



# Lake Scugog Historical Society

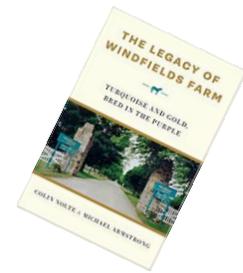
*Dedicated to the history of the Lake Scugog area. Established 1969.*

Winter 2020 Edition

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

April 22

Colin Nolte will be speaking on his book, **THE LEGACY OF WINDFIELDS FARM**



May 13

Stacie D.A Burke will be speaking on her book, **BUILDING RESISTANCE: CHILDREN, TUBERCULOSIS AND THE TORONTO SANATORIUM**

Also our AGM



Our meetings are held at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 319 Queen Street, 7:30 pm

## LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT



2019 has been a truly interesting and eventful year, but also a sad one. One of the sad events of the last year was the death of our Historical Society's founder, Bill Brock. Bill's passing marked the end of an epoch in local history. Another major event for our Historical Society was the retirement of three faithful members of our executive: Daphne Naasana, Ed Wilkinson, and Frank Young. Their contributions to our Historical Society are missed --in their place we have welcomed four new members to the Executive: Lucy and Michael Black, Marilyn Pearce, Dan Stone and Karen Puckrin. They have already made their presence known through their creative approach to our Society by bringing new ideas to move us forward. More about these projects elsewhere in this newsletter.

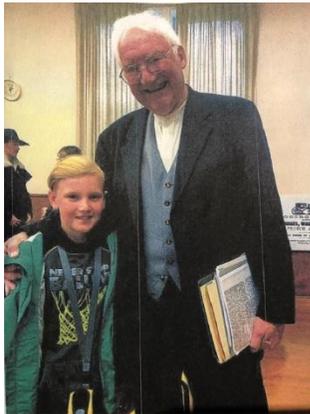
I have also declared my intentions to retire to the membership. I shall be retiring as president later this year but will stay on the executive as past-president. I have a number of research and writing tasks that I am anxious to focus on over the next few years. In addition I am planning a completely new historical walk for Pine Grove Cemetery this summer. More about that later.

You will notice elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter that we are now heavily involved in getting all our local newspapers digitized and available online to the public. This is a clear indicator that the Lake Scugog Historical Society is moving forward in 2020 to an exciting new era.

I wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Cheers, Paul

In honour of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we have chosen five Scugog families whose ancestors have deep roots in this community and who have made lasting contributions. A celebration will be held in the Spring and the public will be invited to view artifacts and meet the descendants of these families. Legacy booklets are being prepared for the families and these will also be made available to the public. Our plan is to continue to highlight the stories of our important families during the next several years. Please speak to us if you have ideas about other families to be included or if you have artifacts you would like to display. ☺



## Joseph Bigelow

*The following article has been submitted to our Newsletter by 10 year-old Evan Monsma who attends many of our Lake Scugog Historical Society meetings!*

One of the most important people in Port Perry besides Peter Perry would have to be Joseph Bigelow. Since he is so important I would like to tell you a little bit about him. Joseph Bigelow and his twin brother Joel were born on November 9, 1828. They were born in Tecumseth Township in Simcoe County. Their father, Hiram Bigelow, was born in Newmarket in 1803. Hiram died in 1853.

When they moved to Port Perry, Hiram bought them a chunk of land for their birthday and they built a general store. They had the first post office in the general store. They lived in the general store as well, but when Joseph married Elizabeth Paxton in 1853, Joel had to move out and he moved to Whitby where he established his own company and married Mary Ann Dryden.

Joseph became the town's first post-master in 1852. Joseph joined Thomas and George Dryden in the ownership and operation of a huge lumber mill. When George died in 1866, Thomas took over the mill. In 1862, Joseph opened a branch of the Royal Canadian Bank.

Joseph was Port Perry's first reeve in 1872 and was re-elected in 1873, 1874 and 1879. In 1877, he was appointed Justice of the Peace. In 1866, Joseph joined William Paxton and W Cochrane (his lawyer) in buying a parcel of land from the Crandell family.

