



Friends of Fintry Provincial Park

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As the new President of the Friends of Fintry, I will continue in Dave Shilliday's footsteps and provide all our Friends with regular monthly updates of happenings at Fintry.

The most significant update at the Manor House is the new wheelchair ramp, railings and deck at the entrance to the Ben Lee Room which over the past few months, BC Parks has undertaken. It is all but complete and is just in time for our busy summer season. All that is left is the completion of the stonework around the new wider door. It is a wonderful addition and we are very grateful to BC Parks.

The first Fair of the year was held on Mother's Day in May. It was very well attended and we had over 150 visitors through the Manor House for tours that day.

Our Education Outreach Committee has been working hard and we welcomed our first school tour last week. Over 50 students, parents and teachers came through the Manor House to check out the artifacts, and learn about Dun-Waters' history. We are looking forward to another class on June 20th as Fintry fits right in with the current school curriculum showcasing "Pioneers and Explorers". Later this week we also have a senior's tour booked so it will be a great opportunity for a lot of reminiscing! Our regular tours are still happening every Saturday and Sunday at 1:00 pm and at 2:30 pm. Tours cost \$5.00 per adult and \$2.00 for children and students. Those under five are free and if you are a member of the Friends of Fintry there is no charge.

Last year we had a very successful Canada Day celebration at Fintry and we plan to repeat this celebration on July 1st, so please come on down scenic Westside Road and join us as we celebrate Canada's birthday.

Last Saturday June 9th, the Friends of Fintry held their Annual General Meeting at the Fintry Manor House. This event was well attended by many old and new Friends; guest speaker Neil Woolliams from Mackie House in Vernon gave a lively talk and three happy people went home with door prizes! Thank you to all who attended.

This coming Saturday, June 16th, the Friends of Fintry will be participating in the Sunshine Festival in downtown Vernon. The street is blocked off for this huge event as thousands of people wander along 30th Avenue partaking of the various information booths, food trucks, two stages with entertainment, and loads of vendors. The event goes from 9:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m. so be sure to stop by our booth and say hello!

Looking ahead, we are well into the planning stages of our annual Summer Fintry Fair to be held this year on July 15th on the grounds of the Manor House. We have an exciting line up this year with a wonderful Celtic group of musicians called Triskele (pronounced TrisKAYlee.) Also the Vernon Scottish Country Dancers will be demonstrating a few dances as well as the ever-popular Kalamalka Highlanders with their resounding renditions. There will be a wonderful selection of new as well as some of our favourite vendors, displays, food trucks as well as some interesting demonstrations. Definitely a Fair not to be missed.

Kathy Drew, President
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