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1st Annual Loyal Trinity Volunteer Ranger Award

At the Annual Auction on Friday, August 19 Trinity Historical Society was pleased to announce that the first recipient of the Loyal Trinity Volunteer Ranger Award in recognition of volunteer services was presented to our Auctioneer, Mr. Chris O'Dea. Chris has been a part time resident of Trinity for over 40 years. During this time, he has restored two homes and a forge. He still has found time to offer his time being an active volunteer in the following Trinity specific projects to enhance the area:

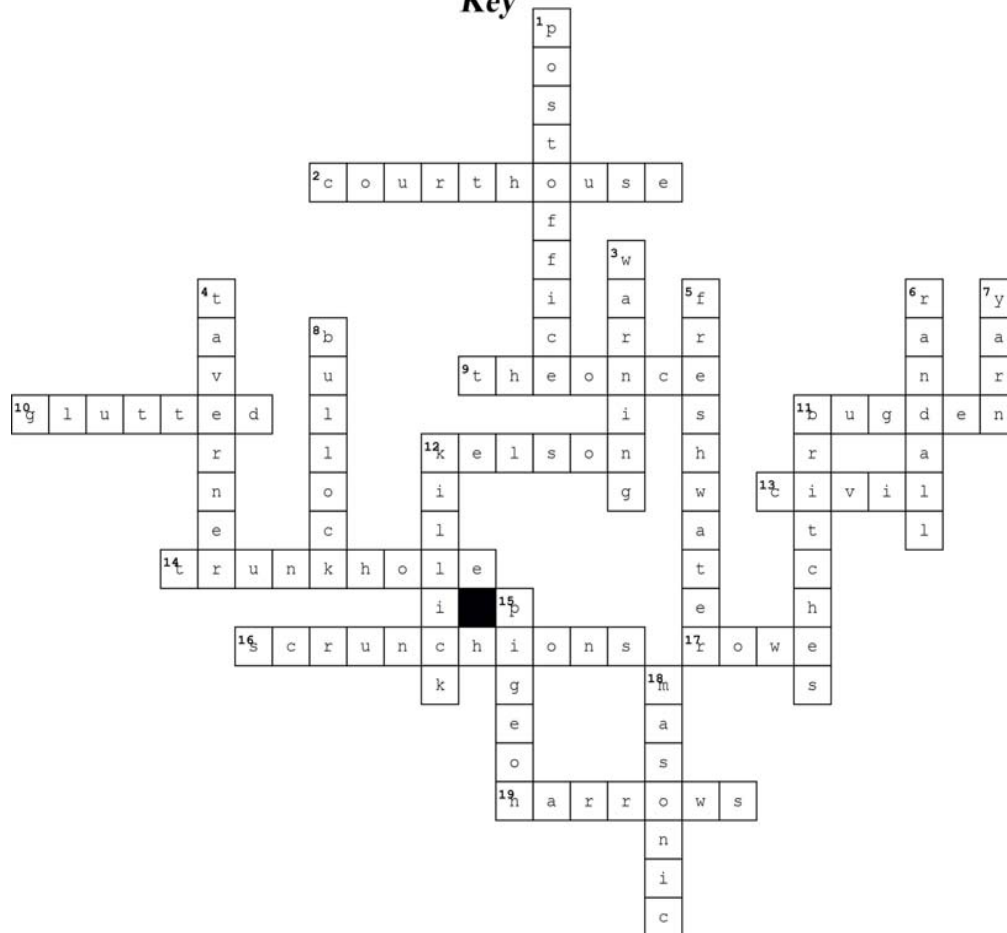
- Founding Chair of the Trinity Trust – Rebuilding of Lester-Garland House
- Auctioneer and Chairman of Trinity Historical Society Auction for over 20 years raising over \$250,000.00 during this period
- Member of the Town of Trinity Heritage Committee which reviews all building permits to ensure adherence to historic town plan
- Actively providing advice and direction to numerous residents who needed advice on restoring buildings not only in Trinity but the entire Trinity Bight.

In addition to the Trinity specific volunteering Chris has contributed to many worthwhile organizations and groups that enhance the province.