Soon they created new streets: Bigelow, Cochrane, McDonald, Paxton, Balsam and Bay. Joseph built himself a stately house at 178 Cochrane Street. Meanwhile, Joel moved to Milwaukee in 1864 and then moved to Chicago in 1866 where he and his wife established a tea company.

Joseph retired in 1887 and sold his mill to W.J. Trounce. His son moved to Detroit from Trenton. Thomas got married but he had no kids. Charles didn't get married. They had no one else to carry the Bigelow name. Joel died in 1887. Elizabeth Paxton died in 1914. Joseph Bigelow died in 1917.

That was a little bit of Joseph Bigelow's life. He sure had a fascinating and great life didn't he? He died at the age of 88. Elizabeth died at the age of 85. Hope you enjoyed this! He is my great-great-great-great grandfather!



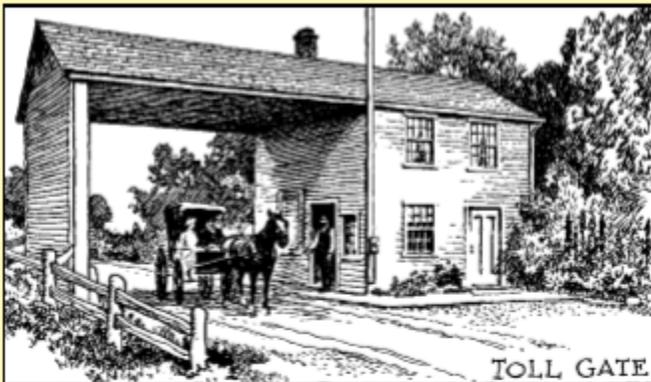


## Lake Scugog Historical Society, The Scugog Digital Project

One of the most exciting projects that our Historical Society has undertaken is a project to digitize our local Newspapers. This community is extremely fortunate in that we have had a local weekly newspaper since 1857, and, amazingly, copies of most editions have been saved. Few communities in Ontario can claim such a treasure.

This area's first newspaper was the **Ontario Observer**, first published in Prince Albert on December 10, 1857. When the newspaper moved its offices to Port Perry in 1873, it changed its name to the **North Ontario Observer**. It ceased publication in 1920. A rival newspaper, the **Port Perry Standard** began publication in Port Perry in 1866. It evolved into the **Port Perry Star** around 1907. Most copies of the copies of the **Observer** were preserved by individual subscribers. Most copies of the Standard and Star were saved by the publisher.

Over the years, the newspapers were microfilmed and kept in the Ontario Archives as well as in local libraries. Machines to view microfilm have slowly become obsolete and parts to repair them are no longer available. During the past decade or so, many of the larger urban areas (Whitby, Pickering etc.) have had their local newspapers digitized and made available to the public through the internet.



Toll gate on the old plank road between Whitby and Manchester.

### Running the toll gates

Obed Magnet, a resident of East Whitby tried to run the toll-gate on the Whitby and Scugog Gravel Road, but unfortunately for him the manager, who was in charge, mounted his horse and gave chase.

The exciting chase ended at Quigley's Hotel in Oshawa, where Obed was taken before the justice of the peace and fined \$5 and costs. His toll would have been four cents. Motto to gate runners - "don't be penny wise and pound foolish."

*Ontario Observer - March 12, 1868*

In 2017, local historian Peter Hvidsten began to explore the possibility of digitizing our local newspapers and he invited the LSHS to become involved in the project. They soon discovered that such a project can be extremely expensive. The Scugog project involves 96 reels of microfilm! In addition, it was found that some of the original microfilm reels had disintegrated and that original negatives or original copies of the newspapers would have to be used.

After much research and enquiry it was found that to digitize our local newspapers from December 1857 to December 2001, would cost over \$34,000! When word of the project became known, several people gave enthusiastic support. The Compton Foundation immediately donated \$5,000 to the project. Other



individuals, including Kent Farndale, gave their financial support. The LSHS donated \$1,000 to the project.

