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**January / February 2012**

## **Notice**

**The Annual Meeting  
of the  
Richmond Hill Historical Society  
will be held on  
Monday, January 16, 2011  
at 8:00 p.m.  
in the William Wallace Hall  
of the  
Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church  
10066 Yonge St**

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**Presentation of Reports  
Election of Directors  
“Bring and Brag”**

Bring a Treasure from your collection to share with us

**All Members Should Attend**

# *Finding Your Roots Online*

*Cameron Knight*

The Mary Lou Griffin local History Collection is pleased to present a four part series on the theme of Internet Genealogy. The volume of genealogical data that has been posted online (by individuals and government agencies) over the last few years has been extraordinary. Transcriptions of first source records are increasingly available on the internet as are digital copies of such sources. Twenty years ago, you would have to go to the Public Record Office in London to view your great grandfather's birth registration; now you can view it online and in some cases, access is free. Today we can find online genealogical sources under such headings as: adoption, forums, heraldry, immigration, military, obituaries, organizations, reunions, surnames, list-serves etc. The Library's Internet Genealogy series will explore government sources, commercial fee-based databases, Google and the Latter Day Saints FamilySearch website. All sessions will be at Richmond Hill Central Library, Meeting Room A. Admission is \$5.00 per session. Interested persons are asked to pre-register at the Central Library's Full Service Desk.

## **Using the LDS *FamilySearch* Website**

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah is the largest genealogy library in the world. The website of the LDS, *FamilySearch*, is a goldmine of information that has changed the face of family history research online. But are you making the best use of all resources provided? Join author, historian and genealogist Fawne Stratford-Devai for a most lively workshop and find out.

Saturday, February 18, 2011  
10:30 to 12:00

## **Library and Archives Canada and the Canadian Genealogy Centre on the Web**

Celebrated author, historian and genealogist Ruth Burkholder will help you navigate your way through the maze of the Library and Archives Canada databases. As with any living site, it is always changing, with new material being added, old material being revamped and databases being moved from one location to another.

Saturday, March 31, 2011  
10:30 to 11:30

## **Googling for Genealogy: How to Take Advantage of all Google has to Offer**

Most genealogists know that Google is a good place to start to find family information on the Internet but many don't know how to get the best results from this search engine nor do they take full advantage of everything else Google has to offer. Author, librarian and genealogist Marian Press will guide us through Google alerts, image searching, Google Maps, Google Books, Google News Archives, Google Blogs, Google translation tools and more.

Saturday, April 28, 2011  
10:30 to 11:30

## **Using *Ancestry Library Edition* to Find Your Family**

Working with the databases and creating a family tree online can make it easy to keep track of your family. We all know *Ancestry* has the Ontario births, marriages and deaths and some of the census returns but what else is available to help us find our family? Join author, historian and genealogist Ruth Burkholder and find out.

Saturday, May 26, 2011  
10:30 to 11:30

## Upcoming Events

### February Meeting.

In conjunction with the start of the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812 between the United States and Britain here in Canada, members Greg Hunter and Dinah Cruse-Hunter will be introducing us to this important phase of our history. They will be putting particular emphasis on the events mitigating its outbreak and on the significant events of the first year of the war.

There will be an accompanying PowerPoint presentation and Greg and Dinah will be in re-enactment regalia fitting to the period and topic.

This will be the first of a three-part presentation by Greg and Dinah during the ongoing celebrations of the Anniversary of the War of 1812. The other two will be in February of 2013 and again in February of 2014.

## Christmas Quilt Raffle

Andrea Kulesh

The RHHS Quilt Draw at our annual Christmas Party resulted in one of our own members winning the quilt! Cameron Knight was the lucky winner! After we contacted him about his win, he asked where the quilt came from? I replied as follows: "The quilt was pieced together by my friend Carolyn Zukowski. She donated the quilt top to the Society, un-quilted. The ladies at McConaghy Centre Club 35 quilted it together and finished the edges. A member of RHHS paid for the quilting as a donation to our Society. The Society members sold and purchased the raffle tickets (like yourself) and now you are the proud owner of a community effort!!" I fully support these endeavours and we are glad a member of the Society won it!! Thank you Cameron for your support too! Enjoy your quilt!

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The Executive Committee  
 Would like to wish Everyone  
 A Very Happy New Year 2012!!

### *Recipe for a Happy New Year*

Take twelve fine, full months. See that they are free from all old memories of bitterness, rancour, hate and jealousy, have them as fresh and clean as when they first came from the great store-house of Time.

Do not try to make up the year's batch all at one time, (many spoil the broth in that way), but prepare one day at a time as follows:

In each day put twelve parts of faith, eleven of patience, ten of courage, nine of work (some omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavour of the rest), eight of hope, seven of loyalty, six of liberty, five of kindness, four of rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of a salad—don't do it.), three of prayer, two of meditation, and one well-selected resolution. To this add a dash of fun, a sprinkle of play, and a heaping cupful of good humour.

Pour into the whole mixture love and mix with a vim. Cook thoroughly with fervent heat, garnish with smiles and a sprig of joy: then serve with quietness, unselfishness, and cheerfulness—and a Happy New Year is a certainty!



### *Christmas Celebrities*

After our Christmas feast there was an added surprise both for our members and the "honorees": a lovely cake honouring Flo and Bill Schurman's 70th anniversary magically appeared. The happy couple officially cut the cake and had photos taken to mark the occasion. Congratulations! We wish you even more happy years ahead in your inspiring journey!

And of course, the other celebrity present was Santa Clause who kept us guessing with his Christmas puzzles and handed out lots of prizes.



## **The Richmond Hill Historical Society Membership Application/Renewal**

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