



STAYNER HERITAGE SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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Incorporated, 1998.

Fall, 2014.

A WONDERFUL DAY!

The 17th Annual Heritage Day exceeded our expectations. What has become tradition, the Town Crier, Steve Travers, and the Beinn Gorm Highlanders started off the event with a flourish. A new attraction, the “stilt guys” delighted young and old. “North of Fifty” band, Lance Dobinson and The Dance Room all gave very professional and pleasing performances. Food was aplenty also - Friends Pub with burgers and dogs, The Door with pie and ice cream, Marlene Davidson with candy floss, Mary Ellen and Emily Walker with drinks.

Fun for the kids included Darci Que and Emily who expertly painted little masterpieces on various little faces or created magic out of balloons or buttons. Jill Ruppert and Andy Millsap were happy to welcome many children to colour another of our heritage buildings, The Pearson Block, where Marion Spellman has her store.

Other attractions in the park were - the Heritage booth, where Barb Stransky and Carolyn Muir were always busy with homecoming Staynerites or selling some of the merchandise; the Silent Auction ably overseen by June Holroyd and Ferne Allen; the photo dis-



Darci Que doing her magic.

play shown by Shirley Parton and Phyllis Perry; the 50-50 draw carried out by Mike Gennings and Lisa Hardisty.

The MC duties were shared by Heritage Society President, Jeff Parton, and Susan Brockwell.

Perhaps of interest to the reader are the names of the prize winners for the day: Isabel Dickey (94) won for being the oldest woman in attendance; Stan Nixon (89) for the oldest man. Judy Walker won the 50-50, and a woman from BC won for the person coming the farthest.

Colouring winners: Ages 5 and under - Sam G and Charley S; Ages 6-8 - Logan P and Lily ?; Ages 9 and over - Abby S and Evin B.

Parade winners: Jacob M (Gr 2) - decorated bike with Sponge Bob theme and Kellybeth H (4 yrs) with a princess theme. Aiden and Sophia L also walked with Jayne Coutts.

June Byer won the Lions Club Early Bird Draw.

Ticket sales, donations at the entrances and the silent auction all helped to make the day a success.

Of course, Heritage Day could not happen were it not for the generous sponsors: Wheeler-Spriggs Insurance; Reinharts; Hanna Motors; Stayner Chamber of Commerce; Stayner Lions Lions; Stayner Legion; Tim Weel and Dalt Lowe. Thank you all!

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Tom Scholte, a new member to SHS filmed the whole day so we now have a permanent record. If you are interested in having a copy, see below under "Merchandise"

WE HAVE BEEN BUSY!

Some members of SHS have been busy over the summer with a booth at the Clearview Market each Thursday Evening for several weeks. This was an excellent opportunity for the public to see what we are about.

We also took part in the GNE Craft Show and Sale at the Fairgrounds on Sat., Oct. 18th. The items fashioned from the Bell Tower shingles garnered much attention!

THE SHINGLE PROJECT!

The Bell Tower Lives On!

A number of Stayner folks or former Stayner residents are now proud owners of their piece of that 'ol tower'. Some have the 18" tall replica of the tower itself gracing their garden. Some have window boxes either oblong or square on their porch.

There are wall hangings of the tower, self-standing pieces or small book marks. They range in price from \$11 - \$75.

Local steel sculpter, Al Matchett, has used our shingles to fashion a variety of pieces of art from a golfer to trees of different sizes and shapes which are mounted on a piece of local shale. He has also made for us some fascinating wind mobiles to hang inside or outside on a tree.

These items are priced from \$20 - \$50.

You may be interested in a shingle itself for \$15.

If you wish to have one of these treasures for yourself or for a gift, please call Ferne Allen at 705-428-2137.

REMEMBRANCE DAY EVENT

On Saturday, November 8th, Stayner Heritage Society is holding a special Remembrance Day Event at Jubilee Pres. Church on Main St, Stayner, at 9:15 AM.

A continental breakfast will welcome the guests.

