

- Meetings will be on the last Thursday 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.

Thursday, September 28, 2023

The Dambusters

Tim Speed

Tim first became interested in aviation when he was in Air Scouts. He earned his business degree in the United Kingdom and joined the British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC) after graduation. He served as a stations officer in Dubai, Tokyo and Beirut before returning to the UK to join the BOAC's Air Cargo Division. Later Tim began working for an air freight forwarder. He then immigrated to Canada in 1980 with his family. Before retiring, he was the CEO of a large air freight and logistics company.

On May 16 1943, Operation Chastise was one of the most iconic RAF Bomber Command missions of WWII. We will learn about how Sir Barnes Wallis developed the bouncing bomb that destroyed the hydroelectric dams, and the contribution that Canadian aircrew made during the mission.

Thursday, October 26, 2023

Why Local History

Meghan Martin

This year we celebrate our golden anniversary. Many of those outside the "bubble" of a local heritage society would wonder why local history is so important. Isn't what we learned in school enough?

Our vice president Meghan Martin will share how she started volunteering with the Flamborough Heritage Society, where it got its start, its importance and how it continues to change within the community.

Thursday, November 30, 2023

History of the Hamilton Spectator

Jeff Mahoney

Jeff has been a reporter and columnist with the Spectator for 30 years. During this time, he has been writing about culture and lifestyle stories, commentary and humour. He now focuses on human interest stories including local history.

The Hamilton Spectator was first published in 1846 as "The Hamilton Spectator and Journal of Commerce". It was founded as a semi-weekly newspaper by Robert Smiley. Jeff will tell us about how the paper started and some of the stories that have been covered over the years.

Thursday, January 25, 2024

The Desjardins Canal

Dave MacDougall

Dave is a member of the Dundas Valley Historical Society. In 2013 he took some canoe trips along the canal, which sparked his interest in the geography and ecology of Cootes Paradise. Through his research, Dave focused on five areas of the history of the canal: building, managing, enjoying, polluting and resurrecting. He will present his research of the canal from 1819 to 2018 with us.

Thursday, February 29, 2024

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

HMCS Haida

Andrew Laforet

Andrew is the Public Outreach and Education Office for Parks Canada in Southwestern Ontario. He began at Parks Canada as a student interpreter in 2012. Since then, he has been the Project Development Officer and Interpretation Coordinator for Point Pelee National Park.

The HMCS Haida is a Tribal class destroyer that served in the Royal Canadian Navy from 1943 to 1963. She served in World War II, the Korean Conflict and the Cold War. She is the last surviving Tribal class destroyer in the world and now rest at Pier 9 in Hamilton and is open to the public. Andrew will tell us about the HMCS Haida's rich history and service.

Thursday, March 28, 2024

Hamilton & Scourge Historical Site

Christopher Redford

Christopher is the City of Hamilton's Heritage Presentation Co-ordinator. He helps produce many of the plaques and markers across the city; including the one at the Hamilton and Scourge National Historical Site at the Naval Memorial Garden in Confederation Park.

The Hamilton and Scourge were merchant ships that the American Navy brought into service prior to the War of 1812. They capsized in Lake Ontario and are the only complete 1812 war ships to rest under 300 feet of water. Christopher

will present the history of the ships as well as how using first-hand accounts and sonar technology, these wrecks have been found and investigated.

Thursday, April 25, 2024

The Royal Hamilton Yacht Club

Robert Mazza

The Annual General Meeting will be followed by a presentation on The Royal Hamilton Yacht Club.

Robert is the Heritage Director for the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club. He is a mechanical engineer and naval architect with over 40 years of experience. He began his career with C&C Yachts and Mark Ellis Design in Canada, and Hunter Marine in the US. He moved to sales and marketing of structural cores and bonding compounds with ATC Chemicals in Ontario, and Baltek Inc. in New Jersey.

The Royal Hamilton Yacht Club was founded in 1888 by Aemilius Jarvis. When it first opened, it was located on the Burlington Canal, along the beach strip that separates the Burlington Bay from Lake Ontario. It later moved to the foot of Bay Street. Robert will share the history of the club and the events that take place there.

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.

The Flamborough Heritage Society



Program 2023-2024

Join us at the
Waterdown Legion for
our monthly meetings

