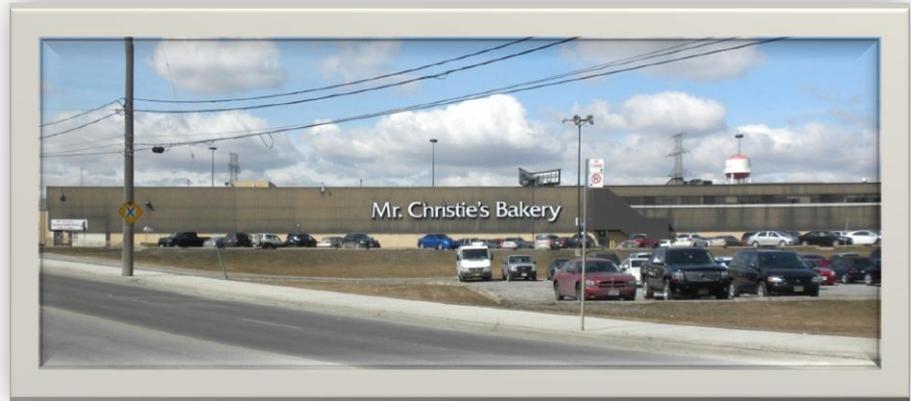
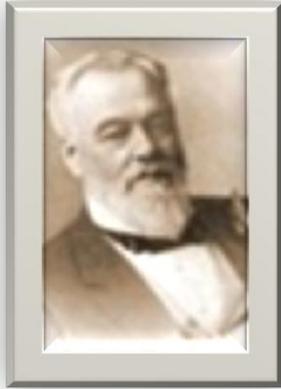


SWANCO NEWS

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



Wednesday, May 1st, 2013, 7:30 pm

Rousseau Room - Swansea Town Hall

SPEAKERS: BRIAN & PEGGY MOONEY
on "The Story of
William Mellis Christie"

William Mellis Christie was a young Scottish immigrant who came to Toronto in 1848 with little more than his skills and ambitions and created a company, whose name is still known 150 years later.

Brian Mooney retired from Christie Brown and Co. in 2012, after 22 years in Plant Management at the Toronto Lakeshore Bakery.

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





President's Message: by Bob Roden, President

Our May 1st meeting will be the last formal meeting for the season. It has been a very exciting and challenging year for the Swansea Historical Society. The sudden and unexpected resignation of the former President last year left several huge gaps to be filled. Fortunately, some very enthusiastic volunteers stepped forward and the Society has continued to function on an even keel. We have had a superb line-up of speakers and a consistently good turnout for our monthly meetings. Our Executive meetings have been a lot of fun, and certainly never boring!! I want to thank most sincerely all those who have helped out over the last 12 months. We couldn't have managed without you, and I hope we can continue to count on you in the future.

As we look forward, we recognize we can't just sit back on rest on our laurels. There are still some jobs that need to be filled, and we always have to be prepared for the possibility that some people may not be able to continue in their present roles. In the run-up to next October's Annual General Meeting and elections, I am extending this request to all of our members. Please think about how you might be able to contribute to the ongoing success of the Swansea Historical Society, and please speak with me, or any of your Executive members, if you have any ideas or questions. If you feel you can't take on a continuing responsibility, we are always delighted to accept people as "members-at-large" -- attendance at Executive meetings is optional, and all we ask is that you be willing to be called upon from time to time to assist with specific events or projects.

I am thrilled to have the support of such a fantastic Executive, and I know I can look forward with confidence to another interesting and productive year.



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.



2013 SHS Calendars: **Need a great gift idea** for that special parent in your life on Mother's or Father's Day... or for someone's special birthday?? We still have a limited number of **2013 Swansea Community Calendars** available for sale (\$8), bundles of past Swansea Historical Society calendars (\$5 for 13 calendars) and SHS mugs (\$2) ... all on sale at monthly meetings...

Future Events:



Saturday, May 4th, 10:30am: Despite its proximity to Toronto, the village of Swansea maintained a distinct identity until its amalgamation into the city in 1967, and even to the present day. How did Swansea build a sense of community, and how did this process compare to the principles written about by Jane Jacobs? This walk will pass some Swansea community institutions and gathering places to provoke discussion of what builds a community, past and present. We hope to have long-time residents telling their stories and those giving a more contemporary perspective in discussions as the walk proceeds.



Saturday, June 1st, 9am-1pm: The annual Rennie Park garage sale features over 40 tables of treasures and gems. It's a great way to get out into the spring air and see what you can find and help out as they raise funds for charity.



Saturday, June 1st at 1pm: Our annual Swansea Historical Society walking tour this year will be led by SHS Executive member Lance Gleich. Please gather in front of Swansea Town Hall at 1pm. Topic: **"The Heart of Swansea: Building Community"**. While this year's walk will contain the usual "hard" historical elements focused on central Swansea, we hope to make it more conversational with "soft" elements of personal storytelling from participants and our archives, focused on the theme of how community was built within Swansea. We will end at the Town Hall for refreshments by 4 pm.



Please Renew Your Membership! *If you haven't renewed for 2012 or 2013, please do so.* The membership year is the calendar year – from January to December. The annual fees are still \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family. Please complete the form below. You can pay your dues at any of our meetings, or you can send your payment to 95 Lavinia Avenue, Box 102, Toronto, M6S 3H9. **Your fees help to offset many costs incurred by the society.** Thank you! ☺

SWANSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2013 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



Swansea Historical Society executive members Linda Symsyk, Andrea Jagla and Bob Roden at the Swansea Town Hall Garage Sale (Apr 7) promoting all things Swansea!!

SWANCESTRY

JOIN US FOR A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE!

In our 2nd installment of this new segment in our monthly newsletter, here are 2 more photos from the archives. Again, some photos we have information for. However, there are some that we need your help on...like the ones below. If you have a little story or any history to go with either picture, please let us know! We did receive some information from last month's photos, so we are off to a good start!



SWANCESTRY

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CAN YOU IDENTIFY ANYONE IN THESE PICTURES?

DO YOU KNOW WHEN OR WHERE EITHER WAS TAKEN?

DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT EITHER PICTURE?

FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE SWANSEA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

(647-859-3901 or swancnews@gmail.com) WITH ANY INSIGHT YOU COULD SHARE!

WE WILL HAVE THESE PICTURES AT THE MAY 1ST MEETING FOR YOU TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT..... PLEASE JOIN US AND SHARE YOUR MEMORIES!