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## SCHA Annual General Meeting



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Preserving the Past,  
in the Present,  
for the Future.

Our AGM, on March 23, featured Mike Hill, author of *The Mariposa Folk Festival: A History*, published in 2017. Mike shared details the ups and downs of the festival over the years and of his time as the Artistic Director.

Along with elections of the Executive listed below, SCHA is pleased to announce four others as directors to enhance our work: Jan Blommaert, Deb L. Crawford, Deb Exel, and Brittany McGilly Mitchell. We appreciate the efforts of all the skilled volunteers who make up the team!

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## **President's Report** by Ted Duncan

**MEETING OUR MEMBERS** - I attended Essa Historical Society's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations in Thornton on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> of May. I brought congratulations from Board for their years of work preserving both Essa and Simcoe County's history. I talked about working together as we can do so much more.

I would still like to visit other member societies and associations. Meeting people face to face helps when connecting as we work together preserving our history.

**MAKING CONTACTS** - At a meeting with Kelley Swift Jones of Simcoe County Museum we talked about our support of the Heritage School Fair. I was a judge at the fair and was very impressed with the fine organization and with the quality of the students' work. Also we discussed how we can work together on future projects such as a possible History Conference. We talked about all things history. It was a good meeting.

I made contact with the Deputy Warden of Simcoe County, Barry Burton, at the Essa meeting. He seemed interested in what SCHA is trying to do. We hope to meet again.

Josephine Boos, a past Editor of *News and Views* in the 80s and 90s, is moving out of her home to smaller accommodations and with the help of her family is down sizing. I picked up 8 boxes of historical material that pertained to the SCHA. I thanked the family for thinking of us to help preserve important historical files. Anything we don't want will go to the Simcoe County Archives. I hope other past members' families will think of us as well. Too often valuable historical things get sent to the trash heap.

**SCHA BOARD ACTIVITIES** – We have three new members and a fourth added after at our last meeting.

1. Others are welcome from Member societies, associations and individual members.
2. Board will be working on plans for next year – governance and policies – new initiatives.
3. We want to set priorities to continue renewing SCHA as an organization.

**Barns Project** – personally – With a friend, the photo Survey of Ramara barns is almost complete. Others are working on Severn and old Medonte townships.

As Vice Chair of the Orillia Museum of Art And History, I have facilitated the first meetings of the City with the Simcoe County Archives. I'm hoping to see the City of Orillia, the last municipality in Simcoe County not a member, join the County's Archive. We all need to protect our historical heritage.

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## **Innisfil Review 2020** by Donna Wice

To honour the occasion of A dedicated team of committee points.  
Innisfil's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday, a special members have been contacting  
history book update is being pre- and interviewing older citizens to  
pared. This is the fourth in a se- gather their life stories, as well as  
ries of reviews recording the the experiences of businesses,  
changes that have occurred in sports groups, and families new  
Innisfil since its official survey of and old. One of the significant  
boundaries and concessions was challenges of the 2020 review is  
completed in 1820. Special birth- contacting and inviting the newer  
day celebrations are already in citizens of our burgeoning town  
the planning stages for 2020. to record and share their view-

2019 marks the final year of collecting items for this historical record. Please share this challenge with all and sundry. More information and clarification is available by contacting Donna at [info@innisfilhistorical.ca](mailto:info@innisfilhistorical.ca).

## Role of a Municipal Heritage Committee by Deb Crawford

Many, but not all, municipalities across Ontario have established Municipal Heritage Committees under the Ontario Heritage Act. The Committees advise council on identifying, protecting and promoting cultural heritage resources.

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport for Ontario has published the Ontario Heritage Toolkit to assist municipal Councils, municipal staff, Heritage Committees, land use planners, etc. to understand the heritage conservation process in Ontario. The toolkit can be found at the following link: [http://www.mtc.gov.on.ca/en/heritage/heritage\\_toolkit.shtml](http://www.mtc.gov.on.ca/en/heritage/heritage_toolkit.shtml)

Heritage Committee members are recruited following the municipal election, are appointed by council, and remain members for the duration of the 4 year term. Members are recruited to fill vacancies as needed throughout this period.

Each Heritage Committee, as with most municipal committees, have the initial task of fleshing out the Terms of Reference that the committee will follow. The Terms of Reference will have a slightly different flavour depending on the community, municipality, and the strengths and interests of the members.

