

Historically Speaking

Newsletter of the Collingwood and District Historical Society - August 2010

"A Window on the Past - To Enrich the Future"

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From the President's Desk.....

This year is proving to be a most eventful and successful period for the Collingwood and District Historical Society.

Among the activities and events contributing to this success are the following:

- **Programme of General Meetings;** a varied programme of informative General Meetings continues to attract appreciative audiences of both members and guests.
- **Membership;** the Society's membership continues to grow and now stands at 77 of whom 5 are Corporate Members and 4 are Honorary Members. This number is reflective of a growing interest in the Society and is recognition of the work that your organization is doing.
- **Tour of Historic Homes;** a biennial event, this year's tour took place on Saturday, May 29th and once again proved to be extremely successful attracting close to a record number of participants from 34 separate municipalities - see photographs on pages 3 and 4. The hard work of the Executive Committee, the efforts and assistance of members and friends, the generosity and good will of the participating home owners and the interest and support of many individuals and groups within the community were major factors in this success.
- **Interpretive Heritage Sign;** your Society provided a grant of \$1,700.00 to the Collingwood Trails Committee for the production and installation of one of a series of Interpretive Heritage Signs along the Collingwood Trails Network. This specific sign will be placed on the grounds of the Collingwood Museum and will recognize the importance of the railway in our town's history.
- **Society Email Address;** in addition to its newsletter, *"Historically Speaking"*, and its website, www.historicallyspeaking.ca the Society has added an email address, collingwoodhistorical@rogers.com to its communications links.
- **"Book List, Collingwood and District Historical Society";** this is a list of books available for purchase from the Society. These books, given to the Society by "Friends of the Society" to support its activities, are offered for sale at prices which reflect the quality and condition, original cost and current availability of the items listed; to date almost \$250.00 has been raised through this project.

As well as the regularly scheduled October and November General Meetings, the Collingwood and District Historical Society, in conjunction with the Collingwood Public Library is presenting a *Full Tour and Introduction to the Local History and Genealogy Department* at the new Collingwood Public Library at 7:00 p.m. **Monday, September 20, 2010.** This will be conducted by Carole Stuart, Coordinator of the Department. Space is limited and registration is required - email, collingwoodhistorical@rogers.com or telephone 445-1119. **This resource facility is one of the library's greatest assets!**

Your support and participation, as always, are gratefully appreciated.

Bruce A. Mackison, President

BILL 149, THE INACTIVE CEMETERIES PROTECTION ACT

"I regret to inform you that *The Inactive Cemeteries Protection Act, 2009* will not be enacted. When the 1st Session of the 39th Legislative Assembly of Ontario was prorogued on March 4, 2010, Bill 149 was extinguished.

I know that many of you will be as disappointed as I that even though Bill 149, after substantial debate in the Legislature and receiving unanimous all party support at 2nd Reading in March 2009, was denied a final vote at Queens Park

On behalf of the OHS, I want to thank Jim Brownell, MPP (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry), various Cabinet Ministers, Members of the Legislature and our partner, The Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS), who supported Bill 149. I want to especially thank the thousands upon thousands of our fellow citizens who supported *The Inactive Cemeteries Protection Act, 2009* through formal petitions. Ontarians residing in over 302 cities, towns and villages across Ontario signed petitions supporting Bill 149.

In 1992, the Legislative Assembly enacted the *Cemeteries Act (Revised)* that allows the owners of a registered cemetery to relocate it if it is in **the public interest**. The Legislature failed to define the public interest. After 18 long years of struggling to defend our vulnerable inactive cemeteries, Bill 149 finally provided a clear definition that protected the registered burial ground of all the cultures of Ontario. The Legislative Assembly has again failed in its duty to define **the public interest**.

If enacted, *The Inactive Cemeteries Protection Act, 2009* would have also immediately protected in their original locations the over 1,500 "unapproved" cemeteries in Ontario that are not formally registered. The Legislative Assembly has also failed in its duty to safeguard these highly vulnerable sacred and historic burial grounds.

