



# Outlook

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One was lost but this one was saved. After the devastating fate which befell Belleville Collegiate Institute and Vocational School (BCI), heritage preservationists must have heaved a sigh of relief when the 80-year-old United Empire Loyalist Log Cabin was safely moved to its new location only yards from its original site. The weighty concrete tribute to the pioneers of the Quinte area swung gently from the crane in a specially constructed sling as it made its trip to the bed of a large float trailer (for a short trip downtown) before finally being lowered to its new resting place. The monument's existence was in doubt for some time as some decided the monument was ugly and didn't warrant preservation. Cooler heads prevailed and another piece of our past has been saved from the wrecker's ball. Next comes a thorough cleanup and refurbishment. Hopefully, the monument will not even come close to being demolished and will stand for many many decades to come in its new space beside the waterfront trail. The "pansies and posies" which will take the place of the monument on the south side of Dundas Street probably won't last as long.

## Historically speaking, things are really moving...

While you were mowing your grass between the summer's rain showers, things were really moving at the Hastings County Historical Society. The picture archives were moved from Glanmore, the Loyalist monument was moved across the street, and the Society took another step toward moving its archives into the new Belleville library.

The picture archives were moved from the third floor of Glanmore National Historic Site after archivist Betsy Boyce suffered a stroke. She had been maintaining the picture archives for 20 years. The transfer of the picture archives to the Heritage Centre in Cannifton allowed us to consolidate all our archival material, except some large maps at Glanmore, into one location.

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## Next Meeting

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21,**

**2004**

**Guest Speaker  
Johnathan Welsh**

**General Topic**

**The Wine Industry**

**Particular Topic**

**The County Wine Industry**

**Refreshments**

**Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.**

**Monthly meetings are  
held in the Auditorium of the Quinte  
Living Centre  
370 Front Street, Belleville**

# Your society at work

The Hastings County Historical Society is pleased to be supplying resource material for a course on Quinte Area Writers being taught by Gerry Boyce at Loyalist College. The course will include reference to some 200 local writers.

Early writers will include French explorer Samuel de Champlain (who wintered in the area in 1615-1616); James Hunter Samson (Belleville's first lawyer and an amateur poet); James Haskins (a medical doctor and poet who drank himself to death), Susanna and Dunbar Moodie, and Charlie Corncobb (a little known Tyendinaga poet).

Later writers include Sir Gilbert Parker (novelist, member of the British House of Lords, and a strong supporter of the Belleville Public Library), historian W.C. Mikel, Wallace Havelock Robb (of Abbey Dawn fame), Nick and Helma Mika (authors and publishers), Farley Mowat, Roy Bonisteel, Orland French (president of our Society), Bill Hunt (our expert on rum-running and other activities), and a host of others.

Class members are invited to bring in examples of favourite local writers.

The four classes will be taught at Loyalist College on Friday mornings (September 17 and October 1, 15, 29) from 9:30 to 12 noon. You can register for any or all.

See the fall issue of Loyalist College's Focus on lifelong learning (page 44) for further information or call Gerry at 968-5023.

# A Roaring Twenties Dinner

Meet Belleville's flappers, rum runners, booze barons and gun molls from our shady past at the Bay of Quinte Yacht Club Saturday, October 30.

Skits by our Historical Society and others.

Live Auction by Boyd Sullivan.

Interviews of "suspects" by Roy Bonisteel.

Written by Orland French with kudos to author C.W. Hunt, who dug up the real-life characters from our past.

Tickets \$35

Includes authentic 1920s dinner

Call Peter Wheatley at (613) 969-7750

## Membership form

Please complete this form, or a photocopy of the form if you wish to save your newsletter, and bring it with your payment to the Society's next general meeting (third Tuesday of each month except June July, August and December), or send it by mail to the

Hastings County Historical Society, 154 Cannifton Road North,  
General Delivery, Cannifton, Ontario K0K 1K0

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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I also enclose a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
toward the work of the Society

### Membership Categories

Individual	\$ 20
Family	\$ 25
Senior/Student	\$ 15
Senior Family	\$ 20
Life Member	\$150
Corporate Sponsor	\$ 50
Organization	\$ 20

The Hastings County Historical Society  
is a registered charity.  
Official receipts for Income Tax purposes  
will be forwarded to you with your membership card

# Rooting around for ancestors

by Lewis Zandbergen

**Stirling-Rawdon** - They came from Picton, Oshawa, Peterborough, Belleville, Ameliasburgh, Campbellford and Stirling. They represented all age groups: from blue-jeaned teens to grey-haired grannies. They shared a common trait: curiosity. They had a common goal: adding to their knowledge about their ancestors.

The Stirling-Rawdon Historical Society's first annual genealogy fair was a major success for the Genealogy Group of the society as visitors were given tours of the one-year-old facility, assisted visitors with research and talked shop with others in quest of their ancestors. From 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, August 21, historical society staff members (who by the way are all volunteers) assisted family historians who drifted in and out of the Stirling-Rawdon Public Library.

Pat Marshall greeted everyone at the door as visitors signed in; her infectious good humour made everyone who came through the doors immediately comfortable. Guests could view the display set up by the historical society, sign up for door prizes and take a peek at the recently published 1838 Rawdon Township Assessment Rolls, the earliest available document outlining the settlement of the township and Stirling.

