



THE SOCIETY PAGES

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Vice President's Message

By Joan Weston, *Vice-President*

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer!

On **Wednesday, June 21st**, the Society celebrated **National Indigenous Day** once again at the Soccer Park. Dr. Jason Pankratz delivered a very informative speech on the roles of specific Canadian indigenous veterans who served with honour and distinction for Canada. The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 153, Tillsonburg, provided a Colour Party to honour all Canadian indigenous veterans of previous wars. The Society handed out special pins to attendees to commemorate these indigenous heroes.

Music on the Lawn 2023 was another success. There were three debut performers this summer, and two Sunday cancellations because of the threat of inclement weather. Music on the Lawn is the Society's major fundraiser of the year. Many thanks to our sponsor, Coward PharmaChoice! We appreciate their commitment to the Tillsonburg community.

Monday, September 18th at 7:00 p.m. will be our first Monthly Meeting of the Fall Season. Joan Weston will be delivering the final speech of her railroad trilogy, entitled "**The End of the Lines; The Story of the T.L.E. and P. Railway**". In October, Joan will be speaking about "**The History of Flue-Cured Tobacco in the Tillsonburg Area**".

GENERAL MEETING

Date: Monday, Sept. 18th, 2023

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Corner Gallery, 2nd Floor
 Annandale NHS (30 Tillson Ave)

Presentation: "*The End of the Lines; The Story of the T.L.E. and P. Railway*"
 presented by Joan Weston

NEXT EXHIBITION:

"Small Wonders Art Show & Sale"

Sept. 8th until Oct. 29th, 2023

PUBLIC PROGRAMMING:

"50th Anniversary Quilt Unveiling"



Join the members of the Tillsonburg Quilters and Fibre Artists Group as they unveil the 50th Anniversary Quilt their group has made for Annandale NHS. *Light refreshments served.*

Date: Sunday, September 17th

Times: 1:30 p.m.

Cost: By Donation

"Monumental Monument Cemetery Walking Tour"

Come join Museum Staff as we walk through the Tillsonburg Graveyard and we learn the stories of the largest monuments. We will meet at the Cemetery Office!

Location: Tillsonburg Cemetery, 191-193 Simcoe Street (Across from McDonalds)

Date: Thurs, Sept. 21st, 2023 **or** Sat., Sept. 23rd

Time: 1 p.m.

Cost: By Donation

Annandale N.H.S. Catch-Up

HELLO MUSEUM LOVERS! Happy September!

Bring on the cooler weather and the beautiful changing fall leaves!

The summer was a busy one here at Annandale National Historic Site.

We started off the summer festivities with the return of TurtleFest. On Friday, June 16th, we started the celebrations with a free showing of “Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles” (1990). In conjunction with the movie, The Friends of Annandale P.S. Kindergarten Classes offered a Pizza Party as a fundraiser for their outdoor education room. We had over 100 people come and support the fundraiser and enjoy the movie at dusk.

The next day, the lawn was full of turtlely fun with our TurtleFest on the Lawn celebrations. Annandale NHS hosted 3 special guests this year. We had the Toronto Legos® Club



ToroLUG) create a Legos® Turtle (Tilly) and other displays just for TurtleFest. The Club also brought Legos® to play with and gave out 150 free small turtle Legos® kits, compliments of the Tillsonburg and District Historical Society. Scales Nature Park came and shared native Ontario turtles and snakes. Our final special guests were John and Jan Everett, who shared their children’s book “Never Give Up” and taught us how to help our turtle friends. We also celebrated TurtleFest with games, crafts, temporary tattoos, and turtle balloons, Turtle Find & Count and Annandale Kindergarten Story Walk® and Lemonade Stand. We had over 900 people come and celebrate TurtleFest with us!

On Thursday, June 29th at 1:30 p.m. Annandale NHS celebrated the Museum’s 50th Anniversary with a party! 50 years before, on June 29, 1973, the By-Law to create the Tillsonburg & District Historical Museum was passed, thus creating a community museum for Tillsonburg. In celebration, we had official remark, cake cutting and ice cream. Thank you to all who were able to join us.

July started with a BANG! We celebrated Canada’s 156th Birthday with a Fun Fair on the Lawn. Highlights from the day included: helium balloons, carnival games with prizes, and the Otter Find. We also celebrated with delicious treats, including cotton candy, snow cones and popcorn! We had over 1,000 people visit us, making for a wonderful day of celebration! A big THANK YOU to all our volunteers for making this day possible. We could not have done it without you!

General Meeting

of the

Tillsonburg & District Historical Society

Monday, Sept. 18th, 2023

at Annandale NHS

30 Tillson Ave. Tillsonburg, ON

“The End of the Lines” The Story
of the T.L.E. and P. Railway”

presented by Joan Weston



General Meeting
starts at 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, August 23 at 2:00 p.m., we hosted our 50th Anniversary High Tea. Originally planned to be on the lawn, the weather, unfortunately, did not co-operate, so the event was moved inside to the Program Room. Despite the change of location, everyone had an excellent time. The program featured a full high tea with 4 types of tea, English sandwiches, scones with clotted cream and other goodies. Stella Jurgen and The Swing of Things gave a lively performance and had many people on their feet dancing.



