

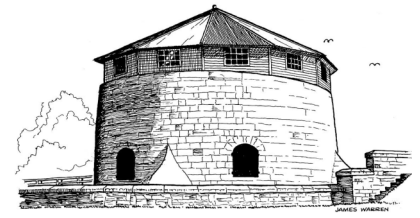
# Limelight

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### KHS Meeting

16 January 2019

7:30 pm

Seniors Centre 56 Francis Street

#### Brent Mills will present **CFB Kingston During the 1990's Federal Debt Crisis**

*Brent Mills served 40 years in the Canadian Army as an Artillery Officer. Originally from Sault Ste. Marie, he now lives in Kingston. He holds an MA in War Studies from the Royal Military College of Canada and his research interests are Canadian Defence Policy.*

In the 1990s, Canada was faced with a crushing national debt that needed to be bought under control. Government spending was slashed and, within the Department of National Defence, Base closures or reductions in the services that Bases offered took place. CFB Kingston had significant economic impact on the region and its closure would have been devastating. This paper will examine the groundbreaking approach that a diverse group of people, representing many different organizations and agencies, undertook to keep CFB Kingston open.



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#### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Kingston & District Branch, United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada** meets Saturday, **26 January 2019**, 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall, 137 Queen Street at Montreal Street. Speaker Leigh Smith will present "Pack Up Your House and Sail!" - the story of the Castine Loyalists from Maine who founded Saint Andrew's, New Brunswick. Visitors welcome. For more details see <http://www.uelac.org/Kingston-Branch/>

**The Kingston Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society** will meet on **Saturday, 19 January 2019**, at 9:30 a.m. at the Kingston Seniors Centre, 56 Francis Street. Carol St. Clair will present "Tales of the Script" - reading and understanding Old English cursive. Bring pen and paper and learn how to write Old English words. Visitors always welcome. [www.kingston.ogs.on.ca](http://www.kingston.ogs.on.ca)

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## President's Message

Warren Everett

As we embark on a new year for the Society, I'd like to thank all of the members of the Society for their solid support, without which the Society could not flourish.

2018 was a year of change for the Society. In January, we celebrated our last Sir John A. Macdonald birthday dinner at RMC; it was not that the occasion had lost its importance but that it had run its course. However, this year we begin a new and exciting event, a *Heritage Dinner*, to be held on Saturday, 23 February 2019 at RMC during Heritage Week. Our first speaker will be J.D.M. Stewart, educator and author. His topic will be: "*Being Prime Minister: Behind-the-scenes Stories of Canada's Leaders*". It promises to be a refreshing look at our Prime Ministers.

At the beginning of this article, I thanked all of you. However, it is incumbent on me to also thank those that toil in the background, without whom the day-to-day business of the Society would not be accomplished. Through their efforts we receive a monthly Limelight, a Heritage Dinner, an annual Grave Site Ceremony, an operating budget and monthly meetings with refreshments. In 2018 and continuing into 2019 the publications team will bring us up to date on the issues of Historic Kingston. The efforts of these folks are the glue that hold this Society together and make my job exceedingly easy!

There is another group of folks supporting the Society both financially and publicly, our business sponsors. Our newest sponsor is the Hochelaga Inn. It has graciously offered to host our Heritage Dinner speaker. Please support these businesses whenever you can.

I look forward to seeing you at our regularly scheduled meeting on 16 January at the Seniors Centre.



KHS meetings featuring speakers on topics of historical interest are held on the third Wednesday of the months from September to May at the Seniors Centre, 56 Francis Street, Kingston, except in December when an awards ceremony and gala is held, usually at a different time and location. There are two annual events, the celebration of the life of Canada's first Prime Minister Sir John A. Macdonald held at his graveside in the Cataraqui Cemetery National Historic Site on 6 June, the date of his death in 1891; and the Society's Canadian Heritage Dinner held in Ontario Heritage Week in February.

