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for the Future.**

Date Change for March Meeting and Coming Events

Despite an attempt at skillful planning on your editor's part, the March meeting will not be held during the third week of the month. The Simcoe County Museum is inhabited by March Break Camp participants that week, and there is no space for our meeting!

Therefore, we will meet on Tuesday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the museum for the promised evening with Gwen Patterson. Her talk, "Four 90 Degree Corners and Their Influence on the Penetanguishene Area" aims to show how one political decision, the creation of those four 90 degree corners, and the subsequent arrival of the Drummond Islanders, created the Penetang that we all know. There will be handouts and even some "work" for the group as they mark up the maps and diagrams.

Gwen is a retired teacher, a historical researcher and genealogist for over 25 years. She is the author of two local history books who has been fascinated with history since she watched the St. Lawrence Seaway being built while living near its shoreline. She is a second generation Canadian whose children and grandchildren can also claim ancestors in New France from 1642.

On April 21, we welcome Michael Millar to the museum at 7:30 for his presentation "Grosse Ile: A History" with an emphasis on the deadly year

1847. After a recent trip to Grosse Ile, Michael compiled a number of images and stories of this famous Canadian quarantine station.

For our Annual General Meeting, we will try a new venue this year. On Tuesday, May 19, plan to join us for a fabulous meal at the ANAF Crystal Ballroom in Barrie, followed by one of our short and sweet general meetings. Our guest speaker for the evening is Geoffrey Booth, who will bring us "Managing the Muses": Public School Music and the Shaping of Culture in Nineteenth-Century Upper Canada. Geoff teaches History for Laurentian University at Georgian College in Orillia, and is also a faculty in the College's Justice and Public Safety Institute.

He is a graduate of the University of Toronto, having completed a Bachelor of Arts in History (Specialist), a Bachelor of Arts in Education, and a Master of Arts in the History of Education. He is currently pursuing doctoral work in History and Education at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, at the University of Toronto.

Geoff is currently Vice Chair of the Oro-Medonte History Association and is actively involved in the preservation and maintenance of the Oro African Methodist Episcopal Church, a recognized National Historic Site.

President's Message

by Helen Coutts

When you read these words, hopefully the long, cold, snowy winter will be behind us. On our farm, we still have corn submerged in snow, waiting to be harvested when the field finally melts.

This winter's weather confirmed the Association's decision not to hold a meeting in January. As the Heritage Day changed from February to March, we had problems scheduling a special event, but beginning this month our regular meetings resume. See the schedule on the first page.

A piece of good news is that the County reconsidered and restored our grant to its 2008 amount. As well, your memberships and generous donations have allowed the purchase of a new laptop computer,

and have eased our editor/corresponding secretary's frustrations. She is very happy to report that with donations ranging from \$5 to nearly \$500, all costs have been recovered. The entire Board is very thankful to our members and member societies for this support of our efforts.

We announce with great sorrow the passing of our treasurer, Peter Wiseman. A full memorial is on the next page, and we plan to recognize him at our next meeting on March 24. With his absence, we now have another vacancy on our Board of Directors. We need names and volunteers, and we now especially seek an individual with some accounting skills to give us a few hours each month.

As I suggested before, your ideas for speakers would be welcomed, and many of you attending would encourage the guests we have arranged.

The Board has been brainstorming how to add even more interest to our meetings and will be approaching Member Societies to consider sharing a speaker and a meeting time and location (your place or ours).

We hope you and your group have a successful spring season. Be sure to review the Coming Events page for all the historical activities available around Simcoe County.

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SCHA Membership Fees Reminder

Thanks to all who have renewed already. For those who haven't, here are the details: Please send your fee (\$12 for individual or institution, \$15 for couple or family) to SCHA, Box 144, Barrie, ON L4M 4S9.



The SCHA acknowledges the financial support of the County of Simcoe and of the Government of Ontario through the Ministry of Culture.



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You are invited to submit photos and articles regarding your historical happenings in Simcoe County. Photos will be returned.

