



Huron County Historical Society
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Next Society Meetings.....

Thursday, April 23, 2009

Dinner 6:00pm, Meeting 7:30pm
General dinner meeting at Trinity Anglican Church, Turnberry St, Brussels

Ham dinner (\$12/pp at the door) hosted by the church ladies, followed by a general meeting and a presentation by David Yates featuring the Artists of Huron County. Trinity Anglican is on County Rd 12, the main north - south street in Brussels at the south end of town.

Call David Armstrong 519-524-1156 to reserve space now or if you want more information.

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Annual general meeting and dinner at Eddington's, Exeter

Eddington's famous hospitality plus a visit to Trivitt Anglican Church and its renowned bell tower and carillon. Come pull a bell rope. More details in the next newsletter.

President's message:

Spring has arrived and our plans for a vibrant and busy Society schedule are again underway. Our general meetings are better attended when we offer an enjoyable repast to satisfy our culinary yearnings – a chance to get us all out of the kitchen, and learn more of our roots across the County.

David Yates, our speaker and a past president of the Society, has had a long and avid interest in the award-winning artists who have lived and painted in our County. Come hear a fascinating story.

Hope to see and meet you at the meeting in Brussels – home to many of our beef producers and their strong entrepreneurial spirit.

.....David Armstrong



Marc Cantin, speaker at the December 2008 meeting at Hessenland

Membership renewal....

The date shown above your name on the address label is the year to which your membership is paid up. If you are in arrears, consider this a reminder that the membership fees are now \$20.

To reserve your member's copy of Historical Notes, keep your dues up to date. Past copies of the Notes are available at the Museum, \$8 per copy.

And, if you are in arrears, mail-in your membership today. Note our current address for mail and memberships: **HCHS Memberships, Box 3, Goderich ON, N7A 3Y5.**

At the last meeting.....

Due to bad weather (we had our fill of it, didn't we?) the November general meeting at Hessenland was re-scheduled on short notice to December 4, 2008. At the meeting, Pauline and Marc Cantin presented about the life and times of Narcisse Cantin, Marc's great-grandfather, an innovator and inventor in the days of the building of canals and railroads to get rural goods to market.

Donations and Grants.....

The Society applied to the **Ministry of Culture** for a grant to assist in operations and publications. We are grateful to the Ministry donating \$560 towards the Society's expenses.

An application to the **Huron Heritage Fund** was also been submitted for assistance to catch up with the production costs for *Historical Notes*. Huron County Council agreed to our request and a grant of \$2,793.27 was received recently covering some of our costs to produce the 2006 and 2007 editions. Our thanks to Huron County, the Huron Heritage Fund and the efforts and encouragement of Beth Ross, the county's Director of Cultural Services.

Letters to the editor....

Always welcome. Send to Ralph Laviolette, HCHS editor, address above or email ralphlav@tcc.on.ca.

Progress on Historical Notes

The 2006 Edition featuring *Early Industry in Eastern Huron* is now available at the Museum and at meetings.

The 2007 edition about people and places in the Blyth area was distributed by mail to our members and copies of it are also available at the Museum.

The 2008 edition featuring *Early Huron Industries - Part 1* will, if plans unfold as expected, be available to members at the April meeting.

The 2009 edition will feature highlights from the Bayfield Historical Society archive and the popular historic village tour conducted each July and August.

Work is also underway to produce the *Story of Egmondville* for the 2010 edition and *Part 2 of Early Huron Industries* for 2011.



Part of the group attending the December 2008 meeting. A wonderful dinner and a talk about the exploits of Narcisse Cantin at the Hessenland Country Inn on Highway 21.