

Wellstood - Fisk Family Holds Reunion



The older generation at the Wellstood - Fisk Reunion. L to R: Ken Fisk, Max Fisk, Muriel Penton, Verde Fisk, John Fisk, and Bruce Fisk.

by Ann Smith

The Wellstood-Fisk family had its 23rd reunion at the Cardiff Legion Hall on Thanksgiving Sunday October 9. There were about 45 members of all ages present including the surviving 5 sons and one daughter of the original 7 sons and 2 daughters of John and Clara (Wellstood) Fisk of Fenelon Falls.

The Wellstood Family was from Kinmount. When Clara married John Fisk they went to live in Fenelon Falls, the Fisk hometown, where they ran a General Store.

Their 9 children of John and Clara grew up in Fenelon Falls. Now Bruce Fisk and Muriel (Fisk) Penton live in Cardiff, Ken lives with his daughter in Bancroft and also has a home in Baptiste, Verde lives

in Owen Sound, John in Barrie and Max in London. Elsie, the widow of Charles, is now living in Newcastle. The other 2 offspring, now deceased, were Gerald and Edith Nicol.

Cardiff was chosen as the location for the reunions each Thanksgiving weekend because it is the geographical centre for the scattered family. Members come from Owen Sound, London, Stratford, Barrie, Mississauga, Newcastle, Napanee and Ottawa, as well as Cardiff and Bancroft.

Clara Fisk died in 1949. John Fisk died in 1956. It was in 1971 that the family decided to get together each year to keep in touch. Now, even if members can not get to the reunion they write a brief letter to tell the family their news. These are read at the dinner and their is great rejoicing when they hear of a new baby added to the Wellstood-Fisk family.

An Album is being compiled of family photographs. This includes every member of the John Fisk family and has been expanded to the families of his brothers and sisters.

A Family History is also being compiled. The printed form has become so unwieldy that the organizers are beginning to put it on computer disks. The members were asked to update the addresses on file.

The catering for the main part of the dinner, turkey and vegetables, was done by Perry Kelly of Hillcrest Quality Packers. Salads and desserts were brought, pot luck style, by the family members.

As well as food and the exchanging of family news other events the day included draws and a Penny Sale. All the items for the sale and draws were provided by the family. The proceeds help pay for expenses of the reunion. Dean Fisk of Ottawa and his son Jarad drew the names as a lot of good natured comments came from the crowd. Terry Fisk modelled a "Fisk Head Warmer" (a lovely beret) that had been won by Muriel.

The organizing committee for the reunion was Shelley and Paul Hawley of Bancroft, and Mike Baldock and Amy Johnson of Stratford.

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September 28. She thanked Lilly Henry for acting for Heather for the summer with such enthusiasm and energy.

The Bancroft Art Gallery reported a busy, successful year. Many improvements were made to the storage area but, as Arne Roosman pointed out, there is always more to be done. (The ceiling was painted before the October exhibit of portraits by photographer John Reeves was set up.)

The Shopping Bag, (the gallery gift-shop), enjoyed another successful year as an outlet for local talent and as a fundraiser.

The Performing Arts Committee report was presented by Olwen Therrien. She praised the active and dedicated committee of 9 members, augmented by a team of ticket sellers, for their enthusiasm and efforts which brought the sale of tickets to 216, an increase

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over previous years. The first concert is the third part of the Wingfield Trilogy and will be on October 20.

The School Arts Committee report was presented by Margaret Musclow-Young. The 2 shows booked for this season are the Iguadon Theatre from Edmonton, presenting "Fish Whiskers", on November 28, and the Maritime Marionettes with their new show, "Molly and the Oak Island Treasure", on March 28, 1995. These will be performed in the North Hastings Senior Elementary School.

Bancroft Playhouse Project is the working title given to the goal of converting the Christian Education Centre, owned by the members of St. Paul's United Church, into a permanent performance venue for the area.

Agreement in principle for a long term lease of the building by the

Algonquin Arts Council and plans for a management committee, has been reached. Half the funds for this project will be raised locally and half will be provided by a Jobs Ontario Community Action grant. The new theatre will hold 194 seats. More than one third of the money needed for these has been raised.

The A.A.C. had a number of fund-raising events. The 4 used book sales made a net profit of \$632.73. The Board organized sales of refreshments at the performances of the Theatrics Summer Playhouse. Net profit from this was \$645.11.

Jocelyn Downing and Margaret Musclow-Young are each beginning a second 2 year term on the Board. Downing noted that the membership of the A.A.C. is now 160. When she joined there were 80 members. More members are always welcome.



Algonquin Arts Council Board of Directors for 1994 - 1995: Anne Henderson, Gillian Whittall, Olwen Therrien, Arne Roosman, Barry Lambeck, Carol Hilsheimer, Susan Freeborn-Malloy, Jocelyn Downing (President), Lily Henry Ash, Hans Meyn. Margaret Musclow-Young is absent.

LETTER

Enjoy your paper. Keep the good work up.

The Elliott story on trains was enjoyable.

Good luck.

-Iwilla

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Keep up the good work!

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