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# 2017: A NEW SEASON

BY BARRY DYCK

A question I am often asked is, "So what's new at Mennonite Heritage Village (MHV)?" There is always something new happening. Throughout the year we receive and accession new artifacts. From time to time we hire new staff. Sometimes we let old programs go and develop new ones. Several of our galleries get new exhibits at least once a year, sometimes more frequently. Projects give old buildings a facelift and in at least one case, actually provide a new building. In addition to keeping our facility and programs fresh and current, one of our goals is to refute the claim that when one has seen MHV there is no need to visit again.

All of these will happen in 2017. New artifacts, along with their stories, will be accessioned, and in some cases we will write about them in our Village News column or feature them in our *From the Vault* Facebook posting. New staff will take their places on the MHV team, particularly for the summer season. We are delighted to report that Yuliya Asraf will take over management of the Livery Barn Restaurant and our catering services. A

new event this year will be the Heritage Classic Car Show. This event has been staged at MHV for years and is somewhat of a staple for residents of the Southeast.

The Gerhard Ens Gallery will have two exhibits this year. A travelling exhibit from the Manitoba Museum, *Nice Women Don't Want the Vote*, will be available to our guests from May 19 to June 19, 2017. On July 1 we will open our new exhibit on our 2017 theme, *Storied Places*. The Landmark High School photography class has recently installed a new exhibit in the Auditorium and a Steinbach Regional Secondary School class will bring us a new exhibit later in the year.

The brand new Summer Pavilion will be operational this summer, providing new space for our programming and for community activities. The Waldheim House will get a new thatched roof later this summer and the windmill is slated to get a new deck. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting season. Come and check out these new things as well as the old ones.



## AUXILIARY NEWS

BY EVELYN FRIESEN

The year-end report delivered at the recent AGM at Mennonite Heritage Village revealed an impressive list of accomplishments—projects funded by the MHV Auxiliary. Providing financial support for the Education Program at the Museum has obviously become just one of many priorities. In addition, yearly dramas, film and special events give opportunity to uncover almost forgotten stories from an important past.

Our Spring presentation of *The Last Objectors* recalled the story of WWII conscientious objectors. In addition to this award-winning CBC documentary, this April film night also featured often overlooked stories of women who were adversely affected and who found life extremely difficult when their sons and husbands and brothers were ordered to far away alternative service during the war years. We heard touching accounts of sacrifices and emotional trauma affecting women and men who were inspired by a teaching to live peaceably when called to participate in military service.



Leona Rempel—being interviewed by Doris Penner—is in possession of a faded letter written by her late husband informing the authorities at the time that he had passed his required medical exam and was thereby ready for CO service. Art Rempel was eventually allowed to return home from a previous post to work for a very necessary community service at Steinbach Flour Mills.

Several local women remembered the

hard task of having to manage households without fathers and brothers. In Niverville, as in other places, it was said that the school rooms became empty when the teachers, who were mostly men, left for CO duty. Another remembered the sudden, surprise visit of uniformed authorities who appeared at their country home in order to verify a brother's claim to being the prime caregiver of the family. One remembered her mom having to work outside the home for 50 cents per day to help support her young family while her oldest son was away on alternative service. Many spoke of the shortages of food and supplies that were already rationed because of the war.



The Auxiliary provided an assortment of freshly-baked pies—always a favorite to end any evening. Chocolate pies were the first to disappear!

With a fresh resolve for the coming year, some of the Auxiliary members are tediously stitching on the next Raffle Quilt .....others are sewing up another colorful apron for sale in the Gift Shop or fixing a meal for the next business luncheon. Still others anticipate the opening of the Waffle Booth for the summer season where rollkuchen and watermelon and the best tasting, heart-shaped waffles with vanilla sauce will be served on special event days.

And so we carry on with continued fervour to further the interests of the Museum.

The Auxiliary ..... working for MHV!



# NEW AQUISITIONS

BY ALEXANDRA KROEGER



Our newest Lepp clock, the first donation of the year. Acc. no. 2017.1.1.

MHV's first artifact donation of 2017 was a Lepp clock made in 1844. It is similar to the better-known Kroeger clocks made by the Kroeger family in Rosenthal, except that it was made by Peter Lepp in Chortitza, Cortitza Colony, Russia (now Ukraine). I thought this was quite a fitting donation for the New Year, a time when we start thinking about how fast time flies and how we would like to make the best of our time in the year to come.

