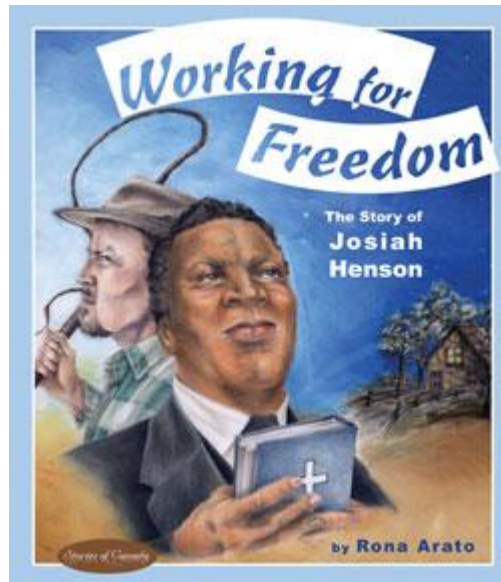


# SWANSEA NEWS

SWANSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 95 LAVINIA AVENUE, TORONTO, ON, M6S 3H9



**Wednesday, April 1, 2015, 7:30 pm**

**Rousseau Room - Swansea Town Hall**

**SPEAKER: Rona Arato**

**Author of “Josiah Henson & The Underground Railway”**

**Visitors Welcome! Light Refreshments!**

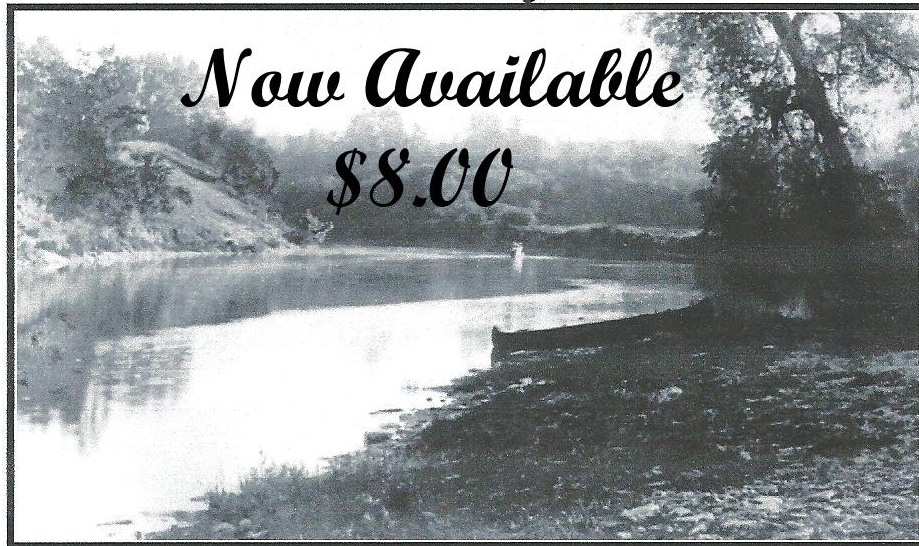
*The Swansea Historical Society thankfully acknowledges  
funding grants from the following provincial bodies:*





**2015 SHS Calendars** Calendars are now available for \$8! Great Tax Day gift!

## *Swansea Historical Society 2015 Community Calendar*



A canoe sat on the banks of the lower Humber River in the 1920's. The 400th anniversary of the first European travel along the Humber River by Étienne Brûlé in 1615 will be extensively commemorated in September 2015.  
*(Alf Edmonds donation to the Swansea Historical Society Archives)*

### **Future Events**



**April 1, 2015 Meeting** **SPEAKER: Rona Arato**

Rona Arato is an award winning author. She was born in New York, and grew up in Los Angeles. She earned a BA in teaching with credentials from UCLA and has taught in Los Angeles, Israel, and Toronto, where she moved to in 1970. Rona's articles have appeared in Canada, the US and England. She has taught creative writing, for the TDSB, and also worked as a public relations consultant, and did business-writing seminars. From 1994-98 she interviewed survivors for Stephen Spielberg's book "Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation". She has written 17 children's books, including "Ten for Freedom, the story of Josiah Hensen." One of her books, "Ten Canadians who made a Difference": won the Ontario Library Association's Golden Oak Award in 2011. She continues to win awards worldwide, and in 2013, one of her books was designated one of the best books by the Canadian Children's Book Centre.

**May 6, 2015 Meeting** Speaker: Millie Morton – 1-Room Schools & Ontario History

**October 7, 2015 Meeting** Speaker: John Beram – Canada Packers & the Union Stockyards

**November 4, 2015 Meeting** Speaker: Terry Reardon – Churchill & Mackenzie King

**December 2, 2015 Meeting** Speaker: Neil Brochu – City of Toronto Museums – Collections & Conservation

**Saturday, April 11th 6:00 West Toronto Masonic Lodge** - "Function in the Junction": The Junction Residents' Association's annual fundraiser benefits the Annette Street Library. Dinner is 6-8 in the Masonic Lodge for \$45 prepaid, but after 8pm admission is just \$5 at the door for a silent auction, live music, and a chance to see the building's architecture from the inside.

**Mon April 20, 10am Montgomery's Inn** Memoir Writing Class "Tales from the Attic"

We all have keepsakes, mementos, relics from our past stashed around our homes. Join our facilitator, local author Deb Loughead, as she helps participants preserve the memories of these mementos for future generations. Share the tales of your favourite possessions, then write them down as short memoir-style tales, or free verse poems.

Each participant will emerge with a meaningful collection of stories connecting them to their past. \$175.00 for 10 weeks, consecutive Mondays.

TO REGISTER: contact Deb at [deb.loughead@rogers.com](mailto:deb.loughead@rogers.com). Or call 416-233-5488

**Thursday, April 23rd 7:30 pm - Montgomery's Inn** - The Etobicoke Historical Society Presents "Mind Your Manors: Historic Estates of Mississauga": Matthew Wilkinson from Heritage Mississauga has spoken to EHS on several occasions in the past and is always highly entertaining and full of insight into the history of our nearest neighbour to the west, Mississauga. Tonight he will explore some of the "relics of old decency" that still remain... those grand estate homes and property remnants that speak to us about the former lives of well-to-do families from historic Mississauga.



# MEMBERSHIP REMINDER!!

We are now accepting membership fees for 2014-2015, and encourage members to renew early. The membership year runs from September to August. The annual fees are still \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family. Please complete the form below. Dues can be paid at any of our meetings, or you can send payment to 95 Lavinia Avenue, Box 102, Toronto, M6S 3H9. Your fees help to offset many costs incurred by the society.



SWANSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY



2014/2015 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
(The membership year runs from Sep – Aug)

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Individual..... \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Family ..... \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Corporate ..... \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Individual..... \$250.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Family ..... \$500.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Given Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment Number: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Business Telephone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Please use e-mail for my newsletters:  Yes  No, thanks

**Please send to: Swansea Historical Society Membership Secretary, 95 Lavinia Avenue, Box 102, Toronto, Ontario M6S 3H9**



# SWANCESTRY

## *JOIN US FOR A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE!*

We continue to uncover more and more interesting pictures as we work through the archives. Even if you THINK you might know anyone in the photo or where it was taken, please let us know! We will have all pictures featured here at monthly meetings available for you to take a closer look at.



**CAN YOU IDENTIFY ANYONE IN THIS PICTURE OR KNOW WHEN OR WHERE IT WAS TAKEN? DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT THE PICTURE? FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE SWANSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY IF YOU HAVE ANY INSIGHT! (647-859-3901 or [swancnews@gmail.com](mailto:swancnews@gmail.com) )**