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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Marilyn Pearce



Welcome to our Fall/Winter Newsletter

Thanks to all who continue to provide us with interesting stories and columns as we create our latest newsletter. It has been a busy summer season and looking back I am grateful to the LSHS Board and all our members for making it so memorable.

As you will read we hosted a Blackstock Heritage Day on August 18th with a packed hall at the Blackstock United Church to view our pop-up exhibits, go for a cemetery tour across the street at the Methodist Primitive Cemetery (did you know this is a Township designated heritage property?). We then returned to the hall where Paul Arculus led the historical talk. Thanks to those who provided their personal artifacts for the day.

On August 24th to celebrate the 157th edition of the Blackstock Fair, LSHS created an exhibit on the back lawn of the historic 1855 Town Hall. Thanks to the Township of Scugog for the outside painting of this heritage building – it looked great. Special thanks to Bill Holtby, Amanda Kiezebrink and Lloyd Trewin for all their work in creating a great agricultural exhibit and to Trevor Chandler for bringing along his vintage Farmall tractor – lots of photo ops there.

And last but not least was our two-day exhibit at the Scugog Shores Museum Village as our contribution to Scugog Culture Days.

The Head Church was given a new paint job and looked great as we featured over 35 heritage quilts in the pews. Special thanks to Gerri Lynn O'Connor who helped curate the quilt collection, to all the folks who donated their personal quilts and stories and of course Board Members who put in the hours to clean, exhibit, and act as cheerful ambassadors for our organization.

The Museum provides us with a tangible space to connect with our rich Scugog history. You will also read in this edition about the future quilt registry book we are working on for next summer.

LSHS was founded by a group of local residents with a passion for preserving Scugog's local history. In 2024 the LSHS board has been just as passionate to take our collections and stories to the public in many different formats. Thanks to all for giving us your donations of time, funds and even your collections to make that happen.

Wishing everyone Happy Holidays and looking forward to what we can create for 2025.

**FRONT
COVER**

Lake Scugog Historical Society director Jessie Gillis, in front of the Lee House during Culture Days.

Welcome to our New Members

Introducing Sarah Parry and Jack Gunter as the Lake Scugog Historical Society's newest board members.



SARAH PARRY

Sarah Parry is a lifelong resident of Port Perry, having lived on Scugog Island and in town. With a deep-rooted connection to the area, Sarah has cultivated a profound appreciation for the local history that shapes the community.

Currently serving as the Principal of Uxbridge Public School, she also spent many years teaching at R.H. Cornish Public School.

An avid history enthusiast, her interest in learning about the past with has only deepened over the years, especially after marrying into one of the founding families of Port Perry.

Together with her husband and children, Sarah can often be found diving into the stories and events that have shaped their family's story.



JACK GUNTER

Born and raised in Blackstock, John (Jack) Gunter headed off to Hamilton for a degree in Civil Engineering and Mgmt followed by a MBA from the University of Western Ontario. With over 35 plus years in the Telecom Industry, John lived in Ottawa and Toronto prior to moving back to Blackstock with his wife Devi.

With a keen interest in social history - especially from the perspective of ordinary people, he is happy to be part of the Lake Scugog Historical Society.

In Memoriam Jan Martyn-Byers



The Lake Scugog Historical Society lost one of its most active members, and a valued historian for the Cartwright-Blackstock area on October 15, 2024.

In recent years Jan had donated many artifacts and archives pertaining to the Cartwright Girl Guide organization. It is hoped a future exhibit will recognize all she did for preserving that local history.

UPCOMING EVENTS



2024/25 Tentative Schedule

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

Speakers: Rotary Room - Scugog Memorial Library
Doors Open: 6:30 pm - Speaker at 7 p.m.

