



Historically Speaking

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District Historical Society

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June Peterborough Excursion

April is the end of our fiscal year and was the last meeting until September. However we have an exciting trip planned for Tuesday, June 3rd. We will enjoy a Lift Lock Cruise in the Peterborough area and visit the Peterborough Museum and Archives. Join us to celebrate the beginning of summer with a day trip to Peterborough!

When

Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at 8:30am

Where

Meet at the Commuter Lot on Burnham St. North, just north of Highway 401 on the west side of the road. We will be arranging carpool groups and driving to Peterborough.

What

Enjoy a scenic day out on the water as we take a cruise along the Trent-Severn Waterway and through the famous lift lock. A delicious lunch will be served on board. Following the cruise, we will be touring the Peterborough Museum and Archives. The featured exhibition is "Stories of Sacrifice" and includes artifacts, images and archival material that chronicles the Great War and its impact on Peterborough.

Tickets

Tickets are for sale in advance for \$35 each. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Ken Strauss at (905)377-9854 or email to ken.strauss@pebblebeach.ca. The final date to purchase your ticket is Thursday, May 8.

Our Previous Meeting

The April meeting was our Annual General Meeting. Reports were presented by the members of the Executive, approved by the membership and officers for the 2014-2015 fiscal year were elected. The new officers are: Judith Goulin, President; Ken Willcox, Vice-president; Carla Jones, Secretary; Marilyn Harris, Treasurer; Alma Draper, Membership; Alison Torrie, Programme; Leona Woods, Member-at-Large; Ken Strauss, Newsletter Editor. Their contact information is on the last page of the newsletter.



The audience was then alternatively fascinated and regaled by members' revelations of their secrets and family skeletons. The presenters requested that their stories remain in the room so the stories must remain unattributed! We learned of a local drowning due to the appreciation of strong liquor, finding a marriage certificate issued after the birth of

the first child, a traveling companion of the Prince of Wales, fishing on the Prime Minister's private lake, searching for a photograph of the Cobourg railway station, bodies in the trunk and

parking tickets in Owen Sound. Considering the revelations we may never look at some CDHS members the same way again!



Membership Matters

New Members

I would like to welcome Gail Rayment and Anne O'Connor who have recently joined CDHS.

Membership Renewal

All memberships not yet renewed are past due. Please mail your dues and membership renewal form (included in this newsletter) to Alma Draper, 10 Madison Street, Cobourg, ON, K9A 5R2.

In Memoriam



It is with profound sadness that we report the death of CDHS member Russell Arthur Betram. Russ was born in 1919 and served in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps Band 1939-1945. An accomplished musician, he played with The Salvation Army, Metropolitan United Church Silver Band, 48th Highlanders, and The Royal Regiment of Canada. Russ loved his family, music, travelling and his many summers at Canal Lake. He will be remembered for his artistic abilities, sense of humour and generosity. He was a gentleman in every sense and will be dearly missed.

Russ is survived by CDHS member and wife of 70 years Lois Betram, daughters Victoria, Cindy (Jim Willcocks) and Tina (John Harding), seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

If desired, donations may be made to The Salvation Army (Meighen Residence, 416-481-5557), the Sunnybrook Foundation (Veterans' Comfort Fund, 416-480-4483) or a charity of your choice.

Errata

The April 2014 issue of *Historically Speaking* implied that Kraft had been in Cobourg for almost one hundred years. The sentence should have read: **“For almost a hundred years , Douglas Pectin (Certo), General Foods and Kraft played an important role in the history of Cobourg, but unfortunately are now gone forever.”** Kraft was only a presence in Cobourg for 18 years.

Announcements

Small Town Radio

Small Town Radio is looking for programs created by local community personalities and groups, and the CDHS is very interested in participating. This is a great opportunity we have to present Northumberland's history in a

fun way. Contact Carla Jones at (289)252-1684 or email cgrucelajones@gmail.com if you would like to participate in bringing our history to the air.

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89.7FM
SmallTownRadio



Lakeshore Genealogical Society

The Lakeshore Genealogical Society will meet on Thursday, May 8, in the HTM Room of the Cobourg Community Centre, 750 D'Arcy St, Cobourg, at 6:30. The topic will be "Puzzles and Mysteries and How-To's". The meeting will provide an opportunity to attack your brick walls and challenges with help from the membership. You will discover alternative techniques and lines of inquiry.

Ancestry, FindMyPast, MyHeritage and others will be available online together with the collective wisdom and experience of the whole group. Please send your issue in advance to Carol Evans (cme.ue@cogeco.ca) so that the meeting can be better structured. That does not preclude other questions being raised, time permitting. Visitors welcome.

Port Hope Heritage Fair

The Port Hope and District Historical Society will hold a Heritage Fair on Sunday, May 4 at the Port Hope Lions Recreation Centre on Thomas Street, Port Hope.

The Dr. King Story

Dan Buchanan will present historical details of Dr. King, murderer, in the entertaining style of a storyteller. The presentation will be on Sunday, May 18, 2-4pm at the Hilton Hall Heritage Centre at 50 Chatten Road (County Road 30, 2km north of Highway 401). Free admission and refreshments will be served.

Cobourg Museum Foundation AGM

The Cobourg Museum Foundation AGM, originally planned for March 12th, was cancelled due to a snow storm. The AGM has been rescheduled for May 7 in the Northumberland Room at the Best Western Motel. Doors will open at 6:30 pm and the business part of the meeting will run from 7:00 to 7:30.

Beginning at 7:45, Chris Robins will describe the concept of the citizen-soldier and the development of the early militia up until 1837. Legion member Ben Burd will then pick up the story by describing the development of local military units and their engagements through to the formation of the Royal Canadian Legion in the 1920s.

All are welcome but only paid-up members will be able to vote during the business session. For more information contact Keith Oliver at (905)377-0107.

Peterborough Museum and Archives

The Peterborough Museum and Archives is featuring a new exhibition: "Stories of Sacrifice: Peterborough Remembers World War One". This exhibition celebrates the 100th anniversary of World War One and inspires us to reflect on the experiences and contributions of the people of Peterborough and the impact of the war on the community. It features local artifacts, photographs from the Peterborough Museum and Archives collection. The exhibition is open to the public from March 30 to June 8 at 300 Hunter Street East. Phone (705)743-5180 for further information or visit their website at <http://www.peterboroughmuseumandarchives.ca/>

Websites

There are many websites with great Cobourg-related historical material. Visit any of the following:

Cobourg Museum Foundation: northumberlandheritage.ca

Snippets of Cobourg history and current happenings: www.hardscrabble.ca

Cobourg History: www.cobourghistory.ca/

Ontario cemetery records: ocfa.islandnet.com/

History of Great Lakes travel: www.maritimehistoryofthegreatlakes.ca/

Cobourg area heritage resources: <http://www.cobourg.ca/links1.html>

Architectural Conservancy of Ontario: <http://www.arconserv.ca/>

1878 Northumberland County Atlas in Google Earth:

<http://www.lakeshoregenealogicalsociety.ca/history-area/maps/northumberland1878>

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