Kathleen and Keianna were SUPER excited to be hosting two week-long day camps this summer. In July, we celebrated all things 70s with our “That 70s Camp”. Campers learned all about the 1970s with games, crafts and music. The highlight of the week was when local artist, Stella Jurgen, joined us for an all-day 70s fashion workshop! We made our own 70s fringe vest and accessories. The kids had an amazing time!



At our August Camp, we went Island Hopping! Each day, the camp investigated and learned about a new island nation! The kids learned about Prince Edward Island, Hawaii, Jamaica, United Kingdom and Australia. Highlights of the week included: dot painting from Australia, Mi'kmaq inspired wind chimes from P.E.I, and tie dying t-shirts and towels from Jamaica. Everyone had a wonderful time at the camp and Kathleen has already started planning for summer camp 2024.

Visitors continued to return to the Museum over the summer months. Staff were very pleased with the number of visitors who did come to tour the Museum. There were visitors from all over Canada and a few from as far away as the Netherland, Belgium and Germany. The Museum also saw many American visitors from all over the States. It was very exciting to see visitors returning, as staff can never get enough of watching people discover our special piece of history!

Sadly, at the end of August we had to say “Farewell” to our two amazing summer students! Quinlan returned to her third year at Wilfrid Laurier University in History and Archaeology, while Keianna entered her third year in Concurrent Education and History/Geography at Brock University. We cannot thank them enough for all the work they did this summer and hope they will come back very soon and visit us!

In the Pratt Gallery

In the Pratt Gallery, our exhibition “Golden Treasures” has officially closed. We hope that you were able to visit us over the last several months to view the exhibition. Cheers to those of you who took the time to share your stories about the Museum and its history with us!

We are excited to announce that our partnership with Oxford Creative Connections Inc. (OCCI) continues with our yearly **“Small Wonders Art Show and Sale.”** Once again, OCCI artists have taken over the Pratt Gallery with their art! Just like in previous years, all the pieces of art are no larger than 12 by 14 inches; thus making any piece a great, unique and small gift for the up-coming holidays. Additionally, 20% of all sales goes to the Annandale House Trust! A win-win for everyone! The **“Small Wonders Art Show and Sale”** opens on **Friday, September 8th and runs until Sunday, October 29th**, during regular Museum hours. The exhibition opening will be happening on **Friday, September 8th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.** with light refreshments. Don't miss this opportunity to come and support your Museum and these amazing artists!

At Annandale NHS in September and October 2023

After a summer hiatus, Museum Curator, Patty Phelps is back with the remainder of her **“50 of My Favourite Things: Show and Tell”** programming. She has three more themes left: **10 Super Things (September 7th)**, **10 Wicked Things (October 19th)** and **10 Precious Things (November 2nd)**. Each Show and Tell starts at **1:30 p.m.** in the Program Room at a cost of \$5.00. Light refreshments are being served.

On **Sunday, September 17th**, Annandale NHS will be hosting our **official 50th Anniversary Quilt Unveiling**. Created by the Tillsonburg Quilters and Fibre Artist Group, the quilt celebrates the Museum's 50 years of collecting stories. Please join us for this by-donation event. Light refreshments will be served.

Back by popular demand, we are bringing back our **“Monumental Monument Cemetery Walking Tour.”** This year, we will be exploring the largest monuments in the Tillsonburg Cemetery. Two tours will be hosted, one on **Thursday, September 21st** with a repeat of the tour on **Saturday, September**

23rd. Both tours start at **1 p.m.**, weather permitting. The tours are by donation. If you are interested in joining us foone of the tours, *please meet us at the Cemetery Office!*

Do you remember the Red Rose Tea Company's Wade Tea figurines promotional campaign of the late 1960s until the early 2000s? Those little ceramic figurines that were in Red Rose Tea? Patty Phelps, the Museum's curator, is excited to host the second installment of a talk and tea about the history of the advertising campaign and her personal collection of the figurines. This time the talk will focus on the “Animals” collections. **“Wade into Tea: Animal Edition”** will be happening on **Thursday, September 28th at 1:30 p.m.** in the Program Room. The cost is \$30.00 with taxes. So come and enjoy some tea, fall goodies and learn about the Wade Tea figurines! Bonus, you get to take your own Wade Tea figurine home with you! Pre-registration is required!

The Museum is hosting a **Fall Wreath Making workshop on Wednesday, October 25th at 6:30 p.m.** Entitled “Happy Fall Y'All”, the workshop includes tea and seasonal goodies, followed by the creation of a fall wreath for your door. All supplies and instructions are included. The cost is \$30.00 plus taxes and pre-registration is required.

Hallmark Christmas

Our Christmas Exhibition is all about “A Hallmark ® Christmas”, an exhibition celebrating 50 years of Hallmark ® ornaments. As part of this exhibition, we are looking for early Hallmark ornaments that you would be willing to loan to the Museum for this exhibition. We are particularly interested in the yarn dolls ornaments and early glass bulbs. If you think you have an ornament we could borrow, please contact Patty at pphelps@tillsonburg.ca.

