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**PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE**

by Marilyn Pearce



"IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER" were the lyrics of a song and after the recent February weather I think all of us are ready for longer and warmer days.

This year promises to be eventful as this newsletter outlines our many events and projects beginning with the first Speaker Series on April 8th. Your LSHS board though has been busy the past two months raising the funds in order for all these projects to commence.

But this newsletter is really about the **"Heritage Champions"** in our community. These are the folks who have demonstrated their remarkable commitment to safeguard Scugog's history for years to come. From those who founded us to those who donate to historical projects, to those who work tirelessly behind the scenes we wanted to share some of their stories with you.

LSHS board member Bill Minors has put together a great Speaker Series program for 2025 and we are quite certain the Scugog Library will be packed for these presentations.

New board member Sarah Parry has jumped into her role as membership secretary and our sponsor group now takes up the whole back page – please support them as they support us.

Peter continues to produce our newsletters, writes books (*LSHS now has over 50 books on the history of Scugog available for research in downloadable form on the Scugog Heritage Gallery site*), and this year is assisting in the North Durham Heritage Quilt Project Book.

Peter and Paul do research for all those who ask and to the LSHS executive Board who meet monthly to plan the projects that will bring Scugog's history to life. They help raise funds, bring new ideas on how to present Scugog's history to the community and of course volunteer at all our events.

Behind the scenes there are so many champions that we can't begin to tell all their stories in one newsletter but their contributions have not gone unnoticed.

From member David Ankrett working tirelessly to uncover the historic stones in the Scovell cemetery, to Janis & Sandy working at the Museum archiving the many donations that come in, to the members of the Municipal Heritage Committee who volunteer to protect our built heritage especially in the Heritage Conservation District, and to all those homeowners and businesses who repurpose old schools, churches and those beautiful historic homes of Scugog, we thank them all.

This year promises to be eventful with new walking/driving tours, research on historic quilt making and the Home Children of Scugog, new plaques to call attention to historic sites and citizens, and new partnerships with our North Durham Museums.

As the weather improves we look forward to seeing you at all we have planned for the months ahead. If you have an idea for a project or story let us know.

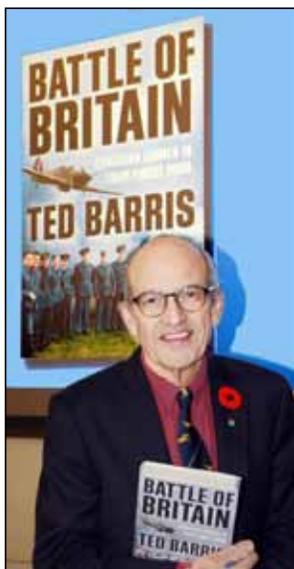
Our members are the future and after 56 years we are still going strong as an organization thanks to the Heritage Champions who live, work, volunteer and value the history of our ancestors and all they contributed to today's Scugog.



SPEAKER SERIES TED BARRIS

Author Ted Barris captivated a large crowd in the Library Rotary Room on Nov. 19, 2024 as the guest speaker for the Lake Scugog Historical Society' Speakers Series.

Mr. Barris showed pictures and spoke about the gripping and heroic story of fighter pilots defending the skies over Britain from unprecedented Nazi attack.



PAULA LISHMAN EXHIBIT

Paula Lishman was on hand for the opening of her exhibit at Scugog Arts on Queen St., in January & February 2025.

Her exhibit, "The Creative Journey of a Canadian Original", showcased her evolution as a celebrated designer and innovator of knitted fur fashions.



UPCOMING EVENTS 2025



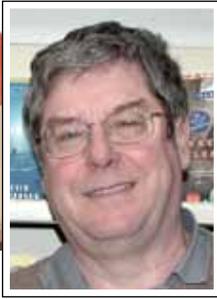
Tentative Schedule

Please Note: Some events, dates and locations could change. Coming Events calendar will be updated in future newsletters.

