

Township of Bruce Historical Society
Annual Report June 12, 2015

The 14 Directors of the Township of Bruce Historical Society met 8 times since our last annual meeting.

We have 68 paid memberships. The Ontario Historical Society receives a membership fee of \$55.00 each year.

It is with deepest sympathy that we remember our former Director Don Ribey, who passed away July 26, 2014. Don was a very dedicated member of our Historical Society and an inspiration to us all.

The recipients for the 2014 Kenzie Foster Award were Brooke Thorne of Saugeen Central and Edwin Byle of Huron Heights.

A group of our Directors drove throughout Bruce Township taking pictures, GPS readings, a physical description and a short history of our historical sites. This information will be compiled into a Driving Tour of Bruce Township in co-operation with Heritage Kincardine. We thank Jennifer Lawrie of Heritage Kincardine for her assistance.

Karen set up our display boards of "Spirit of the Barn" at both the Paisley and Tiverton Fall Fairs, where we received a good response from the viewers.

We have had several work meetings to sort through the various collections that we received this past year.

We would like to thank the following people for donating material to our archives.

Sharon Ribey donated several boxes of Don Ribey's historical collection.

Several pictures from Hilda Downey's collection (courtesy of her daughter, Janet Robertson).

Marguerite donated items from the Bruce Dale Women's Institute.

Eleanor brought in a copy of the 1880 Grey and Bruce Historical Atlas donated by John and Elaine Moffatt.

Anne donated information about the history of Inverhuron Park and a typed transcript of Neil McKinnon's memoirs from Con 14, by Margaret E. McLean.

Norm brought in maps of Bai du Dore and Port Bruce and documents from Underwood Creamery Co. and Underwood Cheese and Butter Co. from John MacKenzie's collection.

We have been working with the Municipality of Kincardine to erect signs at our cemeteries and to improve grass cutting around the cemeteries and historical plaques.

The Township of Bruce Historical Society is thankful for the monetary contribution in memory of Don Ribey and for the Municipality of Kincardine Community Grant, which enables us to continue our projects.

Rosemary Beath
Secretary