

## GRAND RIVER HERITAGE MINES SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2002

**Mission/Goals:** Our society locates, records, and preserves history and artifacts of the gypsum mining and milling industry mainly in the Grand River Watershed. We also gather information about the people involved, and how the gypsum industry affects their communities. We study the plant and animal life and the geology associated with the mine sites. We study the historic marl and iron industries as well. Part of our mandate is to publish and disseminate information, by providing field trips, walking tours, displays, and by public speaking and providing a newsletter and other publications.

### Activities in 2002

- **Displays** at the Brant Lapidary Show in April and the Golden Horseshoe Steamshow and Cobblestone Festival in August.
- **Meetings Held:** Planning Meeting, Gwen's Nature Slide show and Pot-luck at Parkhills in February  
Joint Public Meeting with Paris Museum and Historical Society . Speaker - Jean Farquharson on the *Mines and Mills in the Paris Area*  
Annual public meeting at Alf and Eileen Pearts near York, at their historic Georgian home built by the Cook family.- Speaker -Eileen Peart. Topic: *A History and Tour of the House, and of the Cooks, Martindales and Pearts.*  
Joint public meeting with York Grand River Historical Society in York. Guest Speaker: Bruce Hill. *Grand River Navigation Company.*  
Annual Christmas Pot-luck in Brantford at Ilse Kraemer's. Joe Clark described his trip to Peru.
- **Field Trips Held:** Cathy MacArthur led trips to Barker's Bush, Cavan's flats, the Capron mine.  
Note: Before visiting mine sites, we review the research which we have done, gathering old maps and mine maps, historic photos, personal narratives, government reports, local history, etc., in order to locate the mine adits, air shafts, old buildings, etc.
- **Special Event:** A Historical Walking Tour of Paris was organized by Jean Farquharson at Springtime in Paris. Proceeds helped pay for our new banner and reprinting of brochures.
- **Newsletters and Publications:** We published three newsletters and continued to gather information for our Five Oaks publication.
- **Public Speaking activity:** Jean Farquharson spoke to a Grade 11 Geography class at Paris District High School and a class at Laurier, about the development of the Town of Paris.
- **Media Coverage and Public relations**  
Springtime in Paris brochure  
Several members attended the Heritage Day at Cayuga, including a bus tour of various sites.  
Rae Tomlinson and Eileen Peart assisted at some of the tour sites.  
Ilse Kraemer received Heritage Awards

**Membership:** We had 38 members last year including family members

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### Events Planned For 2003:

- **Complete working with LACAC for a plaque re Paris Plaster mines**
- Hold annual meeting and at least one other public meeting
- Present display at Golden Horseshoe Steam Show - Civic Holiday Weekend. Theme -*Caledonia*.
- **Hold Field trips:**
- **Publications:** three newsletters.
- **Complete and publish book** on the early history of the Five Oaks area for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2003
- Apply for grants for publication of future book.
- August Holiday Weekend - Display at Golden Horseshoe Steam Show
- Christmas Pot-Luck

**Annual Financial Report for the Year 2002 (January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002) [Not Yet Audited]**

Opening Balance for 2002		\$1900.62
<u>Income</u>		
Membership Fees - 2002 (\$335 - \$50 Prepaid)	\$350.00	
Donations		\$90.00
Walking Tour (\$243.90 gross - \$82.14 expenses)	<u>\$161.76</u>	
Total Income		\$601.76
<u>Expenses</u>		
Meetings		\$6.89
Banner	\$50.00	
Newsletter		\$153.00
Ontario Historical Society fees		\$20.00
Brochure		\$138.00
Photocopying (Farquharsons)		\$350.00
Miscellaneous (Stationery, Bank charges, etc.)	<u>\$111.72</u>	
Total		\$829.61
Closing Balance Dec. 31, 2002		\$1672.77
<u>Net Gain/(Loss)</u>		(\$199.10)

**GRAND RIVER HERITAGE MINES SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING April 26, 2003**

**Edinburgh Square, Caledonia 1:30 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

- 1.0 **Greetings from Chairman**
- 2.0 **Motion to accept Agenda**
- 3.0 **Minutes of Annual Meeting 2002**
- 4.0 **Business Arising from Minutes**
  - 4.1 **Constitution Committee Report**
- 3.0 **Reports**
  - 3.1 **Annual Report - Chair**
  - 3.2 **Annual Reports of Treasurer and Membership Chairman**
- 4.0 **Election of Officers : Slate of Officers willing to serve**

**Chair: Diane Baltaz**  
**Vice-Chair: Cathy MacArthur**  
**Secretary: Mike O'Byrne**  
**Treasurer: Al Farquharson**  
**Past Chair: Jean Farquharson**  
**Directors: Ilse Kraemer, Jean Farquharson**  
**Committees:**  
**Membership: Ilse Kraemer**  
**Field Trips: Cathy MacArthur**  
**Newsletter: Jean Farquharson**  
**Displays:**  
**Programs and Publicity:**  
**Liaison between Haldimand and York members/societies**  
**Publishing: Jean Farquharson**

*Kathy, Jean, Diane, Ray Tomlinson*
- 5.0 **New Business**
  - 5.1 **Communications**
  - 5.2 **Coming Events**
  - 5.3 **Sale of our book, *Herons and Cobblestones***
- 6.0 **Adjournment of Business Meeting**
- 7.0 **Program - Al and Sheila Campbell**
- 8.0 **Refreshments**