



The Ancaster Township Historical society Est. 1950

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Did you know that.....?

-  Ancaster is the second oldest established community in Upper Canada (Ontario) second only to Newark (Niagara- on-the- Lake)?
-  The oldest congregation in the Golden Horseshoe is Bowman Church which started in 1796?
-  Governor Simcoe sponsored two agricultural exhibitions in 1806, one in Newark, the other Ancaster?
-  Hiawatha was written using the life of Jane Schoolcraft as inspiration, whose memorial is in St. John's Cemetery and with the longest inscription of 1076 characters?
-  On Christmas Eve 1906 the first voice (Reginald Fessenden, an Ancaster resident) was sent out over the air by radio along the Atlantic Seaboard?
-  The first horseless carriage was driven through the village of Ancaster in 1898 by Mr. J.H. Moody?
-  The earliest known drug store in Ancaster was owned by Anson Raymond and operated from 1835-1868?
-  The Temperance Society of Canada was established in Bowman Church in 1829?

“In touch with our past, welcoming the future...”

Speaker's Schedule 2010/2011

Please note that all meetings from October thru April are held in the Ancaster Old Town Hall, 310 Wilson St. East, at 7:30 pm. Parking is available behind the Municipal Building. Visitors are always welcome, \$2 per meeting.



Friday, September 10, 2010, at 6:00 pm.

Espionage During the Second World War.

Presented by Eileen Green.

Corn Roast and Hot Dog Picnic Social for Members

At the Shaver Homestead, 1166 Garner Road West.

Hosted by Jack & Shirley Cranston.

Friday, October 29, 2010, at 7:30 pm.

First Nations in the War of 1812.

Presented by Zigmund Miziak

Friday, November 26, 2010, at 7:30 pm.

Canada in Kosovo.

Presented by Col. James K. Simpson

Friday, January 28, 2011, at 7:30 pm.

The 1812 Bicentennial Art Collection.

Presented by Linda Stanley

Friday, February 25, 2011, at 7:30 pm.

Battle, Murder and Sudden Death.

Dr. Bill Deadman, City Pathologist, 1914-1956.

Presented by John Deadman

Friday, March 25, 2011, at 7:30 pm.

The Battle of Stoney Creek.

Presented by James E. Elliott













Friday, April 29, 2011, at 7:30 pm.

Memories of Hamilton Downtown.

Presented by Fred Bristol

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Facts about the Ancaster Township Historical Society Est. 1950

-  Chartered on November 17, 1950
-  A registered charity
-  Inaugural meeting was convened by Mr. William C. Whitfield in the Township Hall
-  First public meeting was held on January 19, 1951
-  Society has proudly written and sold three publications: Ancaster's Heritage, Ancaster's Heritage Vol. II and Ancaster- A Pictorial History
-  Society has developed three leaflets;; Waterfalls of Ancaster; Historic Plaques in Ancaster; 45 Historic Sites of Ancaster
-  Meetings are held at 7:30 pm on last Friday of each month October thru November and January thru April at Old Town Hall, 310 Wilson St. East. Corn Roast is held in September at the Shaver Homestead, 1166 Garner Rd. West
-  The Fessenden Award is offered by the Society each year in Ancaster High School; Bishop Tonnos Secondary School and Hamilton District Christian Reform High School. The best local history student receives \$150 and runner-up receives a copy of A Pictorial History of Ancaster book.
-  Continual development of historical signage and plaquing for significant Ancaster locations.
-  Yearly contest for residents of Ancaster to locate the biggest tree of specified species.
-  Bicentennial of the War of 1812 is only 2 years away. Yearlong events to involve the whole community are in the works in conjunction with Fieldcote Memorial Park & Museum.
-  Established the Archives at Fieldcote and continue to support both financially and with volunteers

Executive:

Past President: Grant Huber

President: Bill Filer

Vice President: Fran Cheyne

Membership: Beatrice Deadman

Archives: Jim Green

Promotions: Melanie Blum (Member at Large)

Secretary: Anne Jarvis **905-627-5378**

Treasurer: David Carson









Program Director: Bob Brownlie

Programs: John Deadman

Advertising: Aline Chan (Member at Large)

**Fieldcote Memorial Park and Museum, 64 Sulphur Springs Rd,
Ancaster & Griffin House** Invites you to become involved in a variety of activities and events: historical exhibits, art shows and sales, archives, special events, walking tours, gardens, gift shop, bus tours, and Music at Fieldcote
For more info contact Fieldcote Memorial Park & Museum **905-648-8144** fax 905-648-4857

Membership in the Ancaster Township Historical Society has many benefits:

-  Volunteer-run, not-for-profit organization sharing an enthusiasm for local history
-  Promoting awareness; knowledge and appreciation of local history
-  Camaraderie with members
-  Collecting, recording and preserving evidence relating to the history of Ancaster
-  Discovering and celebrating exciting events that have made Ancaster what it is today and fostering a sense of community identity
-  Access to the Archives housed at Fieldcote Museum
-  Recognizing individuals and organizations who have furthered the goals of the Society
-  Yearly membership only **\$10** per person – Open to all individuals who support the goals of the Society.

Your membership fee will be used to support Society activities and events; help us communicate with our members and the public and allow us to maintain our incorporated status through association with the Ontario Historical Society. Becoming a member allows you a vote at the Annual General Meeting held in January each year. The membership year begins in September.



Membership

Name _____

Address _____

_____ postal code: _____

Phone no. _____

Email _____

Historical interests _____

New member _____ renewal _____

I have also enclosed a donation to The Ancaster Historical Society
in the amount of \$ _____

Contact information will be kept confidential and will only be used to inform you of The Society & related events. We do not make our contact list available to any other individuals or organizations.

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