Historic Kingston, the journal of the proceedings of the Kingston Historical Society, is published annually, and is free to members of that year.

## MEMBERSHIP RATES

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## *KHS Awards Night 5 December 2018*

*by Joe Brites*

On Wednesday, 5 December, the Kingston Historical Society gave out its annual awards in recognition of those who have contributed to the preservation and interpretation of local Kingston history. This year's award recipients were Queen's University Professor Laura Murray, Whig Standard Columnist Susanna McLeod, and Queen's Archivist Paul Banfield. Whether through their activities as writers, curators or historians, their contributions have enhanced our understanding of the city's rich history. The Kingston Historical Society Award was first presented in 1993 to coincide with the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Society. During the past 25 years, over 50 individuals and organizations from a broad range of disciplines have been recognized.



John Grenville, Peter Milliken  
and Jennifer McKendry



Tabitha Renaud and  
Don Richardson



Peter and Carol Davy

Some of the attendees enjoying the event

*Photos by Sue Bazely*

### **LAURA MURRAY**



Joe Brites and Laura Murray  
Photo by Sue Bazely

Professor Laura Murray's work as Director of the **Swamp Ward and Inner Harbour History Project** is part of a new approach to how Kingston history has traditionally been examined and experienced. Focusing mostly on the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, the project blends archival research and an oral history of the two neighbourhoods, thanks, in large part, to interviews with close to 100 former and current residents. Historical walks and a self-guided tour created as a Google App have shined a light on where people with stories to tell grew up, raised their families, went to school, started small businesses and worked. Six podcast episodes were created which cover stories such as "What's in a Name?", "The Inner Harbour, Then & Now" and "World War II in the Swamp Ward."

In June 2018, the Project created "Facing The Street", a series of historical photographs displayed at the Elm Café, and *in situ* on the streets of the Ward. Co-curated with photographer Chris Miner, most of the images used in the displays were from family collections and had never been seen by the broader public. Interest in the Swamp Ward and Inner Harbour history has reached well beyond Kingston with Dr. Murray being invited to speak at Western University in London, Ontario, at Concordia University, in Berlin, Germany, and in New York. The work of the Project is ongoing through a well-crafted Swamp Ward and Inner Harbour website and a Facebook page, which are regularly updated with new stories and images.



## PAUL BANFIELD



Joe Brites and Paul Banfield  
Photo by Sue Bazely

Queen's University Archivist Paul Banfield's was recognized for his contributions to the acquisition, management, preservation, and access to local Kingston history. As a Master's graduate from Queen's University's Department of History, he began his archival career in Kingston in 1984 with the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph (the Hotel Dieu Sisters). He joined Queen's University Archives four years later and became the acting University Archivist in 2004, before being confirmed to the position two years later. Under Paul Banfield's leadership, the Archives has been a welcoming environment, not only for the Kingston Historical Society, but also for members of the broader community. In the Archives Reading Room, academics and local citizens alike are given access to a vast trove including documents, photos, drawings, sound and moving image recordings, in a myriad of both paper and electronic formats.

In addition to his work at Queen's University, he has served, or serves, as Archivist for the Anglican Diocese of Ontario and the Frontenac Heritage Foundation, among others. He has also served as President of the National Association of Canadian Archivists and the provincial Archives Association of Ontario. Under his guidance, Queen's University Archives is widely regarded as one of the best university archives in Canada.

## SUSANNA MCLEOD

Susanna McLeod has been with the Kingston Whig-Standard for almost 23 years and over the past decade has written a bi-weekly column, often focusing on an historical aspect of the Kingston area. Her topics and themes are broad in scope, but she has a particular interest in Kingston up to the mid-19th century, and is drawn especially to stories of our region's shipbuilding and mining history. A decade ago, finding herself repeatedly attracted to the stories of Kingston's past, she took the initiative and approached her Whig-Standard Editor with the idea of writing a regular local history column. Two months later he agreed, and in the past 10 years there have been about three hundred Susanna McLeod columns.

