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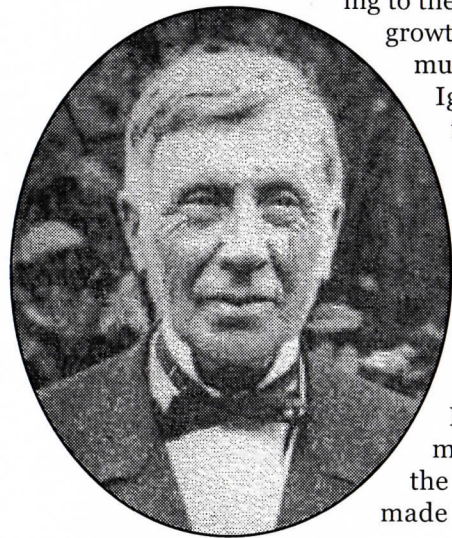
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## Our early philanthropist: Ignatius Cockshutt

Compiled by Robert L. Deboer



**Ignatius Cockshutt (1812-1901)**

*Photo courtesy of the  
Brant Museum & Archives*

If one were to review the history of Brantford, one would have to conclude that one individual stood out as the biggest factor in contributing to the community's early growth. That recognition must irrefutably go to Ignatius Cockshutt for the contribution of his time and personal wealth to private and public enterprise and the devotion of his time to philanthropic purposes. Brantford was most fortunate that the Cockshutt family made the decision to migrate to Canada. Although they initially took up residence in Toronto, they ultimately concluded that Brantford was the place to apply their entrepreneurial skills. By his keen business sense and thrifty nature, Ignatius Cockshutt was able to accumulate the means to become a man of circumstance.

Ignatius Cockshutt was born in Bradford, Yorkshire, England, on Aug. 24, 1812. His father, James Cockshutt, was at that time engaged in the manufacturing business in partnership with a cousin, Joshua Cockshutt. The partnership, as with so many others, succumbed in 1816 to the economic depression of the time in Europe, resulting from the Napoleonic War. In an attempt to recoup his financial losses, James Cockshutt made the decision in 1827 to migrate to the New World.

James Cockshutt had married Mary Nightingale in 1810 and they had two children, a daughter Jane, who later became Mrs. Alfred Laycock and Ignatius, who was

15 years old when the family embarked on their voyage to North America. James's original intention was to settle in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, but Alfred Laycock, a friend also aboard the ship, who had with him a stock of merchandise, induced James to locate with him in Toronto. James Cockshutt, in partnership with Alfred Laycock, opened a general store in Toronto, but in 1828, Laycock sold out to Cockshutt. The business operated in Toronto by James Cockshutt prospered and in 1829 he decided to open a branch of the business in Brantford, and entered into a partnership with Christopher Batty. In that year, the Brantford branch commenced operation under the name "Batty & Co." Ignatius, who was then 17 years old, was directed by his father to come to Brantford to help with the business. The new Brantford enterprise had a very short existence and Ignatius returned to Toronto, where he again took up employment in his father's business. The young Ignatius, with a tenacity of purpose he was known for, thought Brantford held opportunities, and in 1832 he and his father decided again to open a business in Brantford, this time with Ignatius as manager. The Brantford branch was so successful and grew to such an extent that in 1834 the family decided to abandon the Toronto operation and the little Indian village on

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# President's Reflections

Let me first apologize for my absence from the Annual General Meeting in mid-February. There is a certain indifference to time and priorities in Africa that tends to get reflected in project and airline schedules. I appreciated the efforts of the rest of the board who weren't AWOL, especially Cal Diegel, who carried on and handled some difficult membership business in my absence. It's good to be back in my home town and it is time to get to work.

The society will face some crucial choices this year that will set directions for us for the next decade.

At the Annual General Meeting, Delia O'Byrne gave attendees an update on the Heritage Partners Group. This group has been meeting now for several months and has developed an ambitious plan for a unique museum complex at the preferred location of 66 Mohawk St. Over the next few weeks, some important things will happen that will determine how successfully we proceed with those plans. First, the City will conduct a long-awaited engineering study on the state of the building on the site to determine whether it is feasible to renovate it or whether it should be torn down. Secondly, we will be approaching the Trillium Fund seeking support to prepare a feasibility study for the museum complex and a business plan. Depending on the outcome of these two actions, we will be approaching the City to support the development of the complex.

