

2024 Activity Reports

Membership Report:

At the end of 2024 we had 48 members and organizations. Membership continues to shift with the addition of new members while others have lapsed.

Just a reminder that membership fees are due by the end of March each year. If you have not paid your membership fees, please do so! You can visit the membership page on our website: www.simcoecountyhistory.ca . If you have already paid, thank you. If you are not sure you have paid or would like more information email info@simcoecountyhistory.ca

Heritage Business Award

SCHA proudly salutes Evans deVries Higgins LLP (formerly Evans and Evans) as the 5th in a series of long-term Simcoe County businesses to be recognized. The Evans law firm has been providing Bradford and the surrounding area with legal representation since 1894.

The Heritage Business Award recognizes businesses who have been part of the growth and development of Simcoe County for many decades and continue to be important in our county's future and our local communities.

To enquire about the program or nominate a local business email info@simcoecountyhistory.ca .

Andrew Hunter Writing Award:

2024 Andrew Hunter historical essay winner Ethan-Michael Sado, a Grade 10 Eastview Secondary School student in Barrie, is shown between Simcoe County Historical Association vice-president Mark Fisher and SCHA president Deb Crawford.

Ethan-Michael was awarded the \$300 cash prize for his essay on Canada's contributions to the Manhattan Project along with a copy of The History of Simcoe County.

The Andrew Hunter Writing Award, named after an early historian of Simcoe County and co-founder of the SCHA, was originally offered to post-secondary Canadian History Students at Laurentian University's Barrie campus. When Laurentian phased out its

history program, the award went dormant for a few years until it was relaunched in 2020, this time focused on students of Canadian History at high schools across Simcoe County. For more information email: info@simcoecountyhistory.ca

SCHA Speakers Series 2024:

Tuesday February 27, 2024, 7pm by zoom Stories of skating, curling, hockey, long ago and current-Tom Scholte and Jeff Parton of Stayner Heritage Society entertained 20 participants with photos and anecdotes of Stayner's arena and curling club. Stroud/Coldwater Curling Club Ice maker James Taylor shared the changing techniques and equipment required to create quality curling ice in various rinks in Simcoe County

AGM March 23, 2024, at Hawkestone Hall: Special guests and greetings from Warden Clarke and Oro historian Harry Hughes. Abiishan Nanthakumar, our 2023 Andrew Hunter winner, shared his inspiration for his essay. History of hall speaker, Market place displays: Karen, Mark, Bill Soule SCGS,

History Fair SC Museum Thursday April 25- judging, banner, display area, photos, plaque, awards package for each grade, Deb to create task list for this event

Saturday April 27 1:30-4 pm at Museum on the Boyne Cohosts: SCHA, Essa HS, 46 attendees attended to hear Mike & Richard Elines, nephews of Walter Ball, famous Essa sketch artist

Mon September 30 - 7:pm Blanket Exercise at Tec We Guil Hall Newton Robinson. Presenters Rachel Crawford & Patricia James

October 23-Ted Baris at Barrie Legion - Mark Fisher shared in greeting guests at the legion.

**Interested in being part of our Speaker Series? Email news@simcoecountyhistory.ca

Media Report:

SCHA continues to be active on Facebook and LinkedIn continuously increasing our reach and market visibility.

Volunteers Wanted:

Interested in becoming a SCHA Directors? Thinking about getting more involved? Lend a hand to raise our profile and reach using social media, help update and revitalize our website, or get involved hosting one of our events – for more information contact us at: info@simcoecountyhistory.ca