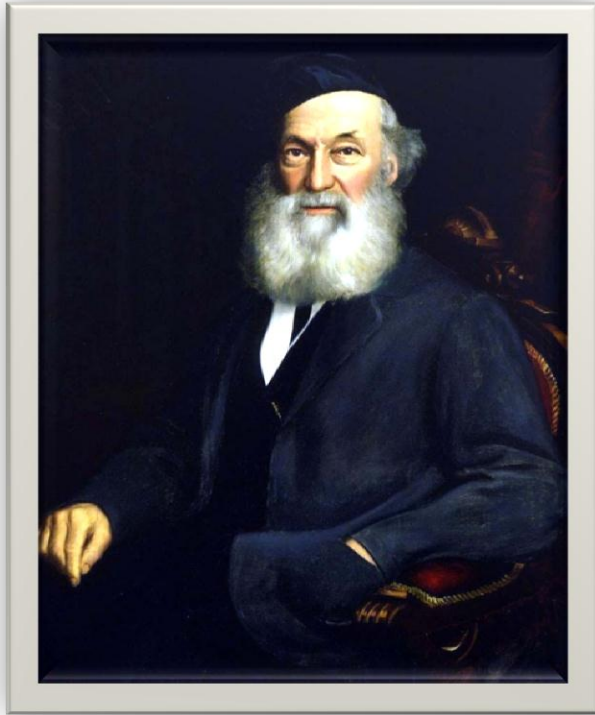


SWANSEA NEWS

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



Wednesday, March 5th, 2014, 7:30 pm

Rousseau Room - Swansea Town Hall

SPEAKER: CATHERINE RAVEN

on "The Howards - Threads of Their
Lives in the Fabric of Toronto"

Visitors Welcome! Light Refreshments!

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





President's Message: by Bob Roden, President

As previously reported, we have an exciting line-up of speakers scheduled for the rest of 2014 and into 2015. We hope you will be able to join us at our monthly meetings at the Swansea Town Hall. The Swansea Historical Society will also be participating in the 100th Anniversary Celebration in High Park on Sunday March 23 and the Indoor Garage Sale at Swansea Town Hall on Sunday March 30. In addition, we are tentatively planning historical walking tours for Saturday May 7 and Saturday June 1. All of our events are always open to members and non-members alike. We hope to see you there.

The 30 people who braved the storm and attended the February SHS meeting viewed a sample of the beautiful art work David Crighton has created to commemorate the March 23 High Park event. We have invited David to come to the March 5th SHS meeting with his High Park prints for sale (\$75 plus tax).

At the end of January, 2014, Dr. Ellen Scheinberg of "Heritage Professionals" submitted her draft report outlining her assessment of the current state of the Society's Archives, and her recommendations for moving the Archives forward. The next steps will be for the Archives Team and the Executive to review the recommendations, determine the feasibility and affordability of the recommended actions, and assign priorities to the follow-up activities.



Swansea Town Hall: For many years, the historic Swansea Town Hall (STH) has been the focal point of our Society's activities. We encourage our members to become engaged in the operation and preservation of this important community resource. The **Annual General Meeting of the Swansea Town Hall and the STH Association**, scheduled for 7:30 pm on Thursday, February 20, 2014, will be an opportunity to learn more about the workings of the Town Hall. All are welcome to attend, but you have to buy a \$2 Association membership in order to vote on any questions. For more information, call 416-392-1954 or see the STH web-site www.swanseatownhall.ca.



Need a Ride to the Meeting?: If you are in need of a ride in order to attend our monthly meetings, give us a call at **647-859-3901** and let us know. Please leave your name and number **one week prior to the meeting you will be attending** so that we can coordinate accordingly.



2014 SHS Calendars: As you are aware, the **2014 calendars** are complete and ready to go! We also have a very limited number of 2013 calendars still available for sale, in addition to a variety of historical booklets, and the best bargain of all -- bundles of past Swansea Historical Society calendars at the clearance price of \$5 for a baker's dozen of 13 issues, covering the years 1999-2011, all on sale at monthly meetings or over the counter at the Town Hall.



Proposed Heritage Conservation District for Bloor West

Village: Representatives from 4 local residents' associations have been spearheading an initiative to have the Bloor West Village shopping area designated as a Heritage Conservation District (HCD). The establishment of a HCD confirms that an area possesses significant and unique cultural and architectural attributes that are worthy of preservation, and it creates legal restrictions aimed at preventing unsympathetic development. The area under consideration consists of the properties on the north and south sides of Bloor Street West, from the Humber River to High Park. The process of creating a HCD is lengthy, time-consuming, and costly. The residents' organizations have recently produced a draft Nomination Document, which we have had the privilege of reviewing. We wish them well in their endeavour.

That being said, the next meeting of the **Etobicoke-York Preservation Panel** will be discussing the Bloor West Heritage District. It will be held on Monday March 3 at the Swansea Town Hall. Please share this date and come out to show your support!

Future Events:



Sunday afternoon, March 23, 2014: “100th Anniversary Celebration of the Howard Memorial Gates” at the Parkside Drive entrance to High Park. Parade starts at 2 pm – other event times to be confirmed. This promises to be an exciting and memorable event. If you would like to assist at the Society's information table, please let us know.

The celebration will be hosted by the staff of Colborne Lodge (the historic home of John and Jemima Howard) and Councillor Sarah Doucette, with the support of many community groups. The hosts are seeking volunteers from the community to assist with activities such as: welcoming and directing visitors, serving food in the refreshment tent, and ensuring safety along the parade route. If you are interested in volunteering, you should RSVP to clodge@toronto.ca or 416-392-6916 (ask for Cheryl or Philip), and you should plan to attend a Volunteer Orientation Session at Colborne Lodge Museum in High Park on Saturday, March 1, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.



Sunday, March 30, 2014: "Indoor Garage Sale" at the Swansea Town Hall (95 Lavinia Avenue) from 10 am to 2 pm. Come and view the treasures on sale. If you are interested in assisting at the Society's information table, please let us know. If you have items you would like to sell, you should contact the Town Hall (416-392-1954) to arrange for renting a table for the day. And don't forget to bring all your large and small outdated electronic equipment to our patio, as iRecycle will be picking up donations of electronic goods and e-waste.



Wednesday, April 2nd, 2014, Meeting: SPEAKER: Jean Miso, presenting a potpourri of interesting stories related to Canada's military. Jean's presentations usually include a performance of a selection of the songs she has personally composed.



Wednesday, May 7th, 2014, Meeting: SPEAKER: Rev. Dr. Karen Dimock is the pastor at Morningside-High Park Presbyterian Church. Rev. Dimock will talk about Morningside-High Park's long-time role in the Swansea community, and recent developments bringing the Church into the 21st century, including the installation of solar panels, and all the behind-the-scenes activities that were required to bring that initiative to fruition.





MEMBERSHIP REMINDER!!

We are now accepting membership fees for 2014, and encourage members to renew early. The membership year is the calendar year – January to December. 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 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(The Membership Year is the Calendar Year)

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



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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 someone or something about the picture, please let us know! We will have all pictures featured here at monthly meetings available for you to take a closer look at.



(We apologize for the picture quality in the printed newsletters.)

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)