



THE SOCIETY PAGES

*Tillsonburg & District Historical Society
& Annandale National Historic Site*

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President's Message

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The Tillsonburg and District Historical Society is again celebrating **National Indigenous Peoples Day** on **Friday, June 21st, 2024, at 4 p.m.** at the Tillsonburg Soccer Club, Attawandaron Way, Quarter Townline Rd. This is the site of the largest known Attawandaron Peoples' village which was settled in the 14th and 15th Centuries.

This National Day was established to celebrate the contributions of First Nations, Metis and Inuit people. More information can be found at [About National Indigenous Peoples Day \(rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca\)](https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca).

Robyn Michaud will be our presenter. She is a Professor of Indigenous Studies at Conestoga College with 25 years of Indigenous Education experience in the areas of ESL, anti-racism, equity, diversity and inclusion. She is Anishinaabe Kwe, Bear Clan from Sagamok Anishinabek First Nation. She is also a graduate of Glendale High School and brings unique perspective of growing up in Tillsonburg. Those of us that heard her presentation at the Society's May Meeting are looking forward to

National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 21st

GENERAL MEETING

Date: Monday, September 16th, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

Event: "Nancy Barker Tillson: First Lady of the Log House", presented by Laurel Beechey

IN THE PRATT GALLERY:

"Main Street Oxford"

May 26th to August 25th, 2024

A banner exhibition celebrating Oxford County's Main Streets.

PUBLIC PROGRAMMING:

TurtleFest 2024

Friday, June 14th

**"Teenage Mutant Ninja
Turtles:
Secret of the Ooze!"**

**Free Movie on the Lawn at
Dusk
By Donation**

**Saturday, June 15th
TurtleFest on the Lawn**

**10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
(While Supplies Last)
By Donation**



this presentation, which includes a Jingle Dance demonstration.

All are invited...bring your friends and family. Don't miss Turtlefest Saturday, June 15th. The Society will again be sponsoring the Lego Turtle giveaway on the lawn of Annandale NHS.

Sunday, June 23rd at 7 p.m. will be the first **Music on the Lawn Concert** for 2024. This will continue throughout the summer until the end of August. A full slate of entertainers has been lined up, with some new acts included. Thanks to Joan Weston for again co-ordinating these concerts, which are the largest fund-raising events for the Society.

Annandale N.H.S. Catch-Up

HELLO MUSEUM LOVERS!

June? Already? Where did Spring go? We are so excited to see the gardens' flowers are in full bloom. It really makes the outside of the Museum look so bright and welcoming. Thank you Liz, Tony and team for all the amazing work you do!

MAY IN REVIEW

On Saturday, May 11th, the Museum hosted its first ever "Mommy and Me Tea"! It was a resounding success! Mothers, grandmothers and kids enjoyed hot and cold tea and lots of sweet goodies. Then they were off to our two crafting stations. At the first station, they made Mother's Day cards for each other and other members of their families. At the second station, they made seed bombs to "bomb" their yards and the

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community with wild flowers. The event ended with each child choosing a rose from the centre bouquet and giving it to their mom or grandma. Thank you to everyone who celebrated with us.

On Tuesday, May 14th and Wednesday, May 15th, we celebrated the art of cross stitching with two Victorian Cross Stitch Workshops. We had an amazing local cross stitcher, Ann-Marie, lead our workshops. We learned how to cross stitch using a Victorian-inspired pattern. Everyone did a wonderful job and we cannot wait to see the finished projects!

Kathleen and Larissa also started the new home school groups program in May. The inaugural program was "Flowers and Bugs: A Look at Annandale's Natural Side". At this program, the kids explored Annandale

NHS and learned about the house's history with nature. The kids had a wonderful time exploring the Museum looking for nature motifs. Other highlights included the worms-in-dirt snack and making handprint butterflies.

May also brought the end of the Winter/Spring Lunch and Learn season. We ended the series with a talk by local historian Joan Weston, entitled "Life by Lake Lisgar". Joan talked about the history of Lake Lisgar and her family's reminiscences about growing up by Lake Lisgar. Who knew that our Lake had so much history along its banks? Thank you to everyone who attended one or more of our Lunch and Learn speeches this year. We are looking forward to Kathleen's Lunch and Learn talk in the Fall on the history of Thanksgiving!

Our last event of May was the opening of our summer exhibition, "Main Street Oxford". This is a banner exhibition featuring historical images of Oxford County's Main Streets. Kathleen and her team would like to thank everyone who has already stopped by to see the exhibition, and for all their kind words. If you have not been over to the Museum to see it, the exhibition will be on display until August 25th!

COMING IN JUNE

We are starting June off with a temporary exhibition in the Program Room. The Tillsonburg Military History Club is taking

over the Program Room from June 4th to 7th, with an exhibition celebrating the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. On **June 6th**, the actual 80th anniversary of D-Day, Randy Wallis, from the Tillsonburg Military History Club, will be giving a speech entitled "**A Retrospection on the 80th Anniversary of D-Day**", at **7 p.m.** in the Museum's program room. The event is free and we would love to see you all there.

June will also see the return of TurtleFest to the Museum's lawn - YES- TurtleFest is BACK AGAIN!! We are starting the weekend celebration on **Friday, June 14th** with the second annual TurtleFest Movie on the Lawn. This year we will be showing the "**Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Movie: The Secret of the Ooze (1991)**". Bring a blanket or lawn chair to the Museum's lawn to celebrate all things Ninja Turtles. The movie will start at dusk.

