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Editor

BREAKING OLD STONES

For our November meeting, we again welcome Brig. Gen. Bill Patterson who will present a paper entitled 'Outside the Walls: The Story of Quarrying and Farming at Kingston Penitentiary 1833-1963'. Bill is well-known to us as author of *Lilacs and Limestone*, *Courage, Faith, Love* and for his distinguished contributions to historic sites for the St. Lawrence Parks Commission, LACAC, Loyalists and 32 years in the Canadian Forces.

The time: 7.30 pm on Wednesday 20 November. The place: Wilson Room, Kingston Public Library, 130 Johnson Street. Enjoy!

PICTURESQUE PORTSMOUTH

In October, Dr. Jennifer McKendry outdid herself once again with an exhibition of her photographs of Portsmouth village, the launch of her book 'Historic Portsmouth Village' and a multi-screen, music-enhanced slide show and lecture about this charming village, now a part of Kingston.

Her illustrated book is an enjoyable resource for those who live here, or wish they did. It is in your bookstore for only \$15. Read it!

VOLUNTEERS ARE HONOURED

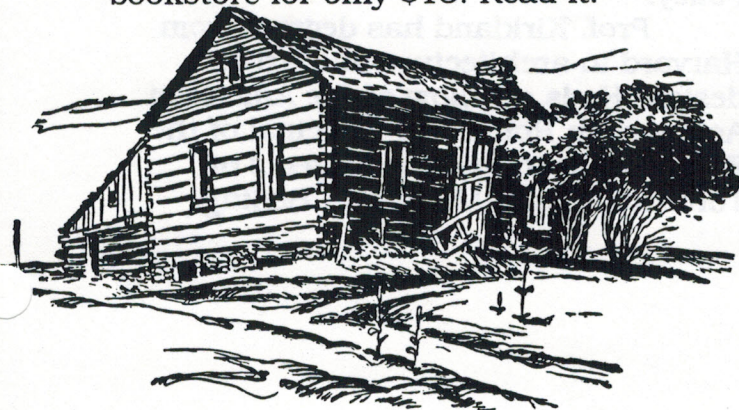
The Province of Ontario honoured volunteers serving organizations in the Kingston area on 23 October in Memorial Hall. We add our congratulations to our own members Margaret Burdall 15 years service, Armand 'Joe' Boucher, Donald Redmond and the late Dr. Kenyon Rutherford 10 years, and Maj. Lou Grimshaw, Beverly Lazier and James Warren 5 years. We should also commend Phil Quattrocci for 25 years service to the Kingston and District Folk Art Council.

In total, 89 people were honoured, representing 965 years of volunteer service. Most were seniors, suggesting to hungry governments that in retirement, seniors continue to make a strong contribution to their country's wellbeing.

OUR PRESIDENT APPEALS

You can solve some of your Christmas gift problems this year in two unique ways. To begin with, a gift that can be appreciated throughout the year- a membership in the Kingston Historical Society.

For a family, an individual or a student, there is sure to be much pleasure and entertainment in receiving a gift membership. I think especially of those who may be shut-ins, or those unable to attend regular meetings. Their lives could be brightened by receiving this excellent newsletter and a copy of our journal *Historic Kingston*.



Please give this lasting gift serious consideration for your Christmas list and support your Society in the process. An application form is enclosed.

To top off a most successful and active year of diverse events and celebrations, you can purchase our specially minted sesquicentennial coin for those special people on your gift list. The triple coin box at \$40 containing gold plated, antique silver and antique copper pieces with a brief description of this historic occasion is an outstanding gift. Many have been purchased and presented as graduation gifts and to visiting friends and relatives. Mayor Gary Bennett has made numerous gifts of these and other coins to dignitaries, guests and other participants in city events. These may also be purchased separately at \$15 each, and of course there is the \$2 nickel-bonded steel coin for general giving. Contact Bill Fittsell at 549-8354.

GIVING TO YOUR SOCIETY

The Executive and Council want to emphasize the need to support your Society in any way you can. One way is to consider a donation. Money received over and above your dues, or donated separately, will be gratefully received and charitable receipts issued. We especially appeal to Life Members to consider this method of furthering your support for our Society. We cannot stress too strongly the need for this type of support now. Without the infusion of members and money, your Society will face erosion of invested capital which is, as you know, producing less interest than ever before. Your Society is also open to bequests, should this be a desirable option.

Please consider these requests in the light they are offered, the health and life of your Society, in order to benefit our citizens and community in the decades ahead. We have done this job since 1893 and we are committed to do so into the new millenium.

A.G. Joe Boucher
President

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Society joins the twenty-year-old Pittsburgh Historical Society for a wine and cheese flog at the Military Communications & Electronics Museum on Wednesday 11 December at 7.30 pm. It is located across the causeway and three traffic lights to the east on the north side of Highway Two. This is an extremely modern building, identified by great radar antennae in front and friendly staff and exhibits within. We look forward to a guided tour by Curator W/O Doug Hildebrand and, of course, our usual good fellowship and Christmas cheer. Only \$5 each to defray refreshment costs.

