

# Bruce County Historical Notes



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## Greetings from the President

By Karen Ribey

Well hello everyone! I hope you are having a wonderful summer and just where has it gone to?

I know down here on the farm on the sixth of Bruce in the Municipality of Kincardine it seems that first cut hay, which is normally done by the first week of July, did not even get started until the end of July. I guess we should be thankful that we do not live west of Manitoba border though, with all the rain and flooding they have been having.

I hope that everyone who went on the annual Bus Trip had fun seeing and hearing about the Greenock Swamp. It is like many things close to where you live. It has been there all your life and you take its heritage for granted. The skit that Mary MacKay wrote about the "Cargill Family" is the same. Doesn't everyone know about Henry Cargill's family, his lumber empire and his political life?

Bruce Township Historical Society's Annual Meeting in June was similar. The topic for the evening was The History of the Village of Underwood. Underwood has a history but as the kids would say "no way man, just don't blink or you'll miss it".

I hope that everyone made it out to the Heritage Show in Paisley on August 20-22 weekend. How about those square dancing tractors?! Hope that you also came to the Bruce County Ploughing Match on the 3rd of September in Kincardine.

The Grey County Historical Society is coming to Bruce County on September 15 to see the Masonic Lodge building in Southampton. We are meeting at 1:00 pm at the former Lodge and gathering at the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre after for a presentation. This

is a nice treat to meet with the members of the Grey County Historical Society, and for certain people this is a very good date to go on a tour.

I promise this is my last president's message. Where have the last three years gone? Thank-you to the entire executive for all their help over the last three years.

All the Best and thanks again. Karen

**Bruce County Historical Society  
Annual Dinner Meeting  
Saturday, October 30 - 11:00 am**

**Topic: Friends of Sauble Beach  
Guest Speaker: John & Cathy Strachan**

**Location:  
Sauble Beach Community Centre**



**Buy your ticket by Saturday, October 23  
Cost: \$15.00**

**Call for Tickets:  
Doug Lennox - (519) 422-1737  
dlennox@sympatico.ca  
Jim Whytock - (519) 392-6003  
Cathie Clazie - (519) 389-2320  
Dorne Fitzsimmons - (519) 368-7186**

# Friends of Sauble Beach

Friends of Sauble Beach (FSB), is a nonprofit group of volunteers organized in 2000. FSB Volunteers use their talents, time and energy to ensure that the natural environment of Sauble Beach is conserved and enhanced so that people of all ages and physical ability can enjoy the wonderful sunsets, sand and water of the beach. FSB was incorporated in February of 2002.



Founding members of Friends of Sauble Beach:  
Ken & Mary Frook, Sheila Hatt, Edith Galloway & Doug Lennox.

## Friends of Sauble Beach Mission Statement

To preserve, protect, enhance and improve the natural resources and environment of the shoreline at Sauble Beach which encompasses beach and sand dune ecosystems.

To encourage and foster an understanding and awareness of the natural resources and environment and their value in enhancing our quality of life, by offering public meetings, special interest speakers, and distribution of information on issues related to improving our natural resource and environment.

To establish a liaison with youth through an environmental partnership with our local schools which will promote respect for the fragile environment on the shoreline and Sauble Beach.

## What do the Friends of Sauble Beach do?



Raise money to protect the dune system and to provide proper access points to the Beach. To date over \$275,000 has been raised through fund raising ventures, BBQ's and Fish Dinners.



Help fund boardwalks and accessible beach viewing platforms.



Improve habitat for endangered species.



Provide interpretive signage.



Develop, produce and distribute educational materials.



Provide benches on the beach.



Involve school children in "Kids to Kids" program.



Instrumental in Sauble Beach becoming the 1<sup>st</sup> Beach on Lake Huron and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Beach in North America to fly the Blue Flag.



In 2007, the efforts of FSB was recognized by Cottage Life Magazine. FSB was awarded the first ever Green Cottager Group Award.

## Bruce County Historical Society Meeting Schedule

### Southampton Masonic Lodge

Joint Meeting with the  
Grey County Historical Society  
Wednesday, September 15 - 1:00  
Meet at Former Masonic Lodge - Albert Street  
(HWY 21, north of High Street)  
Discussion to follow at Bruce County  
Museum & Cultural Centre

### Executive Meeting

Friday, September 15 - 11:00  
Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre

### Bruce County Historical Society Annual Meeting - Sauble Beach

Saturday October 30 - 11:00  
Sauble Beach Community Centre  
Presentation by Friends of Sauble Beach

