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50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



Upcoming Events

October


13th Thanksgiving

14th Elections Day 

31st Halloween Party (2pm HM2)

November

2nd Daylight Savings Time Ends

11th Remembrance Day 

A very special thank you to all the staff, residents, volunteers and family members who helped make our 50th Anniversary Celebrations a success.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

What an exciting summer for Bonnechere Manor! Our 50th Anniversary Celebrations, which included the Fun Fair, Rededication Ceremony and Candle Light Vigil, were a huge success and enjoyed by hundreds including residents, families, staff, dignitaries and the community. This was our opportunity to show case our newly renovated home which included new painting, flooring, artwork, new front doors, sunroom, a new "Welcome to Bonnechere Manor" sign and a new call bell system! We have a beautiful home to be proud of and I would like to thank everyone for your patience and cooperation during the renovations!

I would like to welcome all of our new residents to our Bonnechere Manor family. Also, joining our staff complement are the following personal: Terrance Whiteman, Rec. Prog., Joan Kingston, RN, Melissa Palfreyman, PSW, Michel Quenneville, RPN, Melissa Stevenson, PSW, Amanda Vance, RPN, Brandi Van Zutphen, Laundry Aide, Michelle Mullen, RPN and returning RPN is Dani Emon. Also joining our staff is Cheryl Edwards, PSW, who provided hairdressing services to our residents for over 15 years. Our new hairdresser is Erin Windle, and we welcome her and thank her for providing this service to our residents. We hope everyone's work experience at the Manor will be an enjoyable, educational and long lasting.

The Bonnechere Manor Staff Association (BMSA) has continued to develop with the establishment of an Executive Committee. The BMSA is now making plans for our annual Christmas Dinner and Dance. If anyone wishes to assist please contact Lori Boudreau.

The fall season brings the children back to school, the enjoyment of the Renfrew Fair and a yearning to start something new. Please check the activity and education calendars to ensure you don't miss any opportunities.

Happy Fall!



AUXILIARY UPDATE

The draw for the beautiful Sheila Fletcher painting of an awesome view of The Eagles's Nest took place on Aug. 29th at the Manor.

The raffle was a fundraiser for the Bonnechere Manor Auxiliary with all proceeds going to the Manor residents. Renee Reid a nurse at Bonnechere Manor was the lucky winner.

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets.



FOUNDATION UPDATE

Members of the Bonnechere Manor Foundation were very busy over the summer months helping with all aspects of the 50th anniversary celebrations. With the celebrations completed they are moving ahead with the completion of the sun room project.

Funding recently approved: assistance with purchase of artwork created by Richard Gill for the Great Hall, song books for the Resident Choir and 27 pictures for the hallways,

VOLUNTEER PROFILE
Gary & Barb Hutchinson



Barb and Gary Hutchinson

Gary & Barb Hutchinson have been married for 44 years and their family consists of 2 girls, 1 boy and 6 grandchildren. Before beginning their volunteer experience at Bonnechere Manor, Barb worked as an executive secretary for a company that ended up being known as Lockheed Canada. Gary spent 28 years as a Radiation Technician at MDS Nordion in Kanata, Ontario.

Gary & Barb began volunteering after they participated in a 10-week Palliative Care course at St. Andrews United Church in Calabogie. After completing this course, their pastor, Reverend Chris Anderson, mentioned to them that Bonnechere Manor required volunteers. The couple contacted the Manor, was interviewed by Nellie Kingsbury, and they began assisting the clients in the Day Program and then eventually helping the Residents in-house. Gary and Barb assist with special events, outings, Toonie Tuesdays, fishing trips, and also with palliative care. Every Thanksgiving for a number of years now, the couple invites Residents and Day Clients (over 20 people in all) out to their home to enjoy a homemade Thanksgiving feast. This year, in addition to this special meal, the couple will also be hosting a homemade Thanksgiving luncheon at the Manor, so that those Residents, who have difficulty getting ambulating, have the same opportunity of enjoying a special Thanksgiving meal.

Both Gary and Barb feel that the secret to being a successful volunteer is having the ability to listen, and they truly enjoy listening to the personal stories the Residents share with them. They also feel that they get back so much from the Residents. They say "Just to see their faces light up and see the smile on their faces is more reward than one can imagine".

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A UNIQUE PIECE OF ART HANGS ON THE WALL AT BONNECHERE MANOR



Local artist, Richard Gill, hangs his piece of art depicting the front entrance of Bonnechere Manor, in the Great Hall for residents, staff and visitors to enjoy for years to come.

A truly unique piece of art now hangs in the Great Hall at Bonnechere Manor – a sculptured clay relief wall plaque by local artist, Richard Gill depicting the front of Bonnechere Manor. This project was the result of a year’s worth of craft making and selling by Clients and Residents of Bonnechere Manor and the Day Program.

“Over the years residents and clients have made a variety of crafts, which are sold to staff and family members. We have been able to help raise money towards Christmas gifts for the residents, a donation to the Bonnechere Manor Foundation as well as purchasing towards the “Sports Room” and its décor”, explained Lynda Dewar, Program Assistant at the Adult/Seniors Day Program. “As this year marked the 50th anniversary of Bonnechere Manor, it was easy to decide how we were going to show our appreciation. With our accumulated proceeds and the generous help of the Bonnechere Manor Foundation we invested in a Richard Gill sculpted clay relief wall plaque. Working closely with Richard through a series of

photos, Richard was able to depict the front entrance of the Manor, his vision through our eye, expresses a happy environment, working together,

RESIDENT PROFILE

Margaret Briscoe

Margaret Briscoe grew up in the Township of Admaston, now known as Admaston/Bromley. She has 3 brothers and 1 sister. Margaret lived with her family on a Holstein farm and helped her mother around the house in any way she could. Margaret went to school until she reached the age of 16. She had to leave school as she was diagnosed with epilepsy and schools were not as familiar with this illness as they are now. At this time she went to help her Aunt Annie in Northcote. She lived with her Aunt for almost 8 years, helping run the household, but she was still able to go home every weekend. Margaret was what she describes as a "churchgoer", and sang in both the Grace United Church choirs in both Admaston and Northcote.

Eventually, Margaret required extra care and In 1961, Margaret moved into Bonnechere Manor. Right away Margaret embraced life at her new home. She helped with dusting furniture and doing other odd jobs. She remembers attending music programs and getting dressed up in her good clothes to

attend the event and then returning to her room to get back into her everyday clothes. Margaret says she practically lived in the craft room with Edna, activities staff member. She embroidered and enjoyed doing fancy work. For years Margaret has been writing a column for the Renfrew Mercury, updating the community on what functions are taking place at the Manor. Margaret has also diligently kept diaries of her time at Bonnechere Manor and has stacks of journals she can look back on.

Over the years Margaret's epilepsy has become more controlled and she is an active member of the choir, art class, craft room and many other programs. It is rare indeed to find Margaret idle. One event Margaret especially enjoys is the monthly visit by the United Church Women's Group. These women from the Admaston/Bromley community come in to visit bringing fresh-baked goods to share with previous community members such as Margaret. Margaret says when they come into the Manor "it's home!"

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