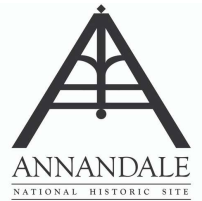




THE SOCIETY PAGES

*Tillsonburg & District Historical Society
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President's Message

By Dave Morris

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The Society's **April 15th General Meeting** will feature Matthew Griffis, Digital Literacy and Local History Technician from Tillsonburg Library. He will be speaking on Andrew Carnegie. Most are aware of the Carnegie Libraries, but do we know the history behind this story. All are welcome to attend at Annandale NHS at **7 p.m.**

Mark on your calendar **May 27th**, as we look forward to a presentation by Robyn Michaud, Professor of Indigenous Studies at Conestoga as we prepare for our **Indigenous Day Celebrations on June 21st.**

Music on the Lawn, our Sunday night musical presentations on the lawn of Annandale NHS, will start June 23rd and continue each Sunday evening until the end of August. Another wonderful list of local musicians has been confirmed for 2024.

The Program Committee are finalizing plans for a June Road Trip. Stay tuned for details.



GENERAL MEETING

Date: Monday, April 15th, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

Event: "Andrew Carnegie" presented by Matthew Griffis, Digital Literacy and Local History Technician from Tillsonburg Library

CURRENT EXHIBITION:

"Warmth and Beauty: Favourite Quilts from the Collection"

CLOSES Sunday, April 28th, 2024

PUBLIC PROGRAMMING:



Spring Bird House Workshop

Build and Paint our own Bird House!

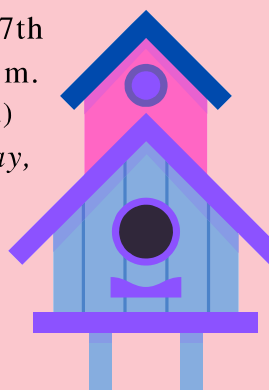
All materials and supplies provided
Pre-registration Required.

Date: Wednesday, April 17th

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Cost: \$35.75 (taxes included)

Registration closes Friday,
April 12th.



Annandale N.H.S. Catch-Up

HELLO MUSEUM LOVERS!

Happy April!

Can you believe that spring is here?

MARCH IN REVIEW

On Friday, March 8th, ANHS hosted our annual Women's Day Luncheon. This year's theme was "Flowers and Herbs". Beres Catering crafted an herbs and flowers inspired meal. Participants had a scrumptious meal of spring salad with edible flowers, rosemary thyme chicken, zucchini medley, herb roasted baby potatoes, and for dessert, lilac sugar shortbread cookies and flower cupcakes. With full tummies, participants then listened to a fantastic presentation by Christine Nagy, President of the Tillsonburg Horticultural Society (THS), entitled "Beautification through Education & Experience". Christine discussed the invaluable contributions that the THS makes to the Tillsonburg community and how to join and/or support the organization. She finished her presentation with some tips and tricks on how to get the most out of your gardens this summer! Everyone had a wonderful afternoon celebrating Women's Day.

The next week brought lots of kids to the Museum with March Break programming. Each morning, Kathleen, and student volunteer Chloe, educated and entertained the kids with information about animals that are connected to the Museum! The kids had a wonderful time learning about the animals of Annandale Farm; the song birds of our community; the town's love for turtles; its history

Annual General Meeting
of the

Tillsonburg & District Historical Society

Monday, April 15th, 2024

at Annandale NHS

30 Tillson Ave. Tillsonburg, ON

"Andrew Carnegie"

presented by Matthew Griffis,

Digital Literacy and Local

History Technician



with otters; and Tillsonburg's most exotic resident, Mac the Parrot. Everyone had a wonderful time learning, and exploring the Museum.

On Wednesday, March 14th, we had a bus tour from the Aurora Seniors Centre join us at the Museum. After a lacklustre snow swan showing, the group was excited to come and visit us at the Museum and learn all about what makes Annandale NHS and the Town of Tillsonburg so unique. A huge thank you to Joan Weston, Barb More, Joe Matisz, Marilyn Avent and tour guide-in-training, Jan Peters, for leading the groups through an informative tour! We got lots of wonderful comments from the group!