The committee decided to divide the project into three sections:

Phase One: December 1857 to December 1930. This involves 19 rolls of microfilm.

Phase Two: January 1931 to December 2001, involving 77 reels of microfilm.

Phase Three: January 2002 to the present

An application was made to the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation Donations Committee for financial assistance in the project. We are thrilled to announce that their committee gave a generous donation of \$5,000 to the project. On Thursday December 12, three members of the executive of the LSHS; President Paul Arculus, Treasurer Marilyn Pearce and director Dan Stone, accompanied by long-time LSHS member Peter Hvidsten, proudly accepted the Mississaugas of Scugog First Nation (MSFN) donation to the project. This means that we can now officially announce that we will begin Phase One of this project immediately.

If all goes well, sometime in late 2020 we will be able to announce that anyone, anywhere in the world, who is interested in our community will be able to access our newspapers from 1857 to 1930. Researchers, genealogists and those merely interested in reading about this community's past will be able to go online and read our newspapers at their leisure. Our thanks to Peter Hvidsten for leading this project. 



During the Prince Albert Cemetery walk, a number of artifacts were on display. Shown in the pictures is a medal awarded to local militia for their service in the Fenian Raids of 1866. Dan Stone is pictured with a sabre owned by T.C. Forman, Head of Reach Militia during the Fenian Raids of 1866.

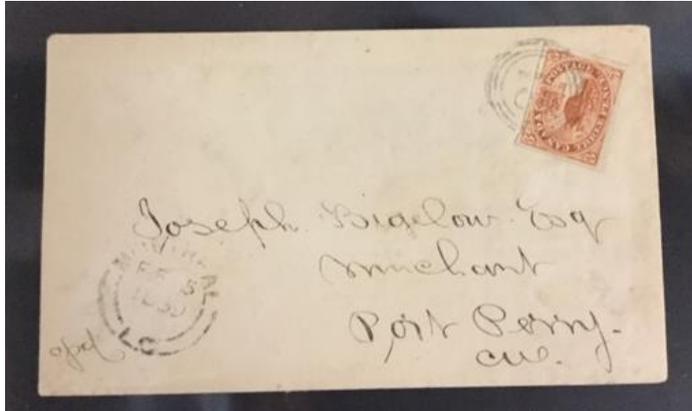


## Some Port Perry Postal History

by Dan Stone

Cover (envelope) sent from Montreal February 5th 1859 to Joseph Bigalow who was our first postmaster. It has a 3 cent beaver stamp and was franked (cancelled) Lower Canada when it left

Montreal and franked CW or Canada West when it arrived in Ontario.



This is the oldest cover that I've been able to find and was posted from Toronto on May 31st 1855 to Port Perry. Note the 3 cent hand stamp that was used by the postmaster before postage stamps were issued.





This is a very interesting cover that I purchased from a stamp dealer in the Netherlands. It's amazing that this ended up in Holland and I was able to find it via the internet and have it returned to Port Perry by mail for the second time 150 years later. The cover was posted on July 17th 1867 only 17 days after **Confederation**. The Montreal postmark still says CE for Canada East but was actually Quebec. It was sent to Mr Allison, a local Port Perry merchant. When it arrived, it was postmarked on the back Upper Canada CA, as Port Perry never change their franking stamp. Pretty cool to find an envelope dated this close to July 1st 1867. Note the price of postage is now 5 cents from the original 3 cents. I'm sure everyone was complaining about the cost of sending mail. *Some things never change!*



### **Volunteers Needed!**

If you love history and are interested in volunteering at the Scugog Shores Museum, please contact: Shannon Kelly [SKelly@scugog.ca](mailto:SKelly@scugog.ca)

If you would like to help the Lake Scugog Historical Society, please contact: Paul Arculus [arculusp@sympatico.ca](mailto:arculusp@sympatico.ca)



If you would like to join our email list please let us know.

