



MHS launches extensive series of new programs

The Milton Historical Society is launching a series of programs intended to inform local residents.

Among the programs are Digging Into What Makes Milton, Milton's History for New Miltonians, and a Heritage Educational Series.

What makes Milton unique among southern Ontario communities?

That question and others will hopefully be discussed at a series of meetings planned for the spring at Waldie's Blacksmith Shop.

This is a great opportunity to learn about and share knowledge on various engaging topics. Each will bring to life, people, places and events that mark our past. Adults can drop into this open friendly program on Saturday mornings for an hour to enjoy a coffee, meet new

friends and learn some of our history.

The meetings will be held Saturday mornings starting at 10:30 am.

The dates are April 6, April 13, May 4, May 11.

There are two dates for Milton's History for New Miltonians, June 8 and September 21.

This special interest program is a great opportunity for our new Milton

residents to learn more about Milton's history. The program will be an open friendly form where adults can improve their knowledge while enjoying a coffee, meeting new friends in a social setting. Local historian Mr. John McDonald will be leading this informative session. Please register.

For an extensive story on the Heritage Educational Series, turn to page 2.

The life and times of Joseph Brant

Long a staple of Halton history, Joseph Brant was a Mohawk leader closely tied to Great Britain in the 18th Century. But who was this man?

Come listen to a speaker from the Museums of Burlington who will share the unique life and history of the man called Thayendanegea.

It's just part of our monthly meeting schedule. This one will be held Thursday April 18 at 7:30 pm in the Carriage Room at Waldie's Blacksmith Shop.



Membership is due

Just a friendly reminder that some members haven't paid their 2019 annual membership dues. The membership form is with The Journal. If you need help, contact the MHS at info@miltonhistoricalsociety.ca or call (905) 875-4156.

MHS Spring Garage Sale Saturday April 27

Milton Historical Society is hosting its annual Spring Garage Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday April 27 at the Waldie Blacksmith Shop, 16 James Street. All proceeds from the sale of items go to supporting the good works of the Society.

All funds raised assist our society to preserve our archives and help with educational heritage programs! Please no clothing or large furniture items! Please drop off items Friday April 26 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information: please call (905) 875-4156 or email us at info@miltonhistoricalsociety.ca. Hope to see you there!



MHS launches new series on history topics

Refinishing wood, genealogy, heritage homes, architectural styles

Ever wondered how to start researching your family's history? Want to buy a historic home but don't know where to start?

Those topics and others will be covered in a special four-part Heritage Educational Series organized by the Milton Historical Society.

This series is for individuals who wish to explore a variety of historic topics of a general interest nature.

The special series will discuss four topics – dealing with historic lumber, genealogy, heritage homes and architectural styles.

The series will be held at the Carriage Room, Waldie's Blacksmith Shop, 16 James St. Milton on four successive Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm. The first meeting will be held April 24. Registration is required. The cost is \$55 for all four sessions or \$15 per session.

Wednesday April 24 Historic Lumber - Refinishing Methods

Guest Speakers: The Bousfield Family of Historic Lumber, a family owned business for over 40 years. They salvage and reclaim Canadian Lumber from early 19th Century homes and barns. The lumber is stored and awaits its second life whether in a historic application or decorative feature in

a home. Come discover the value and learn traditional wood-working and finishing methods.

Wednesday May 1 How Do I Start My Family History

Guest Speaker: Dorothy Kew discusses Genealogy - how to research your family history and where to start. This basic workshop will show you how to begin your family history research, what records you will need where to find them and ways to organize your research.

Wednesday May 8 Making A Heritage House A Home

Guest Speakers: Mandy Sedgwick and Mirella Marshall of Sedgwick Marshall Heritage Homes. Do you, live in a heritage home or would like to buy one? Mandy and Mirella discuss ways to make affordable changes while still respecting the heritage attributes of the home.

Wednesday May 15 Architectural Styles

Guest Speaker: Shannon Kyles has been teaching History of Architecture at Mohawk College for 25 years. She is the founder of ontarioarchitecture.com, which illustrates various styles of historic buildings found in Ontario focusing on influences and architecture details. Her approach is to popularize historic Architecture - "make people appreciate wonderful old buildings & they will be more likely to save them."

Heritage Milton likely to continue

It appears likely that Heritage Milton will continue to be a Town of Milton subcommittee, but its membership, mandate and operating procedures will change.

At press time, it was proposed that the Committee be comprised of three members in good standing from Milton Historical Society, one member in good standing from Nasagieweya (Nassagaweya) Historical Society and one member of Milton Council. It would meet on an ad hoc basis, largely in the field as relates to its work performing historic home renovation reviews, demolition permit considerations and heritage-related planning study requests from Town Planning staff. The Committee will report to Town Planning staff.

The Committee's membership, mandate, operating procedures and 2019 work plan are to be reviewed and tentatively finalized at a meeting at Town Hall on April 1, 2019, an agree-

ment that will be subject to final approval by Milton Council.

Town staff had proposed that Heritage Milton be disbanded, but MHS President and Milton Ward 2 Councillor John Challinor II put forward a motion at the Council meeting of December 17, 2018, that the decision be deferred until a meeting could occur between Town Planning staff and representatives from both historical societies to determine whether or not a new mandate could be negotiated for the Committee.

That new mandate would fulfill the objective of preserving heritage interests in a manageable, cost-effective, and useful manner while maintaining a reasonable balance of burden on town resources and residents.

The motion was seconded by Milton Ward 1 Councillor Kristina Tesser Derksen, who assisted Mr. Challinor with its preparation.

Bundy, Sarah Elizabeth (nee Buck)

Wife, Mother, Mid Wife, Non-registered Nurse • 1881-1974

By Marsha Waldie

On Jan. 4, 1881 Sarah Elizabeth was born to Isabel Weir (Mar. 26, 1851 - May 8, 1974) and James Buck (Feb. 14, 1851 - April 1932). Sarah was one of seven children in the family.

