

Innisfil Notes



September 15th, 2012

Innisfil Historical Society

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Meeting Place: Knock School Heritage Site
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Innisfil made history again this Summer. They are part of 60,000 recipients coast to coast!

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OLD TIME RADIO

-at 2:00 p.m.

**JOHN BURNS, former president of Weston Lions; has made Old Time Radio his hobby in 1960. He has spoken at the Weston Lions, Weston Historical and the West Toronto Historical societies on this topic. He will surely bring back memories to all of us who did not yet have a television set:
Lux Playhouse;
Mr. Boynton of the school comedy,
Big Band Saturday night, and many other favourites. This will definitely be an 'entertaining' afternoon.**

**EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS
For September – past&present**

**September 15th, 10:45a.m-----
INNISFIL CELTIC FESTIVAL**

You are all invited to this first festival's parade with the marching pipe and drum bands starting at 10:45 a.m. at the Innisfil Fire Hall leading us into the park. Opening ceremonies at 11:30 a.m. on the stage, attended by the Ambassador of Ireland Dr. Ray Bassett. Activities include Celtic musicians & dancers, soccer match between Scotland and Ireland; Medieval Knights and Highland games, 'tug of war' & sheep herding. There will be

Celtic vendors and a beer garden. Admittance is free. On Friday, September 14th, 8 p.m. , McNally's Irish Pub on St.Johns Road, Alcona, is inviting all to a meet and greet with the Ambassador. (for more information, call Angie Chisholm 705-456-1595)

There are many Agricultural & Fall Fairs that we can visit in our immediate area, or a little further away. That is the place where the Farmers display and sell their best crops of corn, potatoes, beets, apples, etc. attend a horse show. The Barrie Fair is on September 28-30/12.

There was plenty of memorializing this year:
-The Queen's 60th Anniversary,
-The 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812
- The 30th Anniversary of the Canadian Charter of Rights And Freedoms, amended 1982
- July 1st was Canada's 145th Birthday. I enjoyed Bobby Gimby's CA-NA-DA sung by children, and Red Skelton's tribute in words and song to Oh Canada.
- WRENS celebrated 70 years: on July 31, 1942, Parliament allowed women to join the Navy. Some 7000 women volunteered to serve in Canada, the United States and Britain.
-September 27, 1994 , The House of Commons recognized that grandparents have laid the

HERITAGE LAKE SIMCOE

Lake Simcoe is a large clean lake known to attract visitors from great distances for boating and year-round fishing opportunities. This is the original cottage country – so close to Toronto.

On our recent visit to Thorah Island, by boat of course, we sat together with the owner of an old hotel standing conspicuously on a slight elevation – a solid square stone building. In conversation, he told us that every year he has a permanent group of ice fishers coming from the U.S., a full house.

Also, the scenic roads along and right around the lake give us access to beaches, parks, forests and marinas.

The goal to have Lake Simcoe designated a HERITAGE LAKE by 2014 is the work of a fine group of volunteers:

Barb Love, Marj Mossmann, Gayle Wood, Johanna Powell, Paula Warder, Christine Dukelow, Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux, Mary Jane Brinkos, and Elaine Buckstein.

All are members of various Social/Cultural History societies, of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, First Nations Cultural History, as well as legal representation and editor of Lake Simcoe Living.

Part of the criteria for designating Lake Simcoe is collecting signatures on their petitions, aiming for 12,000 by the year 2014! Also, if you

have a story about the lake please contact Barb at 705-436-5569, or Marj at 705-436-1742. This September, they are off to Georgina Island to video documents and listen to stories of the Lake told to them, hopefully by the elders. The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority has given its endorsement to this effort, and their CAO Gayle Wood is quoted as saying that 'over the past 16 months, the Heritage Lake Simcoe group has gained significant momentum'.

And quoting Marj Mossman "this project is challenging, exciting, a learning curve and a lot of work; but it will be all worth it when we see Lake Simcoe receive the recognition by becoming the first **HERITAGE LAKE IN CANADA!**" (with information from **Marj Mossmann**)

In Memory of two members.....
We were saddened to her of the passing of member Dorothy Hunter on June 7th, 2012. Dorothy and her husband Craig became interested members of our Society after retiring from Hunter's Poultry Farm. It was then that they had extra time to attend our activities. Dorothy lived a very full and productive life. Our sympathy is extended to Craig Jr., Doreen and their families.

Sheila Sturgeon has passed away at the age of 97 years on August 7th, 2012 after a very full and rewarding life. Sheila

was a member of the Innisfil Old Girls' photo, taken in 2004. Our sincere sympathy to her family.

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

ANDREW COWAN

As I sit down to write this, it is sunny and warm, but not the extreme heat of a couple of weeks ago. This has been an unusually warm dry summer which has been great for holidays, however, as anyone with a garden knows, it has been time consuming keeping it watered. Watering seems to tide it over, but is not the same as a gentle rain.

Tomatoes are coming nicely in our garden but the beans have dried up – not good testament to my watering capabilities. On our farm, the hay crop has been lighter than normal. I think, due to the warm March, cool April and dry May and June. Our wheat and Spring grain, on the other hand, were surprisingly good given the dry conditions. Other areas of the province have not fared that well.

Over the Summer, your historical society has been fairly active in the community thanks mainly to the efforts of the dedicated board. I wish to thank Brian Baker for once again conducting the interesting mystery bus tour as the June meeting. Since then, primarily as a result of board members' efforts, we have had a display at the Farmers Market, Rotary Fun Day, Celebrate Lake Simcoe events,

and we look forward to being a participant at the Celtic Festival in September and again at the Farmers Market. Thanks to all who represented us at these events. As always, we would welcome the support of the general membership to help staff these events.

Our September meeting on the 15th is on the topic of Old Time Radio and the speaker is John Burns. I am sure, he will relate some interesting stories and reminiscences of the programs and stories many of us will recall when radio was the connect to entertainment and world events – no pictures but vivid descriptions.

Plan to attend this our first meeting of the new season.

Please Note: the cover photo of our Queen for the June issue, was taken from QUEEN AND COUNTRY, William Shawcross.



Sam Neilly & Peter VanLoan