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Stories from the Archives

By Nick and Sharon White

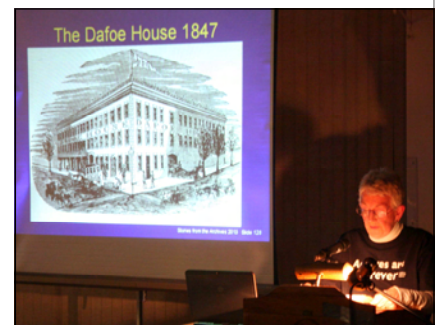
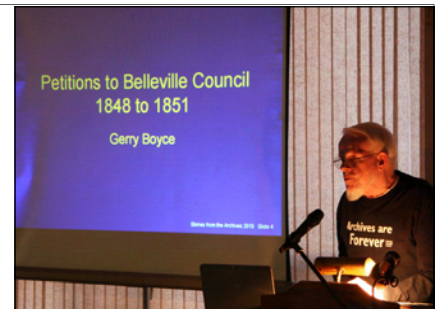
The April meeting was another great evening of presentations by the Archive Angel volunteers, who gave illustrated talks about some of the interesting stories and the pictures they have met during their work at the Community Archives. Photos to the right and on the next page show Archivist Sharon White introducing the evening and some of the eight presenters who came to the podium.

Most of the volunteers who attended are in the picture at the lower right. Left to right, wearing their "Archives Are Forever" tees, are: Al Cleary, Adele Dibben, Mary Jane Throop, Lorna Garbutt, Katharine Mills, Nick White, Donna Fano, Sharon White, Lois Foster, Diane Sule, Elizabeth Mitchell, Gerry Boyce and Marney Black. Presenter Bill Kennedy was there but missed the photo.

Other volunteers who could not come to the presentations also received honourable mention for their work at the Archives during the past year: Laurel Bishop, Breanna Brethour, Jeanne Delaney, Kieran Delaney, Bobby Jo Morris, Dr. George Pearce, Lindi Pierce, Annis Ross, and Erin Ryan. Bravo to all of our wonderful volunteers!

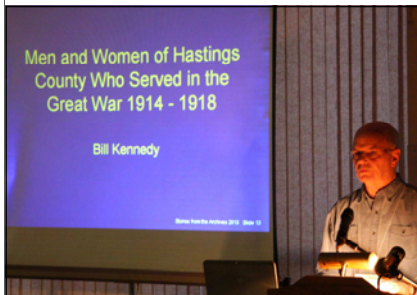
Seniors who missed (or want a second look at) the "Stories from the Archives" presentations in April have another opportunity to see them at Bridge Street United Church, Belleville, on May 17. The Senior's Group meets noon to 3 pm - bring a brown bag lunch, tea and coffee provided - presentation begins about 1 pm. All seniors welcome, no charge for admission.

Photos - Doug Knudson and Nick White





The audience was captivated by the Stories from the Archives, which were short vignettes on the subjects of early petitions to Belleville Town Council, local heroes in the Great War, a 1920 promotional booklet, famous Bellevillian Farley Mowat, warships in the Bay of Quinte, images of construction, *Intelligencer* photographs from 1990, and hotels at Pinnacle & Bridge Streets.



The *Outlook* will report on these stories in further depth in this issue and in June.



Tribute to the Volunteers

by Sharon White

Archivist Sharon White introduced the evening with a tribute to all the amazing volunteers at the Archives and she thanked them for the important work they do.

Some volunteers provide customer service – helping other people find information about their house or family or any subject of inquiry. Others assist with events and displays – they talk to visitors at Canada Day, the County Plowing Match, etc. Some work on listings and inventories to make our collections “discoverable.” Many do research on different topics, and a few experts like Gerry Boyce and Lois Foster give advice on historical matters. We also have a digitization team and volunteers who keep our computer system in order.

Sharon also thanked the Historical Society and its Board of Directors for their support of the Community Archives. She added thanks to all those who have contributed to

the fundraising campaign for the Archives and to those who help us preserve our heritage by donating historical papers and photographs to the archival collections.