The Loyal Trinity Volunteer Ranger Award is an annual award (2022 being the inaugural year) recognizing a person, past or present, who has demonstrated a commitment to the promotion and preservation of our collective heritage. Nominations will be called again in early summer 2023.

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Key



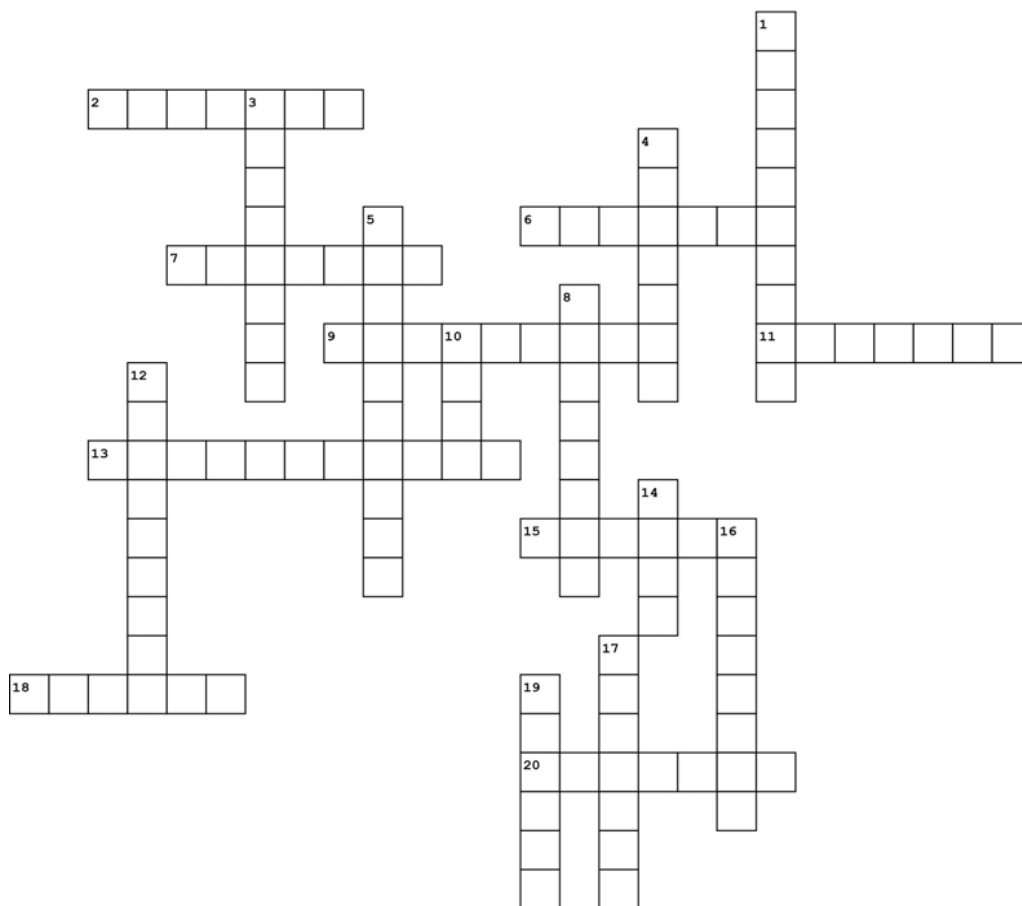
Across

2. Aunt Sarah makes her chocolate and ice cream here.
9. A term for I'll do that "in a short time" and the name of a NL band.
10. Cod fish full of capelin are said to be _____.
11. Who has two headstones in St. Paul's churchyard.
12. The artillery commander in the Trinity Loyal Volunteer Rangers.
13. A calm day on the ocean in NL is called a _____ day.
14. A square hole over the water cut into the floor of stage.
16. Fried out salt pork.
17. The first Trinity casualty in WWI.
19. Entrance to Trinity and St. John's harbours.

