

### Beautiful Avon Peninsula Orchid Posters

by celebrated, local photographer Mira MacNeil

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## Really Great Little Art Show

On behalf of our board of directors, we would like to thank everyone who helped make our 9th annual Great Little Art Show in April an even bigger success this year.

With over 50 artists participating - the most we've ever had - we also raised the most money towards supporting more of our museum's activities and operations, including a children's summer fine art camp this July, as well as our community internet access facility. Funding we raised from commissions is going directly towards supporting local employment, such as the part-time gift shop position we were able to create. This position will significantly help reduce the burden on our volunteers. Of course, we are always in need of volunteers for the Lydia and Sally Tea Room Café and to act as interpreters to provide our visitors local information.

## 2007-08 ARHS Board of Directors

Volunteers always welcome. Please contact one of us to find out how you can get involved!

Daryl Sheehy (President)	757-2004
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Nicholas Hughes	792-1457
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## Summer Events

Save the dates for our scheduled special events this summer - and stay tuned for more! Please visit [www.avonriver.ca](http://www.avonriver.ca) for further details and keep an eye in the What's Going On? bi-weekly newsletter.

July 16-20: Children's Fine Art Camp  
Aug 10-12: NSEN Retreat & Workshops  
August 18: Avondale Wharf Day

### MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION JUNE 2006:

1. "All residents living within the boundaries of the original Newport Township shown on the Hallyburton survey of 10 April 1775, and as shown on the Church map of 1871, shortly after the change in Nova Scotia to a Municipal form of Government are automatically considered as full members of the ARHS. These areas include the modern community names of: Avondale, Belmont, Brooklyn, The Burlingtons, Cogmagun, Mantua, Mosherville, Newport Landing, Poplar Grove, and Scotch Village.

2. Membership includes all residents 18 years old or those who are part of a family membership.

3. There is to be no set membership fee. All members would be invited to make a donation to further the work of the ARHS All donations of at least \$10.00 (or \$25.00 per family) would receive a receipt for federal income tax purposes.

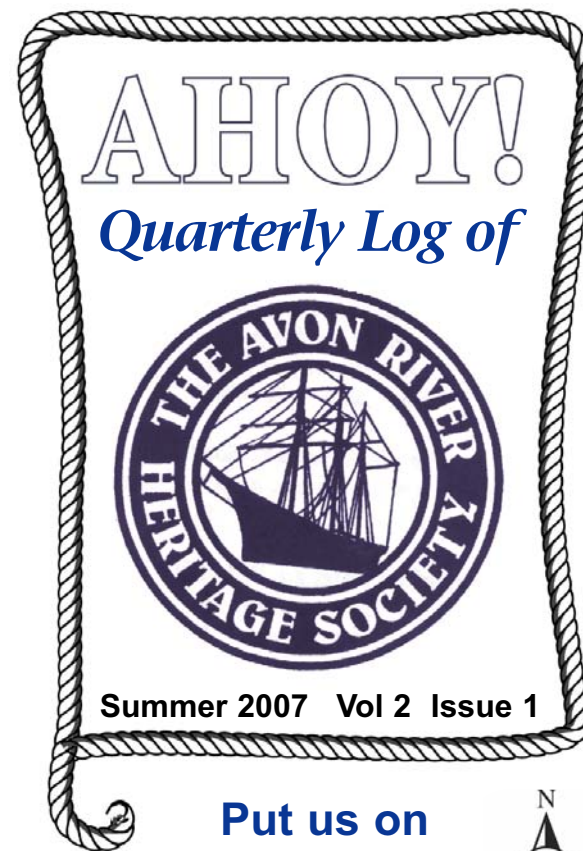
4. All persons who do not reside in the areas within Newport Township, and who support the objects of the ARHS are welcome to apply for membership and are requested to make an annual donation to the Society which if \$10.00 or more per person, would be eligible for a tax receipt.

# AHOY!

We welcome your letters, news and stories for future issues. Please send your submission by email to: [info@avonriver.ca](mailto:info@avonriver.ca) Contributions and regular society correspondence can be sent to:

The Secretary,  
Avon River Heritage Society  
c/o 599 Belmont Road,  
RR2 Newport B0N 2A0

Visit us on the web: [www.avonriver.ca](http://www.avonriver.ca)



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Museum Access Point  
for hi-speed internet access

### Children's Fine Art Camp at the Museum

July 16-20 Daily 10-3 pm

- Drawing
- Fibre Art
- Relief Work
- Mixed Media
- Jewellery Making
- Water Colour
- Sculpture
- Print Making

Open to children of all ages (9 yrs.+up)  
Cost - \$ 150 (all supplies included )  
Pre-registration is a must! Bring a lunch!  
CALL 864-2855



Simon Forsyth and Madeleine (Maddy) Curry join the ARHS this summer as Assistant Directors. Chelsea Barkhouse is our gift shop clerk and Shelley Lake is our Tea Room Café Manager. Please contact us if you can spare us a few hours of your time to volunteer this summer - every little bit helps!