In a nutshell, the role of Heritage Committee is advisory and consultative only. Once established, however, the municipality is required under the Ontario Heritage Act to consult with the committee regarding the registration of heritage properties, designation of individual properties, assessing applications to demolish or modify heritage properties, initiating a study to define a future heritage conservation district, etc.

For more information, contact your local municipality or local municipal heritage committee members.

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## Coldwater Canadiana Summer Events [coldwatermuseum.com](http://coldwatermuseum.com)

**June 19, 26 – 1:30-2 Tea Time Talks** – historic ceramic/glass topics. See website for details. Devon Tea served at 2 p.m., \$10 pp.

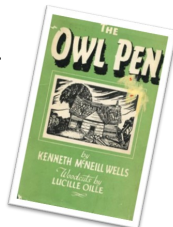
**June 22/23 – 10-5 Coldwater and Area Studio Tour;** 4 artists in our heritage buildings. BBQ lunch available.

**July & August - every Wednesday 1-4** – Enjoy an authentic **Devon Tea** served on fine vintage china in the 1840s Woodrow cabin. Tea is also available on other days during museum hours. \$10 pp.

**July 21 – 10:30-4 Heritage Day** Admission by donation. Live music, craft demonstrations, book signing, outdoor church service,

silent auction, lucky draws, working steam engine, bbq lunch, vendors, lots of family fun with Children's Play House, refurbished Postal Station, and two seasonal exhibits:

*Bees, Goats and Gossip: Celebrating the Rural Spirit of The Owl Pen* is the tale of an urban couple's adventures as they transitioned to rural life in Medonte Township in the 1940s.



*Coldwater: A Place of Memories* incorporates early photographs and a unique artifact selection to showcase the evolution of the “village

on the river.”

**August 11 – 10-5 Coldwater Steampunk Festival** - the largest Steampunk event in Canada – not to be missed! Events & activities at the museum and in Coldwater village.

**August 22 – 10-3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Heritage Craft Festival** – Vintage Hats theme – bring or wear one! Bring a lawn chair and personal fibre craft project to work on. Socialize and share with other crafters. Enjoy refreshments; lunch with dessert available \$20 pp. Special displays, free lucky draws and silent auction.

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## Wall of Honour by Janine Harris-Wheatley

Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury Historical Society has been selected as the Museum on the Boyne's 2019 Wall of Honour recipient in recognition of its many contributions to local heritage.

From left: Councillor Fran Sainsbury; TWGHS President Janine Harris-Wheatley

Deputy Mayor Richard Norcross; Councillor Wayne Noye; and Councillor Donna Jebb of New Tecumseth.



They were joined by friends and members of the Society, Mayor Rob Keffer and Councillor Gary Lamb of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Mayor Lynn Dolin of Innisfil and Curator Katie Huddleston at a ceremony at the Museum in Alliston on May 4.

Photo credit: Andrea Nolan



## Origin of SCHA Document - 30 Years Later! by Ted Duncan

Making a reappearance from the March, 1989 edition of *News and Views*, here is an article detailing the history of the founding of the SCHA!

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### SIMCOE COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

AS WE WERE, NOV. 6, 1891

FROM Barrie Examiner, Nov. 12, 1891:

#### COUNTY PIONEER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

According to announcement a meeting was held in the Council Chamber Barrie, on Friday last, the 6th inst., to form a Pioneer and Historical Society for Simcoe County. Amongst those present were: Mayor Pepler, Rev. Dr. Parker, W.H. Hewson, John L. Warnica, C.W. Lawton and G.H. Hale of Orillia, Dr. Jakeway, Mr. W.H. Doel of the Provincial Association, H.N. Courtlandt, A.F. Hunter. Mayor Pepler was elected chairman.

Moved by Mr. G.H. Hale, seconded by Dr. Jakeway, That we form a society to be called the County of Simcoe Pioneer and Historical Society - Carried. Moved by A.F. Hunter, seconded by Mr. John L. Warnica, That the society be constituted of members who have attained the age of 21 years - Carried. Moved by C.W. Lawton, seconded by Rev. Dr. Parker, That those eligible for membership be (1) those who resided in the County of Simcoe prior to Confederation, July 1, 1867, or their descendants who shall be known as "Pioneers"; and also (2) natives of the county and (3) those who have been resident in the county for five years previous to their applications for membership - Carried.