Mail to SCHA, Box 144, Barrie, ON L4M 4S9.

**Deadline for the
next issue is
May 25, 2009**

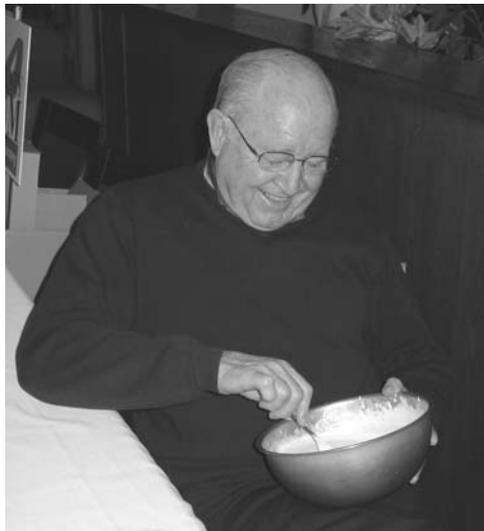
In Memoriam

by Jill Hynes

On February 16, the SCHA lost a valued board member and friend with the sudden, unexpected passing of our treasurer, Peter Wiseman. Although he had not been feeling well for a number of weeks, we never dreamed we would be without our gentlemanly, sensible, humourous keeper of the books.

Peter's involvement with the SCHA certainly predates my own, so I'm sure he spent more than ten years with us. His involvement with Heritage Barrie first brought him to our board table. His ability to manage our resources, patiently complete all the government forms, and keep track of the money in/money out will be missed. His wisdom at the board table was valued, especially through years of declining grants, stagnating membership numbers, and rising

costs. He helped to keep our ambitions sensible while managing to allow us generous partnerships with our member societies throughout the county.



Peter was never more pleased than when we were able to fund a new plaque, support a new publication, or

plan a great event to inform and entertain our members. My best memories are of his ready smile and the many stories of his travels with his beloved wife Joan, to see his children and grandchildren, or to explore a beautiful part of the globe. I'm so glad they were able to celebrate their recent 50th anniversary together with yet another fantastic journey.

I find it ironic that it was on Family Day Peter died. He treasured his own family so greatly, and was such an integral part of the SCHA group.

Please plan to join us for a short memorial time at our March meeting. Amy Hynes will play some musical selections on the harp while we take a few minutes to remember a man who is missed deeply.

The Future of Springwater Township's Simcoe House/O'Neil Tavern

As reported in both the *Barrie Advance* and the *Barrie Examiner* during February, the fate of the Simcoe House Hotel now lies in the hands of Springwater Council. A discussion forum hosted by the Springwater Township Heritage Committee on February 9 showed the support of the Hillsdale community for the preservation of the building.

On their website, the township details the building. The house was designated as an Historical Building in 1990. It is believed to have been built in the 1880s as a tavern and the site on Penetanguishene Road is historically important as it is approximately the midway point between Barrie and Penetanguishene. Penetanguishene Road is the historical route between Lake Simcoe

and Georgian Bay where local soldiers travelled during times of war using hotels, like the Simcoe House/O'Neil Tavern as a place for food, lodging and safe refuge. This location was an important stagecoach stop, and it was here that horses were changed. The Simcoe House/O'Neil Tavern is believed to be the last remaining example of the many hotels which were once numerous on the Penetanguishene Road.

Many elements of the building are of special interest. It is one-and-a-half storeys, with a centre hall and stairway which service the entire building, and a small service stair in the rear. Some of the exterior stucco or pebble-dash finish remains with virtually all of the exterior door and window trim, belt coursing, soffits and facia.

Inside, the south portion of the main block is the men's beverage room with a separate door to the street and the tap room behind. In the north portion were two rooms although the partition has been lost; one room has a panelled dado that is very unusual in Simcoe County.

Upstairs in the north part of the main block is what appears to have been a ballroom and it was once used as a billiards room. A great deal of original paint finish in the interior has survived, and the unusual and perhaps unique shape of the window frames and sash, and the panel designs of the front door are of special importance.