Email: [marilyn.pearce@sympatico.ca](mailto:marilyn.pearce@sympatico.ca)



## Membership News, Winter 2020

**It's Membership Renewal Time!** The past year saw our membership in the LSHS grow and we are pleased to welcome both our new members and those who renewed in 2019. Presently we have 76 members, which is an increase of 15 from last year (12 new, 4 new corporate) (1 life member has passed). Our fees are \$10 single, \$20 for a family and \$25.00 for a corporate and will not be changing for 2020.

Member benefits:

- Twice yearly newsletter delivered by email or mail ( members preference)
- Free admission to Speaker Series
- Email reminders of upcoming events
- Discounts of 10% on book purchases of Society publications.

Please find the form below and continue to support the Lake Scugog Historical Society as we preserve, protect and tell the stories of our heritage.☞

### Lake Scugog Historical Society

**Membership**   New                      Renewal

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Single - \$10.00      Family - \$20.00      Corporate/Business/Organization \$25.00

*Please make cheque payable to Lake Scugog Historical Society and mail to:*

**Marilyn Pearce, LSHS Treasurer  
c/o 175 Perry Street, Port Perry, ON L9L 1B8  
or drop off at Books Galore.**



## After the Dinosaurs -- Why History Matters

Michael J.B. Black

When our son was young and was trying to understand the concept of time, he once began a 'historical question' with the phrase *"Before Grandpa and Grandma were born and after the dinosaurs died..."* For a child, the distinctions between specific events that occurred outside of their own immediate experience tend to run together, and weeks, months and even centuries become blurred.

In a similar manner, it has been said of our own time that people have 'no sense of history' or 'don't care about history', and that anything that predates the immediate is referred to as *"back in the day"*. There are endless speculations as to why this may be so, often involving the internet and the influence of a twenty-four-hour mediated information environment which tends to blur distinctions between past and present with respect to information and knowledge. Nonetheless, for those of us who *are* interested in history, and in particular in *local* histories, the question *"Why is history important?"* becomes especially relevant, because it speaks to the issue of historical significance to our time. In other words, the question of *"Why is history important?"* also contains the implicit question *"And why should we bother to remember it?"* In a period when the records detailing much of human experience are available on small portable devices in most of our pockets, why should we care about the careful sequencing of events that occurred long ago?

The most obvious answer to the first question is probably *"Because it tells us who we are and how we got here"*. Of equal importance, I would argue, however, is the most obvious answer to the second question: *"Because, if we allow it, history can help us to carefully consider what we should value as we live our lives today"*. One need only look to the dedicated volunteers and professionals in our own community who detail for us every year the sacrifices made for us by those who served in both World Wars. In a similar fashion, the events and opportunities for engagement provided by our local Indigenous residents give us a broader perspective of our place in history, and highlight the need for environmental stewardship that is so pressing today. When the answers to these two questions are taken together, it may be said that the relevance of history is not just about how we view our collective and individual pasts, but also how we view the present, and may even provide us with something of a 'roadmap' for the future.



In Canada, 1967 was a year of 'Centennial projects' and, in the spirit of the time, a great uncle of mine returned to Ontario from Winnipeg for a visit. One afternoon, when the two of us were left alone at my Grandmother's kitchen table, he proceeded to tell me in vivid detail how he had been wounded in the Great War. I subsequently learned that he had never shared this story with any other family member, including his siblings. Yet it was somehow important for him to pass the story on to a young boy, with the hope that the memory of his contributions might be remembered. I have never forgotten that interaction. It made the stuff of history personal to me and has influenced my approach to the importance of such narratives ever since. Moreover, in a broader sense, I think it demonstrates the relevance of sharing our history with others. 



## The Antique & Nostalgia Show and Sale

This is the 9<sup>th</sup> year that the LSHS has hosted the Port Perry Antique Show & Sale. Over those years this show has become the major fundraiser for the Society. Last year, we raised over \$4000 which we use to fund our Speaker Series, our PPHS bursary, and any other projects identified during the year. In 2019 we donated \$2000 to the Newspaper Digitization project. Over the past 8 years, over \$63,000 has been raised to assist the society in their mandate of preserving and protecting the history of the Lake Scugog area.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with the show either at the gate, putting up signs, or providing baking for the Food Canteen. If you can help please contact Paul Arculus (905-985-3658) or Marilyn Pearce (Show Convenor 905-985-9250). You can also volunteer through our web-site [www.lakescugoghistoricalsociety.com](http://www.lakescugoghistoricalsociety.com)

We hope to see you at the show! Not only will you see great items from the past (you can follow us on Facebook to see items that the vendors will be bringing) but also view an exhibit that President Paul is co-ordinating on the Steamboats of Scugog.





