



# THE SOCIETY PAGES



Tillsonburg & District Historical Society  
& Annandale National Historic Site

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## President's Message

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The next General Meeting will be **Monday, February 26th at 7 p.m.** at Annandale House NHS. **Please note the change in the date** is due to the Family Day Holiday on the previous Monday. Dr. Jason Pankratz will again be hosting his always entertaining Trivia Night.

The Society's Annual General Meeting will be held **Monday, March 18th.** There will be a **Potluck at 5:30 p.m.** followed by the business meeting. Bring along your favourite main course or dessert, along with plate and utensils.

A Membership Survey which has been distributed is being conducted by the Executive and Program Committee. This will assist in planning the next year's events. Please complete this by February 26th and bring it with you to the Annual General Meeting or drop it off or mail it to the Museum. Additional surveys are available at the Museum.



## GENERAL MEETING

**Date:** Monday, February 26th, 2024

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

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

**Event:** "Trivia Night with Dr. Jason Pankratz"

## UPCOMING EXHIBITION:

*"Warmth and Beauty: Favourite Quilts from the Collection"*

Feb. 19th until April 28th, 2024

*Exhibition Opening:*

*Monday, Feb. 19th at 10 a.m.*

## PUBLIC PROGRAMMING:

### Family Day 2024

Come to the Museum for family games, guided tours, crafts and the popular scavenger hunt. This is also the day that we will be opening the Museum's first exhibition of the 2024 season, *"Warmth and Beauty: Favourite Quilts from the Collection"*.

**Date:** Monday, Feb. 19th

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Cost:** By Donation



# Annandale N.H.S. Catch-Up

HELLO MUSEUM LOVERS!

Happy February!

## Review of January

January brought the end of the Christmas Season. Volunteer decorators and staff spent the month taking down and putting away all the decorations, which seemed, at times, like a never-ending task. Kathleen got to play a fun game of Jenga, as she attempted to fit all the Christmas trees back into their respective closets. A big thank you to all the volunteers and to our facilities team member, Craig, for his assistance in moving all our “stuff” back to the storage unit.

With Christmas finally put away, Patty and Kathleen have been working with volunteers to help them choose their favourite quilts from the collection for the first exhibit of 2024. “Warmth and Beauty: Favourite Quilts from the Collection” celebrates the favourite quilts of museum staff and volunteers. All the quilts have been chosen from the over sixty quilts in the permanent collection. You are cordially invited to the exhibition opening on Family Day, which this year is Monday, February 19th. The Museum will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with lots of fun family activities in the program room to enjoy after viewing the quilts. The quilts will be on display until Sunday, April 28th, 2024.

General Meeting  
of the  
*Tillsonburg & District  
Historical Society*

**Monday, February 26th, 2024**

**at Annandale NHS**

30 Tillson Ave. Tillsonburg, ON

*“Trivia Night with Dr. Jason  
Pankratz”*



**General Meeting  
starts at 7:00 p.m.**

## February 2024 Highlights

February programming includes a new event, along with classic programming that we know our members love to attend!

Annandale NHS is celebrating **Family Day (Monday, February 19th)**. Admission is by donation. Come to the Museum between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. for family games, guided tours, crafts and the popular scavenger hunt. This is also the day that we will be opening the Museum’s first exhibition of the 2024 season, “Warmth and Beauty: Favourite Quilts from the Collection”.

Did you know that 2024 is a leap year? We are celebrating the leap year with a **Leap Year Tea on Thursday, February 29th at 1:30 p.m.** The cost of the tea is \$24.00 (taxes included) and following the tea everyone will make a “Leap Year Craft”. What is that, you might ask? We’re not telling, so you will need to come to the tea to find out. Pre-registration is required, with a minimum of 15 participants needed for the program to run. Registration closes Friday, February 23.

### **Coming in March 2024**

On **Friday, March 8th**, ANHS will be hosting our annual **Women’s Day Luncheon**. This year’s theme is “Flowers and Herbs.” We are working with Bere’s Catering to create a special luncheon menu that incorporates flowers and herbs into the meal. The luncheon costs \$35.75 (taxes included) and starts at 12 p.m. Pre-registration is required with a minimum of 15 participants needed for the program to run. Registration closes Monday, March 4th.

With March, comes March Break! This year, Annandale NHS is hosting a morning March Break program from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. “Where the Wild Things Roam: March Break at the Museum” is a celebration of animals. Each day we will be celebrating an animal that has a connection to the Museum.

Monday, March 11th- Farm Animals

Tuesday, March 12th- Song Birds

Wednesday, March 13th- Turtles

Thursday, March 14th- Otters

Friday, March 15th- Parrots

The program is geared towards children aged 6-10 at a cost of \$24.00 a day. Pre-registration is required. You can register via Connect2Rec ([www.townofillsonburg.perfectmind.com](http://www.townofillsonburg.perfectmind.com)) or by calling the Museum at 519-842-2294.

### **In the Pratt Gallery**

Coming this month: “*Warmth and Beauty: Favourite Quilts from the Collection*”, of course! This exhibition celebrates the favourite quilts of the Museum staff and volunteers. All quilts are from the Museum’s permanent collection. The exhibition opens on Family Day, which this year is **Monday, February 19th**. The Museum will be open **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** with lots of fun family activities in the program room to enjoy after viewing the quilts. The quilts will be on display until Sunday, April 28th, 2024.

### **What is Coming in 2024**

With your last newsletter, you received a copy of Annandale NHS Programming Guide for 2024. Registration is NOW OPEN for all these events! You can register online via your Connect2 Rec Account ([www.townofillsonburg.perfectmind.com](http://www.townofillsonburg.perfectmind.com)) or by calling the Museum at 519-842-2294.

## Lunch and Learn 2024

The Museum's four-part series of catered lunches and interesting lectures on local history is BACK! Just like previous years, lunch will be served at noon with the lecture following. Admission to tour the Museum is included in the ticket price. The cost is \$35.75 (tax included) for a single ticket or \$119.25 (tax included) for a series pass. The lectures will be offered on the fourth Thursday and Friday of each month. The schedule is:

"A Food, Not a Fad: The Remarkable Advertising Campaign of the Tillson Company"

Presented By Patricia Phelps

Dates: Thursday, February 22nd or Friday, February 23th

"The History of Flue-Cured Tobacco in Tillsonburg and Area"

Presented by Joan Weston

Dates: Thursday, March 21st or Friday, March 22nd

"We MOVED! -35 Years Ago: The Story of the Rescue of Annandale House"

Presented by Laurel Beechey

Dates: Thursday, April 25th or Friday, April 26th

"Life by Lake Lisgar"

Presented by Joan Weston

Dates: Thursday, May 23rd or Friday, May 24th



*Happy Valentine's Day*  
from Annandale NHS