

Wednesday, Dec 7, 2016, 7:30 pm

Rousseau Room - Swansea Town Hall

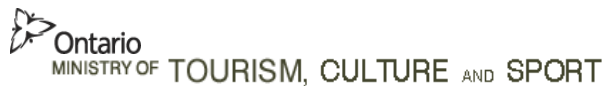
**SPEAKERS:** *Sarah Hall and Craig Douglas*

**In Partnership with the Sun:**

**Stained Glass at St. Olave's Church**

Visitors Welcome! Light Refreshments!

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**Please note: The speaker will start at 7:30 promptly. If there is a business meeting, it will start at 7:15.**



## ***President's Message:*** by Bob Roden, President

We hope to see you at the December 7 meeting, and we invite you to bring a friend (or, better still, lots of friends). Society members and non-members are always welcome at all of our events.

For those of you who are unable to attend on December 7, I wish to extend our very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our activities will start up again in the new year on February 1. As you will see elsewhere in this Newsletter, we have been working on an interesting and entertaining line-up of speakers for 2017. Plans are also being made for historical walking tours and some special events to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday. We expect to have more information on Sesquicentennial festivities in time for the February Newsletter.



### ***Swansea Historical Society Contact Information***

There are various ways you can contact your Society. Our mailing address is 95 Lavinia Avenue, Box 102, Toronto ON M6S 3H9. You can send e-mails to [swanseahistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:swanseahistoricalsociety@gmail.com), and the Society's mobile telephone number is 647-859-3901. Your comments and suggestions are always most welcome.

Information related to the Swansea Historical Society, and other local organizations, is posted on the web-site of the Swansea Town Hall – [www.swanseatownhall.ca](http://www.swanseatownhall.ca) . Also, we invite you to visit us on Twitter at [twitter.com/Swansea\\_History](https://twitter.com/Swansea_History) or Instagram at [www.instagram.com/swansea\\_history](https://www.instagram.com/swansea_history) . (Note the underscore “\_” between “Swansea” and “History”).



### ***Holiday Schedule for the Resource Centre / Archives***

During the last two weeks of December and all of the month of January, the Resource Centre / Archives will be open by appointment only. Regular Wednesday opening hours will resume in February. If you wish to make an appointment during this Festive Season, we recommend that you contact us several days in advance. (Although we make every effort to respond promptly to incoming messages, it's not always possible for our busy volunteers to check the mail, telephone, and e-mail messages as frequently as we would like to).



### ***Future Events***

**Sunday November 13 to early December, 2016, Montgomery's Inn Art Exhibition, 4709 Dundas Street West at Montgomery Road** The Avon Park subdivision on the northwest corner of The Queensway and Royal York Road was one of many “Victory Villages” sponsored by the

Government of Canada to provide housing for veterans returning from World War II. *Certain Empty Houses* is an exhibition of drawings by Toronto-based artist Meaghan Hyckie.

**Thursday November 17, 2016 Etobicoke Historical Society Meeting, 7:00 for 7:30 pm, Montgomery's Inn, 4709 Dundas Street West at Montgomery Road** Speaker: Robert Fraser – “Reformer vs Reformer: James Price, David Gibson, and the Elections of 1851”. In November 1851, the Reformers of Etobicoke Township held a hotly contested nomination meeting at Thomas Montgomery's Inn. Tonight's event will be held in the Ballroom – the very room where this historic meeting likely took place. Dr. Robert Fraser of the Dictionary of Canadian Biography will speak to the history and character of the individuals whose actions set in motion the political events of later years, including the formation of the new Dominion of Canada in 1867. [NOTE: for this month only, the meeting will be held on the third Thursday].

[www.etobicokehistorical.com/events.html](http://www.etobicokehistorical.com/events.html)

**Thursday November 24, 2016 7:30 pm, Montgomery's Inn, 4709 Dundas St:** The Toronto Historical Association holds its annual meeting. Tamara Anson-Cartright, Program Manager at Heritage Preservation Services, City Planning, will be giving a presentation on “Heritage Conservation Districts in Toronto”.

**Friday December 2, 2016 Lambton House Pub Night, 4066 Old Dundas Street, Doors open at 6 pm, Music starts at 8 pm** Featuring John and Julie Dorsey [www.lambtonhouse.org](http://www.lambtonhouse.org)

**Wednesday December 7, 2016 SHS Meeting, 7:15 for 7:30 pm, Swansea Town Hall** Speakers: Sarah Hall and Craig Douglas on “In Partnership with the Sun: Stained-glass at St. Olave's”. Craig Douglas is a member of St. Olave's Church in Swansea, and also a veteran variety entertainer and educator. Sarah Hall is a distinguished Canadian stained-glass artist, with many spectacular installations to her credit, in Toronto and elsewhere. Craig and Sarah will team up to present an illustrated talk about twelve of the glorious windows of St. Olave's Church that were specially designed and created for the parish church by the talented and renowned Canadian artist Yvonne Williams (1901-1997).