## Captain's Message

~ Daryl Sheehy, ARHS President

Another summer season is underway at the Avon River Heritage Museum, and this summer we are looking forward to welcoming more visitors than ever to our area.

As reported at the 13th annual AGM on June 10, we were honoured to host over twenty representatives from Visitor Information Centres from across the province who were very pleased to visit the museum and all we have to offer. We will also be helping to host over 60 members of the NS Environmental Network when they hold their annual retreat here in August. This year we also became a member of the Central Nova Tourist Association who help promote the same Bay of Fundy tidal information that we do, being the only museum on the Avon River.

We also launched our own website: [www.avonriver.ca](http://www.avonriver.ca). Please check it often to keep up with everything that's new, including our new internet access point. We are also developing more resources and activities for children. Please keep us in mind the next time you have folks visiting - or the next time you want to explore what's in your own backyard!

# In Memoriam... *We pay tribute to two men who significantly contributed to the area's history and our museum.*

## Dr. Stanley T. Spicer



A great friend and supporter of the ARHS and our Museum died on 2 June 2007. Stanley Spicer and his wife Gwen have been enthusiastic and practical promoters of our Museum from its earliest days. While standing in the rain, with one foot on the keel of "Avon Spirit" on 13 July 1996, Stan gave a concise talk on the history and significance of the wooden shipbuilding heritage of the Avon River and Minas Basin. Gwen has been very generous with her beautifully knitted touques, sweaters and Stanley's books, donated for sale in our gift shop. Stanley has been generous with his knowledge and the results of his exhaustive research on the 18th and 19th C shipbuilding and ownership. The "Dr Stanley Spicer Gallery" in the ARHS Museum contains the names of all the wooden ships built along the shores of the Avon River. The list includes the builders, dates, tonnage, and when the ships were removed from Canadian registration, when either sold or in many cases, lost at sea. These records, generously given to the museum by Stan Spicer, are part of his listing of the 8000 vessels built along the shores of the Bay of Fundy, Minas Basin and the Avon River. For this important research he was designated an honorary doctorate of Civil Laws from Acadia University in 2000.

Stanley Spicer wrote many books on NS maritime history including such titles as "Masters of Sail", "Sails of Fundy", "Captain from Fundy" (about his grandfather), "Glooscap Legends", "The Saga of the Marie Celeste" (built originally as "Amazon" at Spencer's Island, where Stan and Gwen lived, and the vessel in which his father served as a young man before "Amazon" was sold and renamed "Marie Celeste". Stanley was a frequent commentator on TV and Radio as an authority on the saga of the vessel), "Maritimers Ashore and Afloat" and, "The Age of Sail" which has a fine section on the building of the "Avon Spirit" and the ARHS Museum.

Stanley Spicer will be missed by many organizations in NS, including the ARHS. Fortunately his knowledge, work, interest, support and generosity will live on. ☺

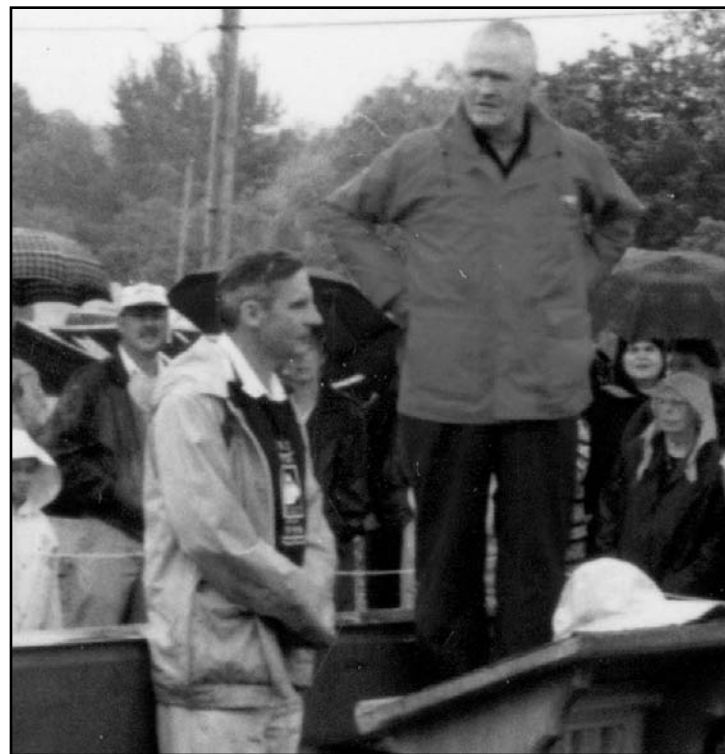
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## Fred B. Wallace