The society has been operating in a deficit situation since 1998. Until the last three years, the deficit was not significant and was easily managed. However, we now have a very serious problem that needs to be addressed this fiscal

year. The annual operating deficit will reach \$31,000 this year, excluding the potential costs of an imminent relocation at the mall. Although it was decided at the Annual General Meeting to use the Acquisition and Building funds to cover the deficit and the costs of moving in the mall, this is at best a short-term solution.

The key to resolving the fiscal problem has always been how we manage the Harrison Scheak collection. We had hoped that revenue generated by the Scheak Trust Fund would be sufficient to offset the costs of operating the Museum in the Square, which has basically been the source of our fiscal predicament. Over the next few weeks, we expect to have a much clearer picture about potential revenues from the trust and the long-term costs of managing the collection in the future. At that point, we will be reporting to the membership with some recommended actions. I believe we can eliminate the deficit this year with good management and a little bit of luck, but it may mean some hard choices.

You will hear more about these challenges at our monthly meetings. In the meantime, the board members working on the Heritage Partnership include Cal Diegel, John Wyatt, Delia O'Byrne, Mike O'Byrne and me. Please feel free to contact any one of us if you have any questions. I have been working with Mike O'Byrne on strategies to eliminate the deficit. If you have any suggestions (or money), give us a call.

Robert Glass  
February 27, 2005

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Admission: Adults \$2.00 Seniors/Students \$1.50  
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Hours: Wednesday to Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
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Web site: [www.brantmuseum.ca](http://www.brantmuseum.ca)

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Admission by voluntary donation  
Hours: Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
For July, August and December: Open Saturday

# Curator's Corner

It's that time of the year again . . . grant-writing season. The operating grants for both the City and the Province will be due in the next couple of months, along with the summer student grants. We have just delivered our application for Trillium funding to tackle the next phase of our database project — the artifacts. Susan Gonzalez was hired for the two-year contract to complete the photographs with Trillium funding. This grant ended last October. That portion of the database has already been invaluable to staff preparing exhibits and helping researchers with their requests. It has also made it very easy to pass pictures on to The

Expositor for their weekly album. With any luck we will receive the OK from Trillium for the artifact component and we can get that started this summer.

Maggie is getting ready for more education programs, including GEM Fest next month for which we will be conducting two programs — Industrial Archaeology and Medieval Artifact Study — in the classrooms. We had a very successful Christmas program and look forward to a busy spring.

Well, I must sharpen my pencil and get back to my calculator. A curator's job is never done.

Stacey McKellar

# Our early philanthropist: Ignatius Cockshutt

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the Grand River became the residential and business headquarters of the Cockshutt family. Ignatius continued as manager of the Brantford operation while his father devoted part of his time to other business interests in the village of Cayuga. The Brantford operation was a typical enterprise — a general store in the broadest sense — and very flexible in its methods, so as to meet the needs and conditions of its customers. Every kind of merchandise was sold and everything was considered legal tender. Money was scarce and barter was the medium of business. Baskets and straw work, wood, hay, grain, dairy produce, or labour was taken in exchange for merchandise, and to this system may be traced the name "Merchants Exchange," which was given to the block of brick buildings on the corner of Colborne Street and Market Street South that replaced the original frame structure of the early period. This site is now occupied by the Brantford Public Library.

Recurring cycles of business depression brought down many mercantile establishments in early Ontario as well as in Brantford, but the Cockshutt business continued not only to hold its own, but to advance during the crucial year of 1837. In 1840, James Cockshutt sold the business to Ignatius and Jane and for many years thereafter the firm traded under the name of "I. & J. Cockshutt." The Cockshutt family suffered a great loss when James Cockshutt died on Jan. 10, 1885.