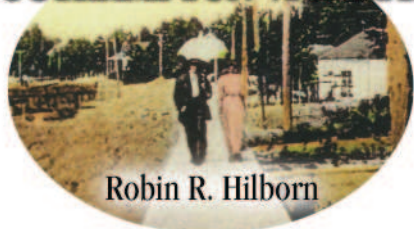
### Legion Photo Day

Wednesday, November 17 - 10:00 - 3:00  
Location TBA

### Annual Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, December 4 - Noon  
Burgoyne Presbyterian Church  
Current and Past Executive of the Bruce  
County Historical Society  
RSVP to Mary MacKay (519) 353-5544

### SOUTHAMPTON VIGNETTES



Robin R. Hilborn

Robin Hilborn launched his book *Southampton Vignettes* July 29th. The book is available at the BCM&CC gift shop, the Chantry Island Tour Base at the Southampton harbour, in Port Elgin at Broad Horizons Books, and in Owen Sound at the Downtown Bookstore.

Robin noted that in writing *Vignettes* he relied heavily on historian John Weichel's research notes, housed in the Bruce County Archives, including his books *Forgotten Lives* and *Forgotten Times*. "I especially wanted to pay tribute to John Weichel, so I devoted a chapter to his work and dedicated the book to him."

## Bruce County Post Cards Needed

The Bruce County Historical Society is still looking for post cards depicting scenes from around Bruce County for a new publication, *A Pictorial History of Bruce County: Volume II*. If you have any post cards you would be willing to loan to us to reproduce for the book please call Bill Stewart at 519-934-2270 or Ann-Marie Collins at the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre, 1-866-318-8889 ext 114. Thank you to those of you who have already contacted us.



Thanks to Dorothy Ozaruk for this post card of a team of horses hauling logs out of the bush.

## Books Available from the Bruce County Historical Society Members Receive 25% off!

*The Experiences of John Stewart 'The Rebel'*  
compiled by Mary MacKay  
John Stewart was a participant in  
Mackenzie's 1837 Rebellion.  
\$5.00

*Misty Rain* by Graham MacDonald  
An historical novel. A family lives through the  
Great Depression.  
\$12.50

*Pioneer Days on the Bruce Peninsula*  
by Jack Hilditch  
Jack Hilditch relates his experiences and  
writes about the folklore of the peninsula.  
84 pages \$8.00

Check out the full range of publications at:  
[www.brucecountyhistory.on.ca](http://www.brucecountyhistory.on.ca)  
To order books contact  
William Stewart  
RR2, Allenford, ON NOH 1A0  
(519) 934-2270

# Bruce County Heritage Association Heritage Farm Show - Steam & Antique Tractor Show



Friday, August 20 - Sunday, August 22 volunteers from the Bruce County Historical Society, Bruce County Genealogical Society and the staff from the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre manned a booth at the Heritage Steam Show near Paisley. Photos courtesy of Terry Roach.

## Pine River Cheese

Pine River Cheese & Butter Co-Operative celebrates 125 years in 2010, serving the people of Huron Township and surrounding areas.



*Photos courtesy  
of Pine River  
Cheese*

The Pine River Cheese & Butter Company was incorporated on March 3, 1885. The factory was built on Huron Township Concession 6, Lot 36. On May 4, 1939 it became the Pine River Cheese & Butter Co-Operative.

The plant was destroyed by fire in 1981. A new plant was opened in 1983 on the same lot but at a new site on HWY 21.



Plans are being made to have a celebration, hopefully this fall, but are not complete.

For more information about Pine River and other Cheese & Butter factories in Huron Township check out the Bruce County Historical Society Yearbook 2005.

## Bethel United Church

Bethel United Church officially closed with their final service on Sunday, August 15, 2010. They had a celebration to mark the closing.

*Photo Courtesy of the Kincardine Times*



John Farrell and Sandra MacDonald, wearing proper period costume, offered a brief history of the church.

The original log church was built in 1856 on half an acre of land purchased from Edward Creech for 25 cents. It was named Bethel Methodist Church by William Harrison. Over the winter of 1871-72 arrangements were made to build a new church. While the new church was being built the old log one burned and scorched the side of the frame building being built.

In 1925 the Methodist Church joined the United Church of Canada.

*Photo Courtesy of the Kincardine Times*



In April 1963 the church burned again in a fire of unknown origin. The current church building was erected in 1964, east of where the former church had stood.

For more info visit [www.kincardinetimes.com](http://www.kincardinetimes.com)

# Doors Open in Bruce County

Ontario Heritage Trust

Doors Open offers an opportunity for visitors to learn about the importance of architectural, cultural and natural heritage sites within their community. One can visit any number of chosen sites in one weekend at no charge. Look for the Doors Open Ontario Guide for more information...