Council has until March 31 to decide what to do with this privately owned building whose time has come for restoration or removal.

How Many Degrees of Separation? David A. Jones - Part II

Local History by Allan Stacey

This is a continuation of the article begun in the December, 2008 issue of News and Views.

There was a somewhat humorous tale told in an 1882 newspaper article of "an Irishman, just out from the old sod" who decided to go into beekeeping. Apparently he purchased a hive from Jones, brought it home and stored it in with the family pig. During the night the pig knocked over the hive and the bees escaped, stinging the Irishman and his wife. They spent all night flattening the bees with a frying pan. The next day the unfortunate rookie beekeeper went into Beeton to berate Jones, but his face was so swollen that no one on the street recognized him.

Other projects Jones undertook included publishing the *Beeton World* newspaper, the *Canadian Bee Journal* and the *Canadian Poultry Journal*. He built a factory to manufacture beekeeping supplies, door and sashes, and as well dabbled in local real estate.

In 1892 his printing plant burned down and problems due to infiltration of poor bee stock caused Jones to go into a financial slump. Although he continued to be involved with beekeeping, a new project hove onto the horizon. *The Sudbury Journal* of July 22, 1897, in its "Mining Notes", noted that D.A. Jones, the Bee King of Beeton, was in town and going up to Wahnapiatae prospecting.

On January 22, 1898, the *Ontario Gazette* (Vol. XXXI) reported that the Mountain Mining Company had received its incorporation by Letters Patent. Listed as incorporators are Jones and several Doughertys and Silvesters.

What is the connection? James Dougherty, a hardware merchant in Stouffville, Ontario, was married to Jones' sister, Charlotte. George Henry Silvester, a storekeeper in nearby Ringwood, was married to Jones' sister,

Diana.³ Jones spent his childhood in that area. Still, you may ask, what connection do storekeepers in Southern Ontario have with prospecting in Northern Ontario? The connection is George Ernest Silvester, son of George Henry. A graduate of civil and mining engineering at the University of Toronto, George Jr. had come to Sudbury in 1891 to article with Sudbury surveyor R.W. DeMorest, and later to partner with him in 1898.

Presumably, Jones had caught the prospecting bug during the short-lived gold rush during the latter part of the 1890s. Most of the activity was in the area surrounding the eastern shore of Lake Wahnapiatae. The Mountain Mining Company's property was on the western shore of Wolf Lake, part of the Chiniguchi River system in Mackelcan township. Today, Wolf Lake is along one of the major Temagami canoe routes and the scenery rates highly in canoe guidebooks. Examination of the Milnet topographical map of the area shows Silvester, Jones and Jessie lakes in the immediate area of Wolf Lake. The first two names are evident, but Jess Lake is named for Jones' wife, Jessie.

Shortly after incorporation, the Mountain Mining Company got down to work. Two claims were located and the company had John (Jack) MacDonald begin sinking a 50-foot shaft on a low-grade gold showing in March 1898. A second shaft was later begun on a higher-grade showing.

How Jack MacDonald came to be connected with this project is not known. He appears to have been in and out of the Sudbury area during the latter part of the 1800s. He was said to have gained considerable experience in the mines and smelters in the American southwest. He was known for having invented a supposed smelting process, which was to eliminate the need for the

highly polluting roast bed technology prevalent at that time. He was most likely the impetus behind the Economic Gold and Nickel Pyritic Smelting Company of Sudbury.⁴ Later he teamed up with Robert Gamey, MPP, of Manitoulin Island, to test and sell his process.

In July, MacDonald was off to Brantford to oversee the construction of a gold mill on an idea he had. The idea must not have been fruitful, as by March of 1899, Jones was having MacDonald move the stamp mill⁵ from a defunct mine near the south shore of Lake Wahnapiatae to Wolf Lake.

Nothing more appears to have taken place on this property. Northern Development and Mines records show only evidence of the work recorded above.