Also back this year is the Friends of Annandale P.S. Kindergarten Classes' Pizza Party Fundraiser. Once again the group will be selling pizza, pop and popcorn at the TurtleFest Movie on the Lawn Night. The pizza party starts at 8:00 p.m.! They will be offering pizza at \$2.50 a slice; pop at \$1.00 a can; and popcorn at \$1.00. They are also offering a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Movie Night "Steal a Family Deal Order", where you get a 12-slice pizza, 4 pops and 4 bags of popcorn all for \$32.00! Pizza selection includes: Hawaiian, Cheese or Pepperoni.

Come back on Saturday and join us on **June 15th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** (while supplies last) for a day of turtlely fun. We will have live turtles, games, crafts, Lego® creations, tours of the Museum and the popular Turtle Find. Admission is by donation. The Museum is partnering with Jan and John Everett, authors of Never Give Up; Scales Nature Park (Turtles & Snakes); ToroLUG (Lego); Skunk Haven of the Dragon's Lair (Skunk Rescue); The Long Point Basin Land Trust (Local Conservation) and the Tillsonburg & District Historical Society to make the return of TurtleFest extra special.

Kathleen is still looking for volunteers for this event! If you would like to volunteer or know a high school student in need of volunteer hours, please reach out to Kathleen for more information! She can be reached at 519-842-2294 and/or kwatkin@tillsonburg.ca



COMING THIS SUMMER

We are starting off the summer season with our annual **Canada Day Fun Fair on the Lawn!** We will be celebrating with games, food, crafts, face painting, our otter find and a Museum open house- all by donation. The event is happening from **11a.m. to 2p.m.** on **Monday, July 1st** on the Museum lawn!

On **July 20th**, Annandale NHS will be overrun with cute teddy bears and “stuffies” as we celebrate our love for our favourite keepsakes with a **Teddy Bear Picnic!** So bring a blanket and a picnic lunch and come revel with us! Activities include a Teddy Bear Tea Party, minor repair station, crafts, games and a Museum Open House. This event will be running from **12 p.m. to 4 p.m.** on the Museum Lawn. This program is by donation, but we are asking people to pre-registrer. You can do so through your Connect2Rec Account or by calling the Museum at 519-842-2294._

With August comes rising temperatures. Why not cool down by coming to the Museum on **Saturday, August 17th** and participating in our **Ice Cream and Lemonade Social.** For \$12.00 you will get ice cream, with access to our full sundae bar and as much lemonade as you can drink. Admission to the Museum is also included in the cost. This event will be occuring from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the Museum Lawn. We are asking people to pre-registrer. You can do so through your Connect2Rec Account or by calling the Museum at 519-842-2294.

Kathleen is looking for volunteers for all three of these summer events! If you would like to volunteer or know a high school student in need of volunteer hours, please reach out to Kathleen for more information! She can be reached at 519-842-2294 and/or kwatkin@tillsonburg.ca

Summer is definitely going to be one very busy season. Be sure to mark your calendar!

SUMMER CAMP AND SUPPLIES NEEDED

Summer Camp is back again this year! Annandale NHS is offering History-Themed Camps ALL SUMMER! Come and celebrate Olympic fever with a summer full of history, sports and Canadian Pride.

Camp is happening from July 8th to August 30th, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at a cost of \$157.80 (including taxes) per week. This camp is geared towards kids aged 6-12 years old.

Week One: July 8th to 12th: Ancient Greece
Week Two: July 15th to 19th: Ancient Greece
Week Three: July 22nd to 26th: France
Week Four: July 29th to Aug 2nd: France
Week Five: Aug 6th to 9th: Summer Olympics (Cost: \$127.10 Short Week)
Week Six: Aug 12th to 16th: Summer Olympics
Week Seven: Aug 19th to 23rd: Winter Olympics
Week Eight: Aug 26th to 30th: A Celebration of Nations

Kathleen and her team are looking for a few items to help make camp special this year. If you have any of these items and are willing to donate them, please drop by the Museum and/or let Kathleen know!

We are looking for specifically,

- Cardboard boxes
- Cardboard
- Newspaper
- Yoga Ball
- Hard-sided Cooler
- 2 Litre Pop Bottles

A Friendly Face!

When you come into the Museum this summer, you might see a friendly face behind the counter! Patty Phelps, retired Museum curator, has returned to the Museum part-time to help make the summer run smoothly! Museum Staff are very excited that she is back to share her knowledge and to help them out. Welcome Back, Patty!



TILLSONBURG & DISTRICT HISTORICAL
SOCIETY PRESENTS



Music on the Lawn

SUNDAY EVENINGS At Annandale NHS
30 Tillson Ave.

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BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.

June 23: David Cook

June 30: "Braided Together" – Mark Hasson

July 7: 1962- Cindy McMaster

July 14: "Back to the Fifties"

July 21: "Blue Sky" – Archie Wright

July 28: George Fulop

August 4: North Shore Ramblers

August 11: Night Train

Bring your own
Lawn Chair!



BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M.

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August 18: Three Nickels and a Dime

August 25: "Back to the Fifties"

Music may be cancelled at short notice due to weather.

Call 226-970-1432 for cancellations.

Goodwill Offering will be taken.