

**Warren Everett**, a military historian and collector of military medals, reflected on the significance of military decorations not just for the immediate recipient, but also for the society he/she served. Warren brought samples from his expansive collection. To watch the presentation click [here](#).

**Paul Van Nest**, a local historian, related the World War II experience of his cousin Glenn Brooks, an eastern Ontario farm boy who served as a tail gunner on an RCAF bomber until his death over Germany in 1944. Brooks' letters home offer Van Nest a prism through which to probe the innermost experience of men at war and their ongoing impact of their loss on those left behind. To watch the presentation click [here](#)

**Susan Smith**, the long-time editor of Thousand Islands Life on-line magazine and author of *The First Summer People: The Thousand Islands 1650-1910*, reflected on the history and heritage of the Thousand Islands, the iconic stretch of the St. Lawrence just east of Kingston.

Susan Weston Smith took over as the production editor of Thousand Islands Life in 2008. Currently, she is on the board of the 1000 Islands History Museum in Gananoque. She has served on the Board of the Thousand Islands Land Trust and Save the River in Clayton, NY, as well as the Thousand Islands Association in Gananoque. You can watch her presentation [here](#).

**Christine Lavallee**, a St. Lawrence College librarian, writer and literary scholar, spoke about her research into nineteenth-century Canadian author Julia Beckwith Hart, whose pioneering novel – *St. Ursula's Convent* --was partially set in Kingston and is said to be the first indigenous work of Canadian fiction. You can watch the presentation [here](#).

**Dr. Sandy Campbell**, emerita professor of women's studies at Carleton University spoke on "*Kingston's Kathleen Hammond, the Lusitania and the White Plague*", a story of World War I happiness and tragedy. You can watch the presentation [here](#)

**Professor Ralph Boston** spoke on "*A History of the Mississauga People North of Kingston*". You can watch the presentation [here](#).

**Dr. Duncan McDowall** spoke on "*HMCS Thiepval: Kingston's Little Ship That Could.*" A tale of a World War I warship built on Kingston shores that found fame and eventual misadventure on the high seas. You can watch the presentation [here](#).

**2025 Annual General Meeting of KHS.** The 2024 Financial Statement is [here](#). The Agenda for the AGM is [here](#). The video of the meeting is [here](#).