Jones did not lose interest in mines and minerals after his first venture failed. In 1901, he spent four months as part of an Ontario government sponsored exploring expedition to Hudson Bay, where mineral and agricultural possibilities were examined.

David Allanson Jones passed away at his residence in Beeton on November 10, 1910, in his 75th year. His legacy is reflected in the numerous trees he planted along Center Street in Beeton, many still thriving.⁶

³ The author is indebted to Murray Peavoy, living off the grid in the Mattawa area, who provided this information. Mr. Peavoy is researching his connections to Manitoulin Island's early MPP, Robert Roswell Gamey, who had married Jones' niece.

⁴ See *Handcar* article, "The Mineral and Timber Electric Railway", Sept./Oct., 2006.

⁵ Stamp mills operate in the manner of a mechanized mortar and pestle, raising and dropping a heavy stamp, or "shoe" to crush the ore.

⁶ See also *Beeton 1874-1974*, by Bert Platt; a general history of the town of Beeton with more material on D.A. Jones.

Sir John A. Macdonald Celebration Dinner 2009

by Dr. Richard Johnston

Once again the Orillia Museum of Art and History, Historical Wing, enjoyed a sold out evening of great food and a wonderful speaker, Charlotte Gray, Canadian author, professor and historian. She came to national attention when she used her expertise at making history exciting to present an enthusiastic case for her Top Ten nominee, Sir John A. Macdonald.

Charlotte Gray is an adjunct research professor in the Department of History at Carleton University, Gray sits on the boards of both the Dominion Institute and the Canadian National History Society.



Mr. Hugh Gainsford, Sir John A's great grandson (seen above with Ms. Gray) made the trip from Manitoba to Orillia again as an honoured guest.

A number of out of town guests also attended the eleventh annual festivities.

Doreen Uren, Wendy Johnston, Andrew Johnston and John Hungate were among the attendees at the January 10 dinner.



Be aware that if you want to attend next year's event, you have to get your tickets at the OMAH November meeting. They sell out every time!

Bill 149: An Act to protect Ontario's inactive cemeteries

At the urging of Mr. Rob Levery, OHS Executive Director, one of our member society representatives has been asked by the Legislative Assistant to the Hon. Mr. Jim Brownell, MPP, Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh, to submit an impact statement regarding Bill #149. Although, the statement will be on behalf of the SilverShoe Historical Society Executive and Membership, she would like others to participate.

Please write a short note, explaining that you are endorsing the pending impact letter from Jane Cooper-Wilson, SSHS Executive Director.

You can send it directly to

Mr. Brian Kulick,
Legislative Assistant to
Hon. Jim Brownelle, MPP
900 Bay Street,
Hearst Block, 9th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2E1
Fax: (416) 325-2752
E-Mail:
jbbrownell.mpp@liberal.ola.org

The text of Bill 149 follows:

The Bill prohibits the relocation of inactive cemeteries despite anything to the contrary in another Act or regulation dealing with cemeteries.

Preamble

Ontario's cemeteries are unique repositories of human history and the resting places of human remains and associated artifacts like grave markers, tombstones and monuments. They are important elements of our collective heritage, a priceless authentic historical record of the past and witnesses to the continuity of life in Ontario. Many of Ontario's cemeteries also contain significant ecological features invaluable to the natural heritage of Ontario.

The following principles are basic to all the peoples of Ontario:

1. The sanctity of the deceased is of paramount concern.
2. The deceased have a right to rest in peace in the tradition and custom of

their religion or beliefs at the burial site of their choosing.

3. Common human dignity must be respected.
4. The living must be responsible for the care of the deceased.
5. The cultural heritage to which burial sites bear witness must be maintained to ensure the historical record for future generations.

Ontario's rich heritage is at risk due to a lack of action for its preservation. Failure to safeguard one of our last remaining authentic cultural heritage resources, Ontario's inactive cemeteries, would be disastrous for the continuity of the historical record and our collective culture in this province. It is in the public interest that they be protected, preserved and maintained in their original locations.

