

Township of Bruce Historical Society Annual Report 2017-2018

The Township of Bruce Historical Society was established in 1983. It is still an active and strong organization. Eleven Directors met eight times this session at the Community Centre in Underwood. During president John Dahmer's winter absence, first vice-president, Audrey Ribey capably chaired the meetings. Thanks to retiring Director, John Schlorff (2010-2017), for his many contributions to the Society.

We have a membership of 90. We welcome new member, William Thorne, who has attended and has contributed greatly to our meetings. Our membership to the Ontario Historical Society is paid each fall. We are grateful for the grant from the Municipality of Kincardine which helps to finance some of our projects.

Our project this year, was seeing the construction of the S.S.# 14 school Cairn come to fruition. The unveiling ceremony will take place as part of our 35th Annual General Meeting in June. We have hired a videographer to video tape the ceremony. Anne Judd arranged for former teachers and pupils to be interviewed for the videographer.

The Landmarks committee looked after the progress of the construction of the Cairn as well as the plaque. We thank Mark Porter and Barry Ribey for their volunteer work at the beginning of this project. A time capsule was inserted into the Cairn.

The Publication committee published a brochure on the history of the S.S. # 14 school to be given out at the Annual Meeting. This was researched and compiled by Anne Judd and Eleanor Thompson.

Community Awareness Committee: One of our Directors, Karen Ribey was honoured along with 160 women, at the "Remarkable Assembly of Bruce County Women" held Nov.30th, 2017 at the Underwood Community Centre. During Archives Awareness Week at the Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre, Directors Anne Judd and Audrey Ribey presented. Wreaths were laid at the Remembrance Day ceremonies in Tiverton. Our display boards showing former and present Bruce Township churches were displayed at the Tiverton Fair.

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Karen Ribey was presented with a framed "Farm" print in appreciation of her dedicated service to the Society as Director for 20 years.

Herb Henkenhaf was also honoured and presented with a print of the cover of a former book that was published by the Society, "Laneways and Landmarks", for his 25 years of loyal service as a Director with the Society.

Helen Burnside, (Secretary)