Down

1. The first one opened in Trinity in 1853.
3. A red sky at night and sailors take _____.
4. Who built funded the building of the first church in Trinity?
5. Location of the train trestle in Trinity East.
6. The Port Rexton son who fought in the Boer War.
7. If you're having a casual conversation in NL you are having a _____.
8. Who was John Clinch's son in law?
11. The egg sac of female cod.
12. An anchor made from a rock and wood.
15. The NL name for a black guillemot.
18. The first fraternal in Trinity was the _____ Lodge.

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Across

2. The English merchant who donated the land for the construction of the RC church.
6. Ben Taverner captained this ship torpedoed in WWII.
7. The cove on the south side of the isthmus to Champney's West.
9. The second _____ church was built in Trinity in 1877.
11. The engineer at the Trinity whale factory.
13. The _____ family lived in Bishop White manor in the 60s.
15. A cove between Ireland's Eye harbour and Ireland's Eye Point.
18. The _____ Bar is the shallow area in Trinity harbour near Fort Point.
20. _____ Locke was the Lockston son who was a spitfire pilot in WWII.

Down

1. The _____ built a hut behind Trinity Cabins in the 1950s.
3. The earlier name for Fort Point was _____ Point.
4. The oldest standing church in NL is in _____.
5. The second newspaper published in Trinity in 1908.
8. The name of the fort constructed on Ryder's Hill.
10. The street on the west side of Hog's Nose.
12. _____ Lane runs along the southern boundary of St. Paul's Church.
14. The _____ amusement park was located near Trinity.
16. The Trinity son who earned a PhD in Psychology.
17. He inherited the Lester premises in 1802.
19. The vaccine used by John Clinch to prevent smallpox.



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Service Schedule For September 4 – October 2, 2022

September 4 Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)	11:00 A.M. Christ Church (Port Rexton)	Holy Eucharist 110 th Anniversary Of The CLB Parish Service
September 11 Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)	11:00 A.M. St. Paul's (Trinity) 3:00 P.M. St. Clement's (Champney's West) 7:00 P.M. St. Matthew's (Trouty)	Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist
September 18 Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)	11:00 St. Andrew's (Trinity East) 3:00 P.M. Church Of The Good Shepherd (Dunfield) 7:00 P.M. St. John The Evangelist (New Bonaventure)	Holy Eucharist Holy Communion Holy Eucharist
September 25 Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)	11:00 A.M. St. Paul's (Trinity) 3:00 P.M. St. Matthew's (Trouty) 7:00 P.M. Christ Church (Port Rexton)	Holy Eucharist / Holy Baptism Evening Prayer Holy Eucharist
October 2 Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)	11:00 A.M. St. Clement's (Champney's West) 3:00 P.M. St. John The Evangelist 7:00 P.M. Good Shepherd	Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer Evening Prayer

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1962 to 2022

We wish to express our sincere thanks to everyone in the Trinity Bight Communities for their support, condolences and attendance at his Memorial Service at St Paul's Church, Trinity. We received so many beautiful messages and, although we were unable to answer each personally, the loving care you have all shown has meant that little by little, we are becoming more able to deal with our loss.

We thank Chief Doug Ballett and all the Firefighters and Firettes of the Trinity and Area Fire Department for all the help, hugs, kind words and for arranging the beautiful Memorial Service.

We also wish to pay tribute to the Volunteers of the Trinity and Area Fire Department, the Port Rexton and Area Fire Department and all of Newfoundland and Labrador Fire Departments for the 'all day, every day' services that they provide to our communities.

Warmest regards from

Sam and Tom (sons), Paul (brother), Michael (father) and Dawne (wife)

Note of Thanks

On Tuesday 2 August during an afternoon hike on Gun Hill in Trinity, my husband Stan Dragland had sudden cardiac arrest. The 911 Fewers dispatcher Julia Slavin helped me over the phone to calm down and perform CPR for many minutes alone until emergency workers (a community of extremely tender, tenacious Newfoundlanders) could arrive — we could not save him.

I stayed next to Stan for two and a half hours in full sunshine on the hill overlooking Trinity waters while the team performed their protocols. Kevin Walters, Gerald Spurrell, Ron Ellis, and the Port Rexton and Trinity fire department volunteers were immensely respectful and deeply kind, giving me all the time and space I needed to say goodbye to my Stan. The young nurse Allie Fisher, who alongside Jonathan Baggs were the first responders, followed me home in her car to be sure I was safe.