Sarah married Charles H. Bundy (1876-1925) May 13, 1903. She and Charles had a family of four: Ivy, George, Harold and William. Charles was a local blacksmith operating in a shop on Commercial St. He died quite young leaving Sarah to raise her family.

Sarah was a dependable helper to many of Milton's local doctors: Dr. McColl, Dr. Gowland and Dr. Stevenson. She birthed many of Milton's early residents in her home on Mary Street.

Mrs. Bundy was often called upon by doctors to attend to patients in the area, sometimes travelling by horse and buggy at all hours of the day.

It is interesting to note that Sarah was the midwife for Mrs. W. Snow when her son Conservative MPP James "Jim" Snow

was born in 1929 on the family farm in Esquesing, Township. How appropriate that she should be present at his birth as Sarah was what was considered a strong blue conservative and one did not mention anything about the red liberals in her presence.

She was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church, Knox Church Women's Missionary Society (WMS) and Milton Evening Star Rebekah Lodge #79. Sarah enjoyed knitting, tatting and quilting.

Mrs. Bundy was a no nonsense type of person, not overly tall but stocky with red hair and it was always braided and done up in a bun on the top of her head. She was a great cook!

Sarah lived with her son George and his family until her death in Jan. 1974. Her interment was in Evergreen Cemetery.



AGM produces new board for 2019 MHS

Milton Historical Society members elected a new Board of Directors at the Society's 43rd Annual General Meeting on Thursday January 17, 2019, at the historic Waldie Blacksmith Shop in downtown Milton.

The incoming board includes John Challinor II (President); Sue Paul (Treasurer); Anne Fisher (Secretary); Marsha Waldie (House Plaquing/Shop); Lorrie Ferrante (Events); Brad Collis (Marketing); Mike Boyle (The Journal); Gloria Brown (Publications); Sue Platt (Memberships); and Mandy Sedgwick (Building Maintenance & Supplies).

During his review of 2018, Mr. Challinor spoke of three objectives he had established for the year:

- Increase awareness of the Society;
- Increase revenues of the Society; and
- Increase membership of the Society.

While much had been accomplished in the area of increased awareness, including the re-engineering of the website, increased traditional and social media presence and a larger

event calendar, Mr. Challinor said much more work needed to be done in the area of membership. He indicated that his primary area of focus in 2019 will be on attracting new members.

In addition to thanking the Board for its excellent stewardship of the Society in 2018, he thanked Mr. Collis for his creativity, hard work and leadership in marketing the Society. He also thanked Mr. Boyle for his dedication, professionalism and timely commitment to editing and publishing the Journal as well as other regular communications to members and key Society stakeholders.

Also singled out for particular thanks were Brenda Bousfield, Nancy Cuttle, Ms. Sedgwick and Ms. Waldie for their continuing work with Halton Heritage Services to improve the long-term use and function of the Dills/Cooke Archives, the Waldie Blacksmith Shop and the MHS Carriage Room.

The 2018 Audited Financial Statements were approved, as amended.

CRAWFORD LAKE

Crawford Lake history dates back more than 14,000 years

By John Challinor II

Those who attended the most recent monthly meeting of Milton Historical Society came to understand how Crawford Lake is much more than the sum of its parts historically, archaeologically and scientifically.

Crawford Lake Conservation Area program instructor Adam McDowell effectively weaved the diverse components of Crawford Lake's history together in his presentation, making for a compelling narrative about one of the most important natural features of the Niagara Escarpment -- its geological basis dating back some 14,000 years ago, its human history going back to the 1300s and its scientific importance established less than just 50 years ago.

A study conducted in 1971 determined that the lake is meromictic, which makes it a prime site for archaeological and geochemical studies. Using pollen analysis, reconstruction of the human history of the area as a Wendat (Huron) or Neutral Confederacy peoples village was made possible.

Since the 1980s, the reconstructed 15th Century Iroquoian village has been open seasonally, offering interpretive programs of Iroquoian life and culture, complemented by its three re-constructed longhouses.

A boardwalk trail circles Crawford Lake, protecting the environment while allowing public access. The conservation area also has 19 kilometres of hiking and cross-country skiing and snowshoeing trails with connections to the Bruce Trail.

Crawford Lake is named for Campbellville's Crawford family, who lived on the site and operated a lumber business there, later donating the land to the conservation authority.



Adam McDowell (left) from Conservation Halton shows some Crawford Lake artifacts to Society member Vic Kass at the March monthly meeting.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Rob Green shares black history at MHS meeting

Professional musician, retired educator and dedicated history buff Rob Green of the Halton Black History Awareness Society both entertained and educated those in attendance at the recent Milton Historical Society monthly meeting on February 21 celebrating Black History Month in Canada.

Using song, the spoken word and photography, Mr. Green shared the history of his close-knit, musical family, from the brutality of slavery that brought them from Africa to North America in the 18th Century to the hope of freedom and opportunity that took them from Kentucky, Maryland and Pennsylvania via the underground railroad to Owen Sound in the 19th Century.

He made it clear that the journey wasn't perfect. There were many setbacks along the way in both the United States and Canada. But, great progress was made through the courageous acts of many, many individuals over the last 150 years



such as Harriet Tubman, Martin Luther King, Muhammad Ali and, most recently, former U.S. President Barack Obama.

And, Mr. Green concluded, progress will only continue to be made through greater understanding of the important contribution to Canada made by its black community over the last 200 years.



Here are two homes on Eighth Line, south of Derry Road, on land now owned by Union Gas. They're both vacant and are for sale to anyone who wants to move them onto another lot. If no buyer is found, perhaps a sympathetic demolition can be done.

Top 10 ways to save a historic home

With numerous levels of government and interested parties, it's complicated

By John Challinor II

Miltonians have been moving houses from one lot in town to another since the late 19th Century, typically for economic reasons at the outset, but largely to preserve this aspect of the community's built form for historical purposes, ever since.

