



KING TOWNSHIP

Historical
SOCIETY



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2013 AGM, SUNDAY, MARCH 3, KING CITY SENIORS CENTRE

West side, FISHER STREET, south off King Road

Come for lunch at noon; Potluck contributions: Surnames A-G please bring a main dish; salad is assigned to names from P through Z ; for dessert, we'll rely on surnames from H to O.

Our business meeting starts at 2 PM. Please stop at the sign-in desk to pick up a member-voting card or renew your membership for 2012 prior to the start of the Annual General Meeting Agenda. The informal program to follow at 2:45 will feature Margie Kenedy, giving us a glimpse of the archaeological findings and conclusions about the early first nations in King Township. Guests are welcome. For information, please call 905 841-504



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The arrival of hundreds of new families in King Township presents an exciting challenge. How do we tell the stories of our unique and extraordinary past in a way that brings meaning and context to a dramatically evolving community? This is one of the goals of our Society and if you enjoy research, there are still undiscovered facets of township history.

Do you have ideas for workshops or events and the time to help other members in developing them? Can you spare an hour or two to staff our KTHS display booth at the Schomberg and Kettleby Fairs? These are important opportunities to meet people - and fun too! Volunteers are needed to set up tables and chairs, and store them away again. Clean-up is important. It's happened that one or two exhausted members were sweeping up and washing dishes until midnight. Or you might fancy stuffing newsletters into envelopes?

If you can contribute, please come to our AGM on March 3, contact a board member or leave a message on our website. KTHS has a proud history of activism - let's boot it up!

Happy Spring,
Heather Robertson



NOMINATIONS for the slate of KTHS directors to be elected at the AGM:

The slate is presented as a whole unless a new nomination is moved at the "meeting or there's a motion for individual selection; a floor-nominee must be a member and have agreed to the nomination. Only 2013 members are eligible to vote. The following are being nominated as Directors of the Society:

Diana Armitage; Ken Carter; Fiona Cowles; Rolph Davis; Louise DiIorio; Ann Love; Ed Millar; Murdene Pozdrowski; Tony Rolph; Elaine Robertson; Heather Robertson; Bill Salter; Barry Wallace. An agenda for the meeting will be provided.



Treasurer Bill Salter has little to report on arrangements with the Township Parks, Recreation and Culture Dept. since the KTHS committee met with its representatives to agree on the issuance of an RFP to consultants eligible to assist in formulating a strategic plan for the KT Museum. Meanwhile the Museum has had no funding from the Fawcett bequest received by the Society for "enhancement of the Museum and its activities" in the Fall of 2011. KTHS has expressed its willingness to underwrite up to \$20,000 or 80% of the consulting expense. It is our hope that the Museum can soon apply for new projects and events to be funded in accordance with Mrs. Fawcett's wishes.



Congratulations to KTHS members Janice and Ron Ivany of The Rose Gallery on receiving the King Chamber of Commerce business excellence award to the Small Business of the Year. And we congratulate Ken Carter who is also the President of the York Pioneer & Historical Society in addition to his directorship with KTHS. Kudos to ASK which has received a Trillium grant for its programs and events, including its summer festival, June 23 -July 20, 2013.



KTHS RESEARCH

In response to a question about the status of settlement in the area known as King Creek along Mill Road, several KTHS members researched the early records and commented that this was not a nominal "hamlet." The statement by KTHS : "Based on the evidence available at this time, the KTHS has seen no indication that King Creek (the name of the post office once located in Stokes Hollow) was never more than a mill site with workers'and tradesmen's cottages and a post office that served the dispersed rural community.



THE OLYMPIANS OF KING TOWNSHIP

Another KTHS search is under way to document Olympians who live or have lived in King. The athlete need not have been a medalist but did participate in the Olympic games; additional information as to dates and specific performance is needed. A short list is below but you can help by identifying athletes who should be mentioned. Please advise Ann Love: 905 859-4721.