Peter Lepp (1817-1871) was born shortly after his parents migrated from Prussia to Russia. As he grew up he had no desire to farm; instead, he wanted to learn how to build machines. However, his family thought that he should be a clockmaker instead, so when he was 15 he was sent back to Prussia to learn clockmaking from his Janzen relatives. He returned to Russia in 1836, settling in the village of Chortitza, where he set up a clockmaking business. He married Margaretha Klassen (1814-1863) the same year. Lepp made clocks with journeyman Gerhard Hamm (dates unknown) and apprentice Kornelius Hildebrand (1833-1920), both of whom went on to become clockmakers in their own right. Driven by failing eyesight, Lepp made the switch to his true passion, manufacturing machinery, around the 1850s. He founded the Lepp and Wallman company, which continued to manufacture farm implements even after the Russian Revolution. Lepp died in Prussia while visiting his brother Heinrich in 1871.

Judging by the fact that clocks were commonly given as wedding gifts, this Lepp clock probably first belonged to Bernhard D. Wiebe (1821-1897), who married Cornelia Wiebe (1823-1896) on January 5, 1844. They brought this clock with them when they immigrated to Canada in 1876. They passed the clock on to their son Jacob (1849-1930), who had come to Canada a year earlier with the second group coming from the Bergthal Colony. After Jacob's death, the clock was passed down through the Bernhards of the family. The last Bernhard gave it to his son, who gave the clock to his uncle, who donated it to MHV.

The paint originally used on Mennonite clocks typically does not last in extreme climates (such as Manitoba's), so many clocks have been repainted, including this one. According to the donor, a previous owner scraped the paint off this clock sometime in the second half of the 20th century so it could be repainted. However, that owner never was able to get around to it, so the donor



The Lepp clock's movement. We know this is a Lepp clock because Peter Lepp stamped his mark into the hour wheel.

had it restored by Arthur Kroeger around 2010. It looks quite similar to the other Lepp clock in our collection, which Arthur also restored. Coincidentally, both clocks were made within a year of each other! Although the face is no longer original, we do have a photograph of what it looked like before it was restored.

The curatorial department at MHV is honoured to be the caretakers of artefacts like this one that shed light on unique parts of the history of Russian-descendant Mennonites. If you have an artefact with a story about Mennonite history to tell, and you would like to donate it to the museum's collection, please contact the main office at 204-326-9661. Someone from the curatorial department would be happy to meet with you to discuss the artefact.



Donor's parents, Bernhard B. and Aganeta (Thiessen) Wiebe pictured with their clock in the background, ca. 1965. Acc. no. 2017.1.2.

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In Time With Us*



# WALDHEIM HOUSE RESTORATION

BY ANDREA DYCK & ALEXANDRA KROEGER

If you wandered through the village over the fall and winter, you will have noticed the Waldheim House looking a little strange, as it underwent a major restoration.



Waldheim House, prepped to begin structural repairs to the log walls.

Before this project began, the Waldheim House had quite a few problems with moisture getting inside. The house smelled strongly of mildew, there were mold spots on the woodwork throughout, and there was a patch of fungus growing out of plaster on the west wall that looked a bit like a science experiment.



A close-up of the fungus collection that was growing out of the plaster on the bedroom wall.

Obviously, a heritage building is not the place for fungus! Most of these problems were due to the roof which, although it was not leaking outright, was not protecting the log walls adequately, particularly at the eaves.

Over the years, the repeated exposure of the logs to the elements resulted in moisture doing its damage in the log walls and into the inside of the building.



Piles of lath and plaster, torn down from the inside walls.

Our first step in planning this restoration was to consider what could be done with the roof to fix the problem and then to repair the damage that had occurred over the decades. As we planned for the roof, we hired Myron Hiebert, from the local company Walls that Speak, to restore the log structure and interior of the building. This part of the project began in October 2016 and will wrap up in early summer.



In any major renovation, things typically look worse

before they get better and the Waldheim House was no different. After we had moved all the artefacts out of the house and into safe storage elsewhere in the village, Myron's first step was to strip the interior walls down to the logs, removing the old lath and plaster, and all the old chinking. Once the inside of the log walls were exposed, Myron set to work cutting away any rot in the walls and splicing in new materials. The 'new' logs that he sourced were actually not new at all, as they originate from a log house built in the 1890s in Sperling, Manitoba.