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

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Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury Historical Society

by Helen Yielding

Historical Artifacts a Charming Respite from the Present

With the present world seemingly imploding in many ways, it was such a pleasure to revisit a time past and see, savour and appreciate the meaningful keepsakes that the members of the Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury Historical Society shared at their annual show and tell January programme.

Dick Abbott, Bert Platt and Franz Aschwanden all showed treasures that had elements of fakery. Did Bert's violet light generator really cure disease, was the Etruscan pottery bought in Italy by Franz really that old, and which of Dick's two skimmers was really from the 17th century? You had to be there to know. Kyra Leijhanna's exquisite century quilt squares may have been created with the help of a device similar to the metal sewing bird that Betsy Flood's mother valued. And a sample of fine lace, her mother's christening veil, from Patricia Blackstock's family, rounded out domestic arts.

Tools are always interesting. Bruce Chambers demonstrated an old, specialized Stanley woodworking plane he treasured. Don Mossey recounted the history of tools used for storing information, from a pen and ink set to a memory stick. And a treasure trove of old buttons, coins and nails from a rural property, found

by means of a metal detector, made a fascinating display from Tony Corran. Unfortunately, Hazel Johanssen's antique corkscrew came without an old bottle of wine!

Tim Orlik always delights with objects from his collection. He showed a WWI Britannia plaque for fallen soldiers, given as a memorial to relatives, and a postcard of successful hunters displaying their quota of whooping cranes, now extinct. Judy Breckles delighted in two ways: she shared some family history and treated members to delicious family cookie recipe. Anne Mossey shared her interest in wildflowers and, to finish the evening on a musical note, Mr. Music, Dave Pooley, demonstrated the various sounds of traditional maracas. It was truly an evening to remember!

Button, Button: Why, When and What

The next time you use a button to fasten an article of clothing, reflect a little on this common item. Buttons have a long and fascinating history. June Chambers, an avid button collector, shared some of this history and samples of her collection with the Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury Historical Society at their February meeting.

Buttons were in use as far back as the Crusades; mounted crusaders required trim clothing and buttons

served to fasten their clothing snugly. Military uniforms were also well buttoned and specialized buttons were specifically made for soldiers' uniforms. Of course women's clothing benefited from buttons, both useful and decorative. Queen Victoria popularized buttons, especially those made of jet to symbolize mourning.

The evolution of bone, stone and metal buttons, followed by celluloid, plastic and vegetable specimens mirrored events in the world. For example, Egyptian archeological discoveries were reflected on buttons such as those bearing likenesses of Queen Nefertiti. Buttons from the Art Nouveau period of 1890-1918 bore curved designs typical of that era, and post 1918, Art Deco buttons reflected designs from the machine age. Also, June displayed some charming calico buttons, which could be purchased to match calico dress goods. Unique to Canada are buttons made of pottery by painter Emily Carr, and because of its several button factories, Kitchener, ON was known as the Button Capital of the World.

Those of us lucky enough to have old button jars may well find treasures from the past as well as an insight into history by means of the humble button. And lucky we were to share June's passion for her fascinating collection!

A Good Idea for a Book Review!

Recently, one of *News and Views*'s faithful readers and providers of material suggested a new regular column for this publication: a book review section.

I think this is a wonderful idea. We have so much publication activity within our

member societies, and from the public at large in Simcoe County; we need a way to spread the word about some of the gems that are in print. One title suggested is by Guy Partington Wainman, *Astonishing Luck: The Unique*

and Revealing Story of a Modest Man who made a Major Contribution! (Orillia, ON: G.W. Wainman, 2008). Joan McLean's *Glimpses of Cookstown* is another worthy candidate. Ok readers, there's your challenge!