**Note: All Speaker Series Meetings will be held in the Rotary Room - Scugog Memorial Library
Doors Open: 6:30 pm - Speaker at 7 p.m.**

- 1 April 8. **Speaker:** Maureen Jennings - Murdoch Mysteries
- 2 May 13 - LSHS 55th Annual General Mtg
- 3 May 21 - Scugog Shores Museum Village opens for the season
- 4 June 7 - 55th Canoe the Nonquon
- 5 June 10 - **Speaker:** Dr. Amy Barron; Archaeology and Agatha Christie
- 6 June TBD - Historical Walking Tour of the Breadalbane Cemetery, Utica
- 7 July - LSHS Historical Walking Tour Launch Port Perry's Downtown Heritage District
- 8 August TBD - Historical Walking Tour North Nestleton Cemetery, and Exhibit at Church - also the Launch of Caesarea/Nestleton Driving Tour
- 9 Aug. 23 - History of Blackstock and its Fair - Exhibit
- 10 Aug. 24 - Heritage Day, Scugog Shores Museum
- 11 Sept. 9 - **Speaker:** Patrice Dutil: Sir John A Macdonald & the Apocalyptic Year 1885
- 12 Oct. 18 & 19 - 28th Annual Antique Show & Sale Launch of Heritage Quilt Registry Book
- 13 November 18 - **Speaker:** Adam Shoalts; Author & Adventurer Library: 6:30
- 14 December 9 - LSHS Xmas Social & Show & Tell
For more information and up-dates
www.lakescugoghistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Print & Save for future reference.



On The Shelf

A Book Review by Bill Minors

SCUGOG CARRYING PLACE A FRONTIER PATHWAY

By Grant Karcich
Dundurn Press \$26.00

The story of Scugog Carrying Place, the ancient aboriginal trails connecting Lake Ontario with Lakes Scugog and Simcoe and the Kawartha Lakes, is a multifaceted one.

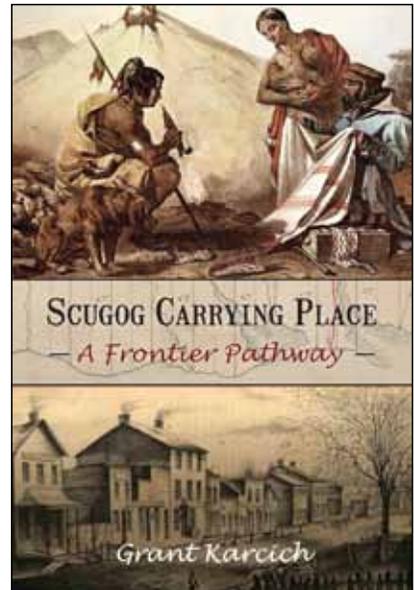
In tracing its documented history from the 1790's to the 1850's, author Grant Karcich unravels mysteries, explores lifestyles of early First Nations; provides background on local archaeological sites; and introduces the intrepid early surveyors, fur traders, missionaries, colourful characters, and entrepreneurial immigrant settlers from both the newly formed United States and the United Kingdom.

In their wake come the demon whiskey, devastating plagues, competing world views, saddlebag preachers, and ultimately the marginalization of the First Nations people.

The Scugog Trail assumes a significant role in the transition of the land, from forest to agriculture to villages, towns and industrial centres. The trail bore witness to the development of communities, such as Oshawa, Harmony, Columbus, Prince Albert, Port Perry, Seagrave, Cannington and Beaverton.

This book is a must - read for history buffs, genealogists and anyone with roots in this part of Ontario. Among the many fascinating facts in this book concerns the naming of Oshawa (formerly Skae's Corners). Most trace the origin from the Mississauga language, either "over the big lake" Whitefish Creek" or "Salmon Creek"

Highly recommended.



DID YOU KNOW?



Port Perry and Vicinity Felt Earth Tremors

One hundred years ago, on February 28, 1925, at 9:22 in the evening an earthquake shook the village of Port Perry and surrounding communities.

The Port Perry Star reported - "Several buildings in the business block trembled, the most pronounced was felt in the St. Charles Hotel block, where floors seemed to rock, goods on shelves rattled and pictures on the walls swayed."

While there was no severe damage, reports included people feeling dizzy, floors heaving, doors jarred open, beds at the hospital shaking and chickens shaken off their roosts. The epic centre was estimated to be 335 miles away in Quebec.

from Masonry to Milk



By Thomas Parry



The Parry family may not be a household name in Port Perry, but their contributions to the town's business scene were significant. From milk to masonry, their quiet entrepreneurial spirit helped shape the community.

In the March 1948, George Parry became co-owner of the Port Perry Dairy alongside Ted Leahy and Don Pargeter. The dairy, located on Water Street where the Post Office now stands, was a local staple, delivering fresh milk throughout town. When George returned from war, he bought out Glen Owen's share of the business and took on the challenges of dairy operations.



