



Diane Strickler

Diane Strickler is the archivist and family historian of the Maryhill HS. A long time member of the Maryhill HS, Diane has been instrumental in creating the archival records of the society. These records date from the earliest days of Maryhill and St Boniface Church and School.

A life long member of the community Diane's enthusiasm for the our heritage is infectious. She is most generous with her time in helping people searching their heritage. She has contributed any moneys given to her for research to the Historical Society over the years.

Diane has arranged the translation of the original records are often written in German, Latin and or French into English. She has compiled the original personal records into a collection of 1267 Family Trees which are a treasure for descendants of the ancestors who contact the Maryhill HS seeking knowledge about their ancestors. Each year Diane handles all the requests for information on Maryhill which includes church, school and community. Diane is also the coauthor with fellow nominee Mary Ann Stroh of two recent publications: History of St. Boniface Church and New Germany to Maryhill: An Historical Journal.

Last year she played a significant role in the fundraising and the erection of the new monument in St Boniface the Old Walled Cemetery. This monument records the names of ancestors whose tombstones have deteriorated over time.

Diane has also created two published indexes of the Old Walled and New Cemetery. She is an active member of the Waterloo and Wellington Historical and Genealogical Societies. She has written extensively on local history and her works have been published or used in the community.



Last year her article on the origins of the Maryhill name was published in the annual Waterloo HS journal. This year she provided the historical pages for our new Maryhill HS website. Currently she is working on a book: The Veterans of Maryhill in which she is preparing brief biographies of Maryhill residents who served in the 20th century wars.

Diane Strickler is indeed a most worthy nominee for a Canada 150 Award

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