- 1** November 1-10 - Fall/Winter Archivist Newsletter
- 2** November 19: General Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
Speaker: Ted Barris - 7:00 p.m.
Scugog Library Rotary Room
- 3** December 8 - Old Fashioned Christmas
Scugog Shores Museum - 11a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 4** December 10 - Christmas Social & Show & Tell
Piano Cafe - 7:00 p.m.
- 5** December 25:
Merry Christmas from Lake Scugog Historical Society

~ 2025 ~

- 6** February 1 & 2 - 27th Annual Winter Antique Show
Scugog Community Centre

Print & Save for future reference.

AROUND THE ARCHIVES



by
Paul
Arculus

During a recent Historical Society event in Cartwright considerable interest was expressed in the last will and testament of John Devitt, one of the Cartwright pioneers. The document gives a fascinating insight into nineteenth century traditions and to the early history of Cartwright Township. Here is the complete will written in 1873 when he was 85 years old. He died two years later.

The Will of John Devitt senior (1788 to 1875)

I, John Devitt of the Township of Cartwright, in the county of Durham and Province of Ontario, farmer, at the age of 85 years, being of sound mind and memory do make and declare this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills and testament writings.

1. I give devise and bequeath to my wife Ann Devitt, all my estate real and personal during the term of her natural life.

2. My will is further that after the decease of my said wife, my estate, real and personal, shall be disposed of by my executors hereinafter named in manner that is to say:

3. I give devise and bequeath to my son James Devitt all that part of my real estate consisting of the north 50 acres of lot number 20 in the second concession of Cartwright excepting 1/2 acre thereof sold and conveyed by me as a school site on the northeast corner of the said lot together with all buildings, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging absolutely and forever.

4. I give devise and bequeath to my daughter Lucinda Carscadden, and to her heirs forever the southwest 75 acres of lot number 20 in the third concession of Cartwright, aforesaid subject to the following payments and conditions that my said daughter, Lucinda Carscadden, shall pay or cause to be paid to my son, John Devitt, within three months after my decease or the decease of my wife or the survivor of as the sum of 400 dollars. And that she my said daughter shall pay or cause to be paid to my daughter, Susanna Brandon, in two years after my deceased or the decease of my wife or the survivor of us, the further sum of \$400.00 without interest, which said sums are to be received and accepted by my son John Devitt, and my daughter, Susanna Brandon as their several shares or portions of my estate.

5. I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Ferguson the sum of \$600.00 being part of my bank stock in the Ontario Bank.

6. I give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza Brandon the sum of \$600.00 being part of my bank stock in the Ontario Bank.

7. I give and bequeath to my daughter-in-law Rachel Devitt, widow of my son the late Matthew Devitt the sum of \$280 in bank stock of the Ontario Bank, the further sum of \$120.00 by a note of this said bank being the sum of \$400.00 in all.

8. I give and bequeath to my daughter Lucinda Carscadden, my hair cloth sofa and arm chair and one bedroom stand.

9. I give and bequeath my granddaughter Lucinda Brandon, one good bed and bedding.


10. I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Ann Taylor, the sum of \$100.00, with one good bed and bedding.

11. I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Eliza Jane Taylor the sum of \$100, also half a dozen good chairs and I direct that if one of my said granddaughters Ann Taylor or Eliza Jane Taylor should die before she comes of age or before her marriage that her share go to the other or survivor them.

12. I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Ann Devitt, daughter of my son the late Thomas Devitt, 1 folding leaf shape table and one centre table.

13. I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Ann Jane Taylor, wife of George Taylor, one bureau. Lastly, I appoint Joshua Ferguson and James Devitt, both of the Township of Cartwright in the County of Durham, farmers, and John Devitt of the Township of Medonte in the county of Simcoe, farmer, the executors of this my last will and testament.

Witness my hand and seal this 29th day of July 1873

his
John  Devitt
mark

The above instrument was signed sealed and declared by the testators as his last will and testament in presence of us, present at the same time who at his request and in his presence and the presence of each other have subscribed games as witnesses thereto.

