

The Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society meets monthly between September and May to hear and to discuss individual papers about personalities, places, and events integral to the history of Nova Scotia.

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Schedule of Meetings
Winter/Spring 2022

Since the establishment of the Society in 1878, 44 volumes of the Society's *Collections* have been published. In 1998, the Society began publication of the *Journal* of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society, a successor to both the *Collections* and the *Nova Scotia Historical Review*. It is published annually, and Society members receive a copy as well as notification of the Society's lecture series and general meetings.

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THE ROYAL NOVA SCOTIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Lectures are held at 7:00 pm. on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Society lectures are open to the public and are completely free. Please check our website, RNSHS.ca, for additional information, as well as biographical information on all presenters.

January 19, 2021
7:00 pm

***“Cow Bay's Ocean Playground:
The shifting 'sandscape' of Silver Sands
Beach, 1860s to Present”***

Megan Hudak

Beginning in the mid-1800s, Silver Sands Beach enjoyed local and non-local fame as a summer destination. However, in the mid-20th century, it succumbed to the adverse effects of commercial sand and gravel mining. This lecture will examine the competition between 19th and 20th century notions of recreation and leisure, versus the environmental pressures of the resource extraction industry. It will also examine the present significance of Silver Sands, as both a coveted coastal access point and as a heritage landmark.

February 16, 2021
7:00 pm

***“J.B. McLachlan, Labour Hero or
Opportunist?”***

Carole MacDonald

Carole MacDonald, daughter, granddaughter, and great-granddaughter of Glace Bay coal miners, has questions about the legacy of the man labour historians claim, “fought for the miners” in the early twentieth century. These questions include: why, while practicing capitalism, McLachlan preached communism; why some of his decisions, considered heroic by many, arguably demonstrated a careless disregard for human life; and how this orator’s speeches, articles, and demands for illegal strikes failed to help women feed and protect their children.

March 16, 2021
7:00 pm

***“Nostalgia, Longing, and the Embedded
Self: Overshot Weaving and Stories of Place
in Cape Breton”***

Hilary Doda

‘Overshot’ is a textile form that has been produced in Cape Breton from the early days of Scottish migration. Despite the loss of the skill elsewhere, overshot’s popularity persisted in Cape Breton through the mid-20th century as part of a larger theme of nostalgic identity formation. The patterns carry narratives of longing that developed new importance in a time already fraught with antimodernist sentiment, as signifiers in turn of respectability, hospitality, and lineage.

April 20, 2021
7:00 pm

***“The Submarine Mining Establishment on
Georges Island, 1873-1906”***

Sara Beanlands

Georges Island is a cultural landscape that reflects centuries of change in military strategy and defense technology. During the late 19th century, a highly secretive technology for manufacturing and deploying mines emerged, and the Island became the site of a Submarine Mining Establishment. In 2020, as Parks Canada prepared to open the island for public visitation, archaeologists uncovered a portion of the historic SME infrastructure. This talk will explore the history and archaeology of the Submarine Mining Establishment on Georges Island.

May 18, 2021
7:00 pm

***“Not just Evangeline: A Look at Real
Acadian Women”***

Susan Surette-Draper

Some Acadian men’s names like Joseph Beausoleil, René LeBlanc and Pierre Melanson are familiar to many people but have you ever asked yourselves about the women in their lives? How did women’s support, determination and leadership help to build and preserve Acadian identity? A few rare comments can be found in history books but the information is sparse and scattered. Join Susan for her look at Acadian society from a female lens.