Moved by Mr. G.H. Hale, seconded by Dr. Jakeway, That the officers consist of a President, Vice-President, a Secretary, Treasurer and an Executive Committee - Carried. Moved by Mr. G.H. Hale, seconded by Dr. Jakeway, That the officers be Honorary President - Hon. J.R. Gowan; President - Judge Ardagh; Secretary - A.F. Hunter; Treasurer - C.W. Lawton; Executive Committee - Rev. Dr. Parker, Wm. Hewson, Esq., Mayor Pepler and S.L. Soules.

Mayor Pepler having been called to another meeting, Rev. Dr. Parker took the chair. Moved by Wm. Hewson, Esq., seconded by Mr. Lawton, That the next meeting be held in Barrie on the first Friday in December at 11 o'clock - Carried. Moved by Mr. Hale, seconded by Mr. Warnica, That a vote of thanks be tendered Mr. Doel for his kind services in attending this meeting, and that the secretary take steps to affiliate with the Provincial Association - Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lawton, seconded by Mr. Doel, That a vote of thanks be tendered Mayor Pepler and Rev. Dr. Parker for their services in the capacity of chairmen - Carried. The meeting then adjourned.

This was the origin of the S.C.H.A., its grandparent body, as it were, formed in 1891 reputedly under the instigation of A.F. Hunter.

Later (I do not have the date) it became the Huronia Historic Sites Association. That was re-organized in September, 1971, as The Simcoe County Historical Association.

NEWS & VIEWS, the newsletter of this organization, began in January, 1972, as No. 72-1. So, if my calculations are correct, we are now in the 18th year of publication. The first editor was Gladys Train, now of Stayner. Judging from the few issues through which I have had time to browse, those were exciting years in this association. May that excitement be recaptured in these later years!



## Heritage Barrie celebrates Barrie's history! by Deb Exel

Celebrate Barrie is the kick off to the summer festival season in Barrie, and [Heritage Barrie](#) was back at the annual event, this year with a fun, interactive challenge ... inviting visitors to their booth to try to identify an array of historical artifacts. While examining many items from the past, people could chat with the team about the city's role in Barrie's heritage, browse the displays and help themselves to self-guided [historical walking tours](#) booklets.

Heritage Barrie also encourages owners of historic properties that are around 100 years old, to consider listing them on the [Municipal Heritage Register](#). The purpose of the Register is to:

- Recognize properties of cultural heritage value.
- Foster civic identity and pride by drawing attention to the community's cultural heritage.
- Promote knowledge and en-



hance understanding of cultural heritage preservation.

- Provide easily accessible information about the value of cultural heritage to land-use planners, property owners, developers, the tourism industry, educators and the general public.

People often ask how they will be affected if their property is added to the Municipal Heritage

Register.

- Being placed on the Municipal Heritage Register means your property is of value to the community as it may meet one or more criteria in the categories of design or physical value, historical or associative value, or contextual value.
- Demolition permits are subject to a 60 day waiting/review period
- No impact to municipal taxes
- May be eligible for Community Improvement Plan funding or grants.

Even if your property is listed on the Municipal Heritage Register, you may still paint, renovate, restore, improve or add to your property as normal. Property owners are encouraged to renovate, maintain and restore their heritage property to preserve its value to the community. See all the properties on the Municipal Heritage Register [here](#) or learn [more](#) about Barrie's heritage.



158 Dunlop Street East  
"Morton/Turnbul House"



36 Mulcaster Street  
"Farmers' Market Building"



186 Blake Street



105 Toronto Street  
"Robinson-Burton House"

## Simcoe County Historical Association Heritage Business Award 2019

Beatties Potato Farm and Vodka Distillery of Alliston has been selected as the second annual recipient of the Heritage Business Award. From farming potatoes for well over 100 years, the Beatties are now giving their high quality potato a whole

new purpose- the creation of vodka. Mark the afternoon of Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> on your calendar! Don't miss the unique opportunity of visiting their farm and distillery plus hearing the 5<sup>th</sup> generation of the

Beattie family share their success story. More details to follow in the September newsletter.



## The Scotch Settlers of West Gwillimbury by Jan Blommaert

The story of the Scotch Settlers who came to West Gwillimbury has been told and re told through the generations for the past two hundred years. Their story begins in the Highlands of Northern Scotland towards the end of the 1700s, when landlords decided to evict hundreds of crofters. These evictions were called *The Clearances*.