VISION KINGSTON LECTURE

For those whose historic concern includes the preservation of our downtown streetscapes, the volunteer group Vision Kingston invites you to attend a lecture by Professor Michael Kirkland of the University of Toronto to discuss Urban Design and Public Policy.

Prof. Kirkland has degrees from Harvard in architecture and urban design. He is a Fellow of the American Academy in Rome and principal of the Kirkland Partnership Architects of Toronto, Miami, Malta and Beijing.

The criteria and process of urban design studies are particularly relevant to Kingston just now as the Official Plan requires such a study for any development seeking exemption from the new zoning bylaws.

Vision Kingston has extended invitations to the mayor and councillors of Kingston and their opposite numbers in Kingston and Pittsburgh Townships, along with their planning staffs. Please come if you can.

The lecture is at 8 pm, Thursday 14 November in the Cafeteria of Kingston Collegiate and Vocational Institute, 235 Frontenac Street, Kingston. Parking at the rear.

Membership in Vision Kingston is \$12 for households, \$8 for singles, \$5 for seniors.

KINGSTON PLAQUE UNVEILING

Our Society and the City of Kingston Sesquicentennial Committee invite you to attend the unveiling of a bronze plaque during the Mayor's Levee on Wednesday 1 January in Memorial Hall, City Hall from 2 to 4 pm.

This is the first historical marker commemorating the city of Kingston. Later, it will be permanently placed across from City Hall on the sidewalk facing Ontario Street and provides a brief but important outline of the city's historic significance as a city since 1846. Guest speaker at the ceremony will be Prof. Stuart Fyfe. Another highlight of the afternoon will be the city's dedication of a time capsule containing such significant artifacts as our commemorative coins. The annual levee is always a pleasant affair with sweets and beverages and we invite you to enjoy it.

SIFTING THROUGH THE PAST

The Loyalist Parkway Group of Advisors announces an illustrated public seminar on Thursday 21 November at 7.30 pm led by Carl Murphy, archaeologist with the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, who will talk about his recent work along the Loyalist Parkway including a Loyalist Homestead c1800 and a Prehistoric Iroquoian Settlement c1200. It will be held at the South Fredericksburgh Community Centre, Cty Rd.21, 2 km north of Ontario Hydro Lennox Generating Station. A heritage book sale and refreshments will follow. Linda Jones at 373-2167 can provide more information.

GENEALOGISTS MEET

The Kingston Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society will have its Annual General Meeting in the Wilson Room of the Kingston Public Library on Saturday 16 November at 9.45 am. The election of the new executive will be followed by a genealogical quiz. Visitors are always welcome and may join the gang at a local restaurant afterward for lunch and further talk. For further information after 5 pm, call Paul Woodrow at 384-4275,



BATH ON THE BAY OF QUINTE

That is the title of a new book by Jane Foster, Manager of Museum & Archives for the County of Lennox and Addington. Hardbound with a coloured jacket, it has 146 pages of text, well footnoted and indexed, illustrated with period photographs, sketches and maps. It presents 13 significant vignettes of people's beliefs and activities during the 18th and 19th centuries. Only \$26.95 by mail, order it from the L & A Museum, Postal Bag 1000, Napanee, ON K7R 3S9. Better yet, visit the museum and save \$2.

SCANDAL IN SELBY

Normally, we think of the area around Napanee as pretty respectable, but in 1869, Edwin Mallory of Napanee visited Selby on a pleasant summer day and saw a great many intoxicated persons in a temperance village where the prohibition of liquor was said to be in force. These and other interesting details of daily life from 1862 to 1881 appear in Mallory's diary, which has now been transcribed to a computer disc and paper copy by Micheline Mallory. Both are available for study in the Archives of the Prince Edward Historical Society in Picton.

PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY

Our Executive proposes a new committee in 1997 which will promote the Kingston Historical Society more successfully. This will look at all aspects of our activities including the recruitment of new members, targeting special speakers and topics, considering alternative meeting times and locations, or whatever. Lou Grimshaw is acting as Chair. He needs four imaginative, marketing-

oriented members to round out the committee. Volunteer now by calling him at 549-2500.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE

Bill Fittsell is Chair of the Society's Nominating Committee for executive officers and council members for 1997. While elections take place at our January Annual General Meeting, lead time is needed to consider new recruits for office. Here is your chance to chuck the scoundrels out and nominate those you consider more worthy, such as yourself. Otherwise, the same faces will appear for another year, popping up to make their informative monthly reports.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Your editor and his ever loyal wife Flora extend warmest greetings to all our friends in the Kingston Historical Society and throughout the planet. May we all have a peaceful and happy year ahead.



A good Wife and Health, is a Man's best Wealth.

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MEMBERSHIP

We warmly invite you to join us. The benefits include monthly newsletters and meetings, our annual publication Historic Kingston, free admission to Murney Tower Museum and opportunity to participate in our activities. Fees are due in January for the calendar year. If you join later than September, your fees will apply to the following year, but the newsletter will start immediately.

Family	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 40
Individual	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 35
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