A native of Kingston, Susanna McLeod has also contributed to a number of other local publications. Her writing has appeared in the Globe and Mail, Canadian History on Suite101.com, in various anthologies and in the Canadian Encyclopedia. She has pieces in two coffee table books by Ottawa photographer John McQuarrie.



Joe Brites and Susanna McLeod  
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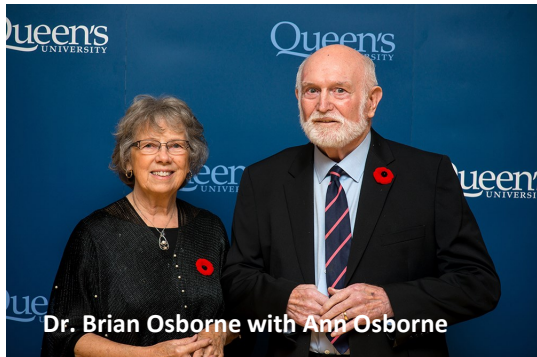
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## Dr. Brian Osborne Honoured

On 10 November 2018, Dr. Brian Osborne was presented with a Distinguished Service Award from Queen's University Council for his contributions to Queen's University and the broader community, above and beyond his duties as a professor in the Department of Geography. Among his recognized contributions over the past 50 years (yes, he came to Queen's in 1967) was his involvement with the Kingston Historical Society and with other heritage organizations and institutions locally, provincially and nationally.



Dr. Brian Osborne with Ann Osborne

Queen's faculty members,  
and former and current PhD students



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Dr. Randy Widdis, Dr. Paul Treitz, Dr. Brian Osborne,  
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## Murney Tower

*Operated by the Kingston Historical Society*



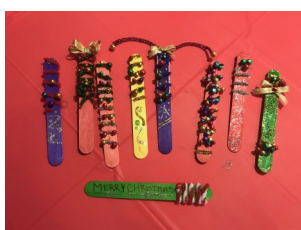
To thank the volunteers for their hard work, they were treated to lunch.

Yanny Zhang, Violet Tang, and Charmaine Martel, with Curator Danielle Marshall.

Murney Tower Curator Danielle Marshall accepted one of 20 Community Foundation Grants distributed on 12 December 2018 at the Ongwanada Resource Centre. The grant of \$6940 will provide for a panel outlining Indigenous people's land usage in the area surrounding the Tower.



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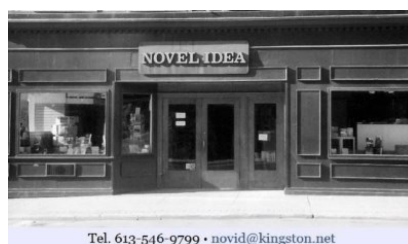
Murney Tower, along with the Marine Museum, participated in *Signalling the Season* hosted by the Military Communications and Electronics Museum. The 1 December event offered a variety of activities for families.





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Additional donation: The Society would sincerely appreciate any additional donation you may wish to contribute to the Society. Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send this completed application form, along with a cheque made out to the 'Kingston Historical Society':

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## **Constitution By-law changes to be voted on at the AGM 20 February 2019**

Bylaw IX states that amendments to the constitution or bylaws must be promulgated at least 10 days before the Annual General Meeting and, to be accepted, must receive a 2/3 majority of those voting. A quorum is 20 members.

### **PROPOSED CHANGE TO BY-LAWS, SECTION VIII, COMMITTEES, 2**

**EXISTING:** There shall be a nominating committee of three members consisting of a councillor, a member of the Society elected by members at the last annual general meeting, and the immediate past-president or any other past-president, or failing either of these, another councillor. It is the duty of the nominating committee to present to the annual general meeting at least one nomination for each of the four elected executive officers and seven elected councillor positions of the council. In addition, each valid nomination submitted under the provisions of By-laws, Section III paragraph 6 shall be presented. (Amended 18 April 2007)

**PROPOSED:** There shall be a nominating committee consisting of three members, namely the immediate past-president or another past-president i.e. the chair, one member of council, and one member-at-large, chosen by the chair. The member-at-large shall be approved by council no later than the November meeting preceding the annual general meeting. It is the duty of the nominating committee to present to the annual general meeting at least one nomination for each of the four elected executive officers and seven elected councillor positions of the council. In addition, each valid nomination submitted under the provisions of By-laws, Section III paragraph 6 shall be presented.