While Milton Historical Society can trace its humble beginnings to a desire by local residents to save the original Halton County Courthouse from demolition in the late 1970s – an effort that ultimately resulted in the establishment of Milton's Town Hall there in the early 1980s – preservation of historic buildings became a recurring and significant public issue in the early 1990s with the establishment of Highway 407 along the community's eastern border with Mississauga.

As the new highway turned south from Highway 401 to meet Highway 403 north of Oakville, nearly a dozen farmhouses in Milton were located in its proposed path. Working with Ontario Ministry of Transportation staff, Town of Milton staff, the highway's developer and Milton Council, Heritage Milton was able to relocate more than half-a-dozen homes.

With the approval of the Town's new Official Plan in 1997, which proposed a growth envelope that the community continues to operate within to this day, many more homes of historic importance have been put at risk inside this boundary as well as in the existing community through infill development. Unfortunately, too many of them have been demolished over the last 20 years because of a lack of a shared vision, a practical path to resolution and an enforceable agreement between all stakeholders.

No one party is to blame, but no one party is blameless either, including Halton Region, Town of Milton, Milton Historical Society, Heritage Milton and Ontario's development community.

Designation of a historic building under the Ontario Heritage Act should only be deployed for its intended use as notable recognition, rather than used as a deterrent to attempt to stop demolition. Used as an enforcement tool, that almost never ends well for anyone – and especially the building in question.

There is no single silver bullet when it comes to saving an historic home in our community. Every situation is unique. But, everyone associated with this issue should have a checklist at the ready to review the whys, hows and wherefores of considering the preservation of a building of historical interest.

What follows are my Top Ten Ways To Save An Historic Home In Milton:

Status: Once the lands on which the building is situated have been approved for development by the Town, Region and Province and the developer has made application for that purpose, the process of determining the best use of the building should begin immediately;

Storage: Once application has been made to develop the lands, the developer should be required by agreement with the Town to properly maintain the building, in terms of heating it and securing it to minimize water damage, weather impacts

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Take these steps to save historic homes

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and vandalism. That requirement should continue until the final use of the structure has been settled upon and its final disposition concluded;

Provenance: What is the local, provincial or national architectural and historical significance of the building? Require the developer to hire an independent heritage consultant to work with Milton Historical Society to determine that;

Condition: Schedule an onsite visit of the structure with the developer, Milton Historical Society, Heritage Milton, Town staff, the heritage consultant, a structural engineer, an architect, a heritage designer and a contractor to evaluate the architectural, historic, structural and financial merits of the building for rehabilitation;

Use: Ultimately, what is the intended use of the building? Can it be restored onsite and sold to a homeowner or business? Can it be incorporated into a larger structure onsite? Can it be moved offsite, renovated and sold to a homeowner or business? Can it be sympathetically demolished and used in

the development of another building?

Plan: Whatever the ultimate plan for the structure is, that must be subject to written agreement with the Town;

Budget: Whatever the ultimate plan for the structure is, a budget must be established and the funds secured to support that purpose;

Deadlines: Reasonable deadlines must be established and agreed to that enable completion of whatever intended use is agreed to with the developer;

Progress: All parties should receive monthly updates from the developer or schedule onsite visits to evaluate what progress is being made against the agreed-to plan. Meaningful two-way communications is critical at all stages of the project, but particularly so at this time in the process;

Disposition: Once the project is complete, a post mortem should be conducted with all parties to evaluate what went well, what went as anticipated and what could have gone better. That intelligence may aid in future projects with similar characteristics.



The Harrison House stood for 166 years on Bronte Street. However, that came to an end in March when it was torn down.

Car dealership's Harrison House demolished

Built in 1853, the Harrison House on Bronte Street was torn down in late March. All that remains is the rubble from two construction grade backhoes.

Once the farmhouse on a grand lot, its land was gradually sold off which led to the creation of Clements Motors beside it. That was sold to Hunt Chrysler Plymouth which eventually bought the home and cleared all the land around it for its vehicles.

For the past 15 years, there was much effort to move the

house, either in part or whole.

However, there were many roadblocks, actually. No buyer could be found, there was no site to be found to place it, and in the end it became impossible to move the house onto Bronte Street because of wiring on the poles.

Also known as the Clements House, the Cudmore House and the Rigo House among other names. For the past 30 years, it has been mostly used by renters.

Heritage home needs a home

By Mike Boyle

There's a lovely historic home for sale just off Highway 25 south of Derry near the Milton Sports Centre.

The asking price is pretty low. Just one thing, though. You'll have to move it.

This heritage home known as the Historic Wilmott Family Farmhouse, has lay vacant (but heated) for almost eight years. Access to it is actually from behind Milton Sports Centre. There is a road leading up to the property, which also houses some outbuildings.

The Town of Milton had the best of intentions when it closed off access from Highway 25 to allow for its widening. A study was commissioned in 2010 to deal with this home and another just off Bronte Street (the Ruhl Farmhouse).

In November 2011, ERA Architects and urban Metrics delivered the study to the Town recommending a number of possibilities for both properties – daycare facility, restaurant, events facility, day spa, and as buildings for not-for-profit organizations. The study also projected profit and loss possibilities for each location and activity.

However, each alternative use would require an investment of up to \$1 million for the Wilmott Farmhouse and up to almost \$3 million for the Ruhl Farmhouse.

As a result, they both sit empty and the Town is open to having at least the Wilmott Farmhouse moved.

The house has an interesting history. The property was deeded to John Wilmott in 1818. Direct descendants lived on the property until 1972.

John Wilmott, his wife Rachel Cunnington and their eight children (aged 2 through 17) left Liverpool, England in 1816 for New York City. Within a year, they'd moved to York (Toronto) and then took up 200 acres in Trafalgar Township. By 1826, they'd cleared enough land to build a log cabin and move into it. Sadly, by then, two of their children had already died.