William Lucas of Cartwright, Township clerk

Robert Bruce of Cartwright, farmer

Out & About

BLACKSTOCK FAIR

Saturday, August 24, 2024



Early 1900s milk bottles, and various containers on display at the LSHS booth at the Blackstock Fair.



Melissa Bird and family looking over the display of milk products.



Trevor Chandler with his reconditioned International Harvester Farmall tractor at the LSHS booth at the Blackstock Fair.



Ric Pearce at the Blackstock Fair.

BLACKSTOCK HERITAGE DAY

August 18, 2024 - Blackstock United "Methodist" Church



Debbie VanCamp, addressed a group of Blackstock residents who took part in the Blackstock Cemetery Tour. To her right, are, from left, Lake Scugog Historical Society members Janis Carter, Marilyn Pearce and Paul Arculus.



A large crowd filled the Blackstock United Church hall view exhibits, share historical stories.

Post Office vacates its Queen St. home

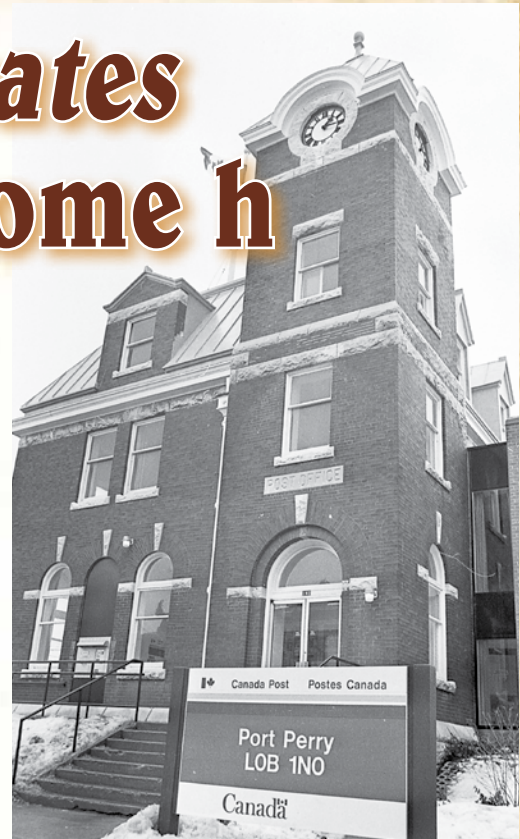
CLOSED! The front door to Port Perry's iconic post office building was locked to the public on July 27, 2024, ending a run of 110 years as the focal point of the town's main street. Over the years thousands upon thousands of local residents and business people have ascended the stone steps and pulled open the heavy wood door into the building.

But time ran out for the old building, bursting at its seams due to the growth of the community. It was said, behind the front counter, mail handlers were working in cramped quarters, sorting more than double its capacity for the size of the building.

So it was, postal workers packed up the mail bags, post boxes and equipment – loaded them into a truck and vacated its familiar spot in the centre of town in August 2024.

The first post office, circa 1852, was located at approximately 183 Queen St. on the north side of the street. It was later moved into the Willard Block at 210 Queen & Perry St. (Royal Bank); it next moved into a new two-story brick building on the northwest corner of Queen and John St., (the former library). It also operated for a short in the Leonard Block, at 217 Queen St. (Piano Cafe) before opening in its new building in the centre of town.

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Port Perry's historic Post Office was closed to the public on July 27, 2024, and moved to Water Street.

by
**J. Peter
Hvidsten**



Interior of the old Queen St. post office, before moving to 158 Water St., August 2024.



Mail receiving and sorting area will be expanded and will continue to be used in the former building for this purpose.

In April 2023 Canada Post made public that it was beginning a consultation process aimed at relocating Port Perry's historic Queen St. post office. Canada Post spokesperson Phil Legault speculated that a modern, new modern facility should be relocated within two km. of its current location. He also announced that Canada Post has no plans to entirely vacate the Queen Street heritage building.