Local Men and Women Who Served in the Great War

Presenter - Bill Kennedy

Bill Kennedy provided an overview of the presentation he will be giving to the Historical Society in October, entitled “Men and Women of Hastings County Who Served in the Great War.” Bill highlighted the significance of Canada’s participation in World War I and the battles fought by some of the young men from Hastings County who served their country on the Western Front from 1914 to 1918, a conflict that ultimately would cost 37 million casualties.

Gunner Leo Ross, killed in action at the second battle of Ypres on April 30, 1915, was the first Belleville casualty of World War I. Bill’s presentation also discussed the fates of Dr. George Sills and Private Arthur Tufts of Tweed. Bill drew attention to the importance of women during the war effort, including local nurses who served their country.



**Grave of Gunner
J.L. Ross,
Canadian Field
Artillery
April 30, 1915**



On Parade, Belleville Armoury, World War I

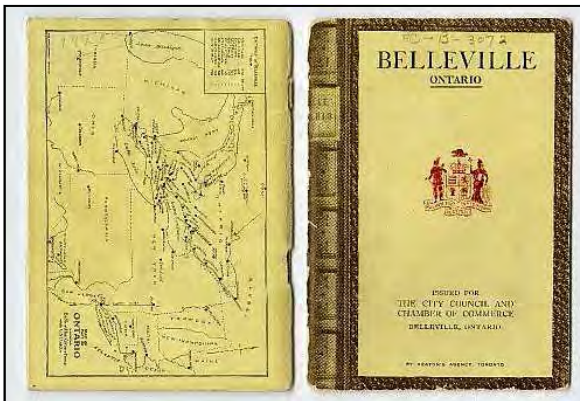
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Promoting Belleville in 1920

Presenter - Mary Jane Throop

Mary Jane's presentation featured a small promotional booklet issued for Belleville's City Council and Chamber of Commerce in 1920 (Archives reference HC03072). The booklet is 40 pages long and provides wonderful information on what was considered important in attracting people to the area at that time. It includes pictures with statistics and facts on Belleville's advantages and local services. Belleville's industrial sector grew during the 1920s, with prosperity and an attractive business environment.

The Belleville Chamber of Commerce was established when the former Belleville Board of Trade was renamed in 1919. The Board of Trade traces its origins back to 1864, and has always been a group of businessmen working towards progress and the betterment of the community.



Photos of the Booklet

HC03072

Hotels on the Corner of Pinnacle & Bridge Streets

Presenter - Lois Foster

Lois Foster's presentation was of special interest, given the recent tragic loss of the Hotel Quinte. She related the stories of the hotels on this site from the opening of the Dafoe House in 1847 to the calamitous fire in December 2012 that brought about the end of an era.

Lois's descriptions and pictures about each of the four generations of elegant hotels at Pinnacle and Bridge Streets ended with her asking the question, "Guess what happened next?" and giving the same answer for each of the four hotels, "Fire." On the three earlier occasions another hotel rose "phoenix-like from the ashes," but it seems this will not happen after the fourth major fire.

Lois's presentation was based on research she had done earlier for the Archives' exhibit on this subject. She has also been working with Laurel Bishop, Lindi Pierce, Donna Fano and Nick White on a forthcoming booklet about the Hotel Quinte.



Hotel Quinte after grand reopening, 1908

HC04809



Dining Room

HC04769

Petitions to Belleville Town Council

Presenter - Gerry Boyce

Gerry Boyce spoke about some of the documents in a seldom consulted but fascinating collection of eighty-one petitions to Belleville Town Council from about 1850. The petitions reveal much about life in Belleville at that time and the push for improvements to basic infrastructure such as roads, sidewalks, sewers, and public wells.

Gerry's samples included petitions from James Ross, J. Dunbar Moodie, Charles Herchmer, Billa Flint Jr., E. Murney, and others.

