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Executive for 2022-2023

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February 15 at 7 p.m. 2023 - A Zoom Event

Young Canuckstorians

Guest Speaker – Sinead Cox

Sinead Cox will share the story behind the young Canuckstorians film series showcasing Huron County Hometown Heroes. Students from the Avon Maitland District School Board's Enrichment Program and the 1st Bayfield Guides researched, scripted, and recorded videos in partnership with producer Mickey Maple to showcase people and events that have left a lasting impact on our lives, in our communities and beyond. This project is a wonderful example of engaging students in the study of history and, while it may have been 'told by kids for kids', the videos are fun, informative and interesting for every age.

Sinead Cox is Curator of Engagement and Dialogue at the Huron County Museum, author of Prisoner Profiles; Unlocking Secret Stories from the Huron Historic Gaol and co-director of Staging Our Histories: a performance event dedicated to histories 'off the page and on the stage.' She has worked at the museum since 2011.

For getting the zoom link for February 15th, 2023, 7 pm, all interested should email hchs1965@gmail.com to be notified of the login details.



Menesetung Canoe Club, 1906, with the work trestle used in constructing the C.P.R. bridge over the Maitland at Goderich. Photo from Memories of Goderich "Prettiest Town in Canada", published 1977

From the Editor

The HCHS Tour Bus Is Rolling This Spring

As time goes on we are opening up a bit more to the events we used to love taking part in. Events like family and friends getting together, taking in movies, concerts and plays; all of course with a bit of common sense. I know around our house if you have a cough you better stay home.

While we do have zoom meetings this month and another one in April we are breaking out of that routine with a road trip in May. Just to give you a heads up, our executive, under the guidance of the enterprising David Armstrong, is busy organizing another bus trip this spring. The Donnelly Museum in Lucan and the Ontario Museum of Archaeology in London will be on the tour along with a wonderful lunch at the Marienbad Restaurant. More details in the next newsletter but **May 13** is looking quite busy for us all.

One photo that keeps popping up for me is of a group of young men in canoes gently pausing for the photographer to catch their image. In the background is the initial construction of the C.P.R. bridge at Goderich. Sometimes the caption reads Goderich Canoe Club but more likely they are all of the Menesetung Canoe Club. In April we are going to hear from Kent Gillian of the Menesetung Canoe club, which is still going strong today. More details next month, mark **April 19** for this zoom meeting.

The Wingham Advance-Times

With which is amalgamated the Gorrie Vidette and Wroxeter News

WINGHAM, ONTARIO, WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 1954

75th ANNIVERSARY EDITION

1879



1954

The lovely clipping, above, is the banner of the Wingham Advance Times. Pictured on the left with the intact bell tower is the location of the present day Wingham municipal hall. North Huron council has decided that due to expense of repairing the old post office building across the street, (not in the photo) which houses the museum, they are opting to close the museum and return the artifacts. Stay tuned as the situation evolves. Lots going on in the community around saving the community's history

Membership renewal....

Our 2023 Notes will be featuring the History of Exeter which is celebrating its 150th Birthday June 29 to July 2

To reserve your member's hard copy of Historical Notes, keep your dues up to date. If you received this newsletter by mail, the date shown above your name on the address label is the year to which your membership is paid up, according to our records. Call Elaine Snell if you are not sure or need clarification. If you are in arrears, consider this a reminder that the membership fees are \$20.

Email us about using e-transfer. Copies of recent past Historical Notes are available please call 519-523-9434 (past copies are \$8 to \$10 per copy).

To access the members-only section for the Historical Notes or to do a search for names or places in the Historical Notes, go to www.HuronCountyHistoricalSociety.ca, open the dropdown menu for Publications, click HCHS Members Login. If you cannot get access using the password, then check if your web browser is up to date.

If the password is lost or not available readily, contact

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Just an added note. The login password has been the same for a number of years and our web master suggested it was time for a change. So if you have not renewed and are having problems accessing the archives, please contact Elaine about renewing.

Where to get your local History Books

And back copies of The Historical Notes – Fincher's and The Book Peddler both of Goderich, North Huron Citizen in Blyth, The Book Barn off Hwy 86 between Wingham and Whitechurch, The Village Bookshop, Bayfield and Bayfield Archives.

Need a simple elegant gift?

For a special gift or simply a thoughtful card to send consider using cards featuring some of the iconic artwork of Jack McLaren. Call executive member Mary Gregg 519-524-9372 or check out Fincher's, and The Book Peddler in Goderich.



J.W. (Jack) McLaren Notecards available.

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