Canada Post leased and renovated a new site at 158 Water St., and about one year later customers received a notice that the post office on Queen St., would be closed on July 27, 2024. Two days later, on Monday, July 29, they moved its customer service and boxes into this new facility, and opened for business.

The doors of the 110 year-old historic post office on Queen Street were locked and are longer accessible to the public, but work continues at the rear of the building where parcel sorting and distribution continue.

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At the same time these changes were being made to the retail division of the local post office, Canada Post Corporation was moving ahead with plans to construct and operate a large, modern new Delivery Centre on a site at 6 Easy St., just west of town.

The project would include a new 2,500 sq. meter building with state-of-the-art processing equipment for parcel sorting as well as some office space. Plans also include docking and parking spaces for trucks and trailers and employee parking.

Construction on the new facility got underway during the summer of 2004. No estimated date of completion was available at the time of this report.

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With the new Delivery Centre underway, when completed sorting and distribution at the Queen St. site will cease and be moved to the new complex on Easy Street.

What is to become of the landmark post office building on

Queen St. is unknown at this time, but after it is vacated by Canada Post, no doubt it will be sold, and hopefully re-opened for another use.

Thankfully Port Perry's iconic post office is located in the centre of the town's heritage district, which protects this important heritage structure from being torn down at a future date.



Entrance to the new Port Perry post office, at 158 Water St.



Customer mail boxes inside the new post office.



Postmaster Heather Garvock, in the front office of the new post office location. Heather has been postmaster since 2018.

Scugog Island Pre-1850 Settlers

Researched & Written by Janice Carter

Scugog Island, being an island, was fairly inaccessible, and also was divided between two different counties in its earliest settlement period. As a result, it was not settled as early as the surrounding areas.

Furthermore, there is very little documentation until the 1851 census and various tax records, also in the 1848-1850 time period.

This book gives a brief overview of the earliest documented settlers of Scugog Island, before that first census in 1851 and at approximately the same time, of the consolidation of the Island into its own township and one community.

Scugog Island Pre 1850 Settlers can be purchased online at the following link: Scugog Township – Ontario Ancestors (ogs.on.ca) Cost is \$20.00.



**NEW
BOOK
LAUNCH**



by
**Amanda
Gallagher**

Scugog Shores Museum Village

& Archives

Scugog Shores Museum is hosting two final events for 2024, and they both spread the holiday cheer!

The latest Murder Mystery designed by Sandra Carrier, "Ho Ho Ho Horrible", will take place on Saturday, November 16th from 11am-1pm. The elves are already tired and are trying to form a union against Santa. But what's this - someone ends up murdered! Can you help solve the crime and save Christmas? Ages 8+ are welcomed to this event – tickets can be purchased through <http://bit.ly/SSMVhohohohorrible>

Our final event of the season is a spin on a classic: Children's Winter Fest will take place on Sunday, December 8th from 11am – 3pm. Take part in traditions of Christmas' past, and activities and other festivities of the winter season. The village will be decorated in the spirit of a Victorian Christmas. Admission is pay-what-you-can for this event – support your local museum before the holidays!

We also would like to say a big thank you to all who have volunteered their time at the museum through various events this year, and those who graciously assisted the new Curator, Amanda, as she became acquainted with the museum mid-season. "I'm very happy to be part of the Lake Scugog community, and am working on new and exciting plans for 2025!"

The museum would like to ask for your support. We are constantly seeking out funding opportunities to improve our exhibits, programs, and spaces. We've recently applied for a grant that asks for community support before any decisions are made - they want to hear YOUR stories and support our project!

The Museum wants to rejuvenate how we share histories:

- What does our audience really want to see?
- What kind of events can we do to support these stories?
- How can we update an early settlement village and give new life into our exhibit spaces?

