



Neubergthal Notes

Stories Live Here

Spring 2020

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Notes from NHF Annual General Meeting, March 10, 2020.

TRUSTEES OF A NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

This is a gift and a responsibility - here in southern Manitoba, to take care of a place and stories of national significance.

The stories of the immigration(s) - French, Lutheran and Mennonite in this area, the unique footprints of the Mennonite villages on the land are pieces of the picture. A lot was happening in the early years of the coming of settlers to the prairies. Here in southern Manitoba there are stories of the indigenous people, Treaty One and the Indian Act; there are stories of the Metis people; the wheat economy and agriculture, the roaring 20's and then the 30's - these are all part of the prairies in the early years of Canada and Manitoba.



Picture taken in spring 1959 on the yard of Art & Agatha Hamm, originally Jacob & Helen Hamm yard. Ron & Karen (Hamm) Martens live there now (great grandparents of Karen).

More than 1000 people visited Neubergthal in 2019. Additionally, more than 300 people came for Darp Day in September, Griffin Kehler of Winkler was the NHF summer host and events coordinator in 2019, funded in part by Young Canada Works. He was great. Multi-purpose spaces, all weather facilities, are now available. The Friesen Housebarn continues as a site for summer visitors. vaccine

Finance

Operating income was \$55747.00, operating expenses were \$82,215.00. The Friesen Housebarn was painted. A large portion of this cost was covered by a donation from neighbours, Hilda and Elmer Hildebrand; Thank You! With donations and pledges, two mortgage payments were made.

Committees of the Board: Anishinaabe Relations (Roseau River), Building & Grounds, Curatorial, Events, Food/Kitchen, Low German.

Watch for confirmation or possible postponement of the following events

- April 25 - Movie: From Seed to Seed POSTPONED
- Date to be confirmed - workshop on Carbon, Energy, Food and Farming, reducing use of fossil fuel, with U of M Agriculture
- May 23 - Season Opener concert by the Pylons - an evening of great music
- July 23 - Family Movie before Manitoba Sunflower Festival. Watch for details of other movies
- September 11, 12 - Darp Day
Friday evening concert, Henry & Larry Abrams and friends - Brothers Keep Music; Conrad Stoesz of Mennonite Heritage Centre Archives, Wpg, will be one of the presenters on Sept 12 toilet paper

Thursdays in the Village, meeting at 7:00 pm unless otherwise specified

May 28 Poetry Readings
June 4 Bread Baking
June 11 Summer Sodas
June 18 Story Telling
July 2 Making Jam
July 16 Weed Walk



Picture taken Spring 1962 south end of village, Krueger yard in the background

Board members for 2020-2021

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NHF needs Volunteers for some specific tasks

- A collection management and inventory project has been started. ALL the items in the Friesen Housebarn are to be numbered and pictures are to be taken of every item. The list already has several hundred items and there is more to be done.
- Making lists of books that have been donated to Bergthal School
- Help will be needed in hosting and guiding visitors for Darp Day
- Posting NHF files and other information on internet cloud storage

We all are affected by COVID-19,
personally,
and through family members or friends.

Take a moment for awareness,
Make a moment for compassion,
Light a candle,
Say a prayer,
to uphold each other,

And underneath
the Earth keeps turning
Carrying us all.



WATCH FOR DATES FOR THESE MOVIES

FROM SEED TO SEED is a feature-length documentary about the growing momentum of regenerative agriculture, a blend of small and large scale farmers, cutting edge science with age old traditions, and fascinating folks. hoard

Climate change is posing increasing challenges to farmers' ability to grow food and to make a living. On this journey through a growing season from seeding to harvest, we experience the beautiful and sometimes harsh world of those who grow our food.

The main story is about Terry & Monique Scholte Mierau in Neubergthal.

AND WHEN THEY SHALL ASK is an award-winning docu-drama telling the story of the Mennonites' sojourn in Russia from 1788 to the present. The film features re-enactments of historic events, interviews with witnesses to these events, archival film footage, and culminates with scenes of Mennonite life in the former Soviet Union. These diverse elements are bound together by the question - can faith triumph in the face of great adversity? (description taken from commonword.ca)

RESERVE 107 A current story from Laird, SK, about land, about indigenous people and Mennonite and Lutheran farmers.

Edwin and Mary (Wiebe) Klippenstein both died in March 2020.

Edwin was a great grandson of the Peter Klippenstein family who founded what is now called the Commons yard, Edwin grew up on this yard.

A funeral for Mary was held on March 7 and a private funeral (due to COVID-19) for Edwin was held on March 21.

One daughter predeceased them and they are survived by one daughter and two sons and grandchildren.

Pictures from Villages

Dr. Susie Fisher, Gretna, a member of the board of NHF, and a team of top-notch researchers called the *Mennonite Historic Arts Committee* (Andrea Dyck, Mennonite Heritage Village; Frieda Esau Klippenstein, Parks Canada; Dr. Roland Sawatzky, Manitoba Museum; Conrad Stoesz, Mennonite Heritage Archives; Anikó Szabó, Art Director and Graphic Designer) are nearly finished an exciting book project that engages the work of four Mennonite photographers who lived in Manitoba villages in the early twentieth century. This book, **Mennonite Village Photography: Views from Manitoba** will showcase photographs by Johann E. Funk of Schoenwiese (1878–1968) and Heinrich D. Fast of Gruenfeld (1894–1978), as well as Peter G. Hamm of Neuberghthal (1883–1965) and Peter H. Klippenstein of Altbergthal (1878–1960). This extensive collection of photographs presents an unparalleled lens into daily life and culture in Mennonite village settings throughout Manitoba. The book is scheduled to launch this summer, along with a large art exhibit featuring a selection of images from each of the four photographers at Altona's Gallery in the Park. For pre-purchase and exhibit information, please visit their website: www.mennonitehistoricarts.ca.



What is the meaning of these Low German words?

aufsondre
Impfstoff
toopsaumle
Weschpapiea

Find the English words in different articles in these Notes

A great place for a special day. The Commons Barn and yard are great places for wedding ceremonies or receptions. The Barn can comfortably seat 170 people for a meal. The yard is a large open green space in summer and the barn can be used summer or winter. For information, send a note to nhfrayh@icloud.com or call 204 324 4115