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Next Society Meeting.....

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Huron County Museum auditorium, North St, Goderich

No dinner is planned. If you wish to join David Armstrong at a nearby restaurant to welcome the speaker, call David at 519-524-1156 for location and details and make a reservation.

Our speaker for the evening, author and historian Dr. John C. Carter, will be presenting an illustrated lecture about actions that resulted in a fascinating yet often overlooked chapter in the shared history of Canada, United States and Australia. He will cover events associated with the Upper Canadian Rebellion of 1838, and investigate the consequences of these rebellious acts on the main participants. Dr. Carter will describe the lives of the exiled "Patriots" while incarcerated in the Van Diemen's Land penal system, and detail their period of probation and time of freedom before their eventual release and return to Canada and the United States. The year 2013 is the 175th Anniversary of the event.

Visitors and guests are welcome to any portion of the evening.....

Next meeting planned.....

September, 2013. Watch for details in the next newsletter. Enjoy the summer.

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 or email us if your records differ. 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. Hard copies of past Historical Notes are available at the Museum, the Book Peddler or Finchers in Goderich, \$8.00 per copy. Note our current address for mail and memberships:

HCHS, Box 3, Goderich ON, N7A 3Y5.

Website access for Historical Notes

*Past copies of Historical Notes from 1965 to 2009 are now available to **members** on the web.*

Non-members can access only the index to each issue.

*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**, then type user-name: **user**, then the current **password**.*

The password is a 6-digit number on the address label of this newsletter, top right hand corner. Only members with paid-up dues have access to the password.

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 hplar@tcc.on.ca or call 519-440-6206.

Historical Notes progress.....

The 2013 edition of *Huron Historical Notes*, featuring articles about the 1913 Great Storm, was distributed to members with dues paid-up until 2012. If you did not get your copy and your dues were paid-up, please contact hplar@tcc.on.ca or call Ralph at 519-565-2454 to get your copy. The next edition of *Notes* will be published and available in spring- 2014.

Archives Facilities project.....

Members will recall that in 2009, the Society undertook a project to make recommendations for a competent storage solution for the many public and private family and other collections in the County. On August 8th, 2012, David Armstrong led a presentation to the Huron County Council on the study and its recommendations to begin a Business Plan for an Archives building to serve the county. The presentation was well received.

Efforts are continuing to poll other Huron County municipal staffs to get a sense of volume to be accommodated and to begin a Business Case and Plan for space and storage needs.

Last meeting.....

Our meeting on May 15 was at the hall of the historic St Peters Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zurich and a visit to the restored Pioneer Cemetery nearby.

It was preceded by the Annual General Meeting and President's Report. David Armstrong advised members that in 2012, the Society held five General Meetings across the county, the Executive met an additional five times, and the Society published two editions of *Historical Notes* and had partaken in a number of County and other committees.

St Peter's was begun in the 1850s serving predominantly German families in the Zurich Area. Alma Westlake headed the presentation about the restored Cemetery dating back to the 1860s. A committee of five church ladies – Alma, Diane, Lois, Sharon and Michelle – spearheaded the opening of a Pioneer Cairn built in 1920 and restoration of the cemetery site. The Cairn contained what remained of tombstones at that time. The restored site displays those stone markers horizontally in an area surrounding a new upright black granite monument inscribed with the 134 names recorded as interred at the site. Here are photos of the cemetery and of St Peter's Church.