Share your experiences from visiting the Scugog Shores Museum and to show your support. Comments are only open until November 15th: <https://thecommonwell.ca/locations/revitalizing-our-heritage-scugog-shores-museum/>

We wish you the very best for your final months of 2024, and hope to see you again in the new year

REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS



by
Marilyn
Pearce



Doubt • Orchard • Cawker

Recently the Lake Scugog Historical Society was gifted a box of WWI items donated by the family of Jean (Cawker) Pearce. In that box were the medals, the letters, the postcards and the death notice of Lieutenant Arthur Doubt.

Lieut. Doubt was born in Port Perry in 1882 the son of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Doubt. He attended PPHS and is recognized on the WWI plaque at the school. He worked for his father in a men's clothing store on Queen St. in Port Perry. He enlisted with the 182nd Battalion and was later transferred to the 116th Battalion going overseas in May of 1914.

Laura Orchard lived with her parents and sister on North St., Port Perry until in her mother took ill and they needed a room for a nurse to live in so she and her sister lived in apartment on Queen St. Laura Orchard's sister Iona was married to Aylmer Cawker one of the Cawker Butcher store brothers.

Laura moved to Cresswell in 1917 and became a school teacher teaching at Bethel School in Reach Township. Jean (Cawker) Pearce inherited these items from her grandmother Iona, Laura's sister.

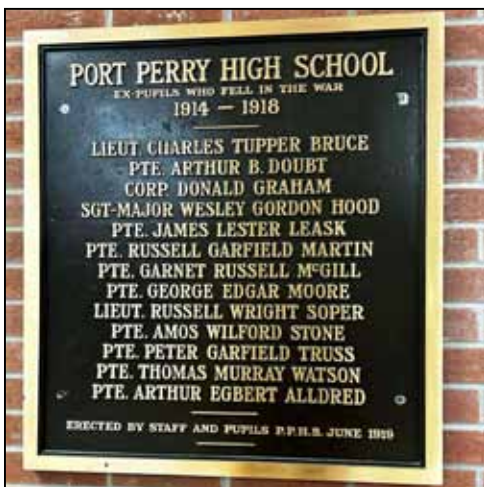
The box contains letters and postcards sent to Laura from Arthur beginning in 1912 when he has enlisted for military service and was at military camps in Moose Jaw and Calgary. He speaks to Laura of meeting Mr. Joseph Gerrow and the Notts, acquaintances from home.

In the PPHS booklet by Paul Arculus, high school teacher Miss Morwenna Harris was interviewed and remembers the PPHS school students who fought in WWI. *"Yes I remember many of them", she said. "Charles Bruce was a nephew of Dr. H.A. Bruce. James Leask from Seagrave, Russell Soper a former classmate but Arthur Doubt- oh my goodness! He was engaged to a relative of mine: Laura Orchard. But he was killed right at the end of the war. Aug. 27, 1918 so very, very sad."*

He is buried at Vis-en-Artois British Cemetery 8 miles south of Arras France. Laura Orchard his fiancée never married.



LIEUTENANT
ARTHUR DOUBT



Bethel School 1910 (Reach Township. Back Row: Teacher Miss Laura Orchard, Birdie Chilvers, Unknown, Alma Pollock, Arthur Pollock, Frank Snyder, Pearl Snyder, Mansell Sleep, Clarence O'Neil, Dorothy Orchard.
Front Row: Elmer Clements, Elwood Clements, Clifford Snyder, Unknown, Laura Clements, Gertie Beadle, Irene O'Neil, Roy Harper, Al Harper.
Centre Row: Una Sleep, Ralph Reynolds, Joe Snyder, Howard Butt, Clifford Harper, Ella Burthwick, Dorian Snyder.
Fred Beadle.
Photo Courtesy of Ralph Reynolds.