Susan Brockwell, Jeff Parton and Manfred Leimgardt will share their Remembrance Stories. Don Doner and Ken Parton will contribute music.

The \$5.00 tickets will be sold in advance. Call Catherine Walker 705-428-2719, Myrna Johnson 705-428-2540 or purchase from a member of SHS. You can also buy tickets at Barb's Clothes Closet in Stayner.

ANOTHER EXCITING COMING EVENT

Mark your calendar for April 24, 2015 (weather date, Apr. 25). THE "BLAZING FIDDLES" are coming to Stayner! This musical group, internationally acclaimed, will play a concert in Stayner Community Church starting at 8:00 pm.

This is a major fund-raiser for SHS as we prepare for our new premises for our heritage collection.

CATALOGUING THE COLLECTION

For many years, SHS has been receiving articles from many people for safe-keeping in the projected Stayner Museum.

Also, for many years, we have been attempting to find a suitable place for a museum. The items have been stored in various places and we have been paying rent for some of this storage.

At last, we now have been offered free space in the former Co-Op building, now property of Clearview.

We have been assured that we will have enough room for the growing collection and a place to have a small display for the enjoyment of the public.

Thus, three of us, Barb Stransky, Ferne Allen and D.A. Millsap have been cataloguing the collection in preparation for the move to a more permanent location. Presently, the furniture, clothing, dishes, cards, letters, pictures and other precious items are scattered here and there. The collection will be uploaded to a data base and permanently included on our website.

As new items are donated, they will be added.

This is a large project. We are nearing the 300 mark and have only "scratched the surface".

It is a labour of love!

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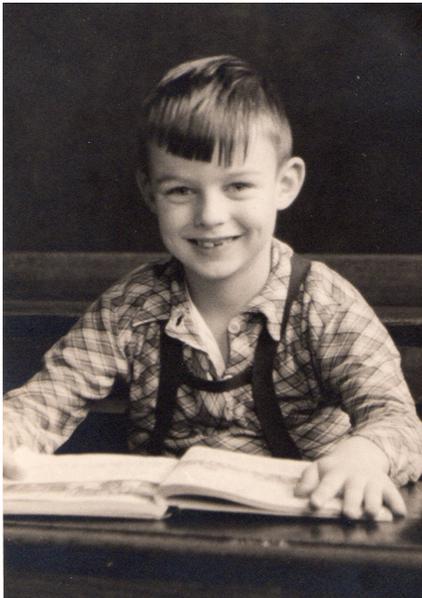
*Another in our ongoing collection of stories of Stayner people.
This is especially suitable for the Remembrance season.*

MANFRED LEIMGARDT

I was born in 1933 into an ordinary family – my grandfather was retired from the industrial field, and my grandmother took care of our large home and organized our chauffeur, cooks, maids, and gardeners. My father was a Burokrat, whose family was very Catholic, he married my mother; a Protestant, so naturally their relationship conflicted. After their marriage, they moved to Berlin and started our family. When I was only 3 years old, my mother and father divorced and I was sent to live with the Franciscan Nuns, and although I was away from my family, they took care of me very well.

In 1939, my father remarried, I moved home, welcomed two new brothers and life returned to normal for a while.

In the fall I started school, I was six years old at the time, and one of our main subjects was total obedience, where we were taught to abide by the flag, swastika, our elders, and anybody in a uniform. Looking back, we were brain washed already at such a young age.



Manfred age 6 in school in Berlin 1939. when I noticed a serious change.

