

Oxford Historical Society's Grand Day Out: Saturday, June 20, 2015

Please join the Oxford Historical Society on Saturday, June 20, 2015, as we travel to Simcoe, ON. While there we will visit the Eva Brook Donly Museum & Archives, the Norfolk Carillon Tower War Memorial, have lunch at the Blue Elephant, and if time permits visit the Delhi Tobacco Museum & Heritage Centre.

The Eva Brook Donly Museum & Archives is the former home of Eva Brook Donly, a renowned local artist. She bequeathed her home to the Town of Simcoe, as a place to promote artifacts and local artists. During the guided tour you will see displays from the Pioneer Days of early Norfolk County, rooms furnished in the Victorian style, and artwork from Eva Brook Donly and William Edgar Cantelon. There is a \$3.00 per person charge for the guided tour. The Museum is open from 10am to 4:30pm.

For lunch we will head over to the Blue Elephant, a local restaurant serving craft beer and great food. The Blue Elephant is renowned for being Norfolk's first and only microbrewery. They are also a proud supporter of Norfolk County farmers and businesses, always doing their best to buy local and buy fresh, making them one of the best restaurants in the area.

After lunch we head over to the Norfolk Carillon Tower, located in down town Simcoe, along the Lynn River, where consecutive groups of 5 will receive a 30 minute free guided tour of the tower and its famous bells. Tower tours are limited to 5 people at a time due to space restrictions and there are many stairs to climb. The Tower was dedicated on June 17, 1925 and was built to honour Norfolk's War heroes. Surrounding the Tower is a lovely park area with benches and monuments, for you to enjoy while waiting for your tour. Those in later tour groups are welcome to explore downtown Simcoe on their own.

For those in the first and second Tower tour group, there is the option of stopping off at the Delhi Tobacco Museum & Heritage Centre on our way back to Woodstock. The Delhi Museum is modeled after a tobacco barn and has a large exhibit of tobacco, ginseng and other crops grown in Norfolk County. Their permanent displays shows the varied multicultural heritage of the area. Also on display are original landscape photographs by Laura Robinson, a local photographer from Scotland, ON. Admission is by donations. The Museum is open from 1 to 4pm.

Saturday's Itinerary:

9:00am – meet at the parking lot behind the Woodstock Public Library.

9:15am – leave for Simcoe

10:30am– guided tour of Eva Brook Donly Museum, \$3.00 per person

12:00pm – lunch at the Blue Elephant

1:30pm - first tour group of the Norfolk Carillon Tower, after tour if the group wishes they can either visit the Delhi Museum or head back to Woodstock

2:00pm – second tour group of the Norfolk Carillon Tower, after tour if the group wishes they can either visit the Delhi Museum or head back to Woodstock

2:30pm – third tour group of the Norfolk Carillon Tower, group returns to Woodstock

3:00pm – fourth tour group of the Norfolk Carillon Tower, group returns to Woodstock

To reserve your spot for this Grand Day Out please email the Society at info@oxfordhistoricalsociety.ca with your contact information and Tower tour preference time, or use the signup sheet at the Resource Centre, located at 82 Light St., Court House Square, Woodstock, ON N4S 6H1 Ph: 519-421-1700, open Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm.

All interested members must register by Saturday, June 13, 2015.