## Happening Around Town!



The Piano Café is expanding into the storefront on the westerly side of the building. We thought you might be interested to see some early pictures of this great café so you could appreciate how respectful our merchants and small business owners are when it comes to maintaining our main street. Kudos to the Stone family for their heritage approach to this building!



Original facade from 1887 designed by architect AAPost and built in 1887 by George Harrington



1970 Renovation



## Business/Corporate Members

*A big thank you for the support of the following Business Members!*



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Thank  
you 

Please contact us!

We want to hear from you. We want to hear your stories! We always welcome new members and new ideas. We can be found on Facebook: Lake Scugog Historical Society or on our website:

<http://lakescugoghistoricalsociety.com/>



## My Discovery of Burton

Janice Sandy

In the summer of 2011, my daughter became old enough to get her driver's license and I thought it would be a good idea to give her a lesson in navigation. We were headed to Prince Edward County, from Blackstock. The plan was that we would take all back roads and use the Ontario Back Roads Road Maps book. She was to read the map book and tell me where I was, as I was driving and give directions. She would forewarn me about the intersections and towns I would be approaching, as well as whatever she could tell me by reading the map book. Stopping first at the store in Blackstock, we headed straight east.

A couple of miles into our journey down Edgerton Road she said sarcastically, "We are entering Cadmus". This we were both well aware of without need of a map book. What took us by surprise, however, was that a few miles after that, near the end of Edgerton Road, right in front of the house of a friend of ours who we frequently visit at the corner of Wilson Avenue where the *George Hall-Cartwright's First Permanent Settler* historical sign is, the map book informed us that we were in Burton.

"Huh?? Burton?"

In all my years of this area being my stomping grounds, I had never heard of Burton before. I thought it must be a mistake in the map book. However the cell phone GPS verified that we were indeed in Burton. I asked several locals who I considered might be in the know about the area but no information was to be had. Some people suggested that I was confused and probably referring to Burketon which is a little south of Blackstock.

"I know", I thought... "I will call The Focus Magazine and ask them to write a story about it. Surely Paul Arculus will know something." I called the *Focus* and spoke with Peter. A letter to the editor was published looking for anyone who might know anything about the town of Burton. I received three calls; one of them being from (the late) Mr Robert Archer, who shared with me a very large and very old map drawn in 1861 that showed the town of Burtonville, as well as some of the buildings and residents. It was the 1861 Tremaine map of Durham County.

That map and I have become the best of companions, as it has led me on the most magical of journeys into the past. Thank you goes here to Mr Archer for allowing me to purchase his map. I had no idea where else to look for more information. To Google "Burton" brought no results. I then learned about places like *Our Ontario*, *The Internet Archives*, *The Archives of Canada and Ontario*, and a multitude of university archives, where one can download for free, numerous documents and *Directories and Repositories of Useful Knowledge* dating back as early as they were written. I started a collection of local history books. Searching within these books I started to find information. It was information that led to more information. Piece by piece, my puzzle was taking shape.

**About Burton** The earliest recorded birth that I have found for the Township of Cartwright took place at Burtonville: James Sawyer Lewis, the son of Joshua Odell Lewis and Melinda Haven Sawyer, was born there on July 15, 1833. Worth mentioning is that local history tells us that George Hall was Cartwright's



first permanent settler in 1834. Melinda Haven Sawyer is the daughter of Chloe Hall, a loyalist from the United States who was a relative to George Hall, the first settler. Joshua and Melinda came to Cartwright from a place in Lower Canada also named Burtonville -- also a ghost-town today -- where Melinda's father was an Episcopal Methodist minister. In 1835 James Sawyer Lewis, the first baby born in Cartwright, returned to the United States with his parents., which is another story...

