

GREEN FAMILY FORGE

Buy A Brick Campaign 2023

in support of the Green Family Forge

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Photo Credit: John DiMartino Jr.

Your Support is Needed

Did you know that our Forge is currently a living history museum with two Blacksmiths, Wade Ivany and Devin Hookey? They provide demonstrations and interpretation in the trade and each unique handcrafted item is available for sale - coat hooks and racks, fireplace pokers and sets, custom orders and much more.

Last year, our chimney, one of the most important tools to help us craft our products was found to be unstable and had to be removed. We are now seeking your support for our *Buy a Brick* campaign to have it rebuilt at a cost of \$22,000.

The History

The Blacksmith played an important role in every community over the centuries whether it was for making or repairing items for the household, farming, weaponry, or, in the case of Newfoundland and Labrador, the fishery. In Trinity at one point there were five forges in operation including the Green Family Forge that began in the 1750s and had six generations of the family learn and practice the craft.



The Green family worked as Blacksmiths in Trinity from the 1750s to 1955. Ada Nemeč (née Green) donated the Forge to the Trinity Historical Society along with a collection of tools used by six generations of her family. The present smithy was built between 1895 and 1900 and is unusually large – four blacksmiths could work there making horseshoes, anchors and other iron products used in the fishery, the farm and the home. This site is operational as a living history museum with demonstrations by our two Blacksmiths from Monday to Saturday during our operational season of mid-May to early October.



The living history demonstration and educational programs at the Green Family Forge are unique in the province as we operate as a social enterprise. Funds raised from the sale of our 50 different handcrafted products go back into the daily operations. It provides an opportunity to learn and watch the trade practiced in front of you while interacting with our Blacksmiths.

The Trinity Historical Society has received several awards for its restoration work to the historic site and the presentation of blacksmithing, namely the following:

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| 1992 | Registered Heritage Structure by the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador |
| 1999 | Southcott Award for the Restoration of the Building from the Newfoundland Historic Trust |
| 2004 | Manning Award for Restoration of the Building from the Historic Sites Association of Newfoundland and Labrador |
| 2005 | Wade Ivany, Blacksmith received the Award for the Interpretation of Provincial History from the Craft Council of Newfoundland and Labrador |
| 2009 | Award for Preservation of Traditional Craft Skill from the Craft Council of Newfoundland and Labrador |
| 2021 | Ecclesiastical Insurance Cornerstone Award as a Resilient Historic Place - National Trust of Canada |

We would appreciate your involvement in our success - find out how you can become part of our work of preserving, presenting, and promoting our heritage.

How to support us



The historic significance of the restoration of the Green Family Forge is the preservation of an industrial operation building that was operated by one family for over two hundred years. By restoring the building, the Historical Society has preserved the past for future generations so they can witness the hard work that was required to manufacture items made of metal.

We are in need of your support during our *Buy a Brick* campaign to raise the \$22,000 to rebuild the chimney for the continued success of our operations, including our demonstrations and educational programming at the Forge.

Your donation will assist us as we continue our fundraising initiatives and do our best to secure additional funding. Below are the details of this unique opportunity for you to be involved in the project. You will also be able to monitor our progress on our website - www.trinityhistoricalsociety.com

We thank you in advance for your support.

GREEN FAMILY FORGE - BUY A BRICK CAMPAIGN

There are a couple of options in how you can assist us in our campaign.

| | \$100.00 | \$50.00 |
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| A beautiful handcrafted stained glass ornament of the Green Family especially made for this project. Handcrafted by Classy Glass - see image below | * | |
| Tax Receipt for your Donation | * | * |
| Invitations to all special events (Auction and Garden Party, Exhibit Openings etc) | * | * |



Measures 4" x 4"

How to Make your Contribution

Donations of \$100.00, \$50.00 or other amounts are appreciated and welcomed.

All donations can be made through the following means:

- 1) E-transfer to - ths@trinityhistoricalsociety.com
- 2) Credit Card or PayPal online - <https://trinityhistoricalsociety.com/donate.html>
- 3) Cheque made payable to Trinity Historical Society and mailed to address above or dropped off to Lester-Garland House
- 4) Credit Card - pay in person at Lester-Garland House or call us with your card information
- 5) Debit Card - pay in person at Lester-Garland House
- 6) Cash - pay in person at Lester-Garland House

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To ensure we have your mailing address for tax receipts please complete the below:

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