In 1846, Jane Cockshutt withdrew from the business and it fell under the sole proprietorship of Ignatius. He continued to evolve the Cayuga store into a mercantile establishment, which he carried on for over 50 years. He was involved in the inauguration of the Grand River Navigation Company and for a number of years was a member of the board of directors of the Buffalo, Goderich and Lake Huron

Railway, the first railway to run a rail line through Brantford. In each case, the promoters of the enterprises lost their entire investment, but each served its purpose in giving initial impetus to the Town of Brantford. When the Brantford Gas Company was threatened with collapse, Ignatius gained the support of other Brantford businessmen, and together they came to the aid of the company and created an efficient lighting system for the community. Ignatius was president for a number of years of the Brantford Gas Company. He aided continuously in the acquisition of firefighting appliances and personally purchased a hand-operated fire engine which was largely operated by his own employees. Later, he became the prime mover in the establishment of the Brantford Waterworks Company in order to provide more adequate fire protection to the community. Of the Brantford Waterworks Company, Ignatius Cockshutt was president and T.S. Shenstone, the energetic secretary. In time the City of Brantford took over the waterworks operation.

Another notable operation undertaken by Ignatius was the construction of the Brantford and Oakland Toll Road which is now known as the Cockshutt Road. Construction of the road commenced in 1856 and was completed in 1859 and served to open up a valuable area of this portion of the province. The project was entirely financed by Ignatius Cockshutt, who all through the year 1859 — a year marked by an economic depression — held grimly to his purpose, and despite difficulties that would have forced almost any other man to withdraw his efforts, completed the task.

At least two of Brantford's large manufacturing firms owed much to his involvement and co-operation. Although not an active member of the Waterous Engine Works Company, he watched with deep interest the progress of the enterprise and gave much help and encouragement to the

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firm in its early years. A portrait of Ignatius Cockshutt held a place of honour alongside C.H. Waterous, Sr., in the company boardroom. When the Cockshutt Plow Company first commenced operations in a modest way under his father's initiative, the struggling business was nurtured and cherished by Ignatius, who retained the position of vice-president until the end of his life in 1901. He was also president of the Craven Cotton Company during its short and stormy existence that ended with the sale of the mill to a cotton syndicate.

Ignatius Cockshutt's philanthropy was great and continuous; many of his generous acts naturally became known, however, it would be impossible to identify others of which he never made mention, even to members of his own family. As a matter of fact, he did not recognize the word "philanthropist" as it applied to him, for in all directions he considered himself simply a steward of the large means which he had accumulated. In Brantford's early days, when educational privileges were inferior, he established, managed and maintained for years secular schools, in order to give county children the advantage of a common education free of charge. Together with his sister Jane Laycock, he also founded the Jane Laycock School for orphans and destitute children which functioned until the 1950s. He built an orphans' home in Brantford for the accommodation of a like class of children. Another of his acts was to purchase and deed to trustees a large house at Sheridan and West streets for a widows' home, which was always under the control of a board of management composed of ladies of the community and functioned until the mid-1990s. In company with Humphrey Davies, he donated to the County of Brant and the City of Brantford the House of Refuge, where the aged of both sexes, could find a haven of rest when, owing to misfortune or poverty, they were unable to support themselves. This house evolved into what we know today as the John Noble Home. When Brantford was still a small town he was the leader of an earnest body of men who subscribed funds for the erection and equipping of the first YMCA. He was for years treasurer and manager of the depository of the Brantford branch of the Bible Society, and earnestly sought every opportunity for helping the needy. His charitable contributions to single individuals likely added up to a considerable amount. Ignatius Cockshutt was generally brusque, but, when approached, often generous. On the Island of Jamaica, he established and maintained at his own expense, a mission for work among island residents and when he paid occasional visits to the island, he preached to these people the Gospel of Christ and encouraged them in their struggle to reach a higher and better life. Farrington Church, with which Ignatius Cockshutt was affiliated, continues to support a mission in Jamaica.

At the time of the big Wesleyan movement in England, Benjamin Ingham was a co-worker of the Wesleys, but sep-

arated from them. He founded a sect whose members became known as Inghamites, and the Cockshutt family belonged to this society of lay workers. James Cockshutt became one of the founders of what today is known as Farrington Independent Church, located on Mount Pleasant Street. Ignatius became an elder of the church and always fulfilled the duties of that office in a most earnest and faithful manner. He was not a fluent speaker, but as he warmed to the subject, his utterances were characterized by force and clearness. In his business dealings he expected all obligations to be met on the date named, and did not tolerate excuses for lateness. His judgment of men was quickly formed and generally correct, and he lived simply despite his wealth. He died on March 1, 1901, in his 89th year, and was active within a few days of his demise.

