

MARINE SOUNDINGS

promotes the history of the Provincial Marine, most particularly in the War of 1812 and is grateful to the many volunteers whose work makes us eligible for grants. Sales in yards and in the Commissariat, bingos, and other volunteer work make us eligible for these awards.
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Shamus Gunn is shown below getting his props ready before his presentation “Fire on the Water” in the Legion, Branch 157. Shamus is a professional story teller but also a proud re-enactor in our group.



We have purchased a “Northern canoe”, which was still part of the local scene in 1812. We are training to use it as part of our re-enactments.



The canoe was an integral part of the opening up of Canada. The North West Company used them in their operations. Long canoe trips were no longer necessary along the shores of the Great lakes as schooners could carry a lot more. But they were still useful going up narrow creeks. After the War of 1812, both sides sought to

build ambitious canals so that trade could move even more efficiently. Our canoe currently boasts a native motif on the stern and a typical

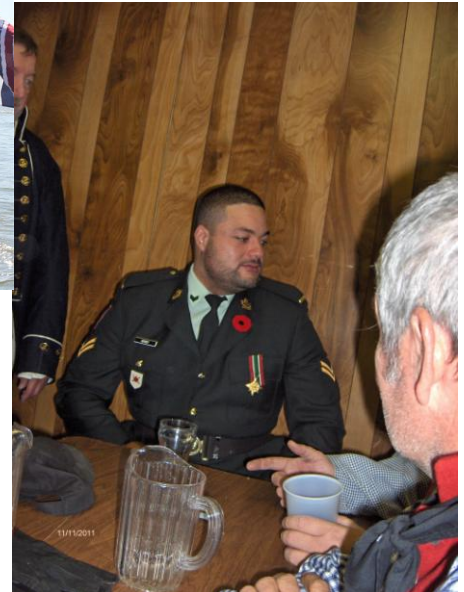


French Canadian motif on the bow.

Every year at November 11th we look forward to the Legion Parade. It’s a chance to see members that have moved elsewhere and to find out how people are doing. We always look forward to seeing James Whyte and Katie, whom we saw in the crowd. She is awaiting her third child. Brenda Mayer was in the parade dressed as a typical navy wife of the period. (see below.)



We saw Hunter Kersey, a longtime member of our group, who was in the parade as a member of Canada’s armed forces. We were out in record numbers and we had a room set aside for us after the parade.



Here’s a picture of Jane Teeple in Victorian dress sitting with “Reggie” in our Victorian sleigh float.(Reggie is Dale Kidd’s stepson.)



Thanks to everyone who contributed pictures and ideas to make this newsletter a success!

Reports are due from various departments according to when they are most active.

FEB: Re-enactment Schedule, Winter Activities, President’s Message; MAY: Boats, Bingos, Membership; AUG: Commissariat staffing and improvements, Event Reports, Brick campaign; NOVEMBER: Boats, Bingos, Winter Activities, November 11th Parade, Christmas Parade. **Reports are due at the beginning of the month of publication.** Any department may report on an as needed basis.