

# What's Happening

## BHS Welcomes our New Executive Director

Please join us in welcoming Lana Jobe as the new Executive Director of the Brant Historical Society.

Lana is the past Executive Director of the Paris Museum & Archives and brings along with her years of experience in research, collections management, genealogy, and knowledge of the community. She has already hit the ground running with initiatives to bring together the museum's research materials and reorganize collections spaces so the museum may better serve our researchers. Welcome, Lana!

The Annual General Meeting saw the election of new members to the BHS Board. Officers were elected at the April Board meeting. Here is your 2014 Board of Directors:

### Board Executive

President: Michael St. Amant  
Vice President: Vyrt Sisson  
Treasurer: Bill Hanna  
Secretary: Jacqueline Buscombe

### Directors

Jack Jackowetz  
Anita Menon  
Manfred Schomann  
Zig Misiak

### Non-Voting Director

Cal Diegel

Thanks to all of our Board Members past and present for the work you do for the Brant Historical Society.

## Speaker Series

**May 15th, 2014:** Glenn Brown  
Art & Architecture: The Sanderson Centre

**June 19th, 2014:** Heather Ibbotson  
Lady Killers: Women in Crime

**July 17th, 2014:** Rachel McNeill  
Brant Historical Society: Online Exhibit Grand Opening

**August 21st, 2014:** The Brant Taletellers Guild  
An Evening of Storytelling

## From the Desk of the Executive Director

May is finally here! We usually think of spring flowers, babies sunshine, new beginnings and looking forward to summer activities.



We are making some positive changes to the Brant Museum & Archives. We are currently spring-cleaning, dusting off a few things, and organizing our collections. The Archives will become more user-friendly regarding the approach to research. The addition of 200 early survey maps for Brantford and the Audrey Scott house photo files (our thanks to Ruth Lefler and Jane Burnett for their help) are a welcome addition to our research material. These will be available to the public in the near future.

The Land Registry Books, currently housed at the Market Square site, will shortly be moved to the archives on Charlotte Street. This will condense our research materials into one area, giving us the ability to serve our clients more quickly and on a regular basis rather than "by appointment only". Our remaining collections have also been reorganized into more controlled storage environments. The Inventory Team has been making good progress cataloguing and packing in order to make the collection easier to access when needed.

Be on the lookout for some new programming coming up this fall. Antiques Appraisal Day at Myrtleville is a fundraiser that will give us the unique opportunity to invite the community in to show us their treasured items, and give the community an opportunity to discover more about their own private collections. Keep an eye on the BHS Facebook page, Twitter, and upcoming newsletters for more information! In the meantime, volunteers are welcome to apply for this event.

Lana Jobe, Executive Director

### Do you have a story, memory, or historical document that you want to share?

We want to hear from you! Fill out the form at our website [www.brantmuseums.ca](http://www.brantmuseums.ca) to share your story with us, and become an integral player in preserving the history and heritage of Brantford and Brant County, because your history matters!

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## Events

### Eh Day:

Join us on May 17th from 10-2 for a day of Canadiana! Flapjack brunch, crafts & activities for kids, a lumberjack photo booth, and waltz lessons with AIM Dance Studio. Show off your fancy follicles in our Beard Competition, or try a treat at one of our vendor's booths. Free admission & affordable activities for the whole family!

### Walking Tours:

**Saturday, May 31st at 10:30 AM**  
*"King, West and Queen Streets" Walk*

**Saturday, June 28th at 10:30 AM**  
*"Farrington Cemetery" Tour*

We ask that for all our Walking Tours you register in advance either by email at [information@brantmuseums.ca](mailto:information@brantmuseums.ca) or by phone at 519-752-2483.



## PA Day Camp

### Art Attack – Friday June 6, 2014

Discover the Good family's love of art! Go on a scavenger hunt, make your own portrait to take home, create a wind chime, make colourful cookies, create a puppet, and paint with marshmallows, pipe cleaners, and a pencil eraser.

### Lisa's Summer Programs:

July 7 – 11: Make-Belief Magic  
 July 14 – 18: Reptiles  
 July 21 – 25: Pioneer Adventures  
 July 28 – August 1: Carnival  
 August 5 – 8: Wacky Weather  
 August 11 – 15: Fast Flyers & Mighty Mammals  
 August 18 – 22: Monsters  
 August 25 – 29: Artful Antics

For PA Day camps and Summer Camp information, please contact Lisa Anderson at 519-752-1931 or email at [lisa.anderson@brantmuseums.ca](mailto:lisa.anderson@brantmuseums.ca).

## Online Exhibit Update

Volunteering for the Oral History Project, and spending a good chunk of a year conducting interviews, has had quite the profound effect on me. Speaking to those who have been lifelong Brantford citizens, mid-life movers to the city, or newcomers that just stepped on Brantford's doorstep, have all provided me with vastly different outlooks of our community.

These different perspectives of what our community is, or means to these individuals, has encouraged me to do some thinking and dreaming about Brantford. I now dream of a community that is a web of relationships, an interconnection of people who aren't afraid to open up and share about their life experiences. Through interviewing, I have truly learned the importance of communication and building relationships with those you speak to. By speaking to others and listening to their stories, you are able to learn and grow as a person yourself. After experiencing this first-hand, I knew I wanted others to learn and grow from these interviews in their own special way.

Development has begun in creating a website that will serve as a platform for these interviews. The user can access series of podcasts and videos that will act as a connection to someone that they may or may not know. Interviews ranging from city notables to the unknown Brantfordians will be available to listen and discover from. My hopes are that the website will banish the concept of the neighbourhood stranger, and be a spot where our citizens are introduced to one another — a relationship stepping stone, that inspires us to reach out and connect with our city-wide neighbours.

With the help of volunteer, Caleb Bray, the website will be launched at an event July 17th. Thank you to those who participated in The Oral History Project — I was truly impacted by your stories and you are the reason this website is happening.

Rachel McNeill, Online Project Coordinator