The Port Perry Dairy building on Water St., circa 1950, after it was purchased by George Parry and his two partners, Ted Leahy and Don Pargeter, in March 1948. (See advertisement, left)

One of those challenges arrived in dramatic fashion on April 4, 1954, when a fire broke out while George and Don were making alterations to the refrigeration storage. Despite their best efforts, the flames spread, and firefighters had to douse the building with water. The *Port Perry Star* reported on the incident, highlighting the struggle to control the blaze. Decades later, in 2000, the same building was lost to another fire.

Before George's dairy days, his father, William Parry, had already made his mark on Port Perry. A Welsh immigrant, William founded a concrete business in the late 1800s and was responsible for many of the town's earliest wells and silos. After the Black family home was destroyed by fire, William rebuilt it using his own concrete blocks – a home that still stands today on Highway 7A. Later, he poured many of the area's septic tanks.

The Parry business was a family affair, with even young Bob Parry getting hands-on experience – sometimes too much, like when he got caught driving a truck at just 13! After William's passing in 1959, his wife Ila attempted to keep the business running but couldn't compete with larger companies.

Though their businesses eventually closed, the Parry family's legacy remains – etched in concrete and woven into the history of Port Perry.



Photo of the Port Perry Dairy building fire, published in the April 15, 1954 issue of the *Port Perry Star*.

The North Durham Heritage Quilt Project

By Marilyn Pearce

At the 2024 Culture Days exhibit at the Head Church, LSHS launched their Heritage Quilt Registry Project. This is a joint project of the North Durham Historical Societies including not only our historical society but Sunderland HS, Uxbridge Museum, Cannington HS & Beaverton HS.

Because these heritage quilts all tell a story they are now being recognized as repositories of past & present lives and communities. Made by individuals and groups, it is the goal to reflect this longstanding inter-generational tradition of quilt making and the stories they tell. These quilts are rarely displayed but the book that is being created will showcase their beauty, the craft of their makers and be accompanied by a short history of the family, the organization or the community where they were created.

Recently a member of the LSHS Executive Board found a quilt in his home in Blackstock that was created by the Victorian Women's Institute in 1927. It contained over 448 embroidered signatures of the community and may have been created as a local fundraiser or just to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of Canada's Confederation. The names on this quilt are like a directory of not only that organization but also the local town folk who supported them.

The earliest quilts in Canada were founded circa 1800 in the Atlantic Provinces and were made with homespun wool. Quilts are an important asset of Ontario history as well and usually reflected the economic and social climate of the times but were often looked at as ordinary household work and have been given little recognition in the annals of history. But times are changing and quilters both men and women are creating beautiful artistic creations using modern technology.

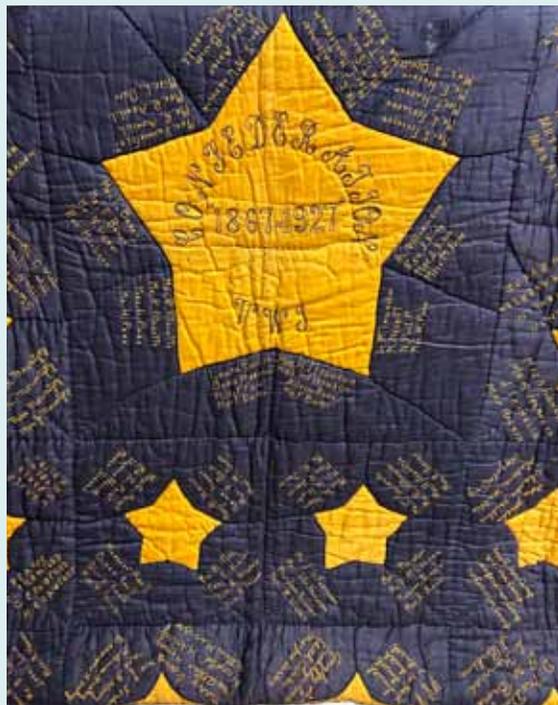
Ontario has a wealth of beautiful old quilts passed down from generation to generation. Many sit on a closet shelf or in a blanket box awaiting an unknown future. We are lucky so many have survived. Most of the quilts in our book are from family collections although we have documented those in the local museums and churches as well. Many have not ever been displayed for the general public. It is our hope to create a catalogue of 100 quilts of North Durham.

