

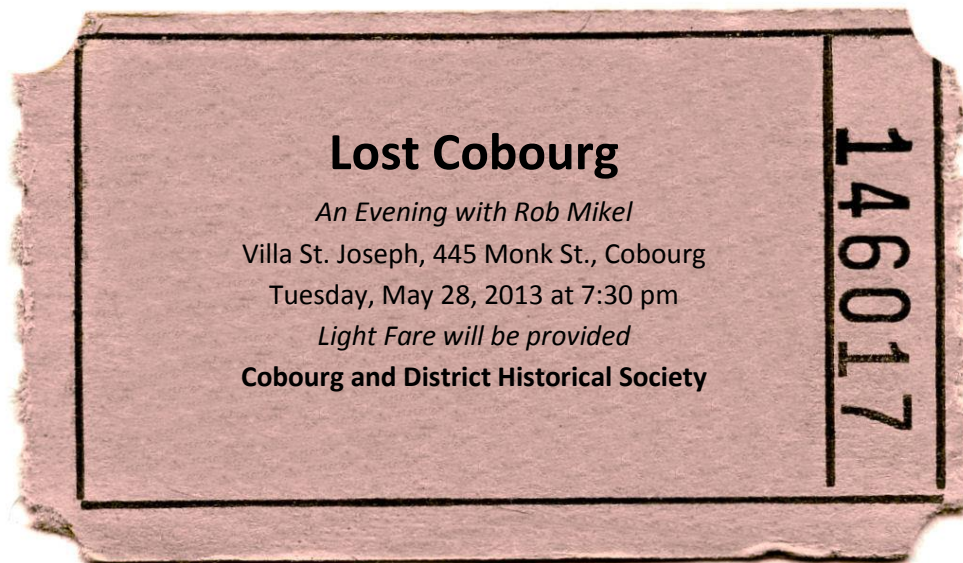
Historically Speaking

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District Historical Society

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An Evening with Rob Mikel

Noted local historian Rob Mikel will talk about *Lost Cobourg*, also known as “The Summer Colony”. In addition to an opportunity to hear from an excellent speaker, we will also have a chance to see inside the historic Villa St. Joseph. This famous building, currently operated by the Sisters of St. Joseph as a retreat centre, was once home to President Ulysses S. Grant’s daughter Nellie Grant Sartoris Jones. Light fare will be provided. **This event is sold out. Admission is for ticket holders only!**



Our Previous Meeting

The CDHS Annual General Meeting was held in Victoria Hall on Tuesday, April 23. The business meeting included election of officers for the 2013-2014 year and reports by various members of the Executive.

Election results:

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After society business the April meeting featured long-time member John Jolie who has a penchant for researching local history. John presented his findings about Major Lachland T. Burwash, a little-known but adventurous Cobourg resident who explored the Arctic in the last century. In 1930 the *Montreal Gazette* reported that although Major Burwash “failed to discover the mystery of the Franklin Fate”, he returned with much information and valuable photographs.



Membership Matters

Time to Renew Your Membership

CDHS memberships expire in April. If you have not yet renewed, you can pay at our May meeting. Dues are unchanged from last year at \$10.00 for students, \$25.00 for individual memberships and \$30.00 for family memberships. With great speakers this past year and Leona's "Cafe", our Historical Society has become the "in" place to be. This speaks for itself as we already have 76 paid-up memberships and in April we had a full house, with people having to sit on chairs in the aisles. With six new members who are all interested in planning and participating in meetings, we look forward to a big crowd every meeting during our 2013-14 year.

In order for me to have a peaceful summer, could I please urge those who have not yet renewed to do so. Who wants to stay home phoning those who have not sent in their cheques – not me! It's been a long winter so it is time to get out and enjoy the sun!

New members

I would like everyone to welcome Sheila Matthews, Linda Nicol and Bianca Rende who have recently joined CDHS.

Meeting Changes

Meeting attendees will have noticed a number of changes. Most obviously, the meetings start 30 minutes earlier than previously – the doors open at 7:00 pm and the meetings start at 7:30 pm. To the delight of many there is decaffeinated coffee, muffins and cookies before the meeting. To help to get everyone acquainted there are name tags. Please leave your tag in the box as you leave the meeting.

Transportation to Meetings

We are trying to determine which members would appreciate a ride to our meetings. We have two volunteer drivers and I'm sure there are others who would be willing to drive. Judith Goulin is coordinating this transportation initiative.

Anyone who would like a ride or is willing to drive others should call Judith at (905)372-7684.

Membership Cards

Everyone who paid their dues at the April meeting can get their new membership cards from Alma Draper at the May meeting.

Meeting Topics

Do you have any ideas for speakers for the 2013-2014 season? The Programme Committee would like to hear from you. Contact Judith Goulin at jgoulin@hotmail.com or (905)372-7684.

Announcements

Archives Summer Hours

For the summer months of June, July and August, the Northumberland County Archives will be open to the public from Monday to Thursday and every other Friday from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

Doors Open

Doors Open 2013 will be on June 1-2. Many historic facilities in Northumberland County will be open this year. For detailed information visit <http://www.northumberlandtourism.com> or use <http://tinyurl.com/cdwy3dt> for a direct link to the schedule.

Built in 1939 The Riverside Dance Pavilion in Hastings was home to Big Bands, Country Dance Bands and later Rock and Roll. Bought by an auctioneer in 1977, it was converted to an auction hall with occasional community dances. Go for a dance lesson on the original sprung wooden floor! Try your dance steps in the evening at the Dance Pavilion and join the Potter Band from 8:30 pm to midnight.

Town Crier

Part of Cobourg's history for the past 32 years has been Tom MacMillan's role as Drum Major of the Concert Band of Cobourg. He has also been our Town Crier for about 28 years. His retirement as Drum Major last December is now on DVD. You can view the video online at <https://vimeo.com/64905668>.

Lakeshore Genealogical Society Outing

The June Outing of the Lakeshore Genealogical Society will be a tour of the Pickering Museum Village on Saturday, June 22 at 1:30 pm. Non-members are encouraged to attend. The tour will include the services of a skilled and costumed interpreter. Prior to the tour, the group will meet for lunch at a Swiss Chalet in Pickering at 11:45 am. Tickets for the event are available from Jim Sandham. Please provide Jim Sandham with a cheque for \$8.20 per person, made out to Lakeshore Genealogical Society. Attendees who require transportation or are willing to provide a ride should contact Jim to make arrangements. . Contact Jim at (905) 377-8240 or jsandham@cogeco.ca for further details or to purchase tickets.

Information about the museum is available at <http://www.pickering.ca/en/museum.asp>.

Spirit Walk

Do you remember the couple who came all dressed up and spoke at a recent CDHS meeting? You can see them again at Pickering Village. The event, *A Spirit Walk: Call to Rebellion* will be held on September 13, 14, 20 and 21.

Tickets go on sale August 16 for \$18 and can be purchased on the City of Pickering web site at www.pickering.ca/museum. Contact Sandra Gelbard at (905)420-4660x3716 or 1(866)683-2760 or sgelbard@pickering.ca for any questions.