The name Burtonville was changed to Burton and a post office was opened by James McGill in October of 1861. Although it changed location a few times, it remained in service until 1914 when rural mail delivery came into service. One of the difficulties in finding information regarding Burton lies in the fact that it was a border town located near the boundary road between Manvers and Cartwright Townships. Manvers, it seems, often regarded it as being part of Cartwright while Cartwright most often considered it to be part of Manvers. The post office and other entities moved from one side of the boundary to the other. The General Store remained in operation until sometime in the 1940's. Mr Robert Archer recalled fishing at a pond that was located in front of the store while his father did business, and Anne Swartz remembered pulling her brother to the store in a wagon.

According to Bill Ferguson and Grand Lodge records, Burton had an Orange Lodge, L.O.L. #408. The warrant registered to James Highland, January 26, 1846 became dormant in 1898. The Canadian Statesman tells us on June 15, 1898 "a serious fire occurred by which all the village was swept away."

Burton had at least one church and a school whose location is yet to be revealed. There was a General Store, post office, more than one hotel, a blacksmith, and Wm. Neil, justice of the peace. The Burton Militia played a large role in the village; the 45th West Durham Battalion's Company No.3 was Burtonville's, headed for a time by Major John "Jack" Hughes.

It was here in my research that I came to learn about "The Celebrated Hughes Family" residing at Burton (Lot 23 conc 3 and 4) after moving from Darlington in the 1860's. John Hughes, the father, is a renowned school teacher in local history books and is the man responsible for naming the villages of Solina, Cadmus, and Lotus. Known and respected as a fun-loving, fair man who believed in Temperance. He would roll up his sleeves and play sports with the students which was not entirely acceptable at the time. John Squair's book , *A history of Darlington and Clarke, 1927*, tells us "John Hughes taught for 22 years at 3 different schools in Cartwright, one of them being Burton's near the Manvers townline". John and his wife Caroline Laughlin Hughes had 4 sons and 7 daughters. Some of the children grew to assist with teaching at different schools in the area. The eldest son, James Laughlin Hughes (Feb 20, 1846-Jan 3 1935) was an educator and an author. He became Chief School Inspector for Toronto. The next son, Major General John Hughes (Dec 18, 1849-April 13, 1932) played a large role in the Northwest Rebellion.

A story in the Port Perry Star and Standard, November 12, 1913 regarding the ceremony for the new armouries in Blackstock, tells us that Colonel John Hughes unveiled the cenotaph in Blackstock and was the oldest active militiaman in Canada at the time. Being an old Cartwright boy, it was only fitting that he above all others should lay the cornerstone of the new armouries, for from the age of 15 he had worn the scarlet uniform of a Canadian Militia Man. He was presented with a silver trowel by Mr J. H. Devitt with which he well and truly laid the corner stone.



Sir Samuel Hughes (January 8, 1853-August 23, 1921), the second youngest of the four sons, became a teacher nearby at Lifford in Manvers Township and went on to become the Canadian Minister of Militia and Defence in the First World War. The youngest son, William St Pierre Hughes was Inspector of Penitentiaries and Commanding Officer of The Princess of Wales' Own Rifles. The members of the Hughes family have left legacies which are books in themselves. The graves of John and Caroline Hughes and their youngest daughter Ida can be found at Cartwright Union Cemetery, although a portion of Ida's stone has gone missing.

Sir Sam Hughes himself helped map out the plans for the Canadian Pacific Railway across Canada that happened to cross the boundary road quite near to Burton, giving Burton access to most of Canada in 1884. With a station only a few miles away, the boundary road which led you to the train station from Burton was considered wide and clear to travel. The road was in fact named "The Broad Road" and was part of a trail that led from Lake Ontario to Lake Scugog, used by First Nation People in pre-history times. I have recently gained, from University of Toronto, information showing that there was in fact a train station at a location, near where the boundaries of Cartwright, Manvers, Darlington and Clarke intersect. Named Sand-Banks it was a place where you could also send a telegraph, just an hour's walk from Burton.