Petitioner Joseph Provost and others requested removal of a Toll Gate because they lived within the Town limits but outside the Toll Gate and "they cannot get to their Houses from other thickly settled parts of the Town without passing through said Toll Gate."

To the Mayor and Town Council of Belleville
The Petition of the Undersigned Inhabitant
of West Belleville -
Respectfully Sheweth
That the Road leading to the
Second Concession of Sidney is in such a
State as to be almost impassable in wet
weather, and the part of said Road lying
within the Limits of the Corporation is in
the opinion of your Petitioners, as much
entitled to its due share of the improvements
going on elsewhere, as any other locality
within the said Limits.

Petition
addressed
To the
Mayor
and Town
Council of
Belleville

Require the sum of £35 to enable them
to obtain the said sum of £75 from
Government in order to complete the said
Building.

A petition requesting the sum of £35 from the Town Council to complete the Grammar School

passable at all seasons of the year;—
or otherwise grant a small sum for the said purpose.
And your Petitioners To &c
Dunbar Moodie

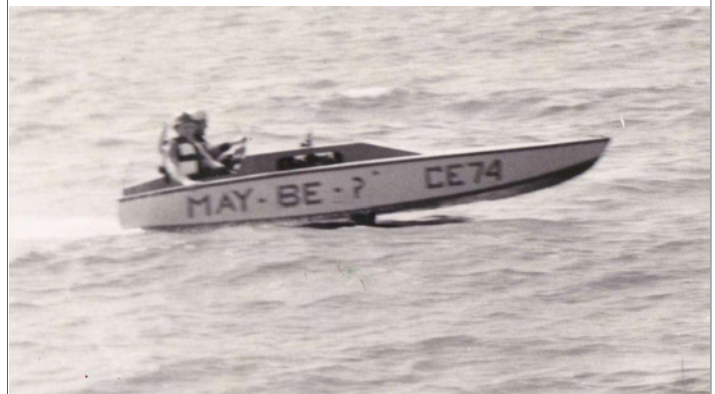
A petition signed by M. Dunbar Moodie

Watch for More Stories from the Archives in the June Outlook.

An Unsung Hero from Point Anne

By Vern Whalen

Often known as the "Concrete Community," the tiny village of Point Anne has produced a few people who have made names for themselves. Probably its most famous son was hockey's Golden Jet, Bobby Hull, who played over twenty years in professional hockey. Of course, his brother Dennis followed him and was a member of the famous Team Canada in 1972. The very large MacDonald family in the village was made famous by artist Manly, a contemporary of Canada's Group of Seven artists. Legendary softball pitcher Patty Maracle is a member of Belleville's Sports Hall of Fame. However, if one mentioned the name Murney Carter, would anyone know who he was?



Murney Carter in his speedboat May-be? Photos - Bill Carter

To those of us who grew up in Point Anne during the 1950s and 1960s, Murney Carter was as much of an icon as the others. Beginning in the early 1950s and for the next decade and a half, he was one of the most successful speedboat racers in Ontario. Not only did he race boats, he built them himself. Murney was a mechanic by trade, working for Canada Cement (Lafarge) in Point Anne and Bath for forty-three years. His first boats were built with the help of his father, George. Later, at the age of seventy-two, he built his last boat with assistance from his son Bill and grandson Don. Bill recalled that his father's first boat was built in the basement of their house during the winter and then painstakingly taken out in the spring. The Carters then had a very large garage behind the house where Murney plied his trade. Walking past Carters' as a youth, you could always expect to hear the roar of engines revving. The racing class of Murney's first boats was known as the C.O.D. or more fully as Canadian One Design—Racing Inboard Runabout. The last boat that

he built was in the 5-litre Hydroplane class.



