

Anne of Green Gables Night

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Photos by Jeff Parton (insets) and Robert Charlton (Light Collector)



After months of planning, our Anne of Green Gables Night arrived with one of the first blizzards of the season. Linda & Jack Hutton, our presenters and creators of the recreation of the original Anne silent movie from 1919 arrived from Bala, Ontario in a flurry of snow but all was ready for the 7:00 p.m. opening. We could not have ordered worse weather, and about the only good thing that might be said about it was that the roads in the area did not close. Never the less, some 60-70 enthusiastic and hardy souls made it through the storm and were well rewarded for their efforts.



Jack, who is an accomplished pianist, warmed up the audience with an impromptu concert of silent movie music and started the show with a short history of silent movie music. He then called for the house lights to dim and for the audience to transport themselves back to at time at the turn of the century when silent movies were king.

Linda narrated the ensuing show and Jack played the grand piano in accompaniment as we relived this long lost movie.

It all ended too soon, but at the conclusion of the performance and after many questions from the audience, everyone adjourned to the church hall where we enjoyed some treats arranged by June Holroyd, Shirly Milsap and their helpers. Despite the stormy weather, the evening turned out to be a great success and everyone went home happy.

(Stayner Sun article by Mike Gennings telling the story of the movie and its recreation)