Within 10 years, they'd built a brick cottage in front of the log house using bricks made locally by hand. The fam-



The Wilmott Farmhouse dates back to the 1830s. Located just off Highway 25 behind Milton Sports Centre, the building is looking for a new home.

ily named the property, Rose Hill. Misfortune struck again. In 1836, the patriarch, John Wilmott died. He was 66. Some of the sons moved out with their families and built homes nearby. However, the youngest, Robert, only 21 in 1836, continued to live with his mom in the home. Also, in 1840, the sons built an addition to the back of the brick cottage, replacing the log house, which was demolished.

Robert Wilmott continued to live in the house with his mother. He married Margaret Sproat in 1854 and they had 10 children. Robert's mom Rachel passed away in 1861 at the age of 90. Robert was willed the house but needed to pay legacies to his siblings to compensate them. Robert and Margaret lived in the house until they both died in 1897. Their son Fred Charles (born in 1858) was willed the house, but like his father, needed to pay legacies to his siblings. Fred married

Augusta Harrison in 1886 and had one son, Joseph, born in 1897.

Renovations in the form of modern plumbing, running water and a bathroom were done around 1912 and hydro installed in 1930.

Joseph married Muriel Irwin in 1926 and had two children, Elizabeth Josephine (born 1929) and John Carman (born 1933). John Carman

lived in the home with his wife Margaret Arkinstall until Green Belt legislation accelerated their departure in 1973. They had seven children.

This historic home passed through a number of owners until the Town of Milton took possession of it in the late 2000s.





The Town of Milton and Milton Historical Society inducted eight new members to the Walk of Fame at Milton Town Hall Saturday, bringing the total to 62. From left to right, Lisa Raitt, MP for Milton; Bert Wasmund, Milton Mayor Gord Krantz, Matt O'Meara, Scott Hogarth, Matt Sewell, Doug Hume (representing his father George Sherwood Hume, Kayla Alexander, Chris Karrigan (representing Arthur Fleming and Oscar Fleming, and Milton MPP Parm Gill.

Overflow crowd greets new inductees

Milton's Walk of Fame grew again on Saturday February 23, with the induction of eight current or former Milton residents.

An overflow crowd welcomed the inductees at a ceremony in the main foyer at Milton Town Hall. Five of the recipients were in attendance and a family relative of the two brothers who died in the 1940s, also attended, as well as the son of another who died in 1965. A number of previous Walk of Fame recipients were also in attendance, including Canada's singing priest, Mark Curtis, former NHL goaltender Peter McDuffe, Canada-US flood prevention infrastructure pioneer George Hood and Mildred Martin, descendent of the Honourable Joseph Martin.

John Challinor, with the assistance of Milton Mayor Gord Krantz, presided over the ceremony. The event was well attended politically. Lisa Raitt, federal MP for Milton and Deputy Leader of the federal Conservative Party, and Parm Gill, provincial MPP for Milton were in attendance and participated in the event. Also attending, were municipal councillors Kristina Tesser Derksen, Mike Cluett, Rick DiLorenzo, and Sameera Ali, Halton Public Board trustee Donna Danielli as well as Mssrs. Challinor and Krantz.

MILTON WALK OF FAME

It was the first time since 2017, that anyone was inducted into Milton's Walk of Fame. Inductions are made only when qualified recipients are identified.

The inductees are, Kayla Alexander, Scott Hogarth, Matthew O'Meara, Matthew Sewell, Bert Wasmund, George S. Hume, and brothers Arthur Henry Fleming and Oscar Ernest Fleming,

All gave short acceptance speeches and it was readily apparent all were humbled and perhaps surprised to be inducted.

There was a large contingent of family and friends to recognize Kayla Alexander, a 27-year-old basketball player in the WNBA. A student from MDHS, Kayla attended Syracuse University on a basketball scholarship before playing basketball in Russia, France, Australia and South Korea as well as the WNBA in the U.S. She's capped that by being accepted into Harvard Business School in a program for professional athletes.

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Good turnout for Walk of Fame ceremony

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A number of students (young and not so young) from Scott Hogarth's Fighting Griffin Martial Arts school also supported Scott at the event. He is an 11-time Martial Arts World Champion and has a black belt in seven different martial arts disciplines.

Coincidentally, there have been two CFL football players come out of Milton in the past decade both named Matthew and both graduates of McMaster University.

Matthew O'Meara played pro football from 2005 and 2009 with Saskatchewan and Winnipeg. He attended Our Lady of Victory School, Bishop Reding High School as well as McMaster. He said as a big Grade 9 student (he's 6-foot 5 inches now) walking through the halls of Bishop Reding he was approached by a football coach and asked to play football, a sport he had never played. He continued playing at McMaster and earned an MBA from DeGroote School of Business. He was an offensive lineman.

Matt Sewell, eight years younger than Matt O'Meara, was also an offensive lineman. He attended an NFL camp in 2013 before playing in the CFL for three years before retiring. Coincidentally, he also earned graduate and post-graduate degrees in Business at McMaster.

Bert Waslund is a long-time Milton resident and world renowned in metallurgical plant engineering and design for more than 50 years. His awards are numerous: the prestigious Noranda Airey Award in 1998, induction into the Canadian Mining Hall of Fame in 2011, the pre-eminent Ontario Professional Engineers Gold Medal in 2012 and inclusion into the order of Canada 2017.

George Sherwood Hume served as president of the Geological Association of Canada, the Royal Society of Canada and the Geological Association of America. He was born in 1893 in Milton. Among his previous recognition was that he was awarded an Order of the British Empire in recognition of his research into petroleum and natural gas extraction. His son, Douglas Hume, spoke on his behalf.

The oldest inductees were both born in the 1860s and led



Milton Mayor Gord Krantz and MHS president (and Ward 2 Town Councillor) John Challinor conducted the ceremony.

remarkable and different lives.

Arthur Henry Fleming was born in Milton in 1856 and within 30 years had relocated to Pasadena California. He amassed a fortune in the lumber business. He used that money to make a donation which resulted in the establishment of the California Institute of Technology and donated land that helped make up the Yosemite National Park. He also helped persuade Albert Einstein to come to America in the 1930s from Nazi Germany.