May-Be and Trophies

Canada Cement sponsored July 1 celebrations every year. Along with other activities, there was boat racing. Hundreds of spectators from the village and area would line the shores of the Bay of Quinte to watch boats with from 5 or 10 horsepower to speed-boats race in various heats. No race was more popular than when Murney Carter in his C.O.D. named May-Be? took on all comers. Ironically, for a few years there were two other competitors in the C.O.D. class. One owner/driver was his brother-in-law Jack MacDonald and the other, one of his best friends, Vince Maher. Carter, in fact, helped both make their boats in his garage. Needless to say, neither ever came close to matching him in Maybe?.



Left to right—Murney Carter, his grandson Don Carter and his son Bill Carter.

Carter did not restrict his racing to the Bay of Quinte every July 1. For the next fifteen years or so, he raced in Valleyfield, Picton, Arnprior, Rice Lake, Bewdley and at the Canadian National Exhibition. During this span of years, he garnered over 25 first-place finishes. In Picton in 1956, he set a then record speed of 50 mph in the C.O.D. class. He retired from racing boats about 1968, but watched his son Bill and his grandson Don race later in his life. Murney never did race the last boat that the three generations built; he left

that to the two younger Carters. He did, however, take it on its maiden voyage and later commented to a newspaper reporter, "I made the first run and it's working really good. It's very nearly as fast as I wanted it to be." Powered by a 305-cubic-inch V-8 engine, his new hydroplane reached speeds of up to 115 mph. During his heyday of racing, he normally avoided any publicity about his racing exploits. His son Bill recalled that his father would go away on the weekend to race, win a few trophies and speak no further about it. Point Anne's Murney Carter was an unsung hero in anyone's book. He died in 1995 at the age of seventy-four.



Education Committee Presentations

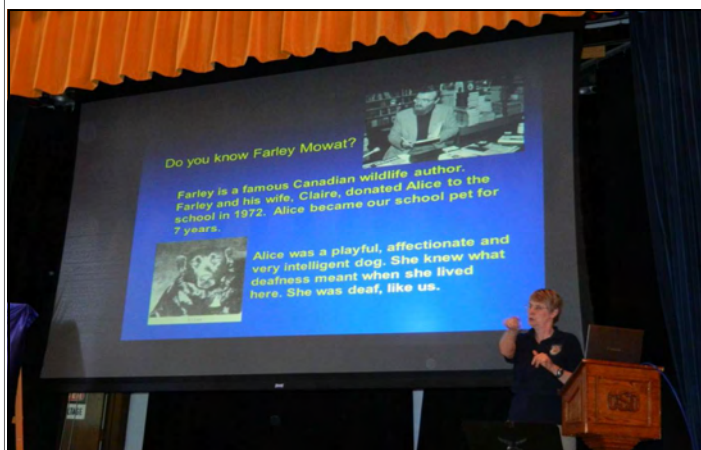
Alice's 34th Anniversary

Sir James Whitney School for the Deaf

Presentation—May 6, 2013

by Donna Fano

On Monday, May 6 as part of the Sir James Whitney School's education week activities Donna Fano gave a presentation on Farley and Claire Mowat and the Deaf dog, Alice, whom they donated to the school in 1972. The presentation was to commemorate Alice's 34th anniversary from the date she died. Some of the information from the Belleville Community Archives and OSD/SJW Archives was combined for the twenty minute presentation. Donna donated a painting that she made. It featured several images: Alice and her caregiver Rosemary Ryer, a student, Elaine Gillies signing in ASL the dog's name and Farley Mowat handing the dog to superintendent Dr. Demeza in 1972.



Photo—Noah Caruk

Annual Banquet and Celebration of Local History

Guest Speaker: The Hon. Sheila M. Copps, PC, OC

Topic: We are Nobody's Babies

The Progress of Women in Canadian Politics. Six women have risen to Premier positions in Canadian politics. The Hon. Sheila M. Copps helped pave the way. A combative and controversial advocate for women in Parliament and politics, she was the first woman appointed Deputy Prime Minister of Canada. As Heritage minister, she was always a strong advocate of Canadian nationalism and defender of our history. The title of her topic is taken from her book, *Nobody's Baby*.