Bill 149 would have brought an end to this divisive issue which has been over the last fifteen years a costly burden to the taxpayers of this province and a terrible drain on the financial and human resources of the OHS and the OGS.....

The Inactive Cemeteries Protection Act, 2009 would have stopped these expensive, never-ending legal struggles and would have allowed the OHS and its partners to spend precious volunteer time and donations promoting the restoration of our cemeteries rather than defending against their relocation and desecration.

Bill 149 could have been a defining moment in the history of this province. It would have enshrined for the first time into law that all cemeteries, whatever cultural background and faith are treated equally, with dignity and respect.....

Ken Turner, President,
Ontario Historical Society

The foregoing appeared in the Spring 2010 Issue of the ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN

FOR SALE

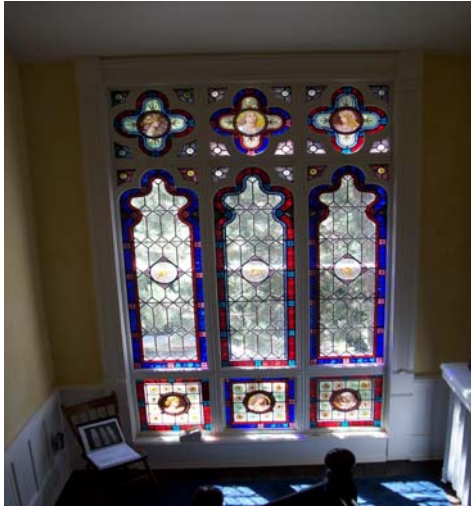
The Collingwood and District Historical Society offers for sale at each of its meetings a number of books dealing with various topics in the areas of heritage and history. These books, given to the Society by "Friends of the Society" are offered at prices that reflect their quality and condition, original cost and current availability. Drop by the BOOK TABLE at one of the Society's meetings; you may find something of interest. If you would like a complete list of the books available contact Bruce Mackison at collingwoodhistorical@rogers.com or pick up a copy of the list at the Society's next meeting.

Your purchases support the work of your Society.

Congratulations Christine!

Christine Cowley's book *Butchers, Bakers and Building the Lakers*, has received the 2009 Certificate of Merit in the Fred Landon Award Category. The award is presented by the Ontario Historical Society and recognizes Christine's book as the best on regional history in Ontario, published in the last three years. Books are still available for purchase in Collingwood.

Following are pictures taken at the recent CDHS House Tour in Collingwood.



Stained Glass Windows – “Elmwood Home”



Antique Light Fixture – “Elmwood Home”



Tour Guide Erin Plummer in kitchen of “Warren Home”



Dining Room of “Warren Home”



“McFarland Home” Maple Street



“McFarland Home” Maple Street



Living Room of "The Birches"



Antique Light Fixture in "The Birches"



Living Room of the "Bean/Snowden Home"



Dining Room of the "Bean/Snowden Home"



Dining Room of "Jos. Lawrence Home"



Ornate Fireplace in the "Jos. Lawrence Home"

Did you Know – by Marie Cruickshank

Did you know that many homes in Collingwood had names?

"The Birches", 227 Minnesota Street and "Elmwood" 241 Third Street were on the 2010 CDHS House Tour.

Others were –

- "Kosy Korner", 5 Raglan Street
- "The Hermitage", 15 St. Vincent Street
- "Eastbourne", 323 Minnesota Street
- "The Rocks", 189 Minnesota Street
- "The Hut", 217 Minnesota Street
- "Victoria Terrace", 272 – 278 Ontario Street
- "Armada", 375 Third Street
- "Thurso", 37 Third Street
- "The Bield House", 64 Third Street
- "Struan", 329 Third Street
- "Cedarcroft", 367 Hurontario Street
- "Bodidris", 234 Pine Street
- "Tornaveen", 200 Oak Street

The Collingwood and District Historical Society

In conjunction with the

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Is presenting

Full Tour and Introduction to Local History and Genealogy Department

7:00 p.m.
Monday,
September 20,
2010

Second Floor of
the Collingwood
Public Library

55 St. Marie St.
Collingwood



Space is limited – Please register by email:

collingwoodhistorical@rogers.com

Or by telephone:

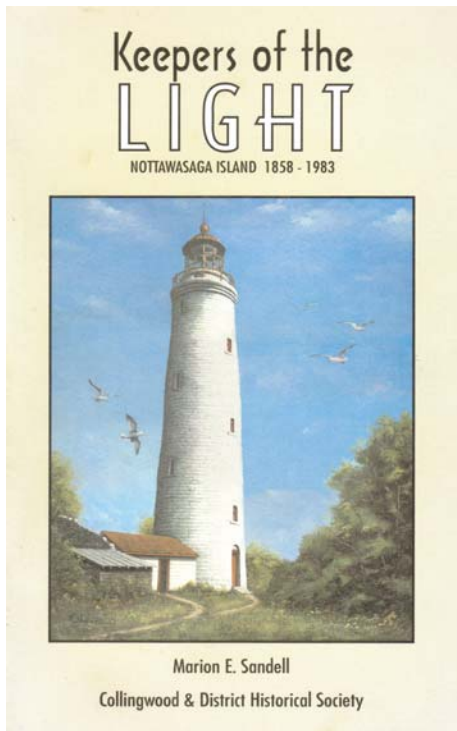
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Tour will be hosted by

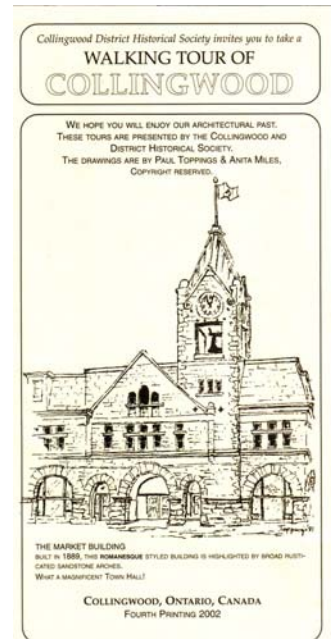
Carole Stuart

Coordinator of the Collingwood Public Library

Local History/Genealogy Department



"Keepers of the Light" book available for purchase through the Collingwood and District Historical Society – price \$6.00.



Learn of the history and architecture of buildings of downtown Collingwood using a "Walking Tour of Collingwood Brochure". These brochures are available at no charge at the Collingwood Museum and Town Hall. Produced by the Collingwood and District Historical Society.

Upcoming 2010 Meetings of the C.D.H.S.

Sept. 20: Tour of History and Genealogy Dept. at Collingwood Library 7 pm. Pre registration is required for attendance due to limited space. Please phone 445-1119 or register by email at collingwoodhistorical@rogers.com

Oct. 4: "The Huron Ouendat Village and its People" – Jamie Hunter, Director/Curator of the village will describe the recent devastating fire that the village suffered and the efforts to restore it, and will tell the story of the Huron Ouendat people whose life the village depicts.

Nov. 1: "Sea Cadets on Georgian Bay" – Bonnie Roarke, author and historian will present this interesting segment of our navel history based on material in her recent book "Sea Cadets on Georgian Bay".

**Meetings begin at 7 pm at the
Leisure Time Club, Minnesota St.**

Executive of the Collingwood and District Historical Society

President – Bruce Mackison Ph. 446-1820
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Any thoughts, ideas or suggestions helpful to our society, please pass them on to an executive member.

Meeting Cancellation Policy – If one of our meetings has to be cancelled due to inclement weather or conditions beyond our control, notice of cancellation will be sent to the local radio station where they will post such item on their website and also announce on the radio. The Executive members of the society will endeavour to reach each member by telephone to also confirm when such action has been necessary.

Anyone in need of transportation to attend a CDHS meeting, please phone 446-1820 or 445-1119 and a ride will be arranged for you

To become a member of the Collingwood and District Historical Society, please complete this membership application.

Name:

Address:

Postal Code: Tel #: Email:

Membership: Single (\$15.00) Couples & Corporate (\$25.00)

I would be interested in working with the Society in areas pertaining to:

Programs Special Events Publicity Membership Other

Please mail with cheque or money order to:
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