To all of you, and especially Julia, Allie, Jonathan, Gerald and Kevin: What I owe you is beyond estimation.

—Beth Follett

Trinity Historical Society's 18th Annual Golf Tournament

The View Golf Course, Summerville

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September 17th
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Trinity Historical Society



We will be hosting a sausage and pancake breakfast on Saturday, September 3rd at Fort Point. This breakfast is by reservation only and will be served at 9:30am. Please call 464-3599 or email info@trinityhistoricalsociety.com to register by Wednesday, August 31st. Cost for breakfast is \$15pp and includes tea/coffee or juice. This can be paid in cash at the Fort or EMT in advance to tci@nf.sympatico.ca

We are happy to announce that we will be taking part in the Fall Festival again this year on September 30th to October 2nd! Drop by our Gift Store located in the Lester Garland House and check it out!

We had a very successful Auction on August 19th raising just short of \$24,000.00. Thank you to everyone involved in making it the success it was. To all those who attended, purchased, donated, supplied food etc.. we sincerely thank you. Special thanks once again to ClanMac Foundation our platinum sponsor and to Chris O'Dea for doing a fantastic job as usual in auctioneering.

If you would like to place an ad in our October issue of Trinity Bight Enterprise, please send it along to Daphne at programming@trinityhistoricalsociety.com. The deadline is Friday, September 23rd with mailout scheduled for Friday, September 30th.



Basic Gravestone Care & Conservation Do's & Don'ts

Robyn S. Lacy
September 2022

Hello readers, this is Robyn Lacy, archaeologist and co-director of Black Cat Cemetery Preservation. This spring we worked closely with the Trinity Historical Society to clean, repair, and preserve the historic gravestones at the Anglican Churchyard in the heart of Trinity. Today, I'd like to tell you all about the basic 'Do's and Don'ts' of gravestone care and conservation, for when you need to take care of your own family's gravestones! Please note that gravestone conservation is a heritage skill that requires training and more invasive procedures such as repairs should be left to the professionals. Our work often also requires an archaeological permit to work on these historic sites. If you have any questions beyond what is covered in this brief article, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at blackcatpreservation@gmail.com to make sure that your cleaning plan is safe! Thank you for supporting our work.

Gravestone Care 'Do's'

The most important thing to remember when cleaning a gravestone is that you don't want to do anything to impact the stone. Marble, limestone, and sandstone, the most common types of stones used historically in Newfoundland, are quite soft and porous, so any cleaning product used will seep into the stone itself. If you use certain materials which we'll discuss below, it is like planting a time bomb in the gravestone; you don't know when, but eventually it will destroy the face of the stone.

You can clean most of the grime and dirt off a gravestone using only water and a soft brush. You'll want to find a soft natural or synthetic fibre brush (think soft nylon dish brush) to clean with. Spray the gravestone with water using a spray bottle, a hand-pump sprayer, or even a hose on a low-pressure stream, and gently brush the surface of the stone. Built up dirt will come off quite easily!

If the stone has moss or lichen on it, please wet it first and allow it to get nice and soft before using the brush to remove it, or a soft plastic scraper or putty knife. This should only be done if you are confident that the lichen is soft and not adhered too strongly to the surface of the gravestone. Plants, which cause 'biological weathering', eat into the calcium carbonate in the stone, looking for nutrients, and pulling off these plants can pull pieces of the stone away with it. If the lichen or moss isn't too old, it should come off, but if you notice divots or pieces of stone coming off, stop scraping immediately.

If water isn't quite enough to get some of those pesky stains, you can always try a PH-neutral, non-ionic cleaner such as D/2 Biological Solutions, which can be ordered online from several



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Canadian companies. It's fairly expensive, but this type of cleaner is the only kind that is safe for use on historic stonework, gravestones and buildings alike! It does not have any acids or salts, and therefore will not deposit anything harmful into the stone. It is safe for use around plants and animals as well and is non-toxic.

