

# Heritage on the Hill

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## THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EXTENDS WARM WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR 2014

Thank you to the members who were able to make it out to our Annual General Meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Reports were presented from the Executive Committee for the various outcomes for the year. Past President Cheryl Butler conducted the nomination process and the new Executive committee was voted in for the year. This is your executive for 2014.

*We wish to thank everyone who participated in the Annual General Meeting. A special thank you to Cheryl Butler for leading us through the nomination and voting process for our 41<sup>st</sup> year of our society.*

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> 2014 MEETING

#### WILLOWDALE: YESTERDAYS FARMS: TODAY'S LEGACY, SCOTT KENNEDY – AUTHOR

Scott will explore Willowdale referring to his book of the same title above, released in November 2013. For some, a nostalgic look at an area of northern Toronto (now) that grew up along Yonge Street, for others, an enlightening evening of historical background of Willowdale of yester year.

Scott's book will be on hand for purchase and he will be pleased to autograph them for members and guests.

#### THE NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2014

<u>PRESIDENT :</u>	Andrea Kulesh
<u>VICE PRESIDENT:</u>	Robert Blackburn
<u>SECRETARY:</u>	Linda Clark
<u>TREASURER:</u>	Laura McMullen
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<u>RICHMOND HILL HERITAGE :</u>	Joyce Horner

## UPCOMING EVENTS CONT'D:

### MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> 2014 MEETING

#### *"DRIVING THE DEVIL INTO THE LAKE"*

Religion in the Upper Canada Backwoods, 1790–1820. Dr. Scott McLaren BA,MLS, PhD of York University will enlighten and describe the early development of religions in Upper Canada.

### APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2014 MEETING

#### *"1814, THE FINAL YEAR OF THE WAR OF 1812"*

Our own members, Greg Hunter and Dinah Cruse-Hunter will be presenting the final segment of their 3 part annual series (2012 - 2014) explaining the ongoing historical and political events that linked the battles, the allies and the determination of the two sides in this all important war for Canada. Greg and Dinah will be in re-enactment regalia fitting to the period and topic. We have enjoyed having the history laid out year by year and now look forward to the culmination of the War of 1812, and will help us to understand how important this part of our Canadian history helped to shape our country.

Following meetings, refreshments are served, providing a time of fellowship for members and guests.

*Everyone welcome.*

### *GET WELL WISHES TO*

*Madeline Johnston after her fall, breaking her arm in December. We hope you are all mended!*

*Kevin Dark who is recovering from surgery and treatments he underwent in the autumn.*

*Also we recently heard that Bill Schurman had a fall and broke his collarbone. We wish Bill a*

*speedy recovery! We hope you all get back to yourselves in time for a sunny spring time!!*

## Membership Fees for 2014

Please remember, membership fees are due for 2014. The current rates are \$25.00 per single and \$40.00 for family. The family membership can include two adults and two children. We stand at 131 members. We would like to thank our members for their continuing support in making our Society such a success. A membership form is included in this edition of the newsletter if you wish to send your fees by mail. To pay in person, forms are available at the membership table at our monthly meetings.

### *Heritage Buildings Note Sets*

*A lovely set of 4 cards depicting Heritage Buildings in Richmond Hill*

*4 card set for \$5.00. Great for gifts!!*

*Sets are available at monthly meetings.*



## Richmond Hill History



Dedicating the First World War memorial in front of the Richmond Hill Public School, August 5, 1923. Umbrellas shelter Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cooper (to the right of the cannon) and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Monkman (to the left) from the midday sun. *Photo from Early Days in Richmond Hill.*

THIS YEAR IS THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEGINNING OF THE GREAT WAR.



## FUNDRAISING FOR 2014

The Richmond Hill Historical Society will raise funds this year with a raffle. 1<sup>st</sup> prize is a painting by Herbert Pryke, a local artist. 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize is a painting by Valerie Kent of Yonge Street in days past and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is a copy of the book written by the Waddington's about their quest searching for the Group of Seven's painting locations. The tickets will be ready in April at our monthly meeting. All three items will be on display in the Central Library window for the month of April. The tickets will be drawn at our Strawberry Social, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Tickets will be \$5.00 each or 3/\$10.00.

All three items will also be posted on our website as well. [www.rhhs.ca](http://www.rhhs.ca) . Anyone who wishes to sell tickets please see Linda Clark at the April meeting.

**Please Consider Membership:**

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**Membership Application Form**

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Payment Received: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Outreach

It has been one of our goals to be able to present evening programs to community groups and retirement residences in our community.

Executive Committee meetings have been held at Delmanor Elgin Mills for one year now. We wish to acknowledge their support and look forward to returning their generosity to Delmanor by way of presenting programs. Our first program will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Alison Hughes will be the speaker. She will be entertaining everyone with her "Why Do We Say That?" program. We will be taking some of our scrapbooks and some mystery artifacts for people to enjoy. We are looking forward to an enjoyable evening.

### *"100 Years Young"*

*What community group will be 100 years old this year? The Richmond Hill Horticultural Society-that's who!!!*

## Sympathy

Our Thoughts are with the Fayle family and friends of Janet and David Fayle.

It is with great sadness that we learned David died in January and Janet in February of this year. For those members who have been with the society for many years, you will remember the hard work that Janet and David poured into heritage and heritage matters in Richmond Hill. They worked tirelessly in the name of history and have left their mark as pioneers in the early days of not only this Society but of early LACAC, now Heritage Richmond Hill.

We cannot thank them personally now, but we thank their family who are left with a rich legacy of historical preservation that Janet and David worked hard to initiate in our Town. We offer sincere sympathy to their family.