

## The Township of Bruce Historical Society Annual Report 2010-2011

Friday June 3, 2011 will be our 28<sup>th</sup> Dinner and Annual Meeting.

Jean Schwandt, our President, capably chaired the meetings and we also want to thank Karen Ribey for chairing the meetings January to April. There were 15 Directors, including John Schlorff who joined this past year. We have 53 paid memberships.

It is with Sympathy we remember Islay Wrightson, a very dedicated Director of this Society (2003-2011) who passed away on January 5, 2011.

In September we discussed the theme of "Inverhuron" for our next Annual Meeting and the possibility of replacing the plaque at McIntyre Park in memory of John L. McIntyre. Since then we have held several meetings with residents and former residents of Inverhuron. As our display shows, Inverhuron was a thriving community through the years and continues to create many more memories.

Islay Wrightson set up our "Underwood" display at the Tiverton Fall Fair in October. Eleanor Thompson mentioned that we received many compliments about our display.

We are in the process of re-doing the landscaping around the plaques at Lovat and Cluny.

The Happy Gang celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on November 1 at the Bruce Township Community Centre. We have purchased an oak bench that sits in the front hall of the Community Centre. We plan to have a plaque installed on the bench to commemorate the Happy Gang's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and to recognize the Township of Bruce Historical Society as the donor. The mysterious McRae tombstone from Con. 12, Lot 27 that was displayed at our Annual meeting in 2008 has been moved to the Port Bruce Cemetery.

John Schlorff presented us with a proposal to seek out and identify the many unnamed streams/creeks in Bruce Township. He has obtained a map that shows these steams/creeks and also suggested that we name them after the original pioneers who settled in Bruce Township. He will be working with the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, the Provincial Naming Authority and our local Council.

We reprinted the Index for the Bruce Township Tales and Trails and it is now also available on our website, [www.bruce-township.ca](http://www.bruce-township.ca).

We also have 75 videos of Bruce Township residents and our annual meetings that have been transferred to DVD's. You are invited to borrow these DVD's by contacting Donna Doern at the Underwood Office. A listing is on our website.

We continue to receive material to be stored in the vault. We thank Doug Wrightson for his donation of the Wrightson family history and other historical information.

We thank the Municipality of Kincardine for their continued support.

The Township of Bruce Historical Society has had another successful year and we look forward to serving our community next year.

Rosemary Beath, Secretary