Oscar Ernest Fleming was born in Milton in 1861. He moved to Windsor, practiced law and became mayor in 1892. He was a good friend of Adam Beck and helped create the hydro-electric system in Ontario. He also president of the Canadian Deep Waterways and Power Association and helped promote the building of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Chris Kerrigan, the great grandson of Oscar Fleming, and great-nephew of Arthur Henry, spoke on behalf of the brothers.

The Walk of Fame is actually a walk. The names are inscribed on clay tiles on the walkway between the addition and original Town Hall. It is a legacy initiative of the Town and the Society. The names are put forward by the Society. The eight new inductees bring the numbers to 62 members.



Rent The MHS Carriage Room

The Carriage Room is available to be rented. It is suitable for small board and executive meetings, workshops and lecture-type meetings. The room comfortably accommodates 25 people, seated. For rates, bookings and more information, please contact MHS at info@miltonhistoricalsociety.ca or call (905) 875-4156.



Looking for a special gift?

We have two types of coffee cups available for sale for only \$10 each.

Choose your type. Or take both if you can't decide!

We also have Gift Certificates for Membership, Blacksmith Courses and Walking Tours available.

Contact the Milton Historical Society at 905-875-4156 or info@miltonhistoricalsociety.ca.



Mystery and great food planned for October 23

Those interested in a little mystery and good food might want to block off Wednesday October 23 on their calendar.

The Milton Historical Society will hold a special evening of Gourmet Food and Spirits.

Participants will be treated to an evening explaining the mysterious strange happenings around the present town hall (original Halton County Court House & Jail) before heading to the 1864 historic building, La Toscana Ristorante (originally The Thompson House Hotel).

Afterward, everyone will then step inside the original bar room to continue to enjoy tingling stories and a delicious meal to match.

This heritage building was built in the Italianate style, there were 14 large bedrooms, four parlours, a large dining room and a bar room where tales may still linger! Local historian John McDonald will be our guest, sharing tales from the past.

Cost and registration details to come.

LET'S MAKE HISTORY TOGETHER WITH



MONTHLY MEETING SERIES

WHEN AND WHERE

- Third Thursday of each month
- Time: 7:30 pm
- Location: 16 James Street in our Carriage Room in the Waldie Blacksmith Shop.
- Guests are always most welcome!

SOME UPCOMING TOPICS:

- Halton's Historic Joseph Brant
- History of Blacksmithing
- Nassagaweya History
- Milton Collectible Memorabilia

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Join Today! Corporate & General Memberships



More than 50 blacksmiths attended a monthly meeting of the Ontario Artists Blacksmith Association held at Waldie's Blacksmith Shop in February. Several members of the Milton Historical Society prepared pots of chili which was heartily consumed at lunch.

Blacksmiths warm up winter for meeting!

Story and Picture By Bruce Carlin

What happens when you bring together blacksmiths from across Southern Ontario to Waldie's Blacksmith Shop? You get a great mix of socializing, educational demonstrations, fun draws and a great chili lunch to stoke the fires.

More than 50 members of the Ontario Artists Blacksmith Association (OABA) from near and far came to the Waldie Blacksmith shop for their monthly meeting on February 9. The OABA February meeting at the Waldie shop is one of the best attended meetings (weather permitting) of the year and it helps to forge a great working relationship between our organizations.

Blacksmiths Megan Carter and Mike Armstrong were the demonstrators for the day where they forged and filed a pair of box joint plyers. The blacksmiths assembled around the coal

forge and watched and listened and asked questions about the techniques used by Megan and Mike.

There were fun draws as part of the day including the Iron in the Hat draws held by OABA and the Milton Historical Society 50/50 draw which paid out a healthy \$60 to the winner.

Our society served a chili lunch with buns and drinks for the blacksmiths. Thanks to all the volunteers who prepared the eight pots of chili, the five dozen lunch buns and cookies and coffee to feed the visitors and also to those who served chili, sold 50/50 tickets and those on kitchen duty.

The luncheon and blacksmith shop rental and 50/50 draw resulted in a successful fundraising day for the Milton Historical Society. Thanks also to the J. Scott Early Funeral Home for the use of their parking lot for the day.

Volunteer Thank You

We would like to thank all our volunteers who assisted this year with our Historic Walking Tours, greeting our visitors, demonstrating the art of blacksmithing, our garage sale, in the archives, our monthly meetings, various events and with our building repairs etc.

Without volunteers our society could not continue to share our community history!

If you are interested in becoming an active volunteer please let us know!



A BLAST FROM THE PAST

*Articles Published in The Canadian Champion
(Jim Dills Research)*

Opening of waterworks took a few times

Feb. 8, 1934: Extract from an article "Milton's Good Old Days Recalled by Chas. Jones"

He related one amusing episode in connection with the construction of the waterworks in 1887.

He was a member of the council at the time and recalls that there was a great deal of opposition to the scheme but the work was proceeded with a cost of some \$23,000 (?), and then in the pride of the achievement the council invited the people to witness the success of the venture.

There was a large crowd in front of the town hall to see the water turned on, but owing to a defective valve at the reservoir, only a trickle of water came forth.

This defect having been remedied the people were once more invited to attend. "At six o'clock that night," said Mr. Jones "we had a record crowd", and he laughed heartily as he told how the immense rush of water drenched the people who were within reach of the hose.

By an odd coincidence that very same night the strongest opponent of the waterworks system would have been completely burned out had it not been for the adequate water supply. He was quickly converted.



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Among the recipients for Milton Heritage Awards were Douglas Webster (second from left) and Karen Doyle (third from left) for their work on their home in Nassagaweya. Milton Mayor Gord Krantz (left), Milton MP Lisa Raitt (second from right) and Milton MPP Parm Gill were in attendance.



