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The Newsletter of **The Hastings County Historical Society**

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Next Meeting

Local author and historian Lois Foster will speak on Belleville's historic buildings at the next meeting of the Hastings County Historical Society Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Quinte Living Centre on Front Street.

Directors elected

The 1990 slate of members for the Hastings County Historical Society is as follows: Jean Williams, Mary McConnell, Beth Green, Bernard Wright, Jack Arthur, Bill Hunt, Malcolm Muth, Hilma Moir and Joan de Salis. The Society's executive will be elected in February.

Year-end stats

The Hastings County Historical Society ended the 1989 financial year with revenues of \$10,667.68 and expenditures of \$7,813.26. The information was provided at the society's annual meeting Tuesday at the Quinte Living Centre. The proposed budget for 1990 is \$7,300.

ACO Walk

The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, Quinte Branch will hold its "Third Sunday Walking Tour" on Sunday, February 18, at 2 p.m. This month our gathering will be held indoors at Sidney Township offices at Tucker's Corners - corner of Wallbridge Loyalist Road and Concession 4. The speaker will give a history of Sidney Township buildings and a preview of the 1990 Bicentennial celebrations. Tea and cookies will be served about 4 p.m. There is no charge - everyone is welcome. Information: 613-476-7221 or 392-0542.

Glanmore home of *hastings county museum*

257 Bridge Street East, Belleville, Ontario K8N 1P4 (613) 962-2329

Wednesday, February 14 2-4 p.m. - A Valentine Victorian Tea at "Glanmore"

All are invited to a very elegant afternoon tea prepared and served in the truest Victorian fashion. Tours of "Glanmore" to follow. Presented by the Hastings County Museum Auxilliary. Admission \$3.00 per person. Call 962-2329 for more details.

Saturday, February 17, Belleville Plaza - 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. HERITAGE SHOWCASE, 1990

Learn about the 'people and places' of this region's rich cultural, natural and built heritage. See exhibits and demonstrations from over a dozen museums, historical societies, heritage organizations and Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committees. Listen for special events to be announced in February. Sponsored by the Ontario Historical Society with generous support from the Ministry of Culture and Communications, Honourable Christine E. Hart, Minister. Call 962-2329 for more details.

Sunday, February 18, 1-4:30 p.m. - Heritage Open House at "Glanmore"

Come to a display of projects done by Hastings County elementary students exploring their area cemeteries. Alice Deline, Chairman of the Hastings County Geneological Committee, will be on hand to provide information. Refreshments served. Presented by the Hastings County Historical Society. Admission Free. Call 962-2329 for more details.

Sunday, February 25, 1-4:30 p.m. Experts Talk: Nineteenth Century Customs Associated with Death and the Endangered Future of Cemeteries

Little - known facts about the Victorian conception of death and resultant rituals, customs, and fashions will be presented by Mark Jackman, Curator/Director of the Clarke Museum and Archives. Mr. Jackman has compiled this fascinating slide show and presentation in conjunction with his exhibit "In Repose", which is presently travelling around Ontario. Almost 2,000 abandoned cemeteries are greatly endangered by current legislation proposing safety at the expense of preservation of these sites. Susann Meyers, Technical Advisor for the Ministry of Culture and Communications, will present current issues and long term implications of such legislation. Mr. Jackman will speak from 1:30-3:00. Ms. Meyers will speak from 3:30 to 4:00. Regular admission. Limited seating. Doors open at 1:00 p.m. Call 962-2329 for more details.

Canada where he pursued his trade in western Ontario until the war of 1812, at which time he returned to the United States. On the restoration of peace he returned to Canada, settling in Belleville. Here he married Mary, the daughter of John Row, one of the original settlers in Sidney Township. His family continued to occupy this house until 1900 when Robert Ogilvy Stewart, Superintendent of Bridge and Building on the Grand Trunk Railway, purchased the home, and it remained in that family until recently. The rubble stone surface of this house was originally plastered over and the surface marked out to suggest ashlar blocks (a squared and hewn building stone) to make it look less countrified and informal. This was typical of the Regency taste. Situated at the rear of this house is a small stone building, part of which was once used as a family washroom. The front portion of this little building has several hooks hanging from the ceiling indicating that it was once used as a smoke house.

PROGRAMME FOR THE COMING MONTHS

TUESDAY, 20 MARCH - Dr. Heather McKillop of Northeastern Archaeological Associates, Port Hope will be speaking on the recent archaeological excavation of the cemetery at the St. Thomas Anglican Church, Belleville. Dr. McKillop was in charge of this project and is a co-ordinator of the on-going analytical work. The project is considered to be the largest scientific excavation in North America of a European pioneer cemetery. The meeting will be at the Quinte Living Centre beginning at 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 17 APRIL - "A Salute to Sidney Township" featuring Past President Gerry Boyce. Sidney is celebrating its Bicentennial in 1990, one of the first municipalities in Ontario to form a local government.

