



**BRANT
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**

Your History Matters

November 2010

MEMBER UPDATE

Celebrating the History of Brantford & Brant County for over 100 years!



Greeting card from the Brant Historical Society's collection.

“A Victorian Christmas” Holiday Auction

December 1, 2010
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Brantford Air Force Club
144 Grey Street
Brantford, ON

Come out for an evening of fun, food, entertainment and shopping in support of the Brant Historical Society's museums. There are many great items which will be auctioned off during the evening including tickets for 2 from VIA Rail to Montreal, Buffalo Sabre tickets, a guided river tour, antique appraisals, transport to the Buffalo airport and many other unique gift ideas. Enjoy live entertainment, “Victorian” activities and an assortment of light refreshments.

Tickets are \$10.00 and are available at the Brant Museum and Archives.

Charitable Registration # 11881 7113 RR0001

CURRENTLY ON EXHIBIT

The Noble Experiment: Temperance and Prohibition

From the late eighteen hundreds to the end of the First World War, Canada experimented with temperance and prohibition as both social policy and legislated morality.

Why did the country pursue prohibition and why did we ultimately abandon it? Find out in this fascinating exhibit on loan from the Peterborough Museum & Archives.



Image courtesy of the Peterborough Museum & Archives.

This exhibit chronicles the tumultuous years when Canada went ‘dry’.

On display at the Museum-in-the-Square until January

Municipally Speaking

This exhibit explores the trials and tribulations that Brantford and Brant County endured over the past two centuries. It was the decisions that were made during this time that shaped, shifted and developed the Brant community into what it is today.

The exhibit was produced from official minutes dated back to 1847 until present day along with original artefacts that were used during that time period.

On display at the Brant Museum and Archives until February 2011.



The Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers uniform (1944).

The Exhibits are sponsored by



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Why is it that we care about history? We can't do anything about it, it won't change, and it's not going anywhere. So why then do we even care what happened 100 years ago, let alone 100 minutes ago? Those of you reading these words probably have a very good reason why you care about history. It's something that matters to you, maybe you don't know exactly why, but it just does.

For me it's the story of history, no fictional characters can ever match the amazing feats of something that actually happened! That is why I want to save history, I want future generations to know about the amazing things that happened around us.

So why does it matter to you?

Thank you for helping the BHS save what matters to me...and hopefully you!

Chad Martin, President

SHOP and SUPPORT NOW AVAILABLE!

What if I told you that every year, we are leaving hundreds of dollars on the table that could've been put towards our fundraising efforts, all through your everyday, budgeted purchases?

We are excited to introduce our new fundraising initiative, **The Shop and Support Fundraising Program**. Unlike other fundraisers, this unique fundraising opportunity does not involve any out-of-pocket expense or door-to-door selling. It simply involves changing how we pay for what we already buy. Instead of paying for our regular purchases at our favourite stores using cash, debit, or credit cards, we simply purchase gift cards through Shop & Support and the Brant Historical Society will receive a percentage of the purchases back as funds raised.

We all make regular purchases every week at the grocery store, gas station, restaurants, movie theatres, etc. A simple order consisting of \$100 grocery, \$50 gas and \$50 dining and/or entertainment gift cards each week can effortlessly raise up to \$500 per supporter in a single year.

We want to rally enough supporters to engage in the program and make it a success. The funds raised through the Shop & Support program will be used to expand our museum education programs and ensure the long term care of the over 60,000 artefacts in our collection.

Shop & Support is an easy way for you to help the Brant Historical Society raise funds to