The March Lunch and Learn featured a talk on “The History of Flue-Cured Tobacco in Tillsonburg and Area”, by guest lecturer Joan Weston. We started the event with homemade beef lasagna and garlic bread from Beres Catering. Then Joan delighted the almost sold out crowds with her history of flue-cured tobacco in the area. Every time Joan gives this presentation, she learns something new to add! Everyone loved watching clips from the Canadian National Film Board’s “The Backbreaking Leaf (1958),” where the audience identified some familiar faces!

Our final event of the month was the retirement party for our fantastic curator, Patty Phelps. After 30+ years at Annandale National Historic Site, in a variety of positions, Patty Phelps has officially retired from the Museum. We will greatly miss her, but we know she is going to enjoy her well-earned retirement! Thank you so much to everyone who was able to stop by on or before Thursday, March 28th to wish Patty a fond farewell!

COMING IN APRIL

Next time you come into the Museum, you are in for a big change! After 30+ years of service, the Museum’s front desk is being replaced. The new desk is AODA compliant, so now we can have lovely chats while you sit on your wheelchair or walker.

On **Wednesday, April 17th**, we will be celebrating spring with a **Spring Bird House Workshop**. At the workshop, we will be building and painting our own bird houses! The workshop will be held from 6:30 p.m. to

8:30 p.m. at a cost of \$35.75 (taxes included.) All materials and supplies will be provided and preregistration is required. Registration closes Friday, April 12th.

Our April Lunch and Learn is entitled “**We MOVED! -35 Years Ago: The Story of the Rescue of Annandale House**”, and will be presented by Laurel Beechey. Laurel will be presenting on **Thursday, April 25th and Friday, April 26th**. Lunch begins at 12 p.m. and costs \$35.75 (taxes included). Beres will be catering and we will be enjoying a delicious lunch of BBQ chicken legs, rice pilaf and mixed vegetables. Spaces are limited.

The last day to see our current exhibition “**Warmth and Beauty: Favourite Quilts from the Collection**” is **Sunday, April 28th!**

COMING IN MAY

On **Saturday, May 11th** at 1 p.m., the Museum will be hosting our first ever **Mommy and Me Tea!** This event is open to anyone and everyone who is celebrating Mother’s Day! We will be having a tea party and making a special craft to take home. Admission to this event is \$24.00 for Parent and Child and \$5.00 for each additional child (taxes included). Pre-registration is required. Program registration closes May 8th.

On **May 13th**, we will have 2 new smiling faces at the front desk and around the Museum; our university summer students will be joining the team! Kenize Squires is a third year Child and Youth student at Brock University. She has a extensive experience

with youth and in customer service. Our second university student is Larissa McCabe. Larissa is studying History at Huron College University. She is joining us with lots of event planning and customer service experience. We are really looking forward to Larissa and Kenize joining the team this summer!

On **Wednesday, May 15th, 2024**, we will be celebrating the art of cross-stitching with a **Victorian Cross Stitch Workshop**. We have found 2 amazing local cross-stitchers to lead our workshop. We will be learning how to cross-stitch using a Victorian-inspired pattern. The workshop will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at a cost of \$28.00 (taxes included). All materials and supplies will be provided and preregistration is required. Registration closes Friday, May 10th.

Our final event of May is our last Lunch and Learn of the season. Entitled "Life by Lake

Lisgar", local historian Joan Weston will be talking about the history of Lake Lisgar. Joan will be presenting on **Thursday, May 23rd and Friday, May 24th**. Lunch begins at 12 p.m. and costs \$35.75 (taxes included). Beres will be catering and we will be enjoying a delicious lunch of Quiche Lorraine or Broccoli and Cheese Quiche, garden salad and mixed vegetables. Spaces are limited. Pre-registration is required.

Our last event of the month is the opening of our summer exhibition, "**Main Street Oxford**". This is a banner exhibition featuring historical images of Oxford County's Main Streets. The exhibition opening will be happening on **Sunday, May 26th** from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. The exhibition will be on display in the Pratt Gallery from Sunday, May 26th to Sunday, August 25th, 2024.

