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MY NEIGHBOUR'S KEEPER

For our final regular meeting of the spring season, we welcome David Taylor, President of the Prince Edward County Historical Society, who will shed light on our curious former law enforcement and judicial system with the title: *My Neighbour's Keeper: The Appointed Township Constable System* which existed from 1790 to about 1930. A highlight will be a tale about Mr. Creighton and a certain black cow.

David Taylor spent eight years in the Signal Corps, published the *Picton Gazette* and operated Bay of Quinte Graphics before freelancing. The meeting will be on **Tuesday 16 May** (instead of the usual Wednesday) at Kingston Public Library at 7.30 pm.

CATARAQUI CEMETERY

For those unable to attend, Jennifer McKendry's well-illustrated lecture about the rural cemetery movement in Britain, the United States and Canada was most interesting with its special focus on Cataraqui Cemetery. Her dramatic black and white photographs of the memorials and natural beauty of this site were displayed around the walls. After her lecture, she provided a multi-screen slide show of her work accompanied by recorded hymns sung by Marion Anderson and Jessye Norman. It was a moving performance, well-attended by an appreciative audience. Copies of her illustrated book *Weep Not For Me*, about Cataraqui Cemetery, are available in book stores for \$15.

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

We extend our kindest regards to Life Member Dr. Bill Angus who reached his 98th birthday on 22 March. A former president of our Society and recipient of our Award for distinguished service, he and his wife Margaret have contributed enormously to the cultural enrichment of Kingston and beyond.

Life Members Phil and Rose Quattrochi celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 18 April. Their honeymoon in 1945 took them from Pittsburgh to Victoria, where Phil served in the RCAF with 122 C Squadron.

We note with regret the passing of Life Member Grace Kelly on 19 April, just 10 months after the death of her husband Dr. Garfield Kelly.

Member Arthur Covington, a pioneer in radio astronomy since 1940,

has had an asteroid named after him.

At a more mundane level, we extend a warm welcome to Lorne W. Haunts, who has rejoined us.



THOUGHTS FOR SIR JOHN A.

Our annual tribute to the life of our first Prime Minister, Sir John A. Macdonald, will be held in Cataraqui Cemetery at his grave site on Tuesday 6 June, at 2.30 pm. George Henderson has done his usual commendable job, making the necessary arrangements, while Marjorie Simmons and Isobel Trumpour have arranged for repairs to the flagstone path around the site. Further details will be revealed at our May meeting. We hope that all members will want to participate.

Also, the Macdonald Heritage Committee plans an event at Fort Henry on 2 July as part of its Friendship Festival beginning on 1 July 1995.

READY FOR ACTION

The Murney Tower Museum and our Society are grateful to CFB Kingston for cleaning and reconditioning 15 rifles, four bayonets, three swords and a bugle from the Tower's collection. Many dated from the 1850s, and were in sore need of attention. Our chief interpreter, Chris Rosser, identified the need to seek help. Over five months, Dean Sears, Warrant Officer Dale Coble, Sgt. Paul Pye and Corporals Steve Penney and Ken Walsh did the necessary. Their handiwork may be observed when Murney Tower Museum reopens to the public on 14 May, marking its 70th anniversary.

All Society members are urged to attend a special Open House for them at the Tower in the first week of August, when tower tours, refreshments and good fellowship will prevail. Watch your newspaper for the specific time and date which were not available at press time.

IRREGULAR SHERLOCKIANA

At our April meeting, we had the pleasure of presenting Don Redmond with the framed original artwork of a caricature of himself, first shown in this newsletter's March issue. It was a gift from Thomas L. Stix, Jr. of Norwood, New Jersey, in appreciation of Donald's index of the Irregular Quarterly of Sherlockiana for the Journal of the Baker Street Irregulars. We add our congratulations.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

In our on-going efforts to broaden our Society membership and maintain a healthy bank balance, our Chair of Membership Joe Boucher and Treasurer Desmond O'Meara, together with your executive, are examining two new

categories of membership: for Schools and for Term Membership. The latter would offer a discount for those signing on for an extended period, such as five years, possibly as an alternative to Life Membership.

School Membership would be extended to particular schools as a resource for history teachers and their students. Our annual Historic Kingston would be placed in their library, while the newsletter could be copied at their expense. One member of the school faculty would be appointed as their voting member of our Society though, of course, all teachers and students would be welcome to attend our meetings. A monthly historic feature for young students might appear in each issue of our newsletter.

These new categories will be decided upon at our May executive meeting, subject to approval at next January's Annual General Meeting. Your comments are welcome.

The reason we cannot issue income tax receipts for our membership is that we sell the publications and entrance to Murney Tower which are given to our members. The income tax people, however, will offer tax relief for those who wish to make handsome donations to the Society, over and above your membership fee. And we are happy to issue receipts for this purpose!

DRESSING UP THE DOORYARD

Many will remember the late Jeanne Minhinnick as the author of *At Home in Upper Canada*, the delightfully illustrated reference on the furniture, furnishings and dooryards of the early homes of Ontario, based on her long research and her work as furnishings consultant in the restoration of Upper Canada Village, Dundurn Castle and

many other historic pre-confederation buildings.

On Saturday 27 May, a one-day seminar will celebrate her life and work at Macaulay Heritage Park, Picton, from 10 am to 4 pm. Sessions and speakers will include Peter J. Stokes on restoring buildings and grounds, Colin Rockingham of Bellevue House on tools and techniques of gardening, and Dorothy Duncan asking: it is beautiful but can we eat it? The seminar is called *Dressing Up the Dooryard: Come into the Garden with Jeanne Minhinnick*. The registration fee for our members is \$25 including luncheon, a garden book and a kit of resource materials. If interested, send your payment now to the Ontario Historical Society, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ont. M2N 3Y2. or phone them at (416) 226-9011. Tell them you are a KHS member.

HERITAGE FAIR

Your final reminder that Kingston's Heritage Fair will take place at RMC's Sir Archibald Macdonell Athletic Centre and Constantine Arena, north of Highway 2. When? On Friday 26 May and Saturday 27 May from 10 am to 4 pm. Some 1500 students, along with their teachers and community people will fill the hall with exhibits, demonstrations, models, photographs, skits, music and dance. We suggest you bring a brown bag lunch and ear muffs. It should be a blast!

LOOKING BACK FIFTY YEARS

The year 1945 was a momentous one for our country and for many of us personally. May 5 saw the liberation of Holland by Canadian troops, an event which the Dutch never forget, as may be seen by thousands of tulips on

Parliament Hill and in cities across our country. On 8 May, the war in Europe ended. With the bombs on Japan on 6 and 9 August, the war in the Pacific came to an end.

During World War II, 1,086,343 Canadian men and women served in the armed forces. Of these, 42,042 lost their lives. For the rest of us coming home, Canada was a different country from the one we had left after the Depression.

The battle for a civilized world is not yet finished, but we should remember the very great sacrifice of Canadians and our allies in stopping one generation of madmen in a conflict that affected the entire world. Let us never forget the events that we now commemorate, fifty years afterward.

**Your Executive, Council and Museum
People wish you all a happy summer!**

Bill Fittsell

Frank Milledge

Joe Boucher

Lou Grimshaw

Ken Rutherford

Desmond O'Meara

Don Redmond

Margaret & Bernard Burdsall

Sharon Rudy

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