Over the course of the next few months we will search out, photograph and create a book that will launch at the October Antique Show in Port Perry. Copies will be for sale at that time and we are planning on ordering 100 to sell. If you would like to reserve a copy let us know.

If you have a quilt and its story that you would like to share, email us: lakescugoghistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Quilts

Every Quilt Tells A Story





by
Amanda
Gallagher
Curator

SCUGOG SHORES

MUSEUM VILLAGE

MEMORIES?

What memories do you have from visiting the museums and museum villages of your childhood? Do you recall the fancy script and cool images on huge exhibit panels, or do your memories focus more on experiences and people you met?

Most people will recall a sensory experience – the smell of a simmering fire in the corner of a cabin, feeling different wool textures in the many stages of processing, or hearing that sharp ring of the blacksmith’s hammer hitting steel on an anvil. Those are the experiences that give visitors a sense of the past and create a moment of connection with previous generations.

The Scugog Shores Museum interprets the stories of people from the past through our heritage buildings and artifacts, but those stories are only words on a page without our heritage champions bringing them to life.

Throughout the museum’s existence, there have been numerous supporters that volunteer their time to re-enact tasks, devoting themselves to learning the techniques needed to present an accurate picture of history.

Volunteers have practiced heritage gardening techniques and discovered historic building practises while on our grounds. They’ve spun threads, woven on our historic loom, and used tools of past trades, like blacksmithing or wood carving, to create something fantastic. There are also those who volunteer their time to conduct research, pulling together threads of families, businesses, and techniques to create resources. It takes a bit of imagination, and trial and error to get the methods right, but without the research and devotion of these volunteers, we would not be able to see Scugog’s past in action.

THEY ARE OUR HERITAGE CHAMPIONS.

We often call a presentation of the past or a bygone technique ‘heritage’, but some of these methods are adapted by modern day hobbyists, too.

Blacksmithing is now seen an artform – and the same notion exists for the numerous textile crafters who practice today. Does your hobby look to past generations for inspiration?

Heritage does not just mean historical and no longer in use. Heritage is alive in our community, and as long as there are people who continue to participate in heritage techniques and learn about those who came before us, we are connected to our past.

HERITAGE CHAMPIONS



Volunteer Rosemary.



Volunteer Ted Wright



Volunteer Darwyne Hourie.

THE HISTORY & MYSTERY ?

of Samuel Jeffrey's

WOOD HORSE

Known locally as the "Jeffrey Horse," this life-sized chestnut figure played an important role in the harness-making business of Samuel Jeffrey.

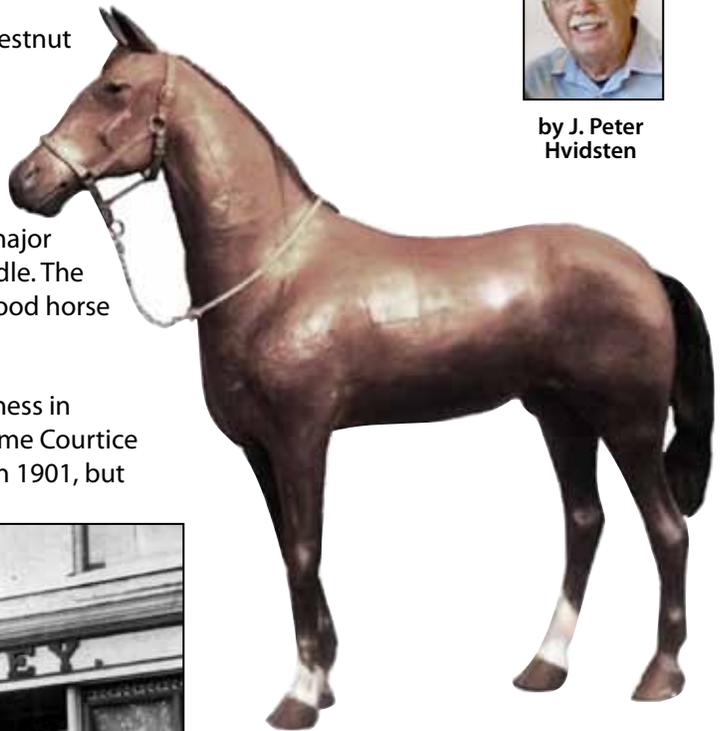
Made of wood and plaster and painted a deep, rich brown, the horse stood proudly in the front window of Jeffrey's harness shop for more than half a century.