Ignatius Cockshutt was twice married. On Sept. 22, 1846, he married Margaret Gemmell, who died the following year, leaving an infant daughter. Their daughter eventually became Mrs. George Kippax. In 1850, Ignatius married Elizabeth Foster of Mount Pleasant. There were 11 children of this union, of whom four survived Ignatius: W.F. Cockshutt, who was elected a member of parliament for South Brant in 1904 and 1911; Frank Cockshutt; E.L. Cockshutt, who owned and bequeathed Glenhyrst to the City of Brantford; and Harry Cockshutt, who was appointed lieutenant-governor of Ontario from 1921 to 1927.

There were many resolutions of regret on the part of Brantford city council and other bodies upon his death in 1901, but at a simple funeral which took place at the Farrington cemetery, the most sincere manifestations of public sorrow came from the poor, the afflicted and the neglected, to whom he had been a constant friend.

## Source

Reville, F.D. *History of the County of Brant*, 1920.

## Endowment Fund needs your help!

The fund's interest supports the day-to-day operation of the Brant Museum & Archives. We urge you to consider making a donation to the fund, and here's how you can do so:

- Make a donation in memory of a friend or loved one;
- Earmark a direct donation for the Endowment Fund;
- Purchase a souvenir piece of the Brantford Street Railway, at the gift shop for \$100 (with a tax receipt) or \$35 (without a tax receipt);
- Give a gift in kind of property or stocks.

Please note that unused donations can be carried forward for up to five years. Also, when you donate more than \$200, the amount in excess of \$200 is eligible for tax credit at the highest marginal tax rate.

# Brantford's Market Square as it is today

This is part three of a three-part article offering a historical perspective on changes to Brantford's Market Square, compiled by Robert L. Deboer.

The provincial government agreed to increase its commitment to \$7.4 million and plans for the development of the Eaton Market Square were revised. The planned parking garages were to be amalgamated into one, a mini-mall was to be constructed at Colborne and Bain streets to accommodate displaced George Street merchants. These plans did not materialize and Market Street was to be closed between Dalhousie and Colborne streets and fashioned into a pedestrian walkway.

The formal agreement between Campeau, Eaton's and the City of Brantford was formally signed on July 20, 1981, with Eaton's agreeing to operate its store for at least 35 years.

In October 1982 poor economic conditions, the unavailability of mortgage money and the need to secure more tenants for the mall, prompted Campeau to request a two-year extension before taking out a building permit. City council granted Campeau until June 1984 to satisfy the obligation.

Tangible signs of some progress began to appear when the Market Street (Victoria) Bridge was closed in preparation for construction of the parking garage, but there remained apprehension concerning the ultimate fate of the project. The price tag of the development had risen to \$29 million. Campeau continually refused to confirm that it would adhere to the agreed-upon starting date and, in light of the economic recession, called for the agreement to be renegotiated. Rumours also circulated that Eaton's was abandoning its commitment and even when the province contributed another \$2 million to the project, it was only half of what Campeau was requesting.

On June 29, 1984, after eight months of negotiations and, with one day to spare, a settlement was reached, with the total cost of the development now estimated at \$37 million.

The City's costs increased to \$3.4 million, including a \$2.3 million loan to Campeau to offset the cost of constructing public space in the proposed mall, a relocation of services on the soon-to-be-closed Market Street and the purchase of the Capitol Theatre from Famous Players.

With everything in place, the symbolic sod turning for the Market Square development occurred in April 1985 and construction was finally underway.

The \$35 million Eaton Market Square formally opened

on August 29, 1986, with 1,500 invited guests attending a lavish \$45,000 party.

The hoped-for resurrection of Brantford's downtown core that was to have been stimulated by the creation of a new shopping centre on the former Market Square did not materialize, although confidence remained high that it would.

The 10th anniversary of the opening of the Eaton Market Square in 1996, was not one to celebrate. The vacancy rate in the mall was 30 per cent. Rumours were persisting that Eaton's might be leaving the mall to be replaced by Mohawk College. At that point in time, Mohawk College had its main campus on Elgin Street and also had a small campus in the Beckett Building at Colborne and Bain streets and at no time did Mohawk College occupy space in the Market Square.

The Market Square and rejuvenation of the downtown core suffered another serious blow with the announcement by the T. Eaton Company that it was restructuring its business operation and would be closing stores, including the one in the Eaton Market Square.

