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Dear Members and Friends of the Tantramar Heritage Trust,

I am writing at this time to ask you to renew your membership or to become a member. I am also asking you to consider giving a donation and to volunteer your time. You will find a membership-donation-volunteer form enclosed with this letter.

Usually, at this time, the President writes a “state of the union” letter outlining the events of the year. However, there will be a special edition of *The White Fence*, about mid-January, which will explain who we are and what the Trust has been doing. Therefore, I just want to give a very few highlights and ask you to read the newsletter when it comes out.

This has been a year to celebrate Canada’s 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and that has been our theme this year.

- On Heritage Day, in partnership with the Town of Sackville, the Trust presented a play written and acted by Amherst members of the Tantramar Seniors’ College which brought alive the conversations (arguments?) of the local Fathers of Confederation and some who opposed it.
- The Trust was pleased to receive a grant through the Town application to the Canada 150 Fund to erect new signage recognizing the Boultenhouse Heritage Centre, to commission a painting of what the view from Boultenhouse would have looked like in shipbuilding times, and to enhance the area around the plaque and stone recognizing that ship building activity with a bench.
- With the cooperation of the Sackville Quilters’ Guild, the Trust mounted a temporary exhibit of Canada 150 quilts during the Sackville Fall Fair. This was a great showing in red and white and very popular!
- The presentations at our fall dinner were about three local “giants” who helped us celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation: George Stanley and the maple leaf flag, Alex Colville and the Centennial coins, and John Fisher also known as “Mr. Canada” for spearheading the celebrations. We also enjoyed a Canadian history trivia quiz and a sing-along, including the iconic Ca-na-da!
- The Trust was honoured to receive a Canada 150 medal from the Senate of Canada which recognizes our role in promoting and preserving local heritage. You can see pictures of the medal at the top of the page. The presentation was made by Senator Carolyn Olsen at a ceremony at the Purdy Crawford Centre at Mount Allison University on Dec 9, 2017.

You can read the next *White Fence* newsletter to find out more about the Trust. There you will find out about the work of the Board; our great new publications; the summer programmes; the school groups which have visited our museums; the new exhibit on “The Profession of Housekeeping”; the refreshed exhibit in the Wry Room which celebrates childhood; the family trees for the Boultenhouse, Bulmer and Anderson families who constructed the buildings which house the Queens St museums and for the Campbell family at the Campbell Carriage Factory. The exhibits at the Carriage Factory have also been refreshed. You will also be able to read about the generous aid we have received from governments at all levels, the Crake Foundation, Sackville Rotary Club and private donors. We could not continue without this help.

It is difficult for me to rein in my enthusiasm and stop writing about the Trust. However, you can “read all about it” in the forthcoming *White Fence*.

Just a little look into 2018: we will be celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Campbell Carriage Factory Museum. Stay tuned for more on this.

Please renew your membership and consider giving a donation and volunteering. We are in the process of getting renewals, donations and purchases on-line to make these easier for next year. For now please mail your renewal or drop by the Trust office. To those who have already renewed and donated, thank you very much.

Barbara Jardine, President