Fully fitted with a harness and saddle, it became a major attraction for children, who often asked to sit in the saddle. The staff kindly indulged their requests, making the large wood horse one of the most beloved fixtures in the community.

Samuel Jeffrey established his harness-making business in partnership with Thomas Courtice in 1887 under the name Courtice & Jeffrey. The partnership lasted until Courtice's death in 1901, but



by J. Peter Hvidsten



Members of the staff of Courtice & Jeffrey harness shop in the heart of downtown Port Perry at what today is 223 & 227 Queen St., circa 1900. Identities of the men in the picture are unknown.



Section of a large display at the shop showing different styles of harness.



Samuel Jeffrey, partner in the Courtice & Jeffrey Harness Shop, purchased this wood life-size horse for the shop in the early 1900s to display the many leather products, including saddles the company manufactured. The harness shop, located on Queen St., is seen in the background. The horse was originally painted a chestnut-red colour but it was later painted grey, as seen in the picture to the right.



The Jeffrey Horse, which was at the Jeffrey Harness Shop for more than 50 years, was returned to Scugog Shores Museum for the summer of 1985. In the photo are Hazel Stiemmon, whose father and grandfather owned the shop; her grandson David Ireland; museum curator Len Green, and Jack Kane, who transported the horse from Toronto.

the business continued to thrive under Mr. Jeffrey's ownership.

Originally focused on retail, the shop later expanded into wholesale, becoming one of the largest harness suppliers in the province. Their products were shipped all over the country, solidifying their reputation in the industry.

One of the company's largest orders came from the Department of Militia and Defence to manufacture 100 sets of transport harness for the war effort. The order was completed in eleven days, and the entire shipment weighed about three tons to ship to Ottawa.

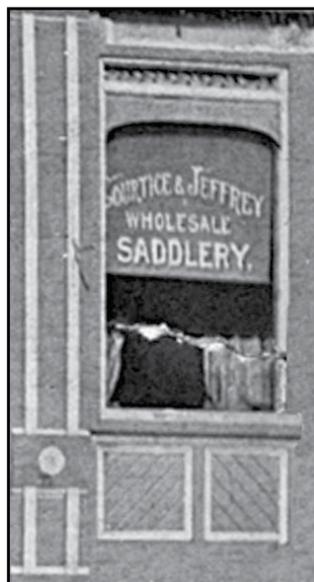
In 1912, Samuel's son Cyril, who had for the past seven years has been connected with the Canadian Bank of Commerce, joined the business, initially working in accounting, and the firm was renamed S. Jeffrey and Son.

Following Samuel's retirement, Cyril partnered with local harness maker John Taylor, operating under the name Jeffrey & Taylor. The business remained in operation until Cyril's death in 1953, at which point it was closed, and everything, including the well-known wooden horse was sold.

Efforts to track down the Jeffrey Horse began in 1969 when Bill Brock, president of the Historical Society, learned that it was being used as a display model at J.W. Barrington & Son Saddlery on Front Street in Toronto.

When Mr. Brock contacted Mr. Barrington, he agreed that the horse should eventually return to Port Perry. Though reluctant to part with such a unique piece, Barrington generously invited community members to visit his store to see the horse "for old-time's sake."

Another sixteen years passed before the horse was rediscovered. After being displayed in various Toronto harness shops, it was eventually purchased by Gerald Henry, owner of H. & B. Harness. Henry preserved the wooden horse and kept it in his living room for years, ensuring its survival.



A window in front of the shop reads "Courtice & Jeffrey Wholesale Saddlery."

Canada's Militia and Defence department ordered 100 sets of harness from Jeffrey's

In 1985, Mr. Henry agreed to allow the Scugog Shores Museum to bring the horse back to Port Perry, where it was on display for the summer. Museum officials hoped to convince Henry to leave it on permanent loan, securing its place in the town's history.

It's here, the trail of the Jeffrey Horse grows cold and the mystery begins.

Whether it was returned to Henry's home in Toronto or remained in storage is uncertain. Some rumours suggest it was stolen from a storage facility on Scugog Island, but no official records confirm this, and an article about the robbery did not list the horse among the stolen items.