Definitions

1. In this Act,

□aboriginal peoples□ includes the Indian, Inuit and MØtis peoples of Canada; (□autochtone□)

□cemetery□ means land set aside for the burial of human remains and includes a mausoleum, columbarium or other structure intended for the interment of human remains, with or without government authorization or recognition; (□cimetieŁre□)

□human remains□ means a dead human body or the remains of a cremated human body; (□restes humains□)

□inactive cemetery□ means a cemetery that,

(a) is no longer used for the burial of human remains or no longer accepts human remains for burial,

(b) continues to be used for the burial of human remains but the number of burials per year is less than five,

(c) consists of land set aside for the burial of human remains of members of a family or interrelated families,

(d) is an unapproved aboriginal peoples cemetery, or

(e) is or was a cemetery although it does not have markers indicating that fact. (□cimetieŁre inactif□)

Prohibition on relocation

2. No person shall relocate an inactive cemetery.

Conflict

3. This Act prevails over any other Act or regulation that permits the relocation of an inactive cemetery or provides a process by which an inactive cemetery may be relocated.

The Andrew Hunter Award 2009

The Andrew Hunter Award is offered annually for historical research on Simcoe County, Ontario, written by an undergraduate student for a course in any university or college. In this sixth year of competition, we look forward to receiving many worthy entries for each of the two awards being offered.

Conditions: The entry shall be an essay between 3,000 and 5,000 words in length or a fourth year undergraduate thesis paper (no length restriction) on some aspect of the history of Simcoe County, Ontario, written in English or in French. The author must have been a part-time or full-time undergraduate student in a degree program at an accredited university or college at the time of writing. The essay must have been written to meet the requirement of an undergraduate credit course during the 2008-2009 academic year. The thesis paper must have been submitted for grading in the 2007-2008 academic year. Entries become the property of the



Simcoe County Historical Association and may be published as part of an essay collection.

Submissions: Essay entries shall be postmarked by April 7, 2009 and undergraduate theses shall be postmarked by January 31, 2009. Submissions will not be returned to the contestants. Papers must be typed in Times New Roman 12 point font, double spaced, and should not bear the instructor's comments or grade. Three copies must be provided. A cover sheet must list the author's name, address, phone number, year of study, school affiliation and department, and the name of the instructor for whom the paper was written.

Entries should be sent to:

The Corresponding Secretary
Simcoe County Historical Association
P.O. Box 144, Barrie, ON L4M 4S9

Adjudication: Entries will be judged by a distinguished panel appointed by the Simcoe County Historical Association. The winners will be announced in early May 2009 with the presentation of the awards to take place at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

Awards: There will be two awards offered in Canadian funds, one for \$500 for the best undergraduate essay and one for \$500 for the best undergraduate thesis. The Simcoe County Historical Association may edit the winning entries for the purpose of publication.

The Simcoe County Historical Association is under no obligation to grant the awards. For more information, see www.simcoecountyhistory.ca.

Commencement

4. This Act comes into force on a day to be named by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor.

Short title

5. The short title of this Act is the Inactive Cemeteries Protection Act, 2009.

COMING EVENTS

of our Member Societies

Alliston Historical Society ☐ contact

Jackie Baillie 705-435-5626 or
cknowles@rogers.com

Meet at Museum on the Boyne, Fletcher
Cres., Alliston every 2nd Wednesday
except July, Aug. & Dec. ☐7:30 p.m.

Barrie Historical Association ☐ contact Val Brucker

Meet at Barrie City Hall ☐ 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 12 ☐ Tim Crawford ☐ Black
Settlement in Oro

Apr. 16 ☐ AGM ☐ ANAF ☐ \$30

May 8 ☐ Mark Fisher ☐ Barrie's Creeks

Collingwood District Historical Society ☐ contact Joan Miller

www.historicallyspeakingcdhs.ca

Apr. 6 ☐ Fred Holmes ☐ Commerce and
Shipping On The Bay

Essa Historical Society ☐ contact Olive Lee

Meet at Thornton Library ☐ 1:30 p.m.

Mar. 28 ☐ Brian Baker ☐ Trains

Apr. 25 ☐ Kim Keckes ☐ Organic
Gardening

May 30 ☐ 30th Birthday Celebrations ☐
Baxter Hall ☐ begins at 11:30 a.m.