On June 29, 1997, Eaton's closed its doors in the Market Square. Although Eaton's had signed an agreement with the City in 1981, committing itself to remain in Brantford for 35 years, the contract was unenforceable as a result of the company entering receivership earlier in the year.

For the city, the departure of Eaton's meant a loss of prestige and significant business traffic, and put in question the viability of the Market Square Mall. A failure to replace Eaton's would not only mean yet another gap in the downtown, but also a loss of \$76,000 a year in business taxes and more than \$15,000 in property taxes. The effects were immediate. Fears that the decision by Eaton's would lead other businesses to vacate the Market Square were confirmed with the departure of Shoppers Drug Mart, the Square's second-largest store.

The void in the Market Square Mall left by the demise of Eaton's was gradually filled with call centres, and employees of the firms, combined with the presence of university students attending Laurier Brantford, dramatically increased the number of people who were in the core on a daily basis, but not necessarily to the advantage of retailers.

The Market Square complex, built by Campeau Corpora-

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## Acknowledgments

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# Museum’s co-op student says goodbye

**H**i. My name is Kalley Wanzo. I am a student in Grade 12 at Pauline Johnson Collegiate. For the last few months I had a co-op placement at the Brant Museum & Archives. When I first arrived, I worked with the inventory systems and that was super fun. Then I worked with the textile collection, which is definitely one of the coolest things I have ever done in my life!

In December I also assisted with the education programs for a bit. I learned lots of things from that experience and I was able to lead a group and teach them what I had learned myself. If I had that opportunity again, or if I knew anyone who could, I would suggest it in a second.

This is something I definitely want to do as a career, and I will look forward to doing it in the future. The wonderful environment was definitely a great benefit of my time there. The people at the museum were so nice. It was weird to return to school and not go to the museum in the morning. They definitely brightened up my days and I hope to keep in contact with them all through my life.



# Brantford’s Market Square as it is today

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tion in 1985 and 1986, was sold to Laing Property Corporation around 1990. Laing retained ownership of the Square until 1999, when it was sold to Cambridge Leaseholds. In 2002, the Market Square was acquired by Ivanhoe Cambridge.

On Dec. 17, 2003, it was announced that Brantford City Council was proposing to buy the Market Square Mall from Ivanhoe Cambridge for the sum of \$2 million and intended to renovate the space therein at a cost of \$9 million to accommodate City staff scattered in a series of buildings throughout the downtown. Council was asking that Ivanhoe Cambridge grant a six-month delay before it made a decision as to whether or not it should buy the mall. If acquired by the City, the renovated mall would accommodate customer service staff, hydro, water, purchasing and treasury staff at 50 Wellington St. and social service staff at 10 Darling St., the Business Resource Centre and Human Resources staff in the former TD Bank building at Market and Darling streets. The moves would also free up some buildings for use by Laurier Brantford and Mohawk College.

On Jan. 13, 2004, city council announced it was still interested in acquiring the Market Square Mall, although Ivanhoe Cambridge had rejected council’s request for a six-month delay before making a decision. Ivanhoe Cambridge gave council until Jan. 19, 2004, to approve the purchase with a deadline of Feb. 27, 2004, to withdraw its offer. Council decided to issue formal requests for development proposals for the Market Square Mall to be submitted by Feb. 17, 2004, adding a clause requiring developers to consider the interests of the two large call centres in the mall as well as its smaller businesses and occupants, including the Brant Museum & Archives Museum in the Square.

On Feb. 24, 2004, city council reportedly was going

ahead with the takeover of the Market Square Mall and would be negotiating with G.K. York Management on its \$13.3 million plan to redevelop the building to house City staff, bring in more business and market the Museum in the Square. Council finalized its tentative plan to buy out the lease on the Market Square Mall building from Ivanhoe Cambridge for \$2 million. The closing date was March 19, 2004.

The City of Brantford was buying the Market Square Mall for the stated price of \$2 million and would then sell it to G.K. York Management over five years. G.K. York would renovate the building and would hold the building’s lease. City taxpayers would not be on the hook for the \$2 million purchase price or the cost of renovations. G.K. York Management would provide the money, assume the risk and hopefully make a fair return on its investment over the years.

On March 16, 2004, it was reported that Brantford’s city council had given final approval to a bylaw that would allow the City to buy out the lease on the Market Square Mall for \$2 million, then sell it to G.K. York Management for the same amount and a \$11.3 million refurbishment.