Date: Saturday October 26, 2013

Location: Travelodge Hotel Ballroom

Social Hour 6 pm - Dinner 7 pm

Tickets \$65.

Tickets available at Quinte Arts Council, 36 Bridge St E. Belleville, and from Richard Hughes 613-961-7772

Belleville Armoury Presentation

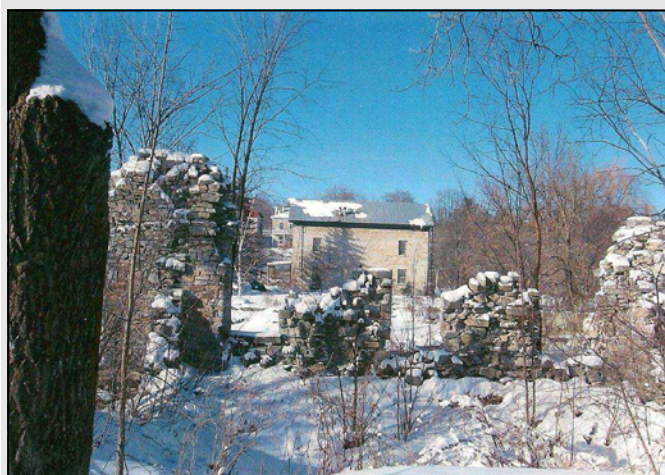
Presentation—April 9, 2013

by Bill Kennedy

Volunteers from the Belleville Armoury are shown here following Bill Kennedy's presentation at the Armoury training facility on April 9, 2013 titled *Men and Women of Hastings County Who Served in the Great War, 1914 – 1918* (see page 2). From left to right they are John Inrig, Duncan Campbell, Brian Milroy, Jackie McFee, John Keay, Cyril Chalk and Don Kernaghan (seated). Absent from the photo is Neil Smith.



A Glimpse into Ghost Towns in our Backyards Bus Tour



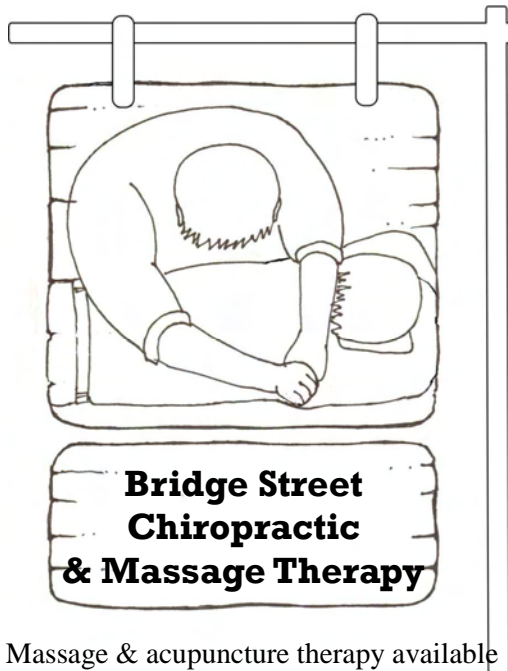
The Grist Mill at Lonsdale. It was built in 1832 by the Lazier Brothers.
Photo - Bill Hunt

Remember to wear long pants and covered shoes on the bus tours as there may be poison ivy in one area. For those who bought tickets for June 1 annual bus tour "Ghost Towns in our Backyard", see you at Bay-view Plaza, northeast parking lot at 8:30 am sharp.