## **Kincardine**

**Saturday & Sunday, October 16 - 17**

**10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**(519) 396-6060**

**[www.doorsopenkincardine.com](http://www.doorsopenkincardine.com)**

Doors Open Kincardine is presented by the Municipality of Kincardine.

A.J. Evans/Brown House  
689 Princes Street, Kincardine

Anglican Rectory  
HWY 9, EN5021, Bervie

Ardloch Lodge/ Royal Canadian Legion  
219 Lambton Street, Kincardine

Bruce Lodge 341 A.F. & A.M.G.R.C.  
94 King Street, Tiverton

Lime Kiln Resort  
96 Victoria Street, Inverhuron

Port Bruce Cemetery  
Concession 6, just east of Sideroad B/C

Roseneath/Malcolm Place  
255 Durham Street, Kincardine

## **South Bruce Peninsula**

**Saturday & Sunday, September 18-19**

**10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**(519) 534-1400**

**[www.southbrucepeninsula.com](http://www.southbrucepeninsula.com)**

A tour of interesting sites which encompass all of the communities in South Bruce Peninsula.

Aiken Brothers Hardware  
7740 Highway 21, Allenford

The Bruce Beckons  
38 Beckons Lane, RR 4, Wiarton

Institute for Outdoor Education and  
Environmental Studies  
3092 Bruce County Road 13, Wiarton

Oliphant Pioneer Methodist Church  
3 Lakeview Avenue, Oliphant

Sauble Falls Bridge and Historic Site  
1400 Sauble Falls Road, Sauble Beach

Taylor-Wain House/The Doctors' House  
7757 Highway 21, Allenford

Red Bay Lodge  
462 Huron Bay Road, Red Bay

## **Walkerton & District**

**September 25**

**10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**(519) 881-3413**

**[www.brockton.ca](http://www.brockton.ca)**

Brockton will host Doors Open Walkerton & Area when 17 area homes and heritage sites of interest will be opened to the public.

Brant Township, Concession 12 Bridge  
Concession 12, Brant Township

Cargill House  
12 Cargill Rd., Cargill

David Milne Schoolhouse  
3787 Bruce County Road 3, Paisley

St. Thomas' Anglican Church  
305 Colborne St. S., Walkerton

Valentine / Stark Mill  
4575 Bruce Rd. 1, Paisley

Victoria Jubilee Hall  
111 Jackson St., Walkerton

Viewfield / Shaw House  
951 Old Durham Road, Walkerton

## **Volunteers Needed**

Doors Open events are run by dedicated groups of volunteers. For the day(s) of the event they need many volunteers. If you can spare a few hours, please contact the Doors Open committee in your area.

**Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre**  
33 Victoria St. N., Southampton, ON  
(519) 797-2080 / (866) 318-8889



September 12 - 2:00 pm  
*Doctor Makes a House Call*  
October 10 - 3:00 pm  
*Saving Lives on Lake Huron*



November 6 - 2:00pm  
*Veterans Video Presentation*



November 16 - 3:00pm  
*War Brides*  
Exhibit Opening  
and Presentation

**Chesley Heritage & Woodworking Museum**  
106 1st Ave. S., Chesley, ON

Open Saturdays 1:00 until 4:00 pm or by chance  
For appointment contact Brian Phillips 363-2363  
or Tom Soper 363-6339.

- The "Big Dig" 1908-2010 Exhibit - artifacts found this summer digging up Main Street, Chesley. Photographs from community members!
- Exhibit of area woodworking tools
- September 18 **Free Admission** during 2nd Annual Town Wide Yard Sale (rain date September 25)
- October - November - Remembrance Day Exhibit
- Check out our gift shop - Chesley books and "Big Dig" T-shirts - 1908 Big Dig & Big Dig 2010

**Treasure Chest Museum**  
407 Queen Street North, Paisley, ON  
(519) 353-7176

[www.arran-elderslie.com/treasurechestmuseum.htm](http://www.arran-elderslie.com/treasurechestmuseum.htm)

Open Weekends from 1 to 4 pm  
from Labour Day until Thanksgiving

Enjoy the Agriculture Memories Exhibit

## 2011 Renewal Notice

Please submit your 2011 membership fees prior to November 2010 if possible. Mailing the yearbooks after the November bulk mailing incurs a much larger postage rate (each individual Yearbook mailed costs \$2.00).

Don't forget that a membership to the Bruce County Historical Society is a great gift. Annual Memberships are \$15.00 each or Life Memberships are \$125.00 each.

Submit your membership fees to:

Catherine McKeeman  
Membership Coordinator  
General Delivery  
Formosa, ON N0G 1W0

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An annual membership in Bruce County Historical Society is \$15