Jared Nickel, MHV's Facility Manager, inspecting the "new" oak logs, sourced from an 1890s log house in Sperling, Manitoba, that would replace the Waldheim House's rotten ones.

The new materials were a perfect match to the Waldheim House, which is made from oak timbers from the Pembina Hills, and so the replacements in the walls are nearly imperceptible.

Next, Myron filled in the gaps left between the logs with foam, which supplied a sturdy backing for the new mortar between the logs. While preserving the historical character of the building, we have chosen to use new materials selectively throughout the project to give the renovation longevity. Historically, mortar would have been a mixture made of readily-available supplies like clay, mud, and lime, or other locally-available materials. Myron and his team used a modern product called "Perma-Chink." Even though it looks like traditional mortar, this new material remains flexible even after it's dried, which provides a tight seal, and it stretches as the wood shifts, meaning it will withstand Manitoba's sharp temperature fluctuations very well.



New chinking will provide much-needed protection from the elements.

With the exterior work substantially complete, Myron and his team moved their work indoors, just in time for December's first cold



Interior walls being prepped for the new cement wall board.



# WALDHEIM HOUSE RESTORATION CONT'D

BY ANDREA DYCK & ALEXANDRA KROEGER

snap. Inside, the log walls were strapped with one inch strips to provide the structure for a new interior wall that would sit just inside the log walls, with about a one inch gap at the ceiling and floor. This system of dual walls provides much-needed ventilation between the exterior logs and the interior plaster, meaning that wall fungus will have to grow somewhere else in the future! This new secondary wall was covered in cement board called "Perma Base," which is mold-resistant and has low water absorption. Up until this point, the building looked like a construction site, but with this wall structure in place, Myron could finally start re-creating the look of a home inside the Waldheim House. Historically, walls in buildings like the Waldheim House would have been plastered with a homemade mixture of clay, water, manure, and straw. For this project, we opted for modern plaster which Myron hand-applied and then glazed to make the walls look like they had always been there.

Like any other renovation, sometimes the unexpected happens. In this case, we found out that the ceiling boards were rotten and needed to be replaced. The ceiling was removed and, for a very brief period, the Waldheim House boasted a trendy open-concept loft while we waited for the ceiling to be replaced.



The Waldheim House as an open concept loft.

New windows were also installed, just in time for the spring melt.



New windows were installed just in time for the first major melt of the spring.

While there is still some structural work yet to be completed, this



Discussing the upcoming roof thatching. (l-r) Alexandra Kroeger, Assistant Curator; Lloyd Dueck, volunteer; Myron Hiebert, Walls that Speak; Colin McGhee, McGhee & Co.; Barry Dyck, MHV Executive Director; Jared Nickel, Facility Manager

part of the project is substantially complete. Our goal with this part of the project was to restore the structure of the house in such an historically-accurate way that our visitors this summer won't even know anything happened to the building over the winter. Due to the great work of Myron and his team, I think we achieved this goal. We extend a heartfelt thanks to Myron Hiebert and his team for sharing our enthusiasm for this project and for the great care they have taken with this priceless heritage building!

The next phase of this project is to replace the existing roof, which has been the source of most of the Waldheim House's troubles. Currently, the roof is made of metal sheeting covered with barley straw and chicken wire. Over the years since it was installed in the early-1990s, the mock-thatch has slid down the metal roof and bunched at the eaves, growing an impressive collection of moss reminiscent of a yet another science project. The roof is neither historically-accurate nor beautiful and is not protecting the building as it should; it needs to go! We have contracted Colin McGhee, Master Thatcher from McGhee & Co., to thatch an authentic roof, using historically-accurate materials. Colin visited MHV at the end of March to take a look at the site and to consult with Myron Hiebert about the work that will need to be done to prepare the roof for thatching. Shortly after that meeting, we welcomed a semi-trailer full of 1,300 bundles of Phragmites reed, harvested right here in Manitoba on the west side of Dauphin Lake. This reed will become the material for our new roof.



Judd, our reed supplier (right) from Ochre River, Manitoba, and Devon (left), who helped us unload the reeds.



Phragmites reed, the material that will become our thatched roof.

Thatching is slated to begin mid-June and will take about 3-4 weeks. We invite you to come see this once-in-a-lifetime historical demonstration!