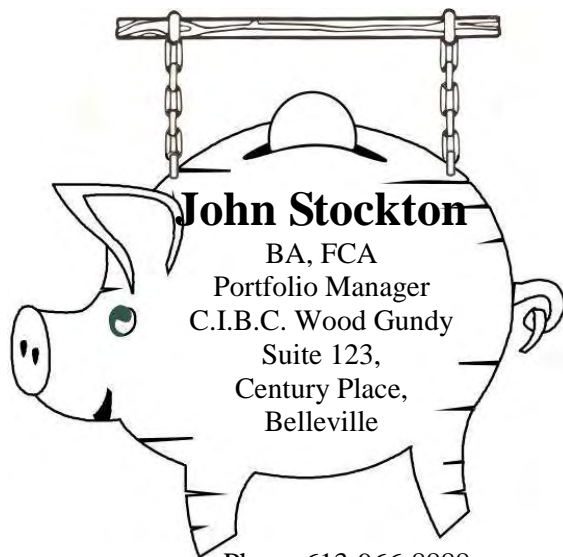
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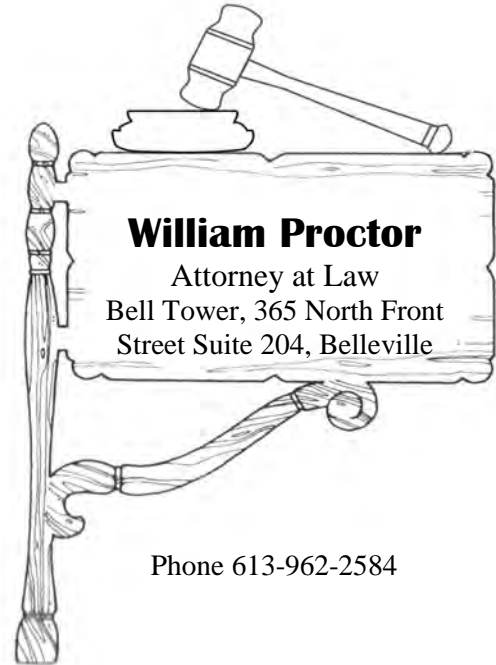
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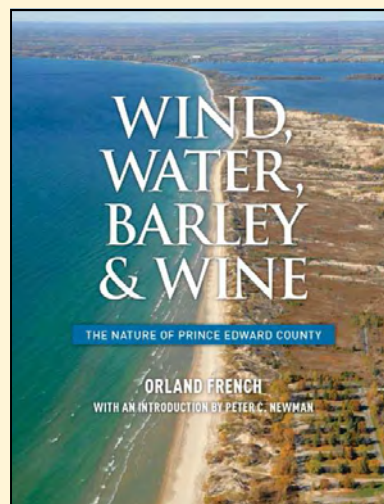
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Wind, Water, Barley & Wine Book for Sale!

Orland and Sylvia French's latest book, Wind, Water, Barley & Wine, will be available in mid-June. It's a colourful 160-page hardcover book on the geology and history of Prince Edward County. A special pre-publication price of \$30 applies until June 15; plus a "personalization fee" of \$10 to emboss the cover with your name (or any other name) is available until May 24.



Retail price after publication will be \$40 or higher.

Contact Orland at
613-969-8354 or
orland@wallbridgehouse.com

Winner of the Historical Society's Prize Draw

The winner of the Historical Society's prize draw at the Seniors Information Fair on March 28 was **Mr. George Moore** of Belleville. He is seen here receiving a copy of the Heritage Atlas of Hastings County from the president, Dick Hughes.



Deadlines for Submissions to the June Outlook Newsletter

May 29 - Final submissions of articles and photos for the June newsletter are due. **Please send any submissions before this date if possible.**

June 5 - June Outlook newsletter goes to the printer
June 10 - Newsletters are picked up and preparation of newsletters to be done by Archive Angels for mailing.

A copy of the newsletter will be sent to the contributors of stories to the Outlook for final proof reading prior to June 5.



Donna Fano - Outlook Editor

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Hastings County Historical Society Presentation

Special Guest Speakers:

Dr. Lloyd Jones

Topic: Stirling's **Lloyd Jones** speaking about the intriguing stories of **historic wooden ship's masts**, from felling in Hastings County, to their fixture aboard ships bound for high seas.

Date: Tuesday, May 21 2013
Time: 7:30 p m

Location: Quinte Living Centre Auditorium
(North Corner Door)
370 Front Street, Belleville

Bring a friend!

Contact Person: president@hastingshistory.ca
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