It was reported on April 19, 2004, that the rejuvenation of the mall had cleared its final hurdle when the provincial cabinet approved the deal between the City of Brantford and Ivanhoe Cambridge. Approval of cabinet was required due to an upfront Revitalization Project Loan granted to the City dating back to the 1980s, which was held by the Ontario government. Approval cleared the way for G.K. York Management to take over the lease on the Market Square complex from the City and to undertake renovations for municipal offices and other private development.

Let’s hope Alma Green’s curse doesn’t return.

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*Endowment Fund:* The interest from this fund goes to the operation of the museum.  
*Acquisition Fund:* This fund is used to acquire and conserve artifacts.  
*Building Fund:* This fund will be used for the museum — to renovate the existing building, to buy a new building and to renovate it, or to build a brand new museum.  
*Operations Fund:* This fund is used for the daily operations of the museum, including staffing and programming.  
*Special Projects Fund:* This fund will be used to complete special projects — some current projects include the Settlement Gallery, a new reception desk and repairs to the glass enclosure.

### A Brant Historical Society membership offers ...

- free admission to the Brant Museum & Archives, Bell Homestead and Myrtleville House Museum (excluding special events)
- exemption from personal research fees in our archives
- bulletins about upcoming museum activities
- subscription to the “B.H.S. Quarterly”
- discounts on Heritage Bus Tours, Children’s Museum Club and other programs
- 10% discount on gift shop purchases over \$20

### Categories and fees

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|------------|-----------|
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| Student    | \$15.00   |



# Happenings

## Brant Museum & Archives

### New at the gift shop

*African Hope Renewed: Along the Grand River 1400s-1800s*, by Angela Files, \$30.

*Haldimand History: The Early Years 1784-1850*, by Cheryl MacDonald, \$20.

*Haldimand History: Crime and Punishment 1850-1950*, by Cheryl MacDonald, \$20.

### Kids' programs

The museum is again participating in the exciting twice-annual GEM Fest this spring and fall, along with other area museums. The museum's programs will include Industrial Archaeology and Medieval Artifact Study.

### Vintage yard sale

Saturday, May 14, 2005, at Myrtleville House Museum. Donations and volunteers appreciated!

### Zehrs' tapes

Please continue to save your Zehrs' tapes for the museum!

## Ontario Genealogical Society Brantford branch

**The March meeting** is cancelled, as it falls on Easter Sunday.

**April 30, 2005** Spring workshop: "Net-Working" — Surf the Net with Ross Cotton, Hamilton LDS Specialist.

**Saturday April 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** The OGS will offer hands-on networking with fellow genealogists using Brant, Ontario and British materials, at Smokey Hollow Estates, 114 Powerline Rd., Brantford. Register until April 25, \$15 (includes lunch.) To register, call Helen Doctor at 519-753-8581.



## Brant Historical Society

### General meeting speakers

Brant Museum & Archives, 7:30 p.m.

**March 16, 2005** Harry Makepeace, a local expert, will offer a talk about pewter.

**April 20, 2005** To be announced

**May 18, 2005** To be announced

**June 15, 2005** Volunteer Appreciation Night. Location to be announced.

By popular demand, "It's Your Turn" will be the September program. Check the summer newsletter for details, and check your attics and basements for treasures you'd like to bring in to show fellow members.

### Brantford Film Group

The Brantford Film Group is a fundraiser for the Brant Historical Society. Films are screened on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from October through May at the Cineplex Odeon Brantford Mall Cinemas at 7 p.m. Advance tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the museum. Box office tickets are \$8 and are purchased at the door. Visit [www.brantmuseum.ca](http://www.brantmuseum.ca) for film details.

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| March 10 | <b>Vera Drake</b><br>(U.K./ France/ New Zealand, rated 14A)    |
| March 24 | <b>House of Flying Daggers</b><br>(China/Hong Kong, rated 14+) |
| April 14 | <b>Les choristes</b> (France, subtitled)                       |
| April 28 | <b>Saint Ralph</b> (Canada, rated 14+)                         |
| May 12   | <b>The Merchant of Venice</b> (U.S.)                           |
| May 26   | <b>Hotel Rwanda</b><br>(U.K./Italy/South Africa, rated 14+)    |

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