A young Scot named Thomas Douglas, the 5<sup>th</sup> Earl of Selkirk, obtained 166,000 acres in present-day Manitoba. His vision was to start a colony near what is now Winnipeg, offering land and a fresh start to some of these displaced families. In 1811 he sent a work party to make ready for settlers, and in 1812 the first group arrived. In 1813 another group of settlers were on their way to the new colony aboard the ship *The Prince of Wales*.

As the ship entered Hudson's Bay, on its way to disembark the settlers at York Factory, typhoid broke out. The captain became frantic to rid his ship of the passengers. In the end, they were put ashore a hundred miles north of York Factory, on the west shore of Hudson's Bay, with almost no supplies. Many were ill, some had died, and winter was coming. The stranded settlers found fresh water and collected driftwood for shelter and warmth. They were befriended by some First Nations people, who showed them how to make tea to cure scurvy, survive the winter, and in the spring helped them get to York Factory. The Red River Settlement was still more than 800 miles south. It was a joyous occasion when the settlers finally arrived at their destination. One can only imagine the arduous trip.

Their firm and deep faith in God helped them through.

By the time these settlers arrived, things were not going well in the colony. Food was scarce and there was conflict with the fur traders, who wanted the settlers gone. In August of 1815, a party of 140 agreed to take up the offer of the North West Company to take them to Upper Canada. After their canoe and portage trip of 1,000 miles, they arrived at Holland Landing only to find the land promised to them was not yet open for settlement. While they waited, most of the Scotch settlers found lodging and work along the Yonge St. settlements, where Quaker families in particular were generous and helpful.

The new survey of West Gwillimbury Township was finished in the summer of 1819, and 17 Scotch families crossed the Holland River to take up land along the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> concessions. They had learned well from their Quaker friends how to start their farms and thrive. Log homes went up quickly, followed by shelter for live-

stock. Others settlers joined them in the next few years from the Red River and Scotland. The area became known as the Scotch Settlement.

At first the settlers met in barns when saddleback ministers came to preach, marry and baptize. Soon they had a log building that served as a church and school. In 1869 the Auld Kirk was built to serve this community. Today it is preserved as a heritage site.

This year we celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of these Scots and reflect in awe why and how they came here.

### Bradford West Gwillimbury Local History Association



*You are invited*

**The Auld Kirk**  
3380 Line 6 BWG  
(West of 10<sup>th</sup> Sideroad)

**Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup>**  
1:00 – 4:00 pm

#### **Celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Scotch Settlers Arriving in West Gwillimbury Township**

2:00 pm Official Greetings inside the Kirk

3:55 pm Closing Hymn inside the Kirk

#### **During the afternoon:**

Music inside the Auld Kirk, Cemetery Tour,  
the story of the Scotch settlers and displays inside the marquee,  
light refreshments, old fashioned games, mystery quest.  
Children are welcome.

#### **Free Admission**

*Donations Gratefully Accepted  
Towards the Continued Restoration & Upkeep of the Auld Kirk*

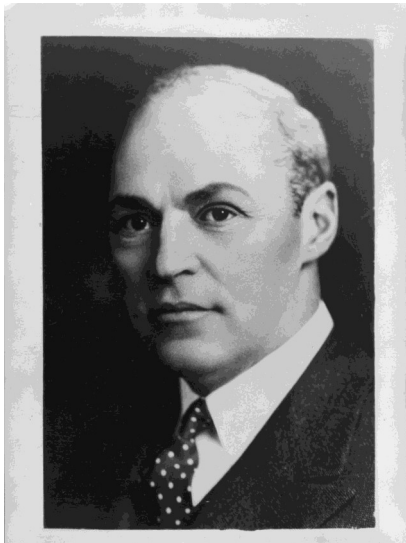
You are invited to submit photos and articles regarding your historical happenings in Simcoe County. Mail to SCHA, Box 144, Barrie, ON L4M 4S9 or email to Jill Hynes, Editor at [mark.jill@sympatico.ca](mailto:mark.jill@sympatico.ca)

## The Life of William Earl Rowe, 1894-1984 by John Merritt

William Earl Rowe was born on May 13, 1894 in Hull, Iowa, to Canadian parents. He moved to Ontario with his family when he was two years old. Rowe grew up to become a farmer and cattle breeder in the township of West Gwillimbury, with what proved to be a lifelong passion for horses and harness racing. In 1917, at age 23, he married Treva Alda Lillian Lennox. Together they had four children, one of whom sadly died at birth.

