

The Township of Bruce Historical Society

Annual Report as of Feb. 24th 2020

The Directors of The Township of Bruce Historical Society met five times before being shut down by the Pandemic. Our newly appointed president, Audrey Ribey chaired the meetings. We have twelve active Directors and seventy-five members, many of whom have a life membership.

At our Oct.28th 2019 meeting, we had as a guest, Jon Radojkovic from Ontario Barns Preservation. He gave an informative talk on his role in preserving the old pioneer built barns.

We now have a signed written storage agreement between the Township of Bruce Historical Society and the Municipality of Kincardine, for continued use of the vault for storing our materials at the Underwood location.

The two Kenzie Foster Award recipients for 2019, were Harleen Gill of Huron Heights Public School in Kincardine and Grace McGillivray of Ecole Port Elgin Saugeen Central School.

The Video Committee continued to interview and recorded four more life stories of Bruce Township residents. To date, we have one hundred persons interviewed. We are thankful for the Community Investment Grant from the Municipality of Kincardine, for helping to finance this project. We voted in favour of transferring the material on our present DVDs to a Terabyte External Hard Drive.

The Landmark Committee have been working with the Municipality's Public Works to upgrade the maintenance at the cemeteries and around our plaques.

We continue to participate in other organization's events, such as placing a Remembrance Day wreath in Tiverton and setting up theme displays at the Tiverton fair.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Glammis closed Nov. 17, 2019. Artifacts from St. Paul's will be placed in the Tiverton Presbyterian Church. The last two United Churches in Bruce Township, Wesley and Underwood, will close in June, 2020.

John Kaminski, a former Director, continues to maintain our web site: www.brucetownship.ca for that, we are most grateful.

Helen Burnside (secretary)