While Williamsburg (now Blackstock) had the Scugog Road to travel north to south, Burton on the east side of the township had the Broad Road, and so the east side and the west side travelled different roads. Perhaps this is one of the reasons why Burton is a place that has thus far been poorly recognized in Cartwright's history

*View from Wilson Ave. of where the busy village of Burton once was.*

My puzzle is not complete and there is much more information regarding Burton to share and learn. I have yet to find old photographs taken in Burton. If there is anyone who thinks they may have one, I urge you to come forward and share, as it would be appreciated by many.

Understanding Burton has taught me about historical research; how to look and where to find. Hours fly by like minutes in such an enjoyable manner I feel it must be my job to do and I have many more stories to share. I look forward to participating in the Lake Scugog Historical Society in 2020. 



**Kent Farndale and Paul Arculus**

Kent is one of several community sponsors who have generously supported the digitization project! Thank you, Kent!



Ted Barris spoke at our November 7th meeting on his new book RUSH TO DANGER: MEDICS IN THE LINE OF FIRE. The book talks about his father's participation as a US Army medic at the Battle of the Bulge 1944-45, along with stories of other medics.

**☞ Annual Fees for Members ☞**

Single Membership (1 vote)	\$10 per calendar year
Family Membership (2 votes)	\$20 per calendar year
Corporate Membership (1 vote)	\$25 per calendar year

Corporate Membership/Sponsors will be recognized on the LSHS website and in in our newsletter.

Please make cheques payable to Lake Scugog Historical Society.

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## Sunday Speaker Series

All events start at 1:00pm and will take place in the Museum Schoolhouse.

- January 19<sup>th</sup>
  - “The Queen's Closet: Masterpieces of Historical Fashion”.  
Presenter Lianne Harris weaves an intriguing 1-hour tapestry of connections between historical clothing and war, power, greed, and corruption but also that of love, loyalty, education, enlightenment, and adventure! A fascinating exploration into the cultural, political, and religious influences on fashion and the status and power it so magnificently represented. Admission is \$10.
- February 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - A Beginners Introduction to Cross Stitching  
Have you always wanted to try cross stitching but didn't know where to start? In this introductory workshop for beginners, we will teach you the basics and use this fun needle-craft to create bookmarks. All workshop materials and light refreshments will be provided. Tickets are \$30+HST per person and must be purchased in advance by calling 905-985-8698 ext. 103 or by visiting the front reception desk at the Scugog Arena.
- March 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - “Digger, Teacher, Soldier, Spy”  
We welcome back Dr. Amy Barron for her latest talk on the unexpected side of archaeology. What do archaeologists do when the world's at war? Surprisingly, many of them turn spy. During both the First and Second World Wars archaeologists on all sides became involved with military intelligence, turning their in-depth knowledge of the land and the peoples they studied to support their countries at war. Admission is \$10.
- April 26<sup>th</sup>
  - “The 75th anniversary of the Liberation of Holland, and the end of WWII”  
As the world commemorates the 75th anniversary of the end of World War Two, author and journalist Ellin Bessner brings her new book [“Double Threat”](#) to the Scugog Shores Museum Village. As Canada and indeed, the world, marked the end of the fighting, hundreds of Canadian airmen and soldiers were still hard at work overseas with a new humanitarian mission: rescuing the survivors of the Holocaust, including in Germany at the site of the notorious Nazi death camp Bergen-Belsen. From the small gestures like donating red lipstick to the survivors to taking Jewish orphans on picnics, many Canadians in uniform spent the spring and summer after V-E day deeply involved in the rescue operations, plus in the tracking down of war criminals. Hear about some of the most famous Jewish Canadians who served, including Monty Hall, Wayne and Shuster, Sen. David Croll, Barney Danson, and more. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event. Admission is \$10.

## Family Day Activities

February 17

## Museum Village opens for the season

Monday, May 18 The Museum Village is open daily, 10am to 4pm until August 30<sup>th</sup>.