**RATIONALE:** The committee is of the opinion that choosing the member-at-large so far in advance could be problematic. Numerous issues could arise which would prevent that person from fulfilling her/his duties. The current by-law provides no recourse to address/correct such a situation. The committee is also of the opinion that having a past-president be the chair is advantageous in that this individual would have several year's experience on council and this would assist in seeking out individuals for election.

### **PROPOSED CHANGE TO PART B, BY-LAWS, SECTION VIII, COMMITTEES, 3**

**EXISTING:** A committee shall be appointed annually to manage the operation of the Murney Tower National Historic Site. The chair shall be a member of council. The committee's membership shall include a treasurer, a curator, the treasurer of the Society (ex-officio) and other members as are deemed appropriate by the chair, subject to the approval of Council. The committee shall conduct the affairs of the museum in accordance with generally accepted museum practice and directives as may be duly specified by council. It shall render regular reports to council. The finances of the museum shall be reported in the financial records of the Society.

**PROPOSED:** Council shall appoint a committee annually at the first meeting of council subsequent to the annual general meeting to manage the operation of the Murney Tower National Historic Site. The chair shall be the director of the Murney Tower. The committee's membership shall include the treasurer of the Society and other members as are deemed appropriate by the chair, subject to the approval of Council. The committee shall conduct the affairs of the museum in accordance with generally accepted museum practice and directives as may be duly specified by council. It shall render regular reports to council. The finances of the museum shall be reported in the financial records of the Society.

**RATIONALE:** This change will streamline the make-up of the Murney Tower committee, and permit council to have oversight of the committee.



# Canadian Heritage Dinner



Sponsored by the Kingston Historical Society

This year we will be holding the **inaugural** Canadian Heritage Dinner sponsored by the Kingston Historical Society. The guest speaker for this special event is J.D.M. Stewart, educator and author. He will be referencing his recent book **"Being Prime Minister: Behind-the-scenes stories of Canada's Leaders"**. Behind the politics, discover the lives of Canada's leaders!

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Don Newman, retired senior parliamentary editor for CBC Television

*With lively anecdotes and thoughtful insights, Stewart reminds us that there are human beings behind the headlines. This absorbing and original book explores aspects of political life that are too often ignored.*  
Charlotte Gray, author of The Promise of Canada

Date:	Saturday, February 23, 2019
Time:	6:00 pm with dinner commencing at 7:00 pm
Location:	Senior Staff Mess at the Royal Military College
Cost:	\$70.00 per person

Our meal will consist of the following: Entrée, Potato/Leek soup, PEI vegetables, roasted potatoes plus tea, coffee and squares for dessert. This year we have 3 dinner options for you to choose from, including a vegetarian option. Please choose from below on the registration form.

Entrée Options:                      Stuffed Chicken Supreme - prosciutto/white cheddar/herb vinaigrette  
   Grilled Salmon Loin - maple, apple, bacon compote  
   Stuffed Risotto Croquette - smoke cheese/tomato coulis/pesto sauce/

Please fill out the tear-off portion of the registration form and send it along with your cheque to the address below. **ALL registration forms must be received no later than Friday, February 8, 2019.**

Anne Richardson  
c/o Kingston Historical Society  
750 Amaryllis Street, Kingston, Ontario K7P 0A9

If you have any questions please feel free to contact **Anne Richardson** at: [richanne@hotmail.ca](mailto:richanne@hotmail.ca)

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