Gravestone Care 'Don'ts'

There are a number of materials and techniques that used to be common for gravestone cleaning and care, that we now understand are detrimental to the survival of the stones. It's important to research everything you do to historic objects before you do it just in case it could cause damage.

Never use metal brushes or wire for gravestone cleaning. The metal will scrape the surface of the stone and cause damage that we cannot repair.

Do not use household cleaners such as dish soap, or bleach, to clean a gravestone. They damage the surface of the stone, and deposit acids and salts into the stone, which will swell and crack it from the inside. It cannot be reversed. Bleach damage to stones is especially bad!

Similarly, do not use materials like baby powder, flour, shaving cream, or similar, to try and read worn text on a gravestone. Like the cleaning products above, these materials sink into the stone, expand when wet, and will crack the stone apart from the inside. It may not happen immediately, but it will cause damage.

We do not recommend the product 'Wet and Forget'. While it is made for the removal of plants on stonework, it has not undergone the rigorous testing of D/2 and is not safe for use around plants and animals.

Do not use adhesives that are not safe for use on stone, specifically rubber cement, caulking, plaster, or concrete. These are not sympathetic with historic stonework, are difficult or impossible to remove, often fail and cause the stone more damage when it falls again, and in the case of concrete/cement products, trap moisture inside the stone and cause weak points where it will weather faster in the wind and break apart. Concrete is nearly impossible to remove from soft stone without damage, and we highly advise against it. Small cracks can be repaired with lime mortar, but make sure you use a mortar that *does not* contain Portland cement.

Pressure washers should never be used to clean a gravestone. The high pressure of the powered washers removes dirt...along with a layer of the stone itself. It looks clean for a short period of time, but without that polished exterior, the stone will weather apart faster.

Finally, please do not cover the entire gravestone in paint. This process traps moisture inside the stone, in the same way it does for brickwork walls, and causes the stone to crumble faster. It is a common practice in Newfoundland, but unfortunately one that does cause damage, so we advise against it. Photos and documentation are the best way to preserve the inscriptions. While we understand that some of these products and tools may have been used in the past, they are no longer safe for use on gravestones within the current knowledge of conservation science.



Trinity Historical Society

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R. Coope, J. Morris, Eds.

As we previously reported, a total of 127 headstones have now been restored in St. Paul's Churchyard as part of our Adopt a Headstone Project. We would like to thank Ervin Locke for the donation of two loads of crusher dust during the most recent week of work on the stones in June. We have identified another 30 headstones that require up righting and repair. The remaining stones need cleaning. We currently have \$4,197.11 remaining in the Project account and we continue to fundraise. Further work to complete this restoration will depend on our ability to raise additional funds for the project.

The book launch of *"From Fisher's Cove, Trinity. Poetry and Prose by siblings Rose Sullivan and George Hoskins"* at the Lester Garland House with readings by Ruth Lawrence and Des Walsh will be rescheduled but we do not have a date as yet. The book is available for purchase at the Lester Garland Giftshop.

As always, the THS welcomes application for membership from anyone interested in the objectives and activities of the Society.

In this edition of our Newsletter, we present the story of the 19th of the men whose names are inscribed on the War Monument in St. Paul's Churchyard.

Mounted Rifles at Sherbrooke, Quebec on March 8, 1915. He was killed in action on November 28, 1915 near Ploegsteert, Belgium. He was 27.



Family Tree

Thomas was in Trinity and joined the Royal Orange Lodge here in 1912. He was admitted to Bishop's University in Lennoxville, Quebec in 1913 and received his B.A. in 1915. He was studying for his Masters of Arts in Theological Studies when he enlisted. He was promoted to Lance Corporal while in England on September 1, 1915 and arrived in France on October 24. On the night of November 28 his squadron was stationed in the trenches near Ploegsteert when he was killed by a sniper, the first death reported. He is buried at Berks Cemetery Extension, Belgium. In a letter to Bishop's University, three fellow corporals wrote: "he was a good soldier and a true friend at all times, which is the highest praise one soldier can give another."



Thomas J. Eustace



Thomas Eustace, the son of George Eustace and Caroline Weir, was born in Torbay on February 1, 1888. He enlisted in the Canadian