

Wednesday, Feb 3 2016, 7:30 pm

Rousseau Room - Swansea Town Hall

SPEAKER: Glenn Turner

Hiking the Trail: The Toronto Carrying Place: Rediscovering Toronto's Most Ancient Trail

Visitors Welcome! Light Refreshments!

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Please note: As of December 2015, 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

Happy New Year!! 2015 was a very exciting year for the Swansea Historical Society. As we head into 2016, I am pleased to report that we have an interesting line-up of speakers confirmed for the next several months. If you know of any potential speakers that you would recommend, please let us know. We hope you will be able to join us at our monthly meetings at the Swansea Town Hall – and please bring a friend (or a few friends and relatives). All of our events are always open to members and visitors alike.

I would like to remind you that the membership year now runs from September 1, 2015, to August 31, 2016. If you haven't yet signed up for the current year, we would be happy to accept your membership fees at the February meeting, or by mail.

At the December 2015 meeting, we adjusted the monthly meeting time on a trial basis. So far, the response to this change has been favourable, and so we plan to continue. At the monthly meetings in 2016, we will introduce the guest speakers and they will start their presentations at 7:30 pm sharp (the advertised meeting time). If you are interested in the business portion of the meeting, please plan to arrive by 7:15 pm.



Future Events

Feb 3, 2016 SHS Meeting, 7:15 for 7:30 pm, Swansea Town Hall Speaker: Glenn Turner – “Hiking the Trail”. Glenn Turner on his book “The Toronto Carrying Place: Rediscovering Toronto's Most Ancient Trail” featuring the route, the history of the peoples using it, and a modern account of walking the route.

For the last dozen years he has been a secondary school teacher-librarian. Glenn has been writing for publication since 2001. His work has appeared in provincial and national journals for school libraries, and in a national Buddhist magazine. *The Toronto Carrying Place: rediscovering Toronto's most ancient trail* is his first book.

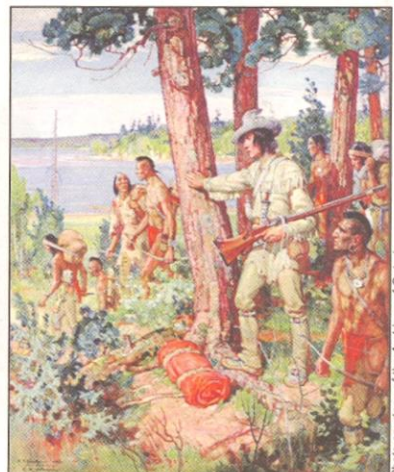


Photo courtesy of the Archives of Ontario.
"Étienne Brûlé at the mouth of the Humber", painted by F. S. Channell in 1986 from a sketch by C.W. Jefferys, part of the Government of Ontario art collection.

Thursday, February 4th 7:30 Annette Library – West Toronto Junction Historical Society Meeting – Ken Leland will talk about and read passages from his historical novel “1812 The Land Between Flowing Waters” set on the Niagara and Detroit River frontiers during the War of 1812.
<http://wtjhs.ca/join-wtjhs/schedule-of-upcoming-events/>

Saturday, February 6th 6:00 Lambton House – Heritage York Dinner Dance - Speaker Elaine Waisglass - Restorer of two Toronto Heritage Buildings circa 1905. Tickets \$45.
<http://www.lambtonhouse.org/DinnerDance.html>

Thursday, February 25th 7:30 Montgomery's Inn – Etobicoke Historical Society Speaker's Night - Historian Peter Vronsky speaks on his book, “Ridgeway: The American Fenian Invasion and the 1866 Battle That Makes Canada” <http://www.etobicokehistorical.com/events.html>

Sunday, February 28th 2:00 pm Lambton House – Heritage York Speaker – Rita Deverell, Canadian Association of Broadcasters Hall of Famer and Social Activist, will talk about Black History Month in a talk entitled “Black and Optimistic Regardless”.
<http://www.lambtonhouse.org/Events.html>

Mar 2, 2016 SHS Meeting, 7:15 for 7:30 pm, Swansea Town Hall Speaker: Joanne Doucette. “Ashbridge's Bay – The Natural and Human History of a Wetland”. Joanne is an author and naturalist, and a Director of the Toronto Field Naturalists organization. We are looking forward to an interesting presentation on the natural history of the Ashbridge's Bay area of Toronto, and the people who settled there.

Apr 6, 2016 SHS Meeting, 7:15 for 7:30 pm, Swansea Town Hall Speaker: Rona Arato – “The Last Train”. At the April 2015 SHS meeting, Rona Arato delivered a most interesting and informative talk on “Josiah Henson and the Underground Railway”. We are delighted that she has accepted our invitation to return to Swansea with a talk based on an incident from World War Two.

May 4, 2016 SHS Meeting, 7:15 for 7:30 pm, Swansea Town Hall Speaker: Hugh Barnett is the Vice-President of the Etobicoke Historical Society and the lead organizer of last September's well-received event, “The Toronto Carrying Place – A Shared Legacy”, centred at The Old Mill. Hugh advises us that he is working on a brand-new presentation – topic to be announced soon.

Oct 5, 2016 SHS Meeting, 7:15 for 7:30 pm, Swansea Town Hall Speaker: John Beram is a history buff with a special interest in military history. We enjoyed John's presentation on “Canada Packers and the Union Stockyards” in October 2015. John will be returning in October 2016 to speak on the little-known topic of Toronto's association with the U.S. Civil War (1861-1865).

Nov 2, 2016 SHS Meeting, 7:15 for 7:30 pm, Swansea Town Hall Speaker: SHS member, author, and story teller Dave Cook will return after almost four years with more fascinating “Fading History” stories about various events centred around Toronto's western suburbs during the mid-1900s.

Dec 7, 2016 SHS Meeting, 7:15 for 7:30 pm, Swansea Town Hall Speakers: Janice Douglas and Sarah Hall. Janice Douglas is the Deputy Warden at St. Olave's Church in Swansea, and Sarah Hall is a distinguished Canadian stained-glass artist, with many spectacular installations to her credit,

in Toronto and elsewhere. Janice 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).



2016 Swansea Community Calendars: The 2016 calendar can be purchased over the counter at the Swansea Town Hall office, and it will be available for sale at the February 3 SHS meeting. The price is still \$8.00, as in past years. As always, this year's calendar includes listings of community events and a selection of interesting historical photos. Also, for those who enjoy looking at historic pictures, we still have a few 2015 calendars for sale at a reduced price, as well as bundles of calendars from previous years.



MEMBERSHIP REMINDER!!

We are now accepting membership fees for **2015-2016**, 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



2015/2016 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
(The membership year runs from Sep – Aug)

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

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

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Individual..... \$250.00 _____
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Family Name: _____ Given Name(s): _____ Membership Number: _____

Street Address: _____ Apartment Number: _____

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