Stay tuned to our website and Facebook page for updates on when the thatching will start as we get closer to June. In the meantime, check out McGhee & Co.'s Instagram account (@roofthatchers) to see more of his work. You can also check out MHV's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/MHVSteinbach/>) to see more photos of the Waldheim House restoration project.

This project is generously funded by a Canada 150 grant, Steinbach Credit Union, the Thomas Sill Foundation, R.M. of Hanover, and private donors. Without their support, important heritage projects such as this one would not be possible.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BY ANNE TOEWS

## MAY

Monday, May 1, 2017  
**Open for the Season**  
**Outdoor Village & Livery Barn Restaurant**  
**Open for the Season.**

Friday, May 12, 2017  
Manitoba Day  
Flag raising ceremony

Sunday, May 14, 2017  
Mother's Day Lunch Buffet  
11:30 am - 2:30 pm  
Take Mom out for a Mennonite feast at the Livery Barn Restaurant.



Nice Women Don't Want The Vote  
May 19 to June 19, 2017  
This exhibit, developed by The Manitoba Museum, outlines the historical context of the Suffragist movement and commemorates the 100th anniversary of Manitoba women winning the right to vote.

Saturday, May 27, 2017  
**Relay For Life**  
12 pm - 12 am  
Village Grounds  
Relay For Life is a community fundraising event where Canadians across the country join together in the fight against cancer. To participate please contact:  
Colette Toews 204-786-0618 or email ctoews@mb.cancer.ca

## JUNE

Sunday, June 4, 2017  
Heritage Classic Car Show & Swap Meet  
11 am - 4 pm  
\$20 to register for the car show or swap meet. Bring the whole family.

Saturday, June 10, 2017  
**8th Annual Tractor Trek**  
MHV / Eden Foundation fundraiser. Register a tractor and enjoy a leisurely ride through the countryside with friends.

Sunday, June 11, 2017  
**Southeast Implements Collectors Tractor Show**  
Come see antique and restored show vehicles displayed on our village streets. The day is organized by the Steinbach Tractor Club.

## JUNE

Friday - Sunday  
June 16 - 18, 2017  
Summer In The City  
10 am - 10 pm (Friday & Saturday)  
12 pm - 5 pm (Sunday)  
**Enjoy fresh homemade waffles and vanilla sauce at the MHV booth on Steinbach's Main Street.**

## JULY

Saturday, July 1, 2017  
**Canada Day**  
9 am - 6 pm  
Special Canada Day ceremony and birthday cake. Enjoy tours and lunch in the Livery Barn Restaurant. Free admission.



Storied Places  
July 1, 2017 to Spring 2018  
The places we live are shaped by the stories we tell. From our homes to our cities, we all - immigrants and their descendants, Mennonites and non-Mennonites - use stories to make the unfamiliar familiar. The building blocks of these stories can be memories, histories, or the objects with which we surround ourselves to create meaning. MHV's 2017 exhibit, Storied Places, uses artefacts to explore the stories Mennonites tell about themselves and about what it means to call Manitoba 'home.' These stories about place shape who we are as people. What are the stories that have shaped you?

Monday - Friday  
July 10 - 14, 2017  
**Pioneer Day Camp**  
10 am - 4 pm  
Pioneer Day Camp for ages 5 - 7. Learn hands on activities and games that were everyday living for our Mennonite forefathers.

## AUGUST

Friday - Monday  
August 4 - 7, 2017  
**Pioneer Days**  
9 am - 6 pm  
Relive your past through a variety of pioneer activities and demonstrations, steam powered threshing, music and entertainment, kid's activities daily, and lots of good food and fun! Our biggest event of the year!

## AUGUST

Monday - Friday  
August 14 - 18, 2017  
**Pioneer Day Camp**  
10 am - 4 pm  
Pioneer Day Camp for ages 8 - 10. Learn hands on activities and games that were everyday living for our Mennonite forefathers.

Wednesday, August 16, 2017  
**Heritage Classic Golf Tournament**  
Quarry Oaks  
10 am - 6 pm  
**Register early to enjoy a round of golf with your friends. Brunch, prizes, and dinner included. Call for more details.**

## SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 4, 2017  
**Fall On The Farm**  
9 am - 5 pm  
Experience harvest work, steam powered threshing, a variety of pioneer demonstrations, hog butchering, music and entertainment, and lots of hearty food.

Sunday, September 17, 2017  
**Open Farm Day**  
11:30 am - 5 pm  
Half price admission to the museum, horse-drawn wagon rides, all day buffet.