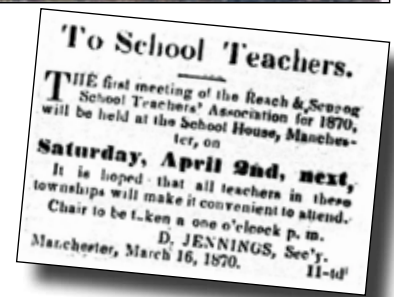
EARLY SCHOOLS OF SCUGOG

Manchester Public School - SS#6

By
Bill Holtby



Manchester Public School, circa 1910, was located just west of the village. Right, picture of the school about 1969, just before it was demolished.



The Manchester Public School, thought to have been built in the early 1850s, would probably have been a small, wood clad structure. Its exact location has not been determined, but its first teacher may have been John Taylor.

Mr. Taylor played a pivotal role in shaping the school's early years. His 15-year tenure earned him respect and esteem from the community and it was with sadness the village bid farewell to their beloved educator when he departed for Whitby in 1868,

In 1883, a $\frac{3}{4}$ acre property was purchased from the Robert Munro farm to build a new school. The land was located on the top of a rise, just west of the village on the north side of the road (Lot 2 Conc.5).

The new school was constructed of brick, and featured two rooms – one large, one small, which provided a space for young minds to grow and learn.

In March 1884, the local newspaper praised the people of School Section #6 (Manchester) for providing the funding to erect one of the "finest and best appointed public school houses in the township, if not the county."

Years passed and the school underwent a series of repairs, alterations and quite often a change of teachers.

Dedicated teachers, such as Mrs. Medd and Miss Margaret Johns, left lasting impacts on their students. Mrs. Medd's retirement in

1962 marked the end of an era, while Miss Johns carried the torch, educating a new generation.

However, as the community grew and educational needs evolved, the Manchester school's fate became apparent. In 1966, construction began on a new addition to the Prince Albert Public School, and students from Manchester and the Yellow School were relocated.

The Manchester School was sold for \$3,000 in June 1967, and eventually demolished.



MANCHESTER SCHOOL 1911. The school was located about 1/2 mile east of the Manchester corner on the north side of the road to Utica. Back row, left, Violet Butt, Leoroyd Tennyson, Harold Thompson, Lizzie Lakey, Mary Lamb, Jessie Johns, Annie Dobson, Lexie Munro, Frank Johnson, Russell Sonley, Margaret Johns. Second back, Gladys Hadley, Gladys Smith, Willie Park, Fred Colwell, Elda Christie, Gordon Flewell, Janet Cummings, Irene Thompson, Viola Mitchell, Viola Wilson, Thomas Brooks. Second front, Robert ??, Hugh Cummings, Clifford Sonley, Herb Brooks, Alex Johns, Fergusson Munro, harvey Dobson, Aylmer Tennyson, Chester Butt. Front, Roswell Dobson, Early Mitchell Gordon Winnacott, Ben ?, Lulu Christie, Marjorie Cummings, Aliene Brooks, Pat Winnacott, Ivor Hadley, Gordon Cummings. Teacher: Lulu Vickery, absent.

Historic Scugog

BY J. PETER HVIDSTEN

Scugog Island "Foot School"

One of the early settlers on Scugog Island was William Aldred, and it is he who is credited with having built this school on the Island. "Foot School" as it became known, was constructed at the north end of Scugog Island in 1866.



Foot School, located near the north end of Scugog Island was built in 1866.

Prior to this school being constructed, classes for both white and indigenous children on the Island were held in a small log building across the road from where the "foot school" was built years later.

Mr. Aldred built the wood frame building, estimated to have been 18'x40' in size. It featured a high pitch roof and four large vertical windows along each side, which provided plenty of light into the classroom. Entrance to the large school room was made through a single door at the front.

A report in the local newspaper, the *Ontario Observer*, reported in March 1867 that there were three schools on Scugog Island in March 1867 – S.S. No.1, Head; S.S. No.2, Centre and S.S. No.3, Foot. Of these two were taught by females and S.S. No.3 by a male teacher.