In 1919, at age 25, he was elected reeve of West Gwillimbury. In 1923, when his term as township reeve ended, Rowe's political career began to eclipse his agricultural one when he was elected as a Conservative Member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario for the riding of Simcoe South. In 1925 he graduated from provincial to federal politics when he was elected a Conservative Member of Parliament for Dufferin-Simcoe. Rowe remained in the House of Commons for ten years until the disastrous election of 1935, when he, like many Conservative MPs, lost his seat to the Liberals of William Lyon Mackenzie King over the Conservatives' perceived bungling of the federal response to the Great Depression.

In 1936, Rowe returned to provincial politics when he became leader of the



Conservative Party of Ontario. During the 1937 Ontario election, Rowe took a pro-labour stance that today seems uncommon for conservative politicians to have. Rowe opposed Liberal premier Mitchell Hepburn's condemnation of labour unions and the attempted unionization of the General Motors plant in Oshawa, arguing that the issue was not about "law and order but the right of free association." Rowe failed to win a seat in the election and subsequently resigned as

leader of the provincial Progressive Conservatives.

Shortly after his defeat at the provincial level, Earl Rowe returned to federal politics when he was acclaimed in a by-election for the House of Commons seat he had vacated in order to run in the Ontario election. Rowe kept his seat in the House of Commons for another 25 years. In 1948 Rowe's former rival George Drew became leader of the federal Conservatives, and in 1954 and 1956 Rowe served as interim leader of the opposition when Drew was too ill to perform his duties. From 1958 until the end of his federal career in 1962, Rowe was joined in Parliament by his daughter and fellow Progressive Conservative MP, Jean Caselman Wadds. They were the only father and daughter to ever sit together in the House of Commons.

In 1963, Rowe left Parliamentary politics to become the 20<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. Over the next five years, he proved himself to be a staunch supporter of agricultural and rural affairs in the province. Rowe retired from political life in 1968, at age 74. He died on February 9, 1984 at Newton Robinson. A public school in Bradford and a provincial park near Alliston are named in his honour.

## West Gwillimbury Proceeds with Effort to Protect Historic Earl Rowe Farm

by Janine Harris Wheatley

When Solfela Investments Ltd., the current owner of the Earl Rowe Farm in Newton Robinson, applied for a demolition permit, it prompted quick action by the Bradford West Gwillimbury Community Planning Office and by Town Council.

Archeological Research Associates Ltd. (ARA) was hired to investigate the design and physical value, the historic and associative value, and the contextual value of the property and its famous owner as specified in the Heritage Act. The consultants concluded that out of the nine possible criteria for designation under the Act Earl Rowe Farm meets six. The Act only requires one be met to justify designation.

The property includes a complete example of an agricultural complex, including a Gothic revival house built by well-known local builders, the Merrick Brothers. Multiple drivesheds, silo, and various smaller outbuildings join the U-shaped, uniquely designed triple barns to support the farm's longtime purpose, the breeding and training of standard-bred horses for harness racing. Earl Rowe was associated with the property as owner and resident from 1917

until his death in 1984.

Along with his political (outlined above) and business interests, Earl Rowe was a pioneer of the Canadian harness racing industry, breeding, training, and driving winners throughout his life. He served three terms as President of the Canadian Standardbred Horse Society and was an Honorary Director of the Ontario Harness Horse Association. Along with his son and grandson he founded the Raceway tracks in Windsor and Barrie. Earl Rowe's many accomplishments were honoured by an Ontario historic plaque which still stands at the 100 acre farm site. The ceremony was organized by the Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury Historical Society, of which the Hon. Earl Rowe was a Founding Director.

What is the current designation status of Earl Rowe Farm? Like the other 100 acre farms around it, the property is zoned Agricultural in the BWG Official Plan. In the Town's Zoning By-law 2010-050, "Agricultural" provides limited opportunity for redevelopment for uses other than those few identified. This does not include

housing, commercial, or industrial development.

Based on the evaluation by ARA the Town's Planning Staff recommended to Council "that the Town proceed with the heritage designation process for 4304-4306 Line 10". In early March Council directed Staff to give notice of intention to designate the property. As of June 7, 2019 the Town is expecting to receive within a few weeks a heritage assessment report prepared on behalf of the owner. Once this second assessment is submitted Staff will be able to review it against ARA's report and can then begin to formulate a notice. Staff would like to work with the owner to determine the designation's attribute description.

