

Oxford Historical Society
Events & Public Meetings for 2019

Wednesday, January 30, 2019:

- Prior to the OxHS meeting the Woodstock Museum, NHS had an open house featuring their new permanent display space with a presentation by Adam Pollard
- Kathie Richards opened the OxHS meeting at 7pm and mentioned events that the Society would like to host this year, including a Christmas Tour of Homes
- 29 people attended the meeting
- Murray Coulter read the nominations for the 2019 board and made a motion that the officers be as proposed
- Deward Yates and Jack Hedges seconded the motion and it was passed
- The 2019 Board is:
 - o President: Kathie Richards
 - o Treasurer: Elaine Becker
 - o Secretary: Laura Centore
 - o Membership: Judy Klages
 - o Archives: Eleanor Gardner
 - o Communications: Laura Centore
 - o Members at Large: Don Wilson & Jim Groulx
- Elaine Becker provided the Treasurer's report
- The evening's presentation was on the Canada Land Company and was a joint presentation with Jack Hedges, Elaine Becker and Jim Groulx on the banjo

Wednesday, March 27, 2019:

- Kathie Richards opened the OxHS meeting at 6:45pm and mentioned events that the Society is hosting this year, including the Spirit of Christmas Tour of Homes (partnering with the Museum Advisory Committee) and Tour & Tea's (partnering with the Woodstock Public Library and Chateau la Motte)
- An overview of the lease negotiations and the upcoming county council meeting on Tuesday, May 8 at 9:30, in which the Society plans to attend and present to the council
- 22 people attended the meeting
- Kathie Richards introduced Don Wilson whose presentation was on Bernadette Smith, Woodstock's first female mayor, Elaine Becker compiled the presentation slides
- Parkinson Rd in Woodstock was named for her, Bernadette's maiden name was Parkinson

Thursday, April 11, 2019:

- Elaine spoke at Park Place retirement home on the history of the Salvation Army

Wednesday, April 24, 2019:

- Kathie Richards opened the meeting at 6:45pm and mentioned that the Society has received a grant from Oxford County to cover a large portion of the rent
- The Society and the County are signing a five-year lease, effective May 1, 2019
- The Society also received a \$1500.00 grant from the City of Woodstock, this grant will help to cover monthly operating expenses

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- Jim Groulx presented on changes in life style during the Roaring Twenties and music from the Jazz Era, Elaine Becker compiled the presentation slides
- As part of the presentation Jim, along with fellow musicians - Dave Robertson and Tom Feeney, played music from the Jazz Era on their banjos
- The last musical number of the night was a sing-a-long to Have You Seen My Gal, Eleanor Gardhouse wore her mother's flapper dress from that era and lead the singing

Wednesday, May 29, 2019:

- There were 20 people in attendance on May 29.
- Kathie RichardsI introduced the speaker Wayne Currah
- Wayne Currah was born and raised in Plattsville. He operated an Agricultural Consulting Business in Hickson and his Father Don Currah and Vernon Kaufman opened the Woodstock Feed Company in 1943
- Wayne was one of the founding members of the Plattsville Heritage Society
- Wayne talked about how the Heritage Society was formed and its location in the former Chesterfield United Church. He showed pictures of the church and of some of the exhibits they have had over the past 4 years as well as how the items were collected.
- Chris Packman thanked Wayne and presented him with a copy of the Quizzical History book. In it he mentions the number of times Plattsville is mentioned in the book and that the photos with the answers to 2 of the questions were submitted in by Wayne and Loree Currah.

Tuesday, Jun 11, 2019:

- Elaine Becker presented to the Woodstock Horticultural Society a history of the Horticultural Society
- About 40 people were in attendance

Saturday, July 20, 2019

- Art in Victoria Park booth
- Volunteers: Laura Centore, Kathie Richards, Chris Packman, Judy & Jerry Klages, Heather Cocchetto, Karen Houston at the booth
- Don Wilson demonstrating rope making
- Booths provided by the Woodstock Museum, NHS
- 4 Dinner tickets (\$25.00 each) and publications were sold for a total of \$202.00
- A fair number of people attended the event but attendance was down due to the extremely hot and humid weather

August 22 – 25, 2019

- Woodstock Fair at the Fairgrounds
- Free booth for the fair in exchange for two presentation: Kathie Richards on Famous Woodstockians and Elaine Becker on the Fire Department

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- Volunteers: Kathie Richards, Chris Packman, Elaine Becker, Jim Groulx, Eleanor Gardhouse, Murray Coulter, Peter Harrison
- Sold \$162.00 of publications, 4 of them being Quizzical History

September 25, 2019

- Annual Joint Dinner with the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) Oxford County Branch, OGS now goes by Ontario Ancestors
- Dinner was held at the Salvation Army, tickets were \$25.00 and 35 tickets were sold
- Salvation Army charged \$18.00 per person
- Speaker was Barbara Raué: If You Are Not Proud, You Are Not Done
- Barbara is working on Saving Our History One Photo at a Time – she has an interest in photography and architecture and is going through small towns in Ontario and taking photos of historic homes and buildings
- She then turns these photos into books, she currently has over 210 books in the series and has also published many other books
- Kathie Richards was the host for the evening, and thanked the speaker
- Mary Metcalf from OGS spoke about upcoming events by the OGS
- Laura Centore introduced the speaker
- Barbara presented a gift of two of her publications to the OxHS
- Kathie thanked Barbara with a \$50.00, copy of Quizzical History and two dinner tickets for her and her husband, Harry

October 17, 2019

- Joint presentation with the Women's Employment Resource Centre (WERC)
- Speakers Shirelyan English & Bonnie Sitter about their publication: Onion Skins and Peach Fuzz: Memories of Ontario Farmerettes
- Presentation was at the Woodstock Museum, NHS
- 34 people in attendance
- Introductions and thank you by Kathie Richards, Brenda Boswell, Cathy Stewart-Mott
- Honorium of \$50.00 was given to each presenter
- Refreshments provided by WERC

Wednesday, November 27, 2019

- Jim Groulx presenting on The Detroit River & It's Interesting Happenings Over the Years
- Presentation at the Woodstock Museum, NHS
- Kathie Richards opened the meeting at 6:45
- 19 people in attendance
- Elaine Becker introduced & Kathie Richards thanked him

Saturday, November 30, 2019

- Spirit of Christmas Tour of Homes took place from 10-2pm
- Woodstock Museum, NHS held a free Christmas craft day from 10-4pm which included the Fanshaw Singers choir and refreshments
- 5 homes were on the tour
- Over 300 tickets were sold, 50 tickets given to volunteers
- Tickets were \$20 each