To this day, the fate of the Jeffrey Horse remains a mystery. Perhaps a reader of the Lake Scugog Historical Society "Archivist" newsletter can provide the missing piece of the puzzle.



by
JANIS
CARTER

Durham Region Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society

The Durham Region Branch is a part of the Provincial Organization Ontario Genealogical Society otherwise known as Ontario Ancestors.

Ontario Genealogical Society has 30 branches that cover most counties or districts in the province. As well there are 6 special interest groups (SIGs): British Home Children, Eastern Europe, Irish, Scottish, Irish Palatine, and Genetic Genealogy.

The mission of the Society is to encourage, bring together and assist those interested in the pursuit of family history and to preserve Ontario's genealogical heritage.

The Durham Region Branch has approximately 300 members, from across the province, across the country and some international, with representatives from across Durham Region on the Executive Council. Meetings are held once a month, 10 months of the year - some in person, some across Zoom. You do not need to be a member to attend a meeting.

The Durham Region Branch began in 1982 and covers the area of parts of Old Durham County and parts of Old Ontario County: Thorah, Brock, Reach, Uxbridge, Scott, Scugog, Pickering, Whitby, Cartwright, Clarke, Darlington Townships and the cities and towns within these areas.

The Office and Library contain many family history research books and maps from Durham Region, the province, the country, USA, Great Britain and other countries. There are also many local family histories. Research materials include many microfilms, church records, city directories, telephone books, cemetery transcriptions, county and town histories and How-to Books.

Current projects of the Branch include; updating cemetery transcriptions that were done in the 1980s & 1990s, collecting funeral cards, past and current, collecting year-books from Durham Region schools (There is a large collection of Port Perry High School yearbooks), digitizing databases, and advocating for cemeteries in jeopardy of being demolished.

The Branch has an office located in Oshawa inside the Northminster Church at Simcoe St. and Rossland Rd. Visits are by appointment at present, primarily on Tuesdays and Thursdays or at alternate times, when scheduled. Besides the monthly meetings, there is a DNA Special Interest Group meeting once a month and monthly drop-in meetings over Zoom to discuss various genealogical issues or questions.

Members of the Branch are willing to provide guidance and assistance in your family history quest, either by visiting the library, or by contacting the research committee at durham@ogs.on.ca

Branch publications can be purchased on the Ontario Genealogical Society website: Durham Region – Ontario Ancestors .

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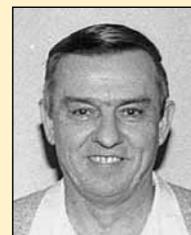


By
Leanne
Ashbridge

Scugog Sports Hall of Fame “Champions of Sport Inductees”

Each year the Scugog Sports Hall of Fame recognizes and honours individuals and teams who have made their mark in the sports history of Scugog. The selections for induction for 2025 are:

JACK OWEN - *Posthumous induction of Jack Owen as a multi-sport athlete:* Jack was a high school athlete competing in multiple track and field events including pole vault, running, high jump and hop, step, jump. He set records in pole vault and in 1955 finished first in six events and was named overall champion with a record high score of 36 points. Jack played high school basketball and volleyball and community basketball, baseball, softball and hockey, attaining championships with multiple teams. As an adult, he excelled at 5 pin bowling, curling and lawn bowling earning more high scores and championships.



JACK OWEN



1973 GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM

The Port Perry Girls/Ladies Juvenile softball team played under the leadership of Linda Heayn and Wendy Partner and were sponsored by the PP Legion Auxiliary. They provided much entertainment and competition during the 1970s, at the lakefront diamond. After finishing second in the provincials in 1972, they were determined to be All Ontario Champions. They won two consecutive games in a best of three series against Ingersoll in September 1973, to become the first and only girls' team under Port Perry and District Minor Softball to win a Provincial Womens Softball Championship.

LEANNE ASHBRIDGE, BUILDER OF SPORTS:

Leanne has been supporting sports for three decades both at the local level and provincial level. As Port Perry Minor Softball President, she led a number of initiatives that fostered the growth of minor softball in Scugog. At the provincial level she was appointed to the Advisory Council of the OASA (Ontario Amateur Softball Association) and also held positions with Softball Ontario. She joined the Scugog Sports Hall of Fame committee in 2006 and was Chair of the committee for 12 years and has been the curator of the HOF collection since 2019.



