President Chris Cook on the 50th anniversary. President Cook said “it is a wonderful milestone for a cultural organization like the Guysborough Historical Society that operates the Old Court House Museum and Visitor Information Center.”

- The Guysborough Historical Society has once again partnered with the Emancipation Planning Committee to help prepare for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual August 1st week of celebrations. The Guysborough Historic Society has been working diligently to gather facts and information for Emancipation Week. The opening ceremony is August 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00am at the Guysborough waterfront. Watch for posters on activities throughout the week of July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 7<sup>th</sup>.
- The Guysborough Historical Society is once again participating in the Every Child Matters celebration on September 30th for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.
- Watch for a new book release “Turning the Pages of History Down Guysboro Way”

## **What We've Been Up To**

- The Guysborough Historical Society received 3 summer students for the 2023 season who are eager to have community members come visit!
- At the start of the season, the Guysborough Historical Society and Old Court House Museum had a booth setup at the Community Welcome event at the Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex on May 30th. We enjoyed welcoming new families to the community, as well as engaging with other businesses and organizations present.



Pictured above summer students Taya Lucas-Desmond (left) and Clara Maltby (right) at the Community Welcome Event

- The Guysborough Historical Society's summer students visited Guysborough Academy to give a presentation to grades 4, 5, and 6 about the importance of museums. Each student got to do an art project, then all drawings were combined to make an exhibit that is now displayed at the Old Court House Museum.



Pictured above school children from Guysborough Academy working on their museum exhibits

## **Guysborough Historical Society Mission Statement**

Guysborough Historical Society and the Old Court House Museum aim to gather, research and manage information and collections which serve to illustrate the diverse culture and history of our communities and their people for the purpose of education and enjoyment.

- The Premier of Nova Scotia, Tim Houston and MLA Greg Morrow visited the Old Court House Museum on Friday June 16th. They extended congratulations to the Historical Society for 50 years of service.



Pictured above Premier Tim Houston (left), Curator Mary Armstrong (center) and MLA Greg Morrow (right)

- The Guysborough Historical Society had their Annual General Meeting on June 20th, 2023.

Officials for the 2023-24 are:

- President: Chris Cook
- Vice President: Mark Haynes
- Treasurer: Kim Avery
- Secretary: Elaine Durling

Members at large:

- Chris West
- Don Armstrong
- Garth Wilson
- Shane Sceles

- The Old Court House Museum created a LGBTQ+ History exhibit for June Pride Month 2023. It is currently still on display at the museum.
- The Historical Society and the Municipality of the District of Guysborough have been busy in maintaining the exterior of the building of the Old Court House Museum. The parking lot and windows are currently being redone. The Old Court House Museum received new shingles on the roof of the Museum. Additionally, we are currently working on making our outdoor washroom facilities more accessible.
- The Guysborough Visitor Information Center has been continuously updating our “Visiting Guysborough County” PowerPoint presentation. This slideshow features beautiful pictures from all over the county and loads of fun activities to do. A copy of the Nova Scotia Doers and Dreamers travel guide 2023 version can be accessed online at <https://www.novascotia.com/travel-info/travel-guide>.
- The Guysborough Historical Society recently received a large donation of obituaries from around the area. We have been continuously sorting through obituaries and creating an index for genealogy.

## Books of Interest to Historians and Genealogists

The following books are available to purchase on our website

<https://www.guysboroughhistoricalsociety.ca/> or in person at the Old Court House Museum.

Titles of interests include:

- **Cook, C. & Sceles, S., *At The Head of the Bay. . . A History of the People and Places of Boylston, Nova Scotia.***
  - General History of people of the community of Boylston including appendices of all war veterans and all grave inscriptions in the village
- **Guysborough Historical Society, *Interred Within The Pioneers Of Guysborough.***
  - Interred Within documents the history of those in Nova Scotia's oldest cemeteries; consecrated in 1787. Researched by various authors over a period of 4 years, it tells the stories of 47 pioneers of Guysborough, Nova Scotia
- **Grant, L. *Recollections of a Life In Guysborough. (3rd Edition)***
  - New Edition of Laurier C. Grant's book was originally written as "... an attempt to put in writing a condensed genealogy of my parents' families as well as excerpts from my own experiences during my long life in Nova Scotia". This book provides an entertaining and informative perspective both relating to his family and significant times in the history of Guysborough. In this new edition there has been a new chapter added on the history of the Guysborough Hospital.

**The Guysborough Historical Society is having an anniversary book raffle basket draw, valued at over \$200 happening on September 1, 2023. Tickets can be purchased at the Old Court House Museum.**

## We Would Love to Hear From You

The Old Court House Museum is planning on having a Historic Tea Party and hats event! We would love to hear from you to see if you would be interested in attending this event.

The Guysborough Historical Society is currently conducting Oral History interviews in order to preserve the voices, memories and experiences of people from Guysborough County. We would love to hear from you if you are interested in contributing to our project.

We are always looking for new board members. Memberships are \$10.00 per year.

- We can be reached by phone at (902) 533 - 4008.
- You can send us an email letting us know you'd be interested at [guysborough.historical@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:guysborough.historical@ns.sympatico.ca)
- You can also drop by the Old Court House Museum in person at 106 Church Street, Guysborough B0H 1N0.

Please visit our website at <https://www.guysboroughhistoricalsociety.ca/>