



Huron County Historical Society

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HCHS Film Society April 22

The first, free evening of the newly formed HCHS Film Society will be by Zoom.

- **'Neighbours' and 'A Chairy Tale'**
 by Norman McLaren

- **'Speakers for the Dead'** - about a black cemetery excavated near Priceville Ontario together with interviews with long-dispersed relatives of the deceased

The evening will end with questions and input from viewers. The proposal is to offer a film evening once a month, by Zoom conferencing until COVID permits live meetings, then at the Goderich Museum.

The focus will be on Canadian feature films together with short documentaries from the National Film Board which have a strong local interest.

Members of HCHS will have the option of joining the Film Society for future showings for a slight fee to cover the costs of rental of an auditorium and rental, shipping and handling of the movie(s).

Please contact James White at 519- 821-5096 if you want further information. Attendance will be by invitation using email addresses.

Please email your request for the Zoom link to hchs1965@gmail.com.

April 2021 Newsletter

McLaren Show featured in 2021 Notes

It started out as a whirlwind of colour and ideas and thanks to COVID became a most elusive exhibit. As the McLaren show at the Huron County Museum comes to an end, the executive of the HCHS is gathering the photos and all the research to publish in this year's Notes. Learn about the collaboration between the Historical Society and the Huron County Museum and the research that pulled in information and artwork from across the country.

The Notes are part of your membership. You don't want to miss an issue! Renewing and new Memberships may be easily paid by e-transfer. Contact us at hchs1965@gmail.com to arrange.

Road Trip

Members enjoyed hearing Marc and Pauline Cantin share the story of St. Joseph - "the city that never was". Marc and Pauline are members of the St. Joseph and Area Historical Society and Marc is the great grandson of Narcisse Cantin - "the Wizard of St. Joseph". Just a quick mention that Joseph Wooden who wrote a *Drum to Beat Upon*, also covered the early history of the French Canadian settlement we know as St Joseph in his book published in 1971, a treasured local publication. If you are interested in knowing more, the archives started by Nap Cantin is located behind Hessenland, on Hwy 21. This would make a great road trip when it is safe to do so.

For your May Calendar

"Unlocking Inmate Stories:
 Research & Interpretation at
 the Huron Historic Gaol"

Wed, May 5th at 7:30 p.m. EDT



Huron Co Branch OGS invites you to hear Sinead Cox, Curator of Engagement & Dialogue of the Huron Co Museum & Archives as she shares stories of the Huron Co jail, its staff and its occupants!

Please pre-register to attend



See earlier membership email for registration connection.

Treasured Map of Harpurhey Shared



We received this lovely map of Harpurhey from Roger Tassie whose grandmother's grandmother drew the sketches. Her name was Adolphine Meyer. Her husband was Ludwig Meyer. They arrived in Harpurhey sometime in the 1840s from Hamburg Germany.

Roger believes their sons Johnny and Henry were involved in the law profession in Seaforth. There may not be any members of the Meyer family left in the area. However Ludwig's house still stands if Roger's father's information is true as he visited it in the 1990s. If anyone has any more information please contact the HCHS for a contact

Membership renewal....

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. To reserve your member's hard copy of Historical Notes, keep your dues up to date. Copies of recent past Historical Notes are available from Elaine Snell at 519-523-9531 (past copies \$8.00 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 hchs1965@gmail.com or call 519-440-6206

Where to get your local History Books

And back copies of The Historical Notes – Finchers 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.

Little Lakes Road Saving Our Culture and Natural Heritage

May 19

With Rebecca Garrett

Our history is more than the evidence of our past. It involves the culture we have grown here with the land, and the elements of nature that continue to shape our lives and us.

Many have travelled along the winding road to enjoy the cluster of little lakes, south of Auburn, or hike along the Maitland River that loops through this area. Some of you will remember this area from the campaign to save Ball's Bridge.

There is a proposal afoot to open a gravel pit in the Little Lakes area and there is a grave concern over the ramifications this will have on the area.

To learn more about the Little Lakes, the Historical Society has invited Rebecca Garrett to our May meeting to tell us more the cultural and natural heritage of this area, and about the work to preserve it from a large industrial aggregate operation.

See Facebook for more details

In the meantime, take a road trip and see what the area offers. There is a very informative website you can access at

<https://www.littlelakesroad.org>