Fred Wallace who has been a keen friend and supporter of the ARHS Museum died recently in Ontario, where he and his wife Alice lived. Fred and his wife have been generous with their knowledge of local history in our area and specifically with the history of Wallace Point farm where three generations of Wallaces lived and thrived from 1847 until 1956. Fred was the son of Fred Borden Wallace, grandson of William and Abigail Wallace and great grandson of John and Eliza Wallace, who came from Ireland and bought Wallace Point in 1847. Fred was also the nephew of Tommy Wallace for whom he worked on the farm at times in the 1930s, before going off to fight as a soldier in WW II and take part in the liberation of Holland.

Among his many talents Fred was a fine wood carver and very kindly carved and donated the lovely donation box to our Museum. During some of our 'Heritage Artisans in Action' weekends, Fred interested many visitors with his demonstration of carving. He and Alice also donated many documents and pictures pertaining to our area and the Wallace family. ☺



*Stanley Spicer (right) at the Keel ceremony for the Avon Spirit in 1996, with Hugh MacNeil.*



Come to our Lydia & Sally Tearoom Café and enjoy some tasty home-cooking with a view of the Avon River from inside, or venture outside to our deck - and enjoy no tax on food and beverages. We also serve selected brands of beer, and local wine made from Avondale Vineyard grapes, Jost's Avondale Riesling.

## What's on our menu?

**Squash and Ginger Soup**  
**Chicken Soup & Vegetable Soup**  
**Seafood Chowder**  
**Bean Rice Chili**  
**Beef Chili**  
**Mini Pizzas**  
**Beef & Vegetable Lasagna**  
**Assorted baked goods**  
*including Avon River Mud Squares*

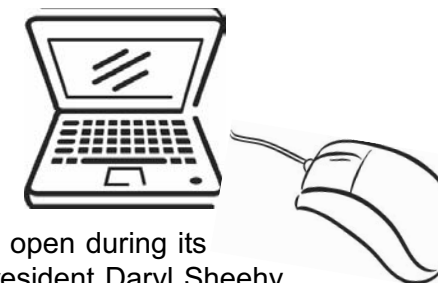
**Prepared fresh locally**  
 Open Tuesday – Sunday  
 Lunch served 11 am – 3 pm  
 3 – 5 pm Afternoon Tea, Coffee  
 and assorted baked goods

## Comments from our Guest Book

- “ **Awesome place so close to home!**  
Ann Earle - Clarksville
- Fascinating history, very nice display!**  
Gretchen Johnston - Calgary, Alberta
- Very fine and a delicious lunch.**  
Marjorie and Shin Sung - New York NY
- Friendly and fascinating.**  
Janet P Smith - Aylma Quebec
- Astonishing history & delightful people!**  
Judie and Peter Allan - Halifax
- History lives!** ”  
Beth Mosher - Bedford

*We are also Wi-Fi ~ bring your laptop or use our M.A.P. site upstairs*

## Surf on the Avon River!



The Avon River Heritage Society (ARHS) and local marketing company Avondale Media have launched the area's first Museum Access Point (or "M.A.P." for short) providing internet access while it's open during its summer season for visitors, researchers and the community. ARHS president Daryl Sheehy says that the board of directors is delighted and excited. "There isn't a government-funded CAP (Community Access Program) site for miles and miles around this neck of the woods, and we wanted to offer this service to help boost the number of visitors we have, locals especially." Avondale Media donated the computer equipment to support two public-access terminals and Eastlink installed the high-speed access at no charge. Scanning, colour printing and photocopying are also available for a small fee per page. Access is available to museum visitors during normal operation hours, **Tuesday - Sunday 10 am - 5 pm**. Patrons may be limited during busy times. Children under 16 must be supervised by an adult or a museum director. For more info, call 757-1718 or email us at [info@avonriver.ca](mailto:info@avonriver.ca).