Letters of support for designation have been sent to BWG Council by Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury Historical Society, BWG Local History Association, Simcoe County Historical Association, and various concerned citizens. In view of the proposed changes to the Heritage Act it is better done sooner than later to designate this property.



## Coming Events of Member Societies

Alliston Historical Society  
[Contact](#) Jackie Baillie 705-435-5626

Meet at Museum on the Boyne  
2 p.m. 2nd Wednesday Feb-  
June, Oct, Nov

### [Barrie Historical Archive](#)

Contact [Deb Exel](#)

*Pictures Gone Poetic*

Book Debut and Launch Event  
Summer 2019

Contact [us](#) for more  
information

Bradford/West Gwillimbury  
Historical Association  
Contact [Jan Blommaert](#), 705-  
456-1870

Meet at BWG Library 2 p.m.  
4th Saturday Jan-May, Sept-  
Nov

### [Coldwater Canadian Heritage Museum](#)

See page 3 for events

### [Collingwood District Historical Society](#)

Contact Joan Miller 705-445-  
1119

Meet at Leisure Time Club 7  
p.m.

### [Collingwood Museum](#)

Contact Susan Warner 705-445-  
4811

Essa Historical Society  
Contact [Olive Lee](#) 705-458-  
9971

Meet at Thornton Library 1:30  
p.m. 4th Saturday Jan-June,  
Sept-Nov

### [Friends of Fort Willow](#)

**July 6** *Historic Places Day* 10-3  
Featuring demonstrations by  
the Friends of Historic Fort  
Willow and the Ontario Wood  
Carvers' Association of Barrie

### [Friends of the OPP Museum](#)

[Contact](#) Matt Eade 705-330-  
4178

### Heritage Barrie

**Sept. 21** [Doors Open Ontario](#)  
– [Simcoe County](#)

### [Huron Museum/Huron Ouendat Village](#)

Contact : 705-526-2844  
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### [Innisfil Historical Society](#)

[Contact](#) Donna Wice

Meet at Knock Comm Centre 2  
p.m.

**Sept. 21** *Bill Bentley and Kwesi  
Millington* RCMP

### [Museum on the Boyne](#)

[Contact](#) Katie Huddleston 705-  
435-4030 x. 1802

### [Orillia Museum of Art and History](#)

Contact 705-326-2159

**Oct. 16** *Orillia Secondary*  
*School* From Ortona to Juno: A  
Journey of Remembrance

**Nov. 20** *Christine Johnstone*  
Stories from Behind the Badge

### Orillia Museum of Art and History

orilliamuseum.org 705-326-  
2159

**July 6-Sept. 29** Project  
Voyager: An Exploration of  
Place and Time  
**to Sept. 1** Mnjikaning:  
Mapping the Life of the  
Gaudaurs

**June 29-Aug. 26** When Raven  
became Spider

### [Penetanguishene Centennial Museum and Archives](#)

Contact Nicole Jackson 705-  
549-2150

**July 1** Canada Day at the  
Museum 11-6

**July 10, 24 Aug. 14, 21** 10-  
12:30 Tea and Tarts Historical  
Museum Tour \$10

Pioneer activities all summer:  
see the website

### [Ramara Historical Society](#)

Contact [Cathy Westcott](#)

Meet at Udney Community  
Centre 7 p.m. 3rd Thurs Jan-  
June, Sept, Dec

### [Simcoe County Branch, Genealogical Society](#)

Contact Nancy Leveque

Meet at Church of Jesus Christ  
of Latter-Day Saints 2 p.m.  
Returning in September

### [Simcoe County Museum](#)

Contact Kelly Swift-Jones 705-  
728-3721

### All Summer

*Summer Sundays* Family  
Events

1-4:30 July 7-Aug. 25

*Try it Tuesdays* 7-9 July 2-Aug.  
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### [Stayner Heritage Society](#)

Contact Tom Scholte 705-517-  
5171

Tecumseth & West  
Gwillimbury Historical Society  
Contact [Janine Harris-Wheatley](#)  
905-936-6549

Meet at TecWeGwill Hall 7:30  
3rd Monday Jan-May, Sept-  
Nov