Researcher extraordinaire Barbara Dawes spent virtually the whole time in front of her laptop in the library's boardroom as she demonstrated CemSearch to people who didn't realize such an amazing resource existed; over 700 cemeteries are listed and can be searched.

In the research centre proper Phil Martin showed folks just how to work the microfilm reader/printer (purchased with a Trillium grant). John Docherty displayed the computer programs which are now part of the historical society's growing collection of genealogy sources. Bob Dawes was everywhere showing visitors the various family histories, the over 200 genealogy books, the CDs and microfilms in the society's growing collections.

In a day filled with pleasant surprises, one was of special interest. Austin Bennett brought in an original copy of the 1878 Belden's Atlas of Hastings and Prince Edward Counties with a special twist-the covers were plastered with obituaries. In addition Mr. Bennett proudly showed off his collection of deeds, wills and other ephemera much of which dated to the early 1800s. Of special interest was the cover of an old family Bible which provided all the members of one family complete with birth, marriage and death dates.

Another highlight of the day was a cheque presentation from Bob Dawes who presented a cheque for \$500 to the society. Bob is a former employee of Bell Canada. Bob explained how the grant is made possible, "Bell Canada sponsors a program called 'Helping Hands - Open Hearts' to recognize the contribution that its active employees and retirees make to their communities. It is also a way for Bell to give back to the people and communities in

which it operates. "The Employee Volunteer Program dates back more than a century to the Bell Telephone Company Pioneer's Service Club which started Bell's community involvement with charitable organizations. Any active or retired employee who donates a minimum of 50 hours per year to a registered charity is eligible to apply for a grant of \$500 to their charitable organization. Teams of three or more can apply for grants of up to \$2,500 per year."

Fifty hours! Both Bob and his wife Barb have devoted many more than the required number of hours. The Stirling-Rawdon Historical Society is indebted to Bob and Barb for all the work they have devoted to getting the new local history genealogy centre off on the right foot.

Members of the genealogy group of the society are already planning next year's event.



Stirling-Rawdon Historical Society president Lewis Zandbergen (l) accepts a cheque for \$500 from member Bob Dawes. As a former Bell Canada employee Bob is eligible to apply for a yearly grant to go to the charitable organization of his choice. The presentation was made at the first annual genealogy fair held in Stirling Saturday, August 21. Jim Ketcheson photo

The above story and photo originally appeared in *The Community Press*.

## Violin cases must be checked at the door

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If everything proceeds apace, that location will be in the new Belleville library in two years. The executive of the Society opted to accept the offer of the library steering committee for 2,000 square feet of archives storage and work space in the new library. We are also taking steps to set up a joint archival arrangement involving the city and the County of Hastings, but it is unlikely that sufficient space will be made available in the library for municipal archives as well.

Some of you may have witnessed the Loyalist monument flying high above the intersection of Front and Dundas streets, from the southwest corner to the northwest corner. The Society's efforts to save the monument resulted in a saw-off: the city saved the monument but in a different location. With restoration and appropri-

ate landscaping, the monument should become a curious artifact for wanderers on the Riverside Trail.

Get out your flapper dresses and pin-striped suits. The theme of the annual fund-raising banquet and auction is Prohibition and the Roaring Twenties. Everyone is invited to come in costume but, please, check your violin cases at the door. Last year our special guest was HRH The Prince of Wales; who might we have this year? The dinner will be held on Saturday, October 30, at the Bay of Quinte Yacht Club, with Roy Bonisteel as The Interviewer and Boyd Sullivan as The Auctioneer.

Teacups will be available to hold the hooch.

Orland French,  
HCHS president



# GLANMORE

National Historic Site

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## School Programs at Glanmore

Staff at Glanmore National Historic Site is getting set to offer another year of exciting educational programs.

Glanmore continues to partner with both the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board and the Algonquin and Lakeshore District Catholic School Board to offer curriculum relevant learning experiences to local students.

This year, Glanmore will be offering six great programs:

### Holiday Traditions

(November 16 to December 17, 2004 – Grades K-6)  
–Examine Victorian Christmas traditions to discover the origins of many modern holiday practices. Make and decorate gingerbread cookies or Victorian scrap art greeting cards to take back to school.

### Art Explorations

(January 17 to February 3, 2005 – Grades 2-5)  
Become art detectives in this exciting new visual arts program that features a tour of Glanmore's art collection and related hands-on activities.

### Arts of China

(February 16 to March 25, 2005 – Grades 2 -12)  
Take a trip to China with this special exhibit visiting from the Royal Ontario Museum. Discover ancient artifacts made from bronze, porcelain and jade. Create a work of art inspired by Chinese designs!

### Early Settler Days

(April 12 to May 6, 2005 – Grades 2-4) Discover the comforts of a pioneer home. Learn how pioneers stayed warm, lit their homes and entertained themselves. Plus, spin wool and participate in a traditional early settler quilting bee!

### Glanmore Garden Party

(May 25 to June 24, 2005 – Grades K-6) Your presence is requested at our Victorian garden party! Dress-up, enjoy delicious refreshments and play popular 19th century outdoor games.

### Historic House Tours

(Available year-round except November and December – Grades 4 to 12) Let our education staff tailor a historic house tour to your curriculum needs.

Interested in bringing a class to the museum? Book early to avoid disappointment.

Call (613) 962-2329 to book a school program.

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