These are only the highlights of the accomplishments of the 2025 inductees. Additional details of their contributions and successes will be revealed at the Scugog Sports Hall of Fame event to be held at the Scugog Community Centre on Thursday April 24, 2025. The event is free to the public and doors open at 6:00 with a cash bar available and the ceremony beginning at 7:00 pm.

Plan to attend to help celebrate and be a part of our rich sports history.

First Woman appointed to Supreme Court of Ontario

The Honourable MABEL VAN CAMP

PROFESSIONALLY she was referred to as “Madame Justice”; “Your Honour”; “My Lady” or “M.M. Van Camp”, but when she was home, the first woman appointed to the Supreme Court of Ontario simply went by Mabel.

Mabel Van Camp was born on May 11, 1920, and raised in Cartwright Township and was a graduate of Blackstock Public School and Cartwright High School. A graduate of Victoria College, University of Toronto and Osgoode Hall Law School, she became a successful lawyer and partner and in 1965 was appointed Queen’s counsel.

In 1971, she became the first female judge named to the Supreme Court of Ontario, a position she held for 25 years.

But Mabel came from humble beginnings, starting on the Van Camp farm, where her grandmother was a midwife. Later she lived for 10 years in a small house across from the Rec. Centre, and another six in a red brick house before heading off to university. Mabel always had a passion for reading and her quest for knowledge leapfrogged her through elementary school in four years, doing two grades per year. At age 11 she began attending the local Cartwright High School. She continued her education and she graduated from Osgoode Hall in 1947.

While her career was significant, family was most important to Mabel, and she was often home in Cartwright to visit with family and friends.

Mabel enjoyed coming home on weekends, where her sister would pick her up from the station near Blackstock. She loved to drive with her sister and they would spend a whole day exploring all the back roads to see the countryside. She was also a sports enthusiast, and a big fan of hockey and baseball games.

After a weekend in Cartwright, she’d be back to the big city, which was a whole other world, a world where things happened like Queen Elizabeth sharing her bathroom at Osgoode Hall; where Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau called to congratulate her for her appointment to the Ontario Supreme Court of Canada; a world where Madame Justice M.M. Van Camp presided as the judge over some major trials.

Among her other roles, she served as past YWCA president for Metropolitan Toronto and president of the Women’s Law Association of Ontario. She was honoured as a ‘judicial pioneer’ in the Hall of Honour at the Canadian Judicial Conference in 1995, was awarded the prestigious Order of Ontario in 2003 and a Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012.

After she retired, Mabel continued her quest for knowledge by going back to school. A lifelong Anglican, she studied Philosophy and Ancient Greek in order to reach her goal of being able to read the original version of the Bible.

Mabel M. Van Camp passed away on April 19, 2012 at the age of 91.

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Story reprinted from “Scugog Women Who Inspire” by J. Peter Hvidsten

Blackstock woman was a ‘judicial pioneer’ and a role model for women



The Honourable Mabel Van Camp.



by Sarah Parry

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Your Membership is our Future!

I am pleased to introduce myself as the new Membership Secretary for the Lake Scugog Historical Society, and look forward to working with our members to support and grow our organization.

One of my current priorities is reconnecting with past members who have not yet renewed, encouraging them to re-engage with us, and inviting local businesses to join as corporate support members. Our current membership consists of 30 Lifetime Members; 93 Annual Members (individual and family); 2 Ex-Officio Members, and 9 Business Members. 72% of our annual members (individual and family) have renewed.

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2025, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. The goal we have set for 2025 is 150 members.

We are very pleased to welcome new business members Jonathan van Bilsen Media Services, Port Perry Optical, Applewood Winery, and Lake Scugog Lumber and thank them for their support in preserving Scugog's history. We also welcome to our newest annual members Suzanne Aden, Colin Laird, Thomas Parry, and Peter Wokral, and a special welcome also to our newest lifetime member, Lindsay Parry.

Not sure if you have renewed?

Please reach out to me by email at membershiplshs@gmail.com. Also, we are challenging each one of you to recruit ONE new individual or family membership! Consider sharing information about the Historical Society with friends and family – a membership makes a great gift for anyone interested in local history and genealogy. Share the following link where they can fill out an online form to become a member today: <https://lakescugoghistoricalsociety.com/membership-form/>

Have you seen our new Speaker Series line up yet?

