

**Wednesday, March 4, 2015, 7:30 pm**

**Rousseau Room - Swansea Town Hall**

**SPEAKER: Douglas Gibson**

**Author of "Stories About Storytellers: Publishing Alice Munro, Robertson Davies, Alistair MacLeod, Pierre Trudeau"**

**Visitors Welcome! Light Refreshments!**

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





**In Sympathy** We were deeply saddened to learn that Muriel Morgan passed away on February 3, 2015, in her 94th year, one month after her husband, Dr. Laurie Morgan. Muriel and Laurie are survived by their five children, Bruce, Scott, Heather, Brenda, and Kathryn, and their grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews. For many years, both Muriel and Laurie served with distinction on the Board of Directors of the Swansea Historical Society. Muriel provided the refreshments for the Society's monthly meetings and Laurie arranged for the speakers. In 2012, Muriel and Laurie both received 20-year Volunteer Service Awards from the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, recognizing their long and dedicated service to our Society. Despite life-long constraints resulting from a serious automobile accident in 1949, Muriel also participated in countless aspects of community and church life.

In 2011, some of us had the pleasure of meeting the extended Morgan family, as Muriel and Laurie both celebrated their 90th birthdays. (They were born just two weeks apart). On September 22, 2013, about 150 family and friends gathered at the Church of the Messiah as Muriel and Laurie renewed their marriage vows while celebrating their 70th Anniversary together. Muriel's funeral service was held at Turner & Porter on Bloor Street on February 21, 2015. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Muriel's extended family and friends. Although we shall truly miss her sparkling personality, we can take solace in knowing that Muriel's greatest desire was to be reunited with her husband.

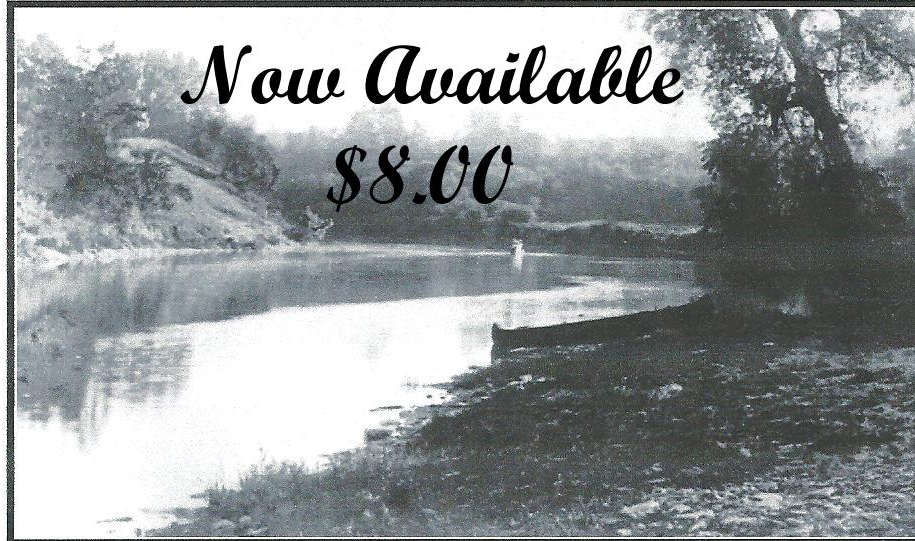


**In Sympathy** We extend sincere condolences to long-time SHS member Joan Leeder (née Richards) on the loss of her husband. Nelson Leeder passed away on February 8, 2015, in his 78th year, in Barry's Bay, Ontario, after a year's stoic battle with multiple cancers. A celebration of Nelson's life will be held on April 11, 2015, in Barry's Bay.



**2015 SHS Calendars** Calendars are now available for \$8! Great St. Patrick's 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**



**Wednesday March 4, 2015, Meeting SPEAKER: Douglas Gibson**

Douglas Gibson is a legend in the world of Canadian books. The Globe and Mail called the former publisher of McClelland & Stewart "a publishing icon". His 2011 memoir STORIES ABOUT STORYTELLERS: Publishing Alice Munro, Robertson Davies, Alistair MacLeod, Pierre Trudeau has already become a best-selling paperback. Even better, it has produced a one-man stage show, with the same title, which he has performed 90 times across Canada, in all ten provinces. He will perform this show as part of his presentation. For more info, visit [douglasgibsonbooks.com](http://douglasgibsonbooks.com).

**April 1, 2015 Meeting** Speaker: Rona Arato – Josiah Henson & The Underground Railway

**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

**Thursday, February 26, 7:30 pm Montgomery's Inn.** Etobicoke Historical Society. Linda Granfield on "The Unknown Solider"--if you missed her presentation to the SHS, here's another chance!

**Thursday, February 26, 7:30pm Swansea Town Hall** The Swansea Town Hall Association is having its annual general meeting on Thursday February 26. We need members, come one, come all. A toonie if you want to be a voting member.

**Wednesday, February 25, 6:30pm High Park Library** - The Roncesvalles Village Historical Society presents the Historical Origins of Local Streets.

**Thursday, March 5, 7:30pm Annette Library** - The West Toronto Junction Historical Society presents SHS member Dave Cook presenting his "Fading History, Volume 2" with 11 varied stories from regional history.

**Friday, March 6, 8pm Lambton House** - Pub Night

**Sunday, March 8, 2pm Lambton House** - "Living the way of the bicycle" Alix Ayles will talk about 8 months and over 10,000 km of cycling in fair and foul weather to discover places and things normally unseen.

**Thursday, March 12, 7:30pm Lambton House** - Heritage York features Bill Andrews on "How to Achieve Beauty, Diversity and Low Maintenance in Your Garden."

**Thursday, March 26, 7:30pm Montgomery's Inn** - The Etobicoke Historical Society presents Daniel Laxer on "Music and Dance of the Fur Trade Era - 1760 to 1840." The talk will highlight his studies of Canada's music and dance centred around the fur trade era--including period fiddle music.



**Sun March 29, 10:00am Swansea Town Hall** The annual HUGE spring indoor garage sale. Three floors packed with lots of wonderful new and used items! On the Ravine Level, the Swansea Seniors will have tables packed with great finds. Bring all your large and small electronic goods to the patio as iRecycle will be picking up all donations of any your electronic and e-waste.

Your Swansea Historical Society will be participating and have a table. Please come on by and see us. We will be selling many items such as calendar packs, calendars, booklets, books, binders and picture frames.

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# 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) )**