Among the recipients for Milton Heritage Awards were Paula and Antero Gomes (second and third from left) for their restoration of 122 Main Street Milton. Milton Mayor Gord Krantz (left), Milton MP Lisa Raitt (second from right) and Milton MPP Parm Gill were in attendance.

2018 Milton Heritage Awards presented

Among the recipients were a developer, school board and home owners

On the closing weekend of Ontario Heritage Week 2019, five individuals and organizations who recently renovated historic homes and buildings in Milton were recognized by the Town of Milton with 2018 Heritage Milton awards.

Those receiving awards included Branthaven Development Corporation for its restoration of 50 Heaven Crescent; Mark Ford and his family for their restoration of 76 King Street; Paula and Antero Gomes for their restoration of 122 Main Street; Halton District School Board for its re-development of Martin Street Senior Public School and Douglas Webster and Karen Doyle for their restoration of 14190 Fifth Line.

The 50 Heaven Crescent residence was originally known as the Suiter house and was built in 1849 by Andrea Suiter of Ireland. It was sympathetically designed by Sedgwick Marshall Heritage Homes and re-constructed by Branthaven Development to reflect the original Georgian character and appearance of this heritage home, both internally and externally. Accepting the award on behalf of Branthaven was Sean Wadsworth.

The Ford home at 76 King Street was originally built for Thomas Ford in 1888 by John Hunter. It has remained in the Ford family ever since. It is a gothic cottage style, one-and-a-half storey home with an addition on the rear. It is set in a beautiful rustic garden. Accepting the award were Mr. Ford and his family.

The construction of 122 Main Street in Campbellville

began in 1920 by William Mason and was finished in 1922 by Archibald McDonald. Its recent sympathetic renovation includes the restoration of the original open verandah, which was enclosed in earlier reconstruction efforts, and an addition on the south-east side of the original building. Accepting the award were Mr. and Mrs. Gomes.

The recent total onsite redevelopment of Martin Street Senior Public School by Halton District School Board included retention of the original 1920s façade of what was originally Milton District High School. In the construction of the new two-storey school at 184 Martin Street, it is interesting to note that the bricks on that original façade were produced back in the day by Milton Pressed Brick Company. Accepting the award were HDSB Capital Projects Manager Michael Wildfong and HDSB Milton Wards 1 & 2 Trustee Donna Danielli.

The sensitive restoration of the one-and-a-half storey stucco and pebble stone home at 14190 Fifth Line acknowledged its origins as a log house built around 1865. It was originally owned by Nassagaweya pioneer William Kitching. Some of the original pebble stone and stucco around the covered front porch and much of the original style of the house were restored. During the renovation, some of the original log house aspects were refinished and exposed in the interior of the home. Accepting the award were Mr. Webster and Ms. Doyle.

MHS Activities



Digging Into What Makes Milton, Milton Saturday April 6, 2019 • 10:30 am, Free

This is a great opportunity to learn about and share knowledge on various engaging topics. Each will bring to life, people, places and events that mark our past. Adults can drop into this open friendly program on Saturday mornings for an hour to enjoy a coffee, meet new friends and learn some of our history.

Digging Into What Makes Milton, Milton Saturday April 13, 2019 • 10:30 am, Free

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Monthly Meeting:

Halton's Historic Joseph Brant

Thursday April 18, 2019 • 7:30 pm, Free

The guest speaker will be from the Museums of Burlington, who will share the unique life and history of Joseph Brant from his early childhood to retirement at the Head-of-the-Lake in Burlington. We will also receive an update on the restoration happening at the Brant Museum.

Where: Milton Historical Society, 16 James Street

Digging Into What Makes Milton, Milton Saturday May 4, 2019 • 10:30 am, Free

This is a great opportunity to learn about and share knowledge on various engaging topics. Adults can drop

into this open friendly program Saturday mornings for an hour to enjoy a coffee, meet new friends and learn some of our history.

Digging Into What Makes Milton, Milton Saturday May 11, 2019 • 10:30 am, Free

This is a great opportunity to learn about and share knowledge on various engaging topics. Adults can drop into this open friendly program Saturday mornings for an hour to enjoy a coffee, meet new friends and learn some of our history.

Monthly Meeting: History of Blacksmithing

Thursday May 16, 2019 • 7:30 pm, Free

Guest Speakers – Darwyne Hourie & Lloyd Johnston will be speaking about the traditional history of Blacksmithing and its importance through the ages.

Where: Milton Historical Society, 16 James Street



Walking Historic Victoria and Mill Streets Sunday June 2, 2019 2 PM

Explore one of Milton's oldest and most beautiful neighbourhoods on this guided tour of historic Victoria and Mill Streets. A perfect introduction for new and older residents, as well as first time visitors to Milton.

When: 2:00 pm

Where: Milton Historical Society, 16 James Street

Cost: \$10 – Book online or cash at the start of the tour

Price includes a copy of the guide booklet.

Milton's History for New Miltonians

Saturday June 8, 2019 • 10:30 am, Free

This special interest program is a great opportunity for our new Milton residents to learn more about Milton's history. The program will be an open friendly form where adults can improve their knowledge while enjoying a coffee, meeting new friends in a social setting. Local historian Mr. John McDonald will be leading this informative session. Please register online or by phone.

Walking Historic Victoria Park Square

Sunday June 9, 2019 • 2:00 pm

Explore the heart of Milton's civic precinct on this guided tour of the historic Victoria Park Square area. A perfect introduction for new and older residents, as well as first time visitors to Milton.

When: 2:00 pm

Where: Milton Historical Society, 16 James Street

Cost: \$10 – Book online or cash at the start of the tour

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Walking Historic Main Street

Sunday June 16, 2019 2 PM

Explore our historic downtown on this guided tour of Milton's Main Street. A perfect introduction for new and older residents, as well as first time visitors to Milton.

When: 2:00 pm

Where: Milton Historical Society, 16 James Street

Cost: \$10 – Book online or cash at the start of the tour

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Walking Historic Martin Street

Sunday June 23, 2019 • 2 PM

Explore one of Milton's oldest neighbourhoods on this guided tour of historic Martin Street. A perfect

introduction for new and older residents, as well as first time visitors to Milton.