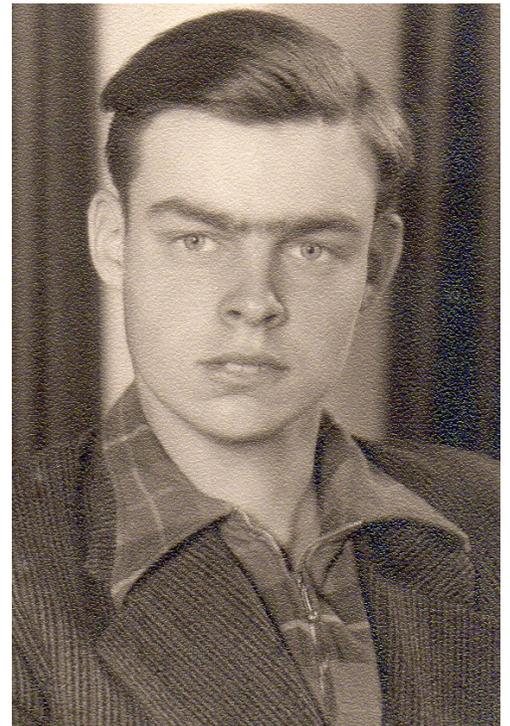
German men and women who had the roles of maids, cooks, and groundskeepers in our homes, were replaced with foreign labourers. At school, they made us

learn English and French so that we could tell the foreign laborers what had to be done. I was a very social child, so naturally I was always talking to the foreign labourers, I was so innocent to the reality of the situation. I soon learned that there was another side, and that the forced laborers were not to be my friends.

The bombing of the cities started in 1943, and we were evacuated to the countryside. And again, the foreign labourers, were forced to do all of the work. German men and women were in uniform and disappeared from the landscape. In January of 1945, we moved to my grand father's house in Dresden. We were caught in the middle of the February air raid. My family survived, but we lost everything.

I kept my spirits up by listening to the foreigners who believed they could see an end coming. They thought there was hope. I witnessed many Germans taking their own lives, they followed their leaders blindly, it was a very dark time.

We were liberated by General Patton's Troops in Malsdorf. Upon liberation, I was 12 years old and served as an interpreter. I completed my schooling back in Berlin, and continued on at the school of Agriculture in West Germany. In 1953 I volunteered for a student exchange to Canada, and so began my new life in this country.



Manfred's Passport picture, 1953.

MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

The following items make excellent gifts.

NEW

Bell Tower Souvenirs:

- Replica towers (garden orn't) \$75
- Window Boxes (unfinished)
- Replica plaques (wooden backing) - 3 sizes
- Replica plaques (no backing) - 3 sizes
- Free-standing Bell Towers - 3 sizes
- Small Bell Tower bookmarks - \$15
- smaller figures (birds, trees, etc.) standing on pieces of polished fossilized shale - prices vary.

CALL BARB STRANSKY 705-445-4468

Stayner Notes - \$10 + \$3 s&h

we now have 3 different sets.

The new set features 4 original drawings of Heritage buildings on Main St. by Anson Finlay. They are packaged with an SHS pen, suitable for gift-giving.

Postcards - \$2 and **4 x 6 Prints** - \$3, of various Stayner landmarks, suitable for framing:

- The Fountain Park
- The Gazebo
- Co-Op building (Hindle drawing).

Limited # of **original drawings** of Stayner downtown buildings in 8" x 11" frames - \$15

A few **Christmas Ornaments** left - Hand-crafted, wooden depicting Railroad Station, Bell Tower and Town Hall - \$10 inc. shipping.

DVD's

****NEW**** "HERITAGE DAY, 2014" - Tom Scholte "Memories of Our Town" (Bill Ives and D. A. Millsap narrators of the Roger Watson film taken in 1948)

"The 125th Anniversary of Stayner in 1997" (narrated by Brian Pounder, video by Maryanne Buie)
"Stayner's Millennium Day, 2000" (narrated by D. A. Millsap, video by Maryanne Buie and Gren Bray).

If you wish to order any or all of the DVD's, please send \$15 for each (+ \$2 s&h). Please stipulate which ones you prefer.

Baseball Caps sporting the SHS logo - 4 colours (red, navy, green, black) \$15

STAYNER HERITAGE SOCIETY WEBSITE

This website is a valuable tool for up-to-date information, historical facts and coming events. Check it out! Plans are to create a virtual museum where you can view some of the treasures we have been given waiting for a museum site in the future! The website has been maintained by Bob Charlton and his brother, John. Thanks to both.

Now, we are pleased to announce that Mike Scholte has consented to assume these duties and we thank him also.

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