Gerry is collaborating with June Sine and Kathy Karkut in writing an illustrated commemorative history of Sidney which will be available this year. The book is being sponsored by the Hastings County Historical Society. We are happy to report that our application to the Ministry of Culture and Communications (Ontario) for a project grant has been approved and we are most grateful to them and to the Hon. Hugh O'Neil, M.P.P. A cheque for \$2,000.00 has been received and represents about 25% of the costs.

The meeting on 17th April will be held at 8:00 p.m. in the Sidney Township Hall, Tucker's Corners.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Everybody comes from 2 parents, 4 grandparents, 8 great-grandparents, 16 great-great-grandparents, etc. Every generation back we go, we have twice as many lineal ancestors. This is very much like the Persian Chessboard problem. If there are, say, 25 years to a generation, then 64 generations is $64 \times 25 = 1600$ years ago, or just before the

fall of the Roman Empire. So, every one of us alive today had in the year 400 some 18.5 quintillion ancestors -- or so it seems -- to say nothing about collateral relatives. But this is far more than the population of the Earth, then or now. It is far more than the number of human beings who ever lived. Something is wrong with our calculation. What? We have assumed all those lineal ancestors to be different people. But this is not the case. The same distant ancestor is related to us by many different routes. We are repeatedly connected with our relatives. Every marriage brings cousins together. If we go back far enough, any two people anywhere on Earth have a common ancestor. Whenever a new American President is elected someone -- generally in England -- discovers that the new President is a distant relative of the Queen of England. This announcement is intended, perhaps, to soothe any residual American longing for a king of our own. Of course, when two people derive from the same small corner of the world, and their genealogies are well-recorded, the last common ancestor can be discovered. But whether it can be discovered or not, a relationship is clear: We are all cousins -- all members of a vast world-girdling family. It's time, I think, for a reunion.

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ELEGANT EXPRESSIONS

January 17 to June 30.

This exhibit explores how the Victorian woman used decorative arts in the home as a means of shaping the world outside her doors and moulding the values of her family. At Hastings County Museum, 257 Bridge St. E., Belleville.



A DELICIOUS MEAL AT THE ANNUAL DINNER

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

Close to 50 members and guests enjoyed another fine Annual Dinner in the Dining Room of the Quinte Living Centre, Belleville on Tuesday, 16th January. The assemblage was led from the auditorium into dinner by Mr. Henry Muth on the bagpipes. Grace before the meal was provided by the Rev. Malcolm Muth.

Copies of the printed Annual Report for the

year 1989 were distributed prior to the start of the Annual Meeting which followed dinner and was held in the auditorium.

For those who were not present, copies of the Annual Report will be available at the next meeting on Monday, 19th February or can be obtained by calling 968-2131.

At the meeting, Bill Hunt took members through the Report by emphasizing its highlights. The year-end Financial Report (by Treasurer Adele Dibben) was approved as was the Budget for 1990 which was ably presented by Chester Hull. Chester also provided the Auditor's Report on the 1989 statement and this was approved.

The Society's Good Citizen Award was presented to Janet Hoyer for her very worthy contributions to the Historical Society over the past 3 years during which she served as a Director.

Both Green expressed the appreciation of all to three retiring members of the Executive - John Anderson (President), Janet Hoyer (Vice-President) and Adele Dibben (Treasurer).

SIDNEY READY FOR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

•March-Sidney Twp. will be highlighted at the Bay of Quinte Sportsmans Show. Date to be announced.

•April 8-14-During Local Government Week Sidney's bicentennial will be in the spotlight.

•April 28-Lt. Gov. Lincoln Alexander will be the guest of honor at the Bicentennial Ball at CFB Trenton.

•May-A tree-planting ceremony honoring the 200th birthday of Sidney will be presented by the Moira River Conservation Authority. The ceremony will take place in the first week of May at the Quinte Conservation Area in Sidney.

•May 6-An ecumenical church service at Westminster United Church on Wallbridge-Loyalist Rd. will include a homily by Roy Bonisteel, former host of CBC's Man Alive and noted Canadian broadcaster.

•May 15-An historical re-enactment of the inaugural meeting of Sidney held May 15, 1790. It will take place in the municipal hall at Tuckers Corners, followed by a short meeting of today's council.

•June 19-Hastings West District Women's Institute will sponsor a fashion and antique show at the Batawa Community Centre.

June 23-The Quinte International Air Show will dedicate one day to honoring Sidney's bicentennial.

•July 1-Canada Day celebrations will include 200th birthday events.

•July 21-An invitational golf tournament is set for Oak Hills Golf Club.

•August - The Hastings County Farm Show and Plowing Match will be held in Sidney on the farms of George and Robert Burkitt and Dexter Harder.

•Sept. 9-The United Empire Loyalist Association will hold a commemorative church service at Sidney Baptist Church.