When: 2:00 pm

Where: Milton Historical Society, 16 James Street

Cost: \$10 – Book online or cash at the start of the tour

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Walking Historic Victoria Park Square

Sunday September 8, 2019 • 2:00 pm

Explore the heart of Milton's civic precinct on this guided tour of the historic Victoria Park Square area. A perfect introduction for new and older residents, as well as first time visitors to Milton.

When: 2:00 pm

Where: Milton Historical Society, 16 James Street

Cost: \$10 – Book online or cash at the start of the tour

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Walking Historic Main Street

Sunday September 15, 2019 • 2 PM

Explore our historic downtown on this guided tour of Milton's Main Street. A perfect introduction for new and older residents, as well as first time visitors to Milton.

When: 2:00 pm

Where: Milton Historical Society, 16 James Street

Cost: \$10 – Book online or cash at the start of the tour

Price includes a copy of the guide booklet.

Monthly Meeting:

Nassagaweya History

Thursday September 19, 2019 • 7:30 pm, Free

Guest speaker Cindy Lunau, has resided in the Nassagaweya area of Milton for many years. She will be sharing some of the history of the area. She has been a strong advocate for preserving the area.

Where: Milton Historical Society, 16 James Street

Milton's History for New Miltonians

Saturday September 21, 2019 • 10:30 am, Free

This special interest program is a great opportunity for our new Milton residents to learn more about Milton's history. The program will be an open friendly form where adults can improve their knowledge while enjoying a coffee, meeting new friends in a social setting. Local historian Mr. John McDonald will be leading this informative session. Please register online or by phone.

Milton Historical Society M E M B E R S

FEATURED MEMBER

Strutt Armstrong assists individuals and small business



Warren Strutt and Kim Armstrong can handle a variety of personal and business financial matters.

Operating from an historic home in downtown Milton, Strutt Armstrong Chartered Professional Accountants provides a wide range of financial services to individual and small and medium businesses.

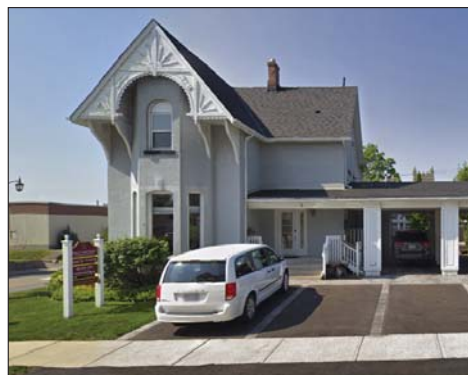
The team is comprised of Warren Strutt, CPA, Kim Armstrong, CPA, along with certified bookkeepers and administrative staff.

Strutt Armstrong can handle taxation services, corporate accounting, estate planning, and bookkeeping & payroll.

As well, they're available for consulting and advice for business and/or personal financial decisions.

They'll be busy over the next few months as income tax season hits full stride.

The business was started by Linda Nigh in 1992. She sold the practice to Warren Strutt in 2008, after a three-year transitional period.



Membership Information

We'd greatly appreciate your support to keep our mandate going for another 40 years!

We at MHS, call it History in the Making!

Corporate Memberships

- Level A:** \$100 yearly for businesses with 10 employees or less
- Level B:** \$200 yearly for businesses with 10 employees or more

General Memberships

- Single\$25 yearly
- Family\$40 yearly
- StudentsFree (ages 12-18)

Corporate Members

Boston Pizza

(Member since July 9, 2018)

Casa Americo Italian Bistro & Restaurant

(Member since September 25, 2018)

Dr. Glen Hunter

(Member since January 8, 2019)

Edward Jones Investments - David Illingworth

(Member since July 17, 2018)

Fitzgerald Insurance –

a division of Spriggs Insurance Ltd

(Member since September 13, 2018)

Given Road West Communications

(Member since January 7, 2019)

Hibbert Foot Clinic – Foot Care Specialists

(Member since January 3, 2019)

Historic Lumber

(Member since October 13 2018)

J. Scott Early Funeral Home

(Member since January 2, 2017)

La Rose Bakery

(Member since July 18, 2018)

Pressé Law – Barristers & Solicitors

(Member since Aug. 28, 2018)

Roto-Static Milton

(Member since January 3, 2019)

Sedgwick Marshall Heritage Homes Ltd

(Member since October 16, 2018)

Strutt Armstrong

Chartered Professional Accountants

(Member since July 18, 2018)

The Linklater Group

(Member since September 25 2018)

The Vacuum Store

(Member since July 24, 2018)

Watada Medicine Professional

(Member since November 15, 2018)

Special thanks to our valued Corporate Members. Please kindly support their businesses.

HELP SUSTAIN MILTON'S RICH HISTORY FOR GENERATIONS TO COME!

The Milton Historical Society was founded in 1977 to encourage appreciation of, and promote knowledge of, the historical and cultural heritage of the Town of Milton. To that end, the Society organizes popular community activities throughout the year and undertakes numerous projects including:

- The restoration and operation of the Waldie Blacksmith Shop
- The publication of books on the history of Milton
- The operation of the Cooke / Dills Archives
- Research and plaquing of Milton's historic properties
- Walking Tours of historic Milton neighbourhoods

To help fund these worthwhile projects, the Milton Historical Society is actively seeking to engage members of Milton's business community as sponsorship partners through our Corporate Membership Program. As a Corporate Member, you will not only help to support a vital and high profile local cultural organization, but you will also receive recognition and benefits including:

- Name mention in The Journal (the Society's quarterly newsletter)
- Name mention in the monthly e-Newsletter (Launching this Fall)
- Name mention on the MHS Website
- Name mention on Social Media Channels
- Name mention in Media Press Releases
- Name mention at the Speaker Forum Presentations
- Name mention at the Student Educational Class Presentations
- Name mention at the Monthly Meeting Series
- 10% off Guided Walking Tours
- 10% off all MHS Publications
- MHS Member-Level access to the Cooke/Dills Archives
- 10% off Carriage Room rental
- 10% off Blacksmith Classes (Waldie Blacksmith Shop)
- One free employee activity evening at Waldie's Blacksmith Shop
- Company presentation by the MHS President



Note: Visit our website for more details and how to take advantage of these special offers.