**Friday December 9, 2016 Lambton House Carol Singing, 7 pm, 4066 Old Dundas Street**  
[www.lambtonhouse.org](http://www.lambtonhouse.org)

**Wednesday February 1, 2017 SHS Meeting, 7:15 for 7:30 pm, Swansea Town Hall** Speaker: Daniel Laxer – “Music and Dance of the Fur Trade Era, 1760-1840”. Daniel is a recent graduate from the history program at the University of Toronto. His talk will highlight his studies of Canada's music and dance centred around the fur-trade era. Daniel is also an accomplished fiddle player, and he will perform some traditional music associated with the time period.

**Wednesday March 1, 2017 SHS Meeting, 7:15 for 7:30 pm, Swansea Town Hall** Speaker: Rona Arato – “The Exodus 1947 – The Ship to Nowhere”. Rona will be returning to Swansea with the story of the ship *Exodus 1947* (formerly the US packet steamer *SS President Warfield*). In July 1947, the ship sailed from France with 4,515 Jewish emigrants bound for Palestine, which was then part of the British Mandate. The Royal Navy prevented the passengers from landing in Haifa, and they were returned to camps in Europe. The public outcry over this incident factored into the events that led up to the creation of the State of Israel in 1948. A timely topic now when so many refugee issues are dominating the news!!

**Wednesday April 5, 2017 SHS Meeting, 7:15 for 7:30 pm, Swansea Town Hall** Speaker: Peter Vronsky -- “The Battle of Ridgeway – The American Fenian Invasion and the 1866 Battle that Made Canada”. Some 22,000 Canadians were mobilized in June 1866 to fight the Fenian invaders, and the resultant state of national emergency led to Canadian Confederation the following year.

**Wednesday May 3, 2017 SHS Meeting, 7:15 for 7:30 pm, Swansea Town Hall** Speaker: Anne Dublin – “44 Hours on Strike!”. At 10 a.m. on February 25, 1931, more than 500 women of the International Ladies’ Garment Workers’ Union (ILGWU) stopped their work, halted their machines, and walked out of factories across the city, initiating a lengthy and bitterly-fought strike in Toronto's garment industry. Anne will speak about the research and writing of this historical novel, which won the 2016 Canadian Jewish Literary Award.

**Wednesday October 4, 2017 SHS Annual General Meeting & Elections, 7:30 pm, Swansea Town Hall** Speaker: to be announced.

**Wednesday November 1, 2017 SHS Meeting, 7:15 for 7:30 pm, Swansea Town Hall** Speaker: Jack Gibney – “The Heyday, Demise, and Future of Sunnyside”. Through historical photographs, humorous skits, and dramatizations, a troupe from the Sunnyside Historical Society will give a presentation covering noteworthy events from various time periods, as well as the unique architecture of the Sunnyside area of Toronto.

**Wednesday December 6, 2017 SHS Meeting, 7:15 for 7:30 pm, Swansea Town Hall** Speaker: Bianca Lakoseljac. Bianca is a High Park resident and author, who will speak to us about her latest novel “Stone Woman”, the story of a family of five women whose lives are bound by a Vietnam War draft dodger from the hippie “daze” of Toronto. The novel begins in 1967 during the Centennial Art Symposium in High Park, it relives the creation of the sculptures (of which five still remain in the park), and it draws the reader into the hippie subculture centred in the Yorkville district. The novel is brought to the present time through the lives of the daughters of the women from the 60s. By discovering their family secrets – while unraveling the mystery of stolen art that occurred during the 1967 Symposium – the daughters find ways of handling their own life crises. The novel ends in 2017, with imagined Sesquicentennial celebrations in Toronto.



### ***2017 Swansea Community Calendars***

We are pleased to report that the 2017 Community Calendar is now available. As in past years, the calendar includes dates of important events in the community and a completely new selection of amazing historical photographs. A big thank you to Lance Gleich and Wallace Boustead for making this possible once again.

By carefully managing our costs, we have been able to hold the price at \$8.00 for the past several years. Calendars can be purchased over the counter at the Swansea Town Hall, or at any of the Society's events, or you can place an order by mail or by telephone. As you undertake your Christmas shopping, please note that these calendars are excellent Christmas gifts, especially for any family or friends with an interest in Swansea history.



# MEMBERSHIP REMINDER!!

We are now in a new membership year. (The membership year now runs from September to August). The annual fees are still \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family. If you have not already paid your dues for 2016-2017, please complete the form below at your earliest convenience and submit the form with your payment. Dues can be paid at any of our meetings, or you can send payment to: 95 Lavinia Avenue, Box102, Toronto M6S 3H9. Your fees help to offset many of the costs incurred by the Society in its ongoing operations.



SWANSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY



**2016/2017 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
**(The membership year runs from Sep – Aug)**

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