Rosie MacLennan, trampoline, gold, 2012 Olympics. Jason Burnett, trampoline, silver, 2008 Olympics; placed 8th 2012 Olympics. Mac Cone, equestrian team, participant 1996 Olympics, silver, 2008 Olympics. Eric Lamaze, equestrian team, show jumping, silver and gold (Individual award) 2008 Olympics; 5th place in 2012 Olympics. Beth Underhill, equestrian team, participant 1992 Olympics. Jim Elder, equestrian team, eventing, bronze, 1956 Olympics; show jumping team, gold, 1968 Olympics; show jumping team, gold, 1980 Olympics. Jim Day, equestrian team, gold, 1968 Olympics. Tom Gayford (with Elder and Day in 1968 Olympics Gormley)? John Rumble, equestrian team, eventing, bronze, 1956 Olympics.

Brian Herbinson. Jean Gairdner (would be under maiden name? Bill Gairdner, decathlon, 11th place, 1964 Olympics. Jimmy Henry, equestrian, eventing, participant, 1972 Olympics. Wendy Irving (Dow), equestrian eventing, participant, 1972 Olympics

Larry McGuiness, equestrian, eventing, participant, 1952 Olympics



KTHS WEBSITE

During 2012 the KTHS website has had many changes. While the format is the same, some content is new or corrected. King's Colourful History articles submitted by the KTHS and published in the King Sentinel have been

captured and displayed for quick reference as well as links to other societies. From the Home page, there is a direct link to the Virtual Museum of Canada. (See below) Our website has seen a 19% increase in visits compared to 2011 and the percentage of new visitors (versus returning visitors) has increased to 72% from 67%. If you have any suggestions for enhancing the website, please send your ideas to Ken Carter, Director, contact@kingtownshiphistoricalsociety.com



SHIFT

The KTHS has an informal “watching brief” for the heritage designation approved by the King Township Council but appealed by the owner of the site of the Richard Serra sculptural installation known as SHIFT. The Council will have an opportunity to decide whether or not to confirm or withdraw its approval of this designation. The Council’s website agenda for upcoming meetings will inform the public when its consideration of this matter is to be held.



COMMUNITY MEMORIES GRANT AND KING TOWNSHIP'S ONE-ROOM SCHOOLS

From the King Township Archives, a partnership between KTHS and the King Township Public Library: Working with Kathleen Fry, Curator of the King Township Museum, we were successful in obtaining a \$2,500 grant for the production of a virtual information project entitled "The Life and Times of the One-Room Schoolhouse." The grant awarded by the Canadian Heritage Network enabled the Archives to purchase a laptop computer and a printer/ scanner needed for our contribution to the Virtual Museum of Canada.

Archives volunteers researched the histories of each of the one-room schools, collecting photos, documents and artifacts that, joined with a narrative, brought the story to life. Special thanks is extended to Anne Berretta, who researched the initial inventory of school house records; Tony Rolph, who focused on getting the best images for our story line; Catsue McBroom Cantin and Brenda See, who contributed to the narrative; and Kathleen Fry, who gathered everything together, putting the final production online.

To view the result go to our website < www.kingtownshiphistoricalsociety.com > and follow the link to Virtual Museum of Canada, click on the link to the "The Life and Times of the One-Room Schools in King Township"



LOOKING BACK

The Dec. 2012 Christmas Concert was a splendid success. The audience was large and enthusiastic, enjoying the entertainment and admiring the cheerful talents of the Good Brothers and the Voices of Joy Choir. KTHS Treasurer Bill Salter reports a modest financial profit but there are big returns in warm memories of a delightful evening. Thanks to Program Chair, Elaine Robertson for planning this event.



LOOKING AHEAD

If renewing your membership in KTHS has skipped your attention, please fill in the membership form and send with your cheque to King Township Historical Society, c/o Treasurer, Bill Salter, 2920 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1L6. Or come to the AGM potluck and renew in person. You must be a member in order to vote at the AGM, and receive membership benefits of discounts at complying businesses in the township. We are issuing membership cards this year.