Wednesday, September 20, 2017  
**Volunteer Appreciation**  
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
If you have volunteered at MHV this year, you are invited to attend. No formal invitations will be mailed or emailed.

## OCTOBER

Sunday, October 1, 2017  
Closed for the Season  
Village grounds and Livery Barn Restaurant closed for the season.

Monday, October 9, 2017  
**Thanksgiving**  
Closed for the holiday.

Friday, October 13 - Saturday, October 14, 2017  
Quilt Show  
Hosted by MHV Auxiliary and Steinbach Quilters Guild. Lunch available.

## NOVEMBER

Friday, November 17 - Saturday, November 18, 2017  
Christmas at the Village  
Christmas market, sleigh rides, bonfire, hot chocolate.

## DECEMBER

December 23, 2017 - January 8, 2018  
**Christmas / New Year's**  
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# NEW FACES AT MHV

BY BARRY DYCK

The summer always brings some new faces to our staff team. After managing our food services for a number of years, Dora Penner has joined the ranks of the retired. She has served us well and we wish her a very happy retirement. We are pleased to report that Yuliya Asraf, one of our food services staff from last year will take Dora's place. She will manage the Livery Barn Restaurant, the Short Order Booth and all MHV catering services.

Yuliya was born in Ukraine where some of our ethnic food items have their origins. She has been active in the hospitality and food services industries in Israel bringing a broad experience to MHV.

Yuliya is excited about the upcoming season and is eager to continue the fine traditions of the Livery Barn Restaurant.



Also joining us recently as our Administrative Assistant is Stacey Sawatzky. Stacey lives in Blumenort and is currently getting to know our operations and programming. She will provide administrative support in a variety of areas.

We welcome these and all our new staff and volunteers to the team.

In the Education Department we have hired Kayla Berg as Education Program Coordinator and Alana Donohoe as Education Program Assistant. These ladies are very excited to join the MHV staff and run our education program and daycamp programs for the summer. Both are university students with goals to become teachers.



# 2017 PROJECTS UPDATE

BY BARRY DYCK

Without a doubt the most substantial project we've undertaken in the past decade has been the construction of the Summer Pavilion, our new summer event centre. In addition to replacing the big white tent as the venue for festival entertainment this facility will also become the hub of our summer education program and an overflow dining room for the Livery Barn Restaurant. It will be available to families, community groups and businesses as a picnic shelter, party venue or general meeting space. We are very excited to put it to use.

The Waldheim House project has progressed well. Defective logs have been replaced with sound oak logs, the interior plaster walls have been rebuilt and the ceiling has been replaced. In June the old roof will be taken off, the roof structure will be refurbished and a new thatched roof will be installed. The Phragmites Reed that will be used in this project is already on site. We look forward to having this project in play as part of our Canada 150 celebrations on July 1.

The red barn in our barnyard, the Livery Barn Restaurant, the Printery and the Reimer Store are all in need of fresh paint and in one case, a new cedar roof. We have normally counted on Community Places grants to assist us with those projects. That grant has not yet been made available this year so we're still trying to determine how we can make those project happen. We are happy to hear your ideas.

With 17 wood structures, many of them very old and very significant, we will always have projects that need to be done. And they

will always be large projects. How nice it would be if we had individuals or groups who would adopt these buildings and provide ongoing care and funding for their preservation.



Summer Pavilion at MHV



# VILLAGE BOOKS & GIFTS

BY JOANN FRIESEN

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first season as the Manager of Village Books and Gifts, Reception and the General Store.

The Indoor galleries as well as the Outdoor Village were once again extremely popular as visitors from around the world chose MHV as the highlight of their Canadian tour. Many guests came for weddings, meetings, and other events as well. I would like to report that Mennonite Heritage Village museum hosted just over 40,000 visitors during the 2016 season.

MHV Receptionists offered a welcoming smile, a few kind gestures as well as pertinent information which helped travelers enjoy their visit at the Village. Many times our reception team takes on a role of concierge, guiding our guests to their next destination wherever it may be. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to experience the excitement from guests who expressed their time at MHV as fabulous and memorable while proclaiming their return to our village in the near future.

