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From the Editor

June is coming in with a burst of energy. The calendar is filling up with a lovely variety of events that you can plan road trips around and enjoy the energy of the county opening up. Your executive has decided to forego a June meeting and urge members to support other activities around the County.

So get out your pen and calendar, grab a friend, and let's go!

Blyth Vintage in the Village June 3 – 5

Pick a Posie is hosting at 345 Queen St., Blyth

This is a new take on the Blyth Book Sale that so many of us love and have sorely missed. It has transitioned from a fundraiser for the Blyth Festival to a fundraiser for the Blyth Repository of History. If you are researching family and businesses in Blyth and area the unofficial archives of Brock and Janis Vodden is the best place to start your research. **Vintage in the Village** will include vendors specializing in vintage, antique and collectible items.

Clinton Spring Fair June 3, 4th and 5th

This is the first Fair of the season in Huron and has a bit of everything for everyone. Main features include traditional Demolition Derby, music with Kim Mitchell, The Torchmen, Midway, Scavenger Car Tour, Maple Syrup and Honey Competition, and of course lots of food, animals and home crafts, the backbone of rural living. For more details and ticket information: <https://clintonpringfair.com/about>

Exeter and District Heritage Foundation

'It Only Seems Like Yesterday...' June 12

Special Heritage Open House
1-4 pm. Royal Canadian Legion Exeter Branch 316 William Street

Enjoy a wonderful trip down memory Lane with artifacts and nostalgia. Authors Bonnie Sitter and David Yates will be there. The Foundation will feature their newest project, a decorative fence around the perimeter of the Exeter cemetery.

Van Egmond House

Spring Breakfast June 12 - 8 am. to 1 p.m.

Van Egmond House, in Egmondville is a magnificent restored country manor. It was built in 1846 and is furnished with antiques representative of the period. That alone is worth the visit and with breakfast offered too! What a start to the weekend. Prices: Adult \$10; Children under 10 \$5 with Preschoolers free.



Other Adventures

Bayfield Flea Market

Every Sunday from Victoria Day Weekend to Thanksgiving
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Located at the Fairgrounds – 5 Jane Street, Bayfield
Antique dealers, arts and crafts, farm produce

The Sloman School on Wheels

Sloman Park, Clinton is located in Sloman Memorial Park, just west of Hwy. 4 on Victoria Terrace

A restored 1940, 80 foot long 'Colonist Car' railway coach, converted into a traveling schoolhouse and teacher's family residence for nine months of the year. In the 1920s Ontario school teacher Fred Sloman was concerned about the lack of educational opportunities for children living in the sparsely settled areas of Northern Ontario and this was a practical solution. Read the full

story about the Clinton connection at <https://www.ruralvoice.ca/clinton-a-very-special-story>
The park is maintained by the Clinton Horticultural Society and is a perfect spot for a light picnic.



Village Toy Castle, Brucefield

Members will recall our Newsletter of last October where we reported about the restoration of the James Dixon Hotel, which burned in 1896, and William Dixon rebuilt the large brick one in 1897.

It is now officially the Village Toy Castle and if you have children or grandchildren or are a child at heart, this is a must see. As well as appreciating all the work that has gone into restoring the lovely building, there is an air of excitement with all the games, toys, and fun things happening here.

Membership renewal....

If you received this newsletter by mail, the date shown above your name on the address label is the year to which your membership is paid up, according to our records. Call Elaine Snell if you are not sure or need clarification. If you are in arrears, consider this a reminder that the membership fees are \$20. To reserve your member's hard copy of Historical Notes, keep your dues up to date.

Email us about using e-transfer. Copies of recent past Historical Notes are available from Elaine Snell at 519-523-9531 (past copies are \$8 to \$10 per copy).

To access the **members-only** section for the Historical Notes or to do a search for names or places in the Historical Notes, go to www.HuronCountyHistoricalSociety.ca, open the dropdown menu for Publications, click HCHS Members Login. If you cannot get access using the password, then check if your web browser is up to date.

If the password is lost or not available readily, contact hchs1965@gmail.com or call 519-440-6206

Where to get your local History Books

And back copies of The Historical Notes – Fincher's and The Book Peddler both of Goderich, North Huron Citizen in Blyth, The Book Barn off Hwy 86 between Wingham and Whitechurch, The Village Bookshop, Bayfield and Bayfield Archives.

Need a simple elegant gift?

For a special gift or simply a thoughtful card to send consider using cards featuring some of the iconic artwork of Jack McLaren. Call executive member Mary Gregg 519-524-9372 or check out Fincher's, and The Book Peddler in Goderich.

Highlights from the Grey Bruce Bus Trip in early May



Ready to board - Mac Campbell, David Armstrong, Jim Wallace, Susan Glousher, John Rutledge and Mary Gregg



Well masked and smiling. Pat Saundercock and friends



An interior and exterior shot of one of the many buildings featured at Moreston Village, a living history site next to the Grey Roots Museum and Archives