



••• Newsletter, November, 2012 •••

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'd like to thank our donors and volunteers and encourage people to continue to support KTHS. Also, many thanks to those who came out to celebrate our 40th anniversary.

Your Board of Directors has been examining its functions and looking to the future to make sure we continue to promote the Society's goals; from our perch at the 40th year mark, we want to preserve past achievements and anticipate future projects to keep KTHS vibrant and contemporary in its activities. We are now listed as one of (Arts Society King)- ASK's "community partners." The two organizations have overlapping interests and events so this seems a natural alliance, beneficial to both. We try to keep you up to date right here in our newsletters, and we're always glad to hear your comments.

Heather Robertson
Rafferty's Corners
King City



FORTY- AND GOING STRONG!

The success of our 40th anniversary bash, engineered by Elaine Robertson with help by the entire Board, should convince anyone who doubts that volunteerism is waning; many hands made the work lighter and more fun. We very much missed some of the original KTHS members who weren't able to attend but were glad to have original member, Bill Foran and life member Gloria Love present as well as Helen Poulis whose late husband, Bill was an early 'mover and shaker.' Pat Harris and her daughter Diana represented benefactor William Harris. Councillor Debbie Schaefer brought greetings from the Mayor and assisted in cutting a special cake decorated with a big "Forty" and an edible picture of the King station.

The dance floor wasn't exactly crowded but it did get some extra polish from a few dancers swinging along with the irresistible beat from "Steeped in Tradition"- Sandy MacIntyre's fiddle, keyboard and vocal treats. It was a King Township version of the traditional C ilidh, a "kitchen party" according to Cape Breton native, Elaine, when all present are able to move about, chatting with friends and greeting newcomers.



Photo: Andrew Marshall

REPORT ON SHIFT

Fiona Cowles reports on the Conservation Review Board's advisory report to the Township Council regarding the appeal by Hickory Hills Developments on the Council's intention to designate the Richard Serra sculptural installation titled SHIFT, situated on HHD's land. The CRB advises that SHIFT would not be protected under the Ontario Heritage Act Regulation 9/06, s.29, but notes that the Township, by listing the property on the Register defined in the Act in s.27, would have "some ability to monitor the property, notably in instances of Planning Act and similar landuse applications." (P 14)

An informal Friends of SHIFT group welcomes additional members and will be pursuing further strategies for protection and preservation of SHIFT, beyond the restrictions of the Ontario Heritage Act. KTHS has taken a 'watching brief' position on the situation with SHIFT and the land owner; your comments are helpful.



The Fawcett bequest:

The Township of King plans to engage a consultant to assist in preparing a long term strategic plan for the Township Museum. Such a strategic plan is an essential first step towards the effective utilization of the funds that were recently bequeathed to the Society for that purpose by Mrs. Fawcett. The Board has therefore committed to support the preparation of the strategic plan to the extent of up to \$20,000 to be disbursed on the appointment of the consultant. A "Request For Proposal" is now in process by the Township and at least three qualified consultants with experience in preparation of Museum plans will be contacted for tenders; one will be chosen to begin work early in the new year. This is an exciting step for your Society bringing the Society, the Township, and the Museum together for the enhancement of the Museum and its exhibits as envisioned by our benefactor, Doris Fawcett.



2013 Membership Has More Benefits than ever before!

It's time to renew your annual membership, in the King Township Historical Society. Renew as an individual for \$20 or \$25 for a family membership, good from January 1 through to December 31, 2013. If someone asks, you can say that KTHS is a non-profit organization with charitable status and gratefully accepts donations for special projects. Membership supports exciting on-going programs, and the Society has negotiated discounts for members with the local businesses listed below. You can support these community-minded businesses, the King Township Historical Society and your wallet at the same time. All you need to do is flash your 2013 membership card.

- In King City, The Rose Art and Framing Gallery at 18 Doctor's Lane offers a 10% discount off art and framing. 905 833-2222 www.therosegallery.ca
- In King City, Ron Ivany Photography at 18 Doctor's Lane offers a 10% discount off photography services. 905 833-2222 www.ronivanyphotography.ca
- Just west of Keele Street at 2700 16th Sideroad, Pine Farms Orchard offers 10% off a purchase of giftware in the shop. 905 833-5459
- In Nobleton, King Print and Design at 13065 Highway 27 offers 10% to members who place an order. 905 859 0999

Please fill out the membership form and mail it in with a cheque to KTHS, 2920 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1L6 to renew for 2013. New membership cards are printed and will be mailed as cheques are received. And watch our newsletter for more local business discounts for members!

King Township Historical Society's *Annual Christmas Concert*

Featuring
The Voices of Joy with a Christmas Cantata
"The Wise Men Saw the Light"

In Concert with **The Good Brothers**



Saturday, Dec. 8, 2012 - 7:30pm

King City United Church, 50 Elizabeth Grove, King City, Ontario

Adults \$20.00 Children under 12 free
Light Refreshments

To Reserve Tickets Call:

Elaine 905-841-4041 - Virginia 905-841-5048
or www.kingtowshiphistoricalsociety.com

Please Reserve Your Tickets in Advance

'Christmas Comes But Once a Year'

- and it's awaiting our concert to get the season rolling! On Saturday, December 8 at 7:30 the curtain rises for the VOICES OF JOY in CONCERT WITH THE GOOD BROTHERS!

Doesn't the title give you a warm sensation of good cheer? This combination of harmony and tempo promises a wonderful evening of familiar choral melodies matched with cheerful bluegrass and country charm. The Voices will present a new cantata laced with humour as well as reverence for the traditions of Christmas. The program is an exciting blend of sentiment and fun and you won't forget a moment of this prelude to a special once-year celebration!

Tickets are \$20 (and worth every tuneful penny) adults, children 12 and under free. Reserve your tickets by calling Elaine (905) 841-4041 or Virginia 841-5048. See our poster! Also, see kingtownshiphistoricalsociety.ca. For past programs and other data, please check the KTHS website which is carefully tended by volunteer Ken Carter. If you spot an error or have a comment on the site, please respond to the email address given there.

More honours to report! In the last issue we extended congratulations to Susan and Helen, this time it is Judy Craig whose Queen's Diamond Jubilee award came in after the NL had gone to "bed" but now we can cheer for her and Dorothy Izzard who was given the Ontario Senior Achievement Award at a Queen's Park Ceremony. All well-deserved!

We're glad to endorse the community group, Humber River Shakespeare Company as it returns with "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" on Dec. 11 at 7 PM at the Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, 313 Main St., Schomberg. To reserve tickets to this classic "heart-warming event for Tiny Tims and Scrooges alike," you can email Kevin@humberrivershakespeare.ca

THE REBEL TOUR- SUNDAY, NOV. 4TH

A reliable report from a KTHS member who went touring to see the rebel sights and sites gave the day an A+. The tourists saw the cairn at Lloydton, other notable feature in that village and went on down Yonge Street, **informed by commentary from Bert Duclos, Bill Foran and Bruce Bell, storyteller. **Old William Lyon Mackenzie almost came alive as they ventured into his once thriving print shop where the case for the Rebellion was **set in type and forever in Canadian history. *Photos courtesy S. Beharriell.



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