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Next Society Meeting.....

Annual General Meeting, Wed, May 18, 2011
Meeting Hall at the Maitland Valley
Conservation Authority, Wroxeter
Business: 7:00 pm
Feature presentation 7:30 pm

Jayne Thompson, Communications Coordinator at the Conservation Authority will relate a history of conservation measures and noteworthy events in the Maitland River basin as the MVCA celebrates its 60th Anniversary.

Please note that this meeting does NOT include a dinner.

Members, visitors and guests are welcome to attend the full session or the feature presentation at 7:30 pm.

Membership renewal....

The date shown above your name on the address label is the year to which your membership is paid up, according to our records. If you are in arrears, consider this a reminder that the membership fees are now \$20.

To reserve your member's copy of Historical Notes, keep your dues up to date.

Past copies of the Notes are available at the Museum, \$8.00 per copy.

And, if you are in arrears, mail-in your membership today.

Note our current address for mail and memberships:

HCHS Memberships, Box 3, Goderich ON, N7A 3Y5.

On April 20, 2011, after a delicious dinner by the chefs at the Hessenland Country Inn, playwright Paul Ciufo and director Duncan McGregor entertained the general meeting with excerpts from the upcoming play Narcisse.

Duncan related the challenges and enjoyment in planning the staging of the outdoor play in mid-summer at St Peter's Church, St Joseph. Paul provided tidbits of dialogue, some history of the Cantin clan and anecdotes from the era.

The play is planned for July 19-30. Tickets are available through the Blyth Theatre Box Office.

Archives Facilities project.....

Members will recall that in 2009, the Society undertook a project to make recommendations for a competent storage solution for the many public and private family and other collections in the County. The project began with recognition that there is not sufficient space in existing storage or display locations to house current collections.

Three tasks were identified:

- 1- To attain an archivist for Huron collections.*
 - 2- To explore best practices for archival management in rural areas by visiting facilities in other counties and other venues.*
 - 3- To determine, through surveys and personal contacts, the nature, scope and size of private and other collections in the County that do not now have or will soon not have, competent care and storage.*
- The project is well underway, and is in the last phase. The Society plans to soon publish a set of recommendations that will serve Huron County for years to come.*

Plaque project.....

The Society is continuing its plan to erect plaques to noteworthy people and places across the County. If you have an idea of where and what to add to a plaque, call Mac Campbell or David Armstrong. A planning team has been organized. All suggestions will be seriously considered.

The photo below shows, from L to R: member Barry Page, playwright Paul Ciufu, Society chair David Armstrong and Narcisse play director Duncan McGregor at the Hessenland Country Inn. Duncan and Paul accepted thank you gifts for their entertaining and engaging talk about the play, its actors, and staging. We encourage members to get their tickets for the play while they last. Contact the Blyth Festival Box Office at **519-523-9300**.



Huron Historical Notes.....

The 2011 edition of *Huron Historical Notes* is underway. It will feature the story of the municipality of Morris Turnberry with Jodi Jerome synthesizing the recent publication of the definitive history of the area.

Contact Ralph Laviolette if you have time to volunteer time to help to produce the edition. If you have a suggested topic or an anecdote or article to contribute to the next *Pot Pourri*, drop Ralph a line or email: ralphlav@tcc.on.ca.



A new play
about St. Joseph

Narcisse

by Paul Ciufu

Director Duncan McGregor

On the grounds of the historic
St. Peter's Catholic Church, Hwy#21, St. Joseph

July 19-23 & 26-30, 2011

A production to be presented by St. Joseph & Area Historical Society to honour its past and celebrate the forefathers of St. Joseph and their passions and their dreams.