Becoming a Corporate Partner costs only \$100 for businesses with 10 employees or less, or \$200 for those with more than 10 employees. By the way, Single memberships are \$25 and \$40 for Family. These memberships are a great way to get your employees involved. We are always looking for Volunteer Support at our numerous events around town.

Note: These prices are for a year and renewed on their anniversary date.

Also see us around town at various events • Display at the Milton Downtown Classic Car Show • Display at the Milton Downtown Farmers Market • Float in the Milton Santa Claus Parade • Pot Luck Dinners for MHS Members • Festivities surrounding MHS Heritage Week • MHS Garage Sales (please visit our website for more details).

As a registered charity, the Milton Historical Society will be happy to issue a tax receipt for your contribution (Our registered charity # 110041358RR0001).

Please make cheques payable to Milton Historical Society. Mail completed form/remittance to: The Milton Historical Society 16 James Street, Milton, Ontario L9T 2P4

On behalf of the MHS Board, we very much appreciate your support and working together to advance our historic mission!

Brad Collis – Community Marketing Lead



THE MILTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Preserving Milton's History for Future Generations

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name:	_____
Address:	_____ _____
Phone:	_____
Email (please print)	_____

MEMBERSHIP DUES (Check categories that apply)

- ☐ New Member or ☐ Renewal
- ☐ Single \$25 ☐ Family \$40 ☐ Youth (free)
- ☐ Corporate (10 or less employees) \$100
- ☐ Corporate (11 or more employees) \$200
- ☐ Yes, as a new member I wish to receive the Journal and other e-communications.

VOLUNTEERS HELP US FORGE OUR FUTURE

We know all members have certain unique talents, skills and abilities.
We ask you to share these, as our society relies on your active support and involvement.

These are just a few of the areas you can help the society with:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Office Support/Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Artistic Opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Stewardship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum Greeters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education Opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Archives Cataloguing & Care |

(Please check those that interest you as listed on the back of this form)

DONATIONS

I wish to make a separate donation to MHS in the sum of _____

Donations and payments can be made on line through **PayPal** from our website.

(A tax receipt will be issued for all donations totaling \$25.00 or more)

Note: The Milton Historical Society has set up a foundation
under the "Community Foundation of Halton North" (CFHN).
You can also donate through this foundation towards the Milton Historical Society.
Please contact our Society for further information.

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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Name mentions in the quarterly Journal newsletter
- One feature write-up in the quarterly Journal newsletter
- Name mentions in the eNews bulletin
- Receive copies of the Journal and eNews bulletin
- Name mentions on website
- Name mentions on social media channels
- Name mentions in media press releases
- Name mentions in email signatures
- Name mentions at Speaker Bureau presentations
- Name mentions at Student Educational presentations
- Name mentions at Monthly Meeting Series
- 10% off Guided Walking Tours
- 10% off Blacksmith Courses
- 10% off MHS publications
- 10% off Carriage Room rentals
- 10% off MHS gift certificates
- Free attendance at Pot Luck Dinners
- Free attendance at Round Table Sessions on local history
- Free attendance at Monthly Meeting Series
- Free use of MHS Speaker's Bureau presenters
- Free company employee activity evening at Waldie Blacksmith Shop
- Free local history presentation by MHS Speaker's Bureau presenters
- Member-level access to the Cooke/Dills Archives

THE MHS STORY 40 Years in the Making

PRESERVATION: Generating awareness about, helping to preserve our historical culture, infrastructure and memories in Milton and "keeping the history alive" for generations to come

MEMBERSHIPS: Appreciating our loyal corporate and general members and attracting new members

EVENTS: Informative, fun and engaging garage sales, guided walking tours, Christmas Sale, Farmers Market, Heritage Week & Downtown Milton Classic Car Show

PROGRAMS: Educational and insightful Blacksmith courses, MHS free tours, history-themed workshops, Carriage Room rentals, monthly Speakers' Series meetings, Pot Luck dinners, Cooke/Dills Archives use, gift certificates, research requests, historical MHS Round Table sessions & photo archives

RECOGNITION: Celebrating and saluting our rich "cultural heritage" with House & Building Plaques, Town Displays, Yearly MHS Milestones & Milton Walk of Fame

EDUCATION: Publications library, MHS Speakers Bureau presentations, student educational talks & "Take Me Back Milton" stories

COMMUNICATIONS: Telling and communicating our story through our Journal newsletter, eNews bulletin, website, website landing pages, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, public relations, brochures, displays, MHS signage, banners, newspaper ads, directory ads, publication ads, sell sheets, videos, seasonal eCards & MHS-branded mugs

MHS AMBASSADORS: Recognizing and thanking our tireless volunteer network of MHS Board members, high school students, current members & non-members goodwill

FUNDING: Donations in-kind, Blacksmith courses, garage sales, guided walking tours, various grants, gift certificates, corporate memberships, pgeneral memberships, history-themed workshops, publication sales, Cooke/Dills Archives use rentals, special groups, Carriage Room rentals, research requests & MHS-branded mugs

MHS BOARD: Developing and implementing the Vision, Goals & Initiatives of MHS, essentially leading our "Reason for Being"

PARTNERSHIPS: Working with Downtown Milton BIA, Chamber of Commerce, Heritage Milton, Ontario Historical Society, Town of Milton, Region of Halton, Government of Ontario and Government of Canada to further advance our cause

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS: Collaborating with Town of Milton, Region of Halton, Government of Ontario and Government of Canada through education, appreciation & influencer relations

VISIT TODAY! miltonhistoricalsociety.ca

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