The quality of books on the bookstore shelves continues to draw historians, shoppers and bookworms. We have a good selection of novelists, genealogists, historians, biographers, and local photography enthusiasts. The mandate of Village Books and Gifts is to provide the readers with historically sound information, personal stories and works of fiction that reflect the journey of the Russian Mennonites. Just in on our book shelves: Refugee, a memoir of a brave young woman who survived persecution in the gulag, Russian prison, and life on the run, living in the shadows. "For 18 years, Agnes Paul's life was that of a refugee - uncertainty, incarceration, and homelessness.... And then at last, a glimmer of hope. This is the story of a Mennonite refugee's journey from peril to the safety of a new home in Canada."

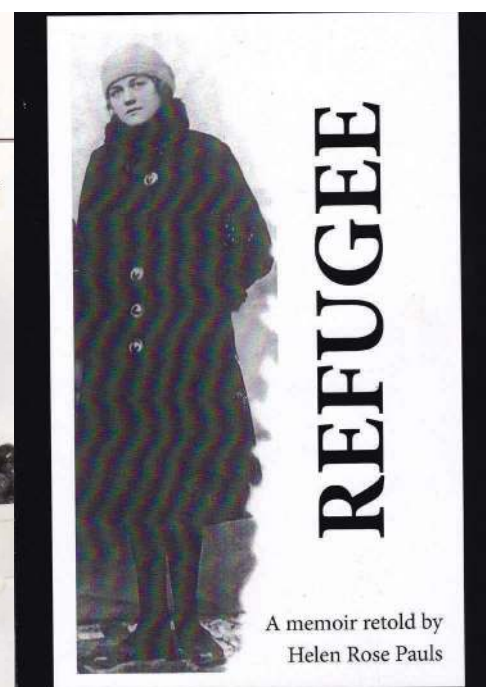
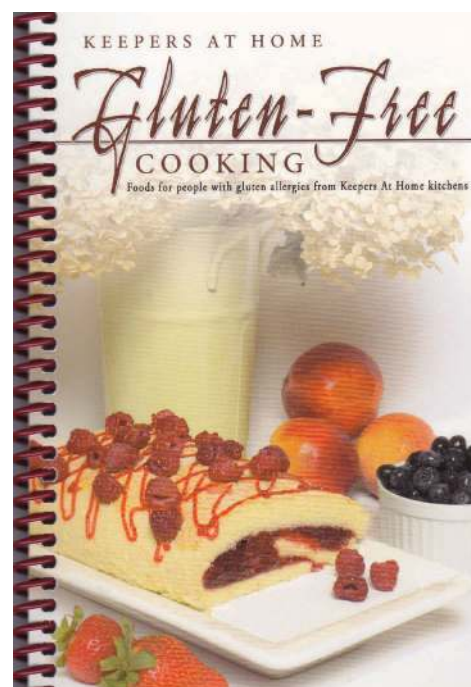
Another new book on our shelves deals with a health issue that has invaded the life of so many people. Adjusting to a diet that contains no gluten is difficult and life-changing. The foods we can't have are everywhere. Gluten free cooking is on the rise and another new book on our shelves is the Keepers at Home: Gluten Free Cookbook. Get your copy today. We also have a wide selection of children's books, and coffee table books.

Our souvenir selection continues to diversify. We endeavor to appeal to the wide variety of people who want to bring home something that's a little bit "Steinbach" or a little bit "Mennonite." Our 2017 goal is to increase seasonal sales through advertising and providing quality, unique, hard-to-find items while celebrat-

ing "Storied Places", MHV's theme for 2017. The Menno Apparel continues to be one of our hottest sellers. Village Books & Gifts is the exclusive retailer for these t-shirts in the Southeast. We strive to find a balance in our store by carrying quality, heritage driven items, along with travel friendly souvenirs.

The General Store enjoyed a successful 2017 season! Candy is always a favorite draw and with a wider variety of old-fashioned candy, we were pleased to see the popularity only increase. As in years past, the General Store was rented and staffed by local artisans and crafters. This relationship works very well and brings in items for sale that we would otherwise not have access to, giving guests an even wider selection of unique and local wares. We are excited to announce that there will be 15 Artisans in the store this year. As always, shopping at the General Store is an amazing experience.

Working along side seasoned staff and volunteers has been a highlight of my first year at MHV. I am excited about implementing new ideas for the 2017 season. It is clearly evident that Village Books and Gifts has a team that endeavors to improve the quality of customer service, books, souvenirs, and other products being offered. Stop by soon to experience the difference!





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