

NEWSLETTER



100 MILE & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Hello Everyone;

It seems impossible that another year end is almost upon us.

However the Board of Directors would like to take a bit of your time to reflect the past year.

The season started with our new Board of Directors , being, Tom Rutledge, Garry Babcock, Clarice Penner, Gil Adolph, Bruce Cathro, Darrel Warman, Jessie Stewart, Ron Embree, Beat d'Aujourd'hui, Elsie Babcock & MaryAnn Rutledge.

We were able to hire 2 students this year, Chelsea Webber & Teresa Donck, Beat d'Aujourd'hui rounded out our tour guides in the museum.

We then hired Amir Bazal as a caretaker helper. This gave Richard help with grounds and all the repairs. In June we officially opened the 108 Chapel and to date have had 5 weddings, and we already have another 3 booked for next year. MaryAnn was able to hook up with the Hills Health Guest Ranch for possible future weddings, being that our chapel is larger.

We placed a plaque inside the chapel to honour all that donated and volunteered their time to complete this beautiful building.

July 1^s was unbelievable and it turned out our best celebration yet. We had the Church Choir group perform on our stage and then in August saw the Barkerville troop that performed in the barn. September was the Gold Rush Toy Run raising unwrapped children's gifts for the local Food Banks.

It has been brought up that perhaps it would be better to stay closed till June 1st and stay open till Mid September, as it seems more tourist are traveling then. The opening time frame would be the same.

October saw Tom & MaryAnn receive the 108 Citizens of the Year Award for their devotion and hard work to the heritage site over the years.

October also saw the board needing to replace the water tank at the site. An unexpected expense but needed.

The season saw fewer tourists but the donations were increased.

At this point we want to thank Richard Jopling for the great job he did over the season.

In closing our wish is that all of you have a wonderful Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year. See you in 2009.

Tom, Garry, Clarice, Ron, Elsie, Darrel Gil., Bruce, Beat, Jessie, and MaryAnn