Bill Minors has done a great job booking some very interesting speakers for 2025. Did you know that as a member you can reserve seats in advance? Popular speakers sell out fast! If you are interested in reserving seats for any of the upcoming dates, please reach out by email to lakescugoghistoricalsociety@gmail.com

If you have any questions or know someone interested in joining, please feel free to reach out to me at:- membershiplshs@gmail.com. The foundation of LSHS is our membership base.



Lake Scugog Historical Society

Founded in 1969

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President –Marilyn Pearce Secretary-Bill Minors Treasurer-Janis Carter

Membership

New Renewal

Name: _____

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Individual: \$15.00 Family: \$25.00

Life Membership: \$300.00 (tax receipt)

Corporate / Business / Organization: \$50.00

E-Transfer: lakescugoghistoricalsociety@gmail.com or

By cheque payable to Lake Scugog Historical Society
c/o Books Galore - 175 Perry Street,
Port Perry, Ont. L9L 1B8

Around The Archives

The Lake Scugog Historical Society renamed their newsletter "The Archivist" in 2023 to reflect one of the most important aspects of our mandate of preserving our past. Since that time we have accumulated and accessioned many historical records, minute books, maps, photos and artifacts in the collection.

Each newsletter we try to showcase items and stories that have been gifted to us. These items contribute to our capacity to help folks looking for genealogical information as well as many become the features in LSHS Heritage exhibits at our events over the course of the year. During 2025 we hope to have these items on-line so folks can view their gifts to us.

Here are some of the most recent finds. All of these were gifted to the society by dealers and residents at our most recent Antique Show In February.

Photo #1: Hogg & Lytle Ltd. Calendar 1948: this company owned and operated the lakefront Grain Elevator during the 1930's and 40's and sold the elevator to the Toronto Elevators Ltd in 1949.



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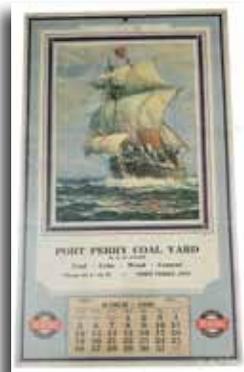
Photo #2: James Parr Land Purchase from Bryans in 1877. Land was on south east corner of Edgerton Road in Cadmus. Mr. Parr was the Reeve of Cartwright from 1880-1890 and served on the Cartwright Agricultural Society from 1866-1910.



#2

Photo #3: Port Perry Coal Yard Calendar 1939 – owned by William (Bill) G.W. Pyatt. Pyatt was married to Elsie Figary, whose father operated the coal yard prior to Bill Pyatt taking over the company. They operated it from about 1925 to 1940 before selling it to Eddie Michelle, owner of Birdseye Centre Park. Mr. Michelle later sold it to Samuel Griffen, owner of Lake Scugog Lumber and Coal Company.

#3



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Photo #4: Cabinet Card; Young man photographed by William H. Leonard (1856-1947). Leonard's studio was in the building on North West corner of Perry & Queen (the Piano Café). LSHS has many cabinet cards of both W.H. and his father James who was also a photographer. Any help identifying the subjects is welcomed.

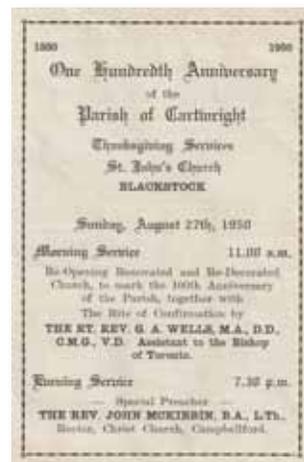


Photo #5: 100th Anniversary of the Parish of Cartwright; St. John's Anglican Church August 1950. This Church in Blackstock is now a private residence but it had a long history in the community as it was active and organized in 1840.

#4



If you have items that would help us tell the story of Scugog please let us know. We would welcome adding them to our collection.



Lindsay shows his "Carnegie" family calendar at the Christmas Social.



CHRISTMAS SOCIAL



LSHS director Bill Holtby was the 'greeter' the Christmas Social held at the Piano Cafe in December 2024.



A large crowd gathered for the Christmas Social & Show & Tell on December 10, 2024.



A few of the many items on display for "show & tell".

LSHS SPRING ANTIQUE SHOW



Hundreds of antique dealers and treasure seekers attended the LSHS Antique Show at the Scugog Community Centre in February.



Lake Scugog Historical Society displayed a large number of local history books for sale.

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