

- **The September meeting is on Friday Sept 30. For all other months, the meetings will be on the last Wednesday of the month.**
- **Most meetings will be held in person but could be changed to Zoom meetings depending on weather. Please check our website for up to date information.**

Friday, September 30, 2022

Three Loyalist Heroes

Ruth Nicholson

Ruth graduated from McMaster University from the Fine Arts program, and from Queen's University as an elementary and secondary school teacher. Ruth taught with the Halton District School Board for 34 years. She is past president of the Hamilton Branch of the United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada, and is currently Dominion Chair, giving talks across the province about life in early Upper Canada.

Ruth is going to share her research on 3 Loyalists: Robert Land served the Crown and had a troubled and eventful life; Isaac Ferriss was only 17 when he took on an act of bravery for General Brock and Chief Tecumseh; John Cornwall was a learned man and developed law and order in this new land.

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

The History of Lowville

Helen Callaway

Helen is a member of the Kilbride Historical Society. She graduated from McMaster University with a B.A. and went on to have a varied career in industry, education, customer service and donor relations.

Please join Helen for a brief history of the Village of Lowville, Nelson Township. She will take you through the decades of the 1800s and early 1900s. You will hear about some of the early settlers, highlights of their lives and the businesses they built in the village that contributed to its early prosperity. She is also hoping that you might be able to contribute to the historical research the group is doing and answer some of the now, decades old questions.

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Waterdown Inventory Project

Alissa Golden

Alissa is a Heritage Project Specialist with the City of Hamilton. She has more than 9 years of experience managing cultural heritage resources and has implemented a broad range of heritage cultural projects.

Alissa will tell us about the Built Heritage Inventory Strategy and explain its purpose of updating the Inventory of Heritage Buildings, listing undesignated significant properties on the Municipal Heritage Register and recommending potential candidate for designation under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Renovation of the former East Flamborough

Township Hall

Nate Brown

Built in 1857, the Flamborough Township Hall was at the centre of community administration. It has gone through numerous municipal uses including most recently as the Waterdown public library

(1979-2015). In late 2016 the City of Hamilton sold the property to three local business owners (and brothers) Nicholas, Nathan and Andrew Brown. They renovated the heritage-designated building with a focus on the building's history in the community and with a desire to restore its position as a centre of administration and knowledge. The project has earned city-wide recognition.

Nathan Brown, partner at Brown Financial Security Inc. will present photos and stories about the renovation project.

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Waterdown Memories

Jonathan Vance

Well known military historian and author, Jonathan grew up in Waterdown. He is currently Distinguished University Professor and J.B. Smallman Chair, History Department at the University of Western Ontario. His parents, Peter and Margaret Vance, were very active in many Waterdown organizations and Peter was a prolific photographer.

Using photos and films from his fathers' collection, and his own experiences growing up in Waterdown, Jonathan will take us on a stroll down memory lane.

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

***Note: This will be a Zoom Meeting**

Labour, Unions and Hamilton

Bill Freeman

A presentation by Bill last year was so popular that he is back for 'Part 2' – he ran out of time before he could finish his presentation. Bill is an award-winning historian, author and screen writer. He first began writing a series of books for youth while living in Hamilton. Each book focuses on a different industry setting in the 1870s. He then went on to writing books for adults, working in the film industry and writing two plays.

For this session, Bill will go into depth about the steel industry, the conflict between management and the workers' union and how it changed the history of the trade union movement.

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Auchmar House

Diane Dent

The Annual General Meeting will be followed by a presentation on Auchmar House Manor.

Diane Dent is the president of The Friends of Auchmar House. The group is committed to the history, preservation, conservation, rehabilitation and continued use of Auchmar Manor House. Diane will be joining us to share the history of the Manor, starting with the purchase of the land in 1854 by Isaac Buchanan. She will also tell us about the work that went into restoring the building back to its original form.

Please feel free to come before the meetings, and to stay later, making use of Legion facilities!

The Flamborough Archives

Since 1990 the Society has operated a Community Archives in Waterdown devoted to the preservation of material related to the history of the Town of Flamborough and its various historical configurations. The majority of material relates to the former Townships of East and West Flamborough, and the Village of Waterdown, with some Beverly Township records. In 2010 the Flamborough Archives was invited to become a partner in the plans for the new Waterdown Library. The Archives had been located in the former Township Hall which was demolished to make room for the new library.

The archives are located within the new Waterdown Public Library at 163 Dundas Street E. We are open Monday to Friday 10 am-4 pm.

A large card file index allows visitors to access material collected since the 1973 founding of the Society. This material relates to the history of the area, its government, and the people who have lived here, their businesses, their associations, achievements, and activities.

The collection includes original Land Abstract Index Books for East & West Flamborough Twps. cemetery transcriptions, microfilms for local newspapers, census records, Ontario vital statistics from 1851-1881, Tweedsmuir histories and general genealogical research material. Digital search of our photo collection by keyword is available on a public computer in the archives.



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Membership in the Society is open to all.
Membership runs September to August.

Fee Schedule: Single - \$20.00
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The Flamborough Heritage Society

The Society is one of the largest and most active heritage groups in Wentworth County. Founded in April 1973, it is a non-profit charitable organization, affiliated with the Ontario Historical Society.

The Society aims to "record local history, past and present, preserve documents and increase public appreciation of the special character of the Town of Flamborough, so ensuring a worthwhile and interesting heritage for future generations." The Flamborough Archives, administered by the Society, is open to the public five days a week.

Public Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of September, October, November, January, February, March and April, at the Waterdown Legion, 79 Hamilton Street North, Waterdown. Meetings begin at 8:00 PM.

At each meeting there is a brief period allotted to the business of the Society, followed by a speaker, or presentation on some aspect of local history or heritage. Afterward there are refreshments and conversation which play an important part in keeping alive the Community spirit.

Meetings are Open to the Public.
No Admission Charge.

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Program 2022-2023

We are back in person!

Join us at the
Waterdown Legion for
our monthly meetings