Genealogical Society

Meet at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-
Day Saints
79 Ferris Lane, Barrie ☐2:00 p.m.

www.simcoebugs.com

Apr. 18 ☐ Kathie Orr ☐ Elizabeth Johnston
UE ☐ Patent Land Records

Huron Museum Huron Ouendat Village

549 Little Lake Park Road, Midland ☐ Call
526-2844 www.huronmuseum.com

Innisfil Historical Society ☐ contact Ross Wallace

Meet at Knock Community Centre, 10th
SR at 9th Line, Innisfil ☐2:00 p.m.
www.innisfilhistorical.ca

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Mar. 21 ☐ Joan McLean ☐ Glimpses of
Cookstown

Midhurst Historical Society ☐ contact Meagan Arnott

Meet at the Library, Finlay Mill Road 7:30 p.m.

Museum on the Boyne ☐ contact Katie Huddleston

250 Fletcher Crescent in Riverdale Park,
Alliston ☐ Call 435-0167

www.allistonontario.com/MuseumontheBo
yne.html

Orillia Museum of Art and History ☐ contact Gloria Taylor

30 Peter Street South, Orillia ☐ Call 326-
2159 www.orilliamuseum.org

Mar. 16-20 ☐ March Break Day Camp ☐
Art Around the World ☐ 9:00 a.m.-4:00
p.m. Registration required

to Mar. 28 ☐ Mother & Son ☐ The works
of Bettina Harvey and Peter Harvey aka
Jimmy Three Whales

to Mar. 28 ☐ Layers, Stratums and Tiers ☐
the art of Jennifer Lawton

History Speaker Series ☐ contact Ross Wallace

Meet at St. Paul's United Church, Peter St.
and Coldwater Rd., Orillia ☐7:30 p.m.

Mar. 18 ☐ Gertraud and Bill McLaud ☐
Family Memories of Germany during
WWII

Apr. 15 ☐ Fayne Bullen and Sherry
Lawson ☐ Education of Native Children in
the Orillia Area

May 20 ☐ Jack Cecillon ☐ Turbulent Times
in Ontario's Bilingual Schools (Rioting in
Windsor)

Penetanguishene Centennial Museum and Archives

13 Burke St. at Beck Blvd.
Call 549-2150 www.pencenmuseum.com

Mar. 16-20 ☐ March Break Day Camp ☐
9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m

Apr. 4 ☐ Easter Eggstravaganza

Apr. 25 ☐ Genealogy Workshop

May 18 ☐ National Museum Day ☐ free
admission

June 6-7 ☐ Doors Open

June 13 ☐ Victorian Tea

Simcoe County Museum

1151 Highway 26, Midhurst ☐
Call 728-3721

Mar. 18-21 ☐ Hockey Hall of Fame
Travelling Exhibit

Mar. 13-22 ☐ March Break at the Museum
☐ 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Activities
scheduled for the whole family

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10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Registration required

Apr. 8 & 9 ☐ Easter Eggstravaganza

Apr. 29 ☐ Historica Fair

May 9 ☐ Pedicures and Parasols

June 13 & 14 ☐ Wheels and Tracks in
Motion

Stayner Heritage Society ☐ contact Dorothy Millsap

Centennial United Church (corner of Oak
and William Streets) ☐ 7:30 p.m.

www.staynerheritagesociety.com

Tecumseth & West Gwillimbury Historical Society ☐ contact Helen Yielding

Meet at Tec We Gwill Hall,
Newton Robinson, 7:30 p.m.

http://www.ntpl.ca/twghhistoricalsoc.htm

Call 905-775-7144 or 905-936-3659

Mar. 16 ☐ Peggy Rabishaw ☐ Gardening
and the Farmers ☐ Almanac

Tiffin Centre

Mar. 19 ☐ 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Birdfeeder workshop and outdoor fun ☐
registration required ☐ 424-1479 ext. 255