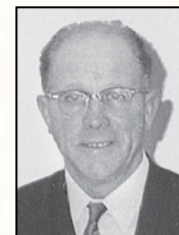
Records from 1866 show Foot School averaged 23.5 students each day. Head School had an average of 29 students, and Centre School the least, with 20 students per day. Total cost to educate the 72.5 students of Scugog Island during 1866 amounted to \$834.22.



This 1877 map shows the location of the Centre Church and Centre School - S.S. No. 1.

Foot School served the families of the north end of Scugog Island until a fire in July 1957, started in a supply shed and spread to the school damaging the rear of the building. Damage was not severe, allowing students to return to classes in September.

In February 1966, one hundred years after Foot School opened, school officials were informed by the Department of Education that Scugog Island's three schools would close at the end of the year. Foot School closed on schedule but Island children attended classes at SS#1 and SS#2 until the following year before being transferred to schools in Port Perry and Prince Albert.



SID CHANDLER

The old school sat idle for a couple of years before being sold by auction in 1968 to Sid Chandler. Mr. Chandler was the clerk-treasurer of the township and paid \$775 for the building and property. One condition of the sale, was that the old school building was to be removed.

The old schoolhouse was relocated to the home of Mr. Chandler. Here the roof of the building was removed, and the walls shortened, then renovated. The former school building is still in use today on the Chandler family property now occupied by Trevor Chandler.-

Out & About



~ ANTIQUE SHOW & SALE ~



President Marilyn and Rick at their booth.



David Ellis at his nostalgia booth.



Justice with a customer.



David & Donna at admission table.

~ WHAT'S IN YOUR ATTIC ~ September 17, 2024 - Scugog Library Rotary Room



Claudette Brock with decorative plates and cups.



Rick Adam with is collection of Port Perry merchant crocks.



Collection of Port Perry milk bottles displayed by George Miller.

SPORTS Scugog HISTORY



By
Leanne
Ashbridge

HONOURING AND REMEMBERING HALL OF FAME SPORTS ICONS WE LOST IN 2024

Scugog is fortunate to have some great athletes, championship teams and dedicated volunteers who build and support our sport community. The mandate of the Scugog Sports Hall of Fame is to celebrate and honour all those who contribute to our rich sports history. When we lose individuals like Bud Heard, Garnet Warriner and Jim Burnett, icons in Scugog's sports history, the sports community deeply feels that loss.

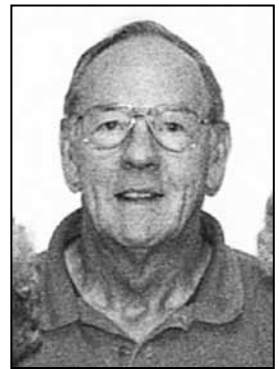
These three men all grew up in Scugog, attended school in Scugog, married local Scugog girls and raised their families here. Each of them was a talented athlete and team player. They also donated a great deal of their time to coaching and providing administrative duties within the sports organizations they were involved with.

They were great friends to the Scugog Sports Hall of Fame since its beginning by attending many induction ceremonies, donating archives and artifacts, loaning items for exhibits and acting a resource to identify photos and share the stories attached to artifacts and inductees.

BUD HEARD was recognized by the Hall of Fame in 2016, in the Pioneer category, as a member of the 1964 Port Perry Minor Hockey Executive. Bud spent many years at the rink and supported minor hockey in many capacities. He was also an avid lawn bowler.

JIM BURNETT was inducted in 2007 with the 1965-67 Tripp Bulldozer Hockey Team. He was also recognized by the HOF in the Pioneer category in 2016 as part of the 1964 Port Perry Minor Hockey Executive. Jim was a part of the history of sport in Scugog as an athlete, coach and executive member.

GARNET WARRINER was inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame in 2013 as a multiple sport athlete and again in 2019 as part of Team Warriner, the Senior Men's Ontario Zone and Provincial Curling Champions.



