



# Canton Church Restoration, Inc.

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## CANTON CHURCH NEWSLETTER – FALL 2015

The Canton Church had a busy and successful year.

We started having our Board meetings in March, and in April we met for spring cleaning to get the Church ready for the summer. Lots of folks showed up to help and Sharley Regan provided a delicious lunch.

Two Boards Officers, with almost 20 years of service each, resigned this year. Jim Holland resigned as President, and Nancy Marks as Secretary. They will continue to be on the Board, but not as Officers. They are already missed and we want to thank them for their hours of service and dedication to the preservation of the Canton Church.

The most important goal completed was the exterior maintenance work this summer. The roof was repaired and the exterior was painted using a unique penetrating, bonding primer/sealer and then with a quality exterior acrylic, at an expense of nearly \$17,000. Canton Church had not had any exterior maintenance done since the initial restoration work completed in the 90's. With any luck, the exterior will be good for another 15 years!

We had six summer events at St. Joseph Catholic Mission Church this summer. The six events featured speakers and groups from Montana; Richard Baker, a performer presented, "An Evening with Pierre Cruzatte's Ghost", Kelly Flynn, presented "History of Confederate Gulch", and four local group musicians and singers--Helena Handbasket, Judy Fjell & Beth Youngblood, Christensen Family Band, and Eliel Band filled the Church with Americana, bluegrass, gospel, country, folk, and traditional music. All were well-received by the audience, and not only were three of the bands and Kelly Flynn from Montana, but also from here in Broadwater County.

We can also add a new website to our list of accomplishments this year. Thank you to Vic Sample for building it and to Jeff Ross for hosting our website. Check out the new website at [Canton-Church.org](http://Canton-Church.org). Everyone will be able to keep up with the events and times next year.

Next year we are hoping to come up with a major fund-raiser to fill our coffers again so we can keep up with the maintenance work.

We hope you can attend the Annual Board Meeting of the Canton Church Restoration, Inc. Sunday October 25, 2015. Annual Meeting happy hour is at 4:00 p.m. and dinner 5:00 p.m. at the Betsy in Townsend, MT. Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu for \$25.00. Please RSVP to Pam Sample at 406-422-7028 by Tuesday, October 20, 2015.