



# Huron County Historical Society

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## Executive for 2019-2020

Vicky Culbert	President	226-421-2295	Ralph Laviolette	Secretary-treasurer
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Mary Gregg	Director		Susan Gloucher	Director

### Next Society Meeting ....

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

6-9 p.m.

Huron County Museum  
110 North Street, Goderich

MEMBERS ONLY

### Reflections: The Life and Works Of J.W. (Jack) McLaren

*Speaker is Shawn Henshall*

Jack McLaren led an interesting life from entertaining troops in locations on the Western Front with the PPCU Comedy Company and 3rd Division Dumbells Comedy Troupe to being a writer and an artist. He enjoyed successful careers as a commercial and editorial illustrator, caricaturist, and painter. After moving to Huron County in the early 1960s, Jack was involved in both visual and theatrical fields. He was elected president of the Huron County Historical Society among other involvements in our community

*Shawn Henshall has spent the last decade researching the life and works of Jack McLaren. Shawn is married to McLaren's great granddaughter Kelly Henshall.*

### DEADLINE for Trek to Bruce Grey Bus Tour is April 1

Prebook tour with

David Armstrong 519-524-1156

[davidarmstrong@hurontel.on.ca](mailto:davidarmstrong@hurontel.on.ca)

\$85 includes lunch

**Tour is set for May 9, 2020**

### 'How are you?' means so much more

We have an exciting year planned and you don't want to miss a single event. With that in mind we are being a bit cautious in light of the recent pandemic of COVID-19 virus.

We travel so much more now and that heightens the fears of many about contracting this disease. So our organization is carefully proceeding with plans in hope of this virus alert being over sooner rather than later.

So here is what the Huron County Historical Society Executive has planned for the coming spring dates and this may change as circumstances require.

Our first event is the unveiling of the **Jack McLaren Exhibit** in April. This is our first collaboration with the Huron County Museum. There was a shout out for donations/loans of Jack's work and Mary Gregg and Susan Gousher were overwhelmed with the number and variety of work.

Along with staff at the Museum, research has uncovered the wonderful story of this remarkable artist, of his professional life and his involvement in the community of Benmillar and Huron County.

There is a private showing of his work and a special speaker for members only. So now is the time to make sure your membership is up to date. See the second page of this newsletter to make this happen.

We also have the **Trek to Bruce & Grey** in May. There are still a few seats available for this comfortable, well-organized day. The day will see us exploring the Bruce County Museum, Cultural Centre and Archives, Southampton, and Grey Roots Museum and Archives, near Owen Sound and tour of Moreston Heritage Village. Lunch is included plus a stop at the delicious local Offshore Bakery.

We are also celebrating our sister organization, Ancestors Ontario, Huron Branch (OGS), 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Stay tuned for more info on that event in June.

For your calendar

The AMGH Foundation, Goderich, is inviting everyone to  
*Step Back in Time, A Victorian Event*

May 23 from 1 to 4 pm.

An immersive event includes admission and activities at three unique locations!

- 1) St. George's Anglican Church - Victorian Tea and International Bayfield Croquet Club demonstration on the lawn
- 2) Huron County Museum - One-woman play featuring Colleen Maguire, and access to the Victorian Apartment
- 3) Huron Historic Gaol - Infantry School Corps will be performing exercises in the courtyard.

Tickets are Adults \$15 and Children, 12 and under, \$10. Available at Wuerth Shoes, Goderich

**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, or at the Museum (past copies \$8.00 per copy).

**Great Research Tool!**

Past copies of Historical Notes from 1965 to 2012 are now available to **members** on our website.

Non-members can access only the index to each issue.

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](http://www.HuronCountyHistoricalSociety.ca), open the dropdown menu for Publications, click HCHS Members Login, then type user-name: **user**, then the current password: **'K6J2C27'** (letters in caps).

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](mailto:hchs1965@gmail.com) or call 519-440-6206.

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New Membership Application

Membership Renewal

Each membership includes newsletters of meetings and a copy of the current edition of Huron Historical Notes, plus a vote at General Meetings. A membership card will be returned by mail.

**Name:**.....

**Mailing address:**.....

**Town, Prov/State, Postal Code:**.....

**Email address for newsletters:** .....

**Fees:**.....\$20.00..... **Additional donation(\*):**.....

(\*) Any donation over \$10.00 will be issued a tax-deductible receipt