BUD HEARD



JIM BURNETT



GARNET WARRINER



Back Row: Jim Burnett, Bud Heard, Blake Gunter
Middle Row: Don Hurst, Walt Sandison, Joe Fowler, Mac McMillan
Front Row: Don Ashbridge, Harry Short, Carlyle McGill, Leo Tayler, Ross Sweetman

The Sports Hall of Fame shares condolences to the family and friends of Bud who passed away April 23, 2024, Jim who passed away on Friday Sept 6, 2024 and Garnet who passed away Monday Sept 30, 2024. Their contributions and their legacies will live on in the Scugog Sports Hall of Fame.

out&about



MUSEUM CULTURE DAYS

LSSH took part in the Museum Culture Days on Sept. 21, 22. President Marilyn Pearce is seen here in the museum church with hand made quilts donated to the show by local families.

Scugog Culture Days & The Heritage Quilt Project

On Sept. 20 & 21st, LSSH curated an event at the Scugog Shores Museum Village. In the newly painted Head Church when over 35 heritage Quilts were on exhibit as well as paintings & sketches by Jimmie Frise, Gertrude Cutts, Nancy Chalut and the Tom Thomson reproductions of his Lake Scugog paintings. Author Angie Littlefield along with her special guests members of the J.E.H MacDonal family spoke about not only Thomson's time in Scugog but also the wives & girlfriends of the Group of Seven artists and how important they were to the success of their partners.

As well as the Head Church exhibits, SSMV curated an exhibit of their Indigenous basket collection at the Head School. Local artist Lauren Walker presented her new painting of the Woodman and the Steamboats carved by LSSH member Paul Arculus were exhibited.

The third exhibit was placed in the Lee House where Isabel and George Lee shared their stories of the Lee Family with us on Friday. The SSMV hooked rugs along with those of Sandy Denby & Leanne Ashbridge were also on exhibit along with the Museum's framed embroidery collection.

Thanks go out to everyone who helped make these two days very special – this is probably the largest exhibit we have tried to curate in many years. It also was the kick-off to our latest project which rolls out in 2025 "The North Durham Heritage Quilt Registry".

While quilting is often thought of as a nostalgic hobby with a homey purpose, the truth is it is much more complicated. Quilts have been used for fundraising purposes for over a century and the funds from these projects have helped to build churches, equip hospitals & win wars. They also provide historians with a record of community groups, friendships and family genealogy.

For more information about joining the Heritage Quilt Registry please contact Marilyn at 905-985-9250 or ricmarilyn@rogers.com. More information will be forthcoming in the spring Archivist newsletter with the projected release of the Registry in book form scheduled for 2025.



Guest speaker Angie Littlefield with her book about Canadian artist Tom Thomson.



Former Scugog Shores Museum curator Robyn Pegg with her mother in the Lee House.



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Now Underway

The foundation for LSHS remains to be with our membership base which dropped a little in 2024. As of November our membership was at 112 members far short of 2023 when we had 135 members.

The encouraging news is that we had 11 new members in 2024. As well some of our members who forgot to renew continued to volunteer at our events. Our membership numbers are important when we apply for our grants so we hope that those who have not renewed yet in 2024 will do so. Our constitution states, if you renew in the last 3 months of the year your membership is good for the next year.

I am pleased to report that as of October of this year we have a new membership secretary. Welcome Sarah Parry to her new role on the LSHS Executive Board. Sarah will be leading the membership drive for 2025 and is bringing new, fresh ideas to the benefits of becoming a member.

So please fill out the attached form and continue to support the Lake Scugog Historical Society as we preserve, protect and tell the stories of our heritage.

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would also like to thank all the volunteers whose time is also a worthy contribution.

This year we have had over 35 active volunteers at our events and fundraisers. For grants those volunteer hours are now calculated at a \$27/hour value.

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