

Township of Bruce Historical Society Annual Report 2011-2012

The 15 Directors of the Historical Society met seven times since our last Annual Meeting. Our new Director, John Dahmer joined in October of 2011. We have a total of 68 paid memberships, many of which have given us their e-mail which help to keep members informed of upcoming events. The Ontario Historical Society receives a membership fee each fall.

In our 2011-2012 year, we have been touched by the bereavements of directors' spouses. Others have encountered health challenges in their families. It is with Sympathy, we remember a former Director Jim McGillivray, who passed away July 28, 2011. Jim arranged to have our collection of videos transferred to DVD's and we are forever thankful for the time and effort he put into this task.

On our initiative, the Bruce Township Honour Rolls of Veterans have been placed in the John MacKenzie Room. A bench in the hall entry has been marked, "Township of Bruce Historical Society commemorates Bruce Township Happy Gang 25 years, 1985-2010."

The recipients for 2011 Kenzie Foster Awards were Emily Thornburn and Jordan Pastor at Port Elgin-Saugeen Central Public School and Spencer Fenton at Kincardine Township Tiverton Public School.

We supported the five entries at the Tiverton Fall Fair, as an extension of our June 2011 theme, "Inverhuron" which we proudly recognize as grandparent/grandchildren activities, focusing on local awareness and heritage.

Volunteers have played a significant part in the development of our June 2012 theme "Post Offices in Our Past" as they did for last year's theme. Artifacts and contributions have been offered for our displays, and their assistance in staging our skit is much appreciated. Our website has been refined so "that the internet is the new post office."

John Kaminski gave a presentation on "How to Restore Digital Pictures" at the Heritage Day workshop held at the Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre in February. Don Ribey and Anne Judd also attended the workshop. John has also placed our "Inverhuron" information including the Time Line from last year's annual meeting, as well as the brochures from Lovat, Port Bruce, Malta, Sinclair's Corner, Cluny, the Bruce Township Hall, the post offices, and the postmasters of the former communities on our website. In preparing for our annual meeting the Publications Committee was in contact with the Grey, Bruce, Dufferin & Simcoe Postal History Study Group.

They also supplied nine pictures from our archives for use by the Paddy Walker House in their promotional calendar.

Karen Ribey, Helen Burnside and Rosemary Beath have been sorting through the Material Collection in the vault. The "Inverhuron" display has been placed in an archival scrapbook. The many newspaper articles that have been collected over the years are now stored in archival boxes and we are also organizing our photo collection.

A special Thank You to Dan McCaw for video-taping last year's meeting and it is available on DVD by contacting Donna Doern at the Underwood Office.

The Township of Bruce Historical Society is organizing the Decoration Day Services at the Tiverton Cemetery June 3 and Port Bruce Cemetery June 17 at 2 p.m.

June 1, 2012 is our 29th Annual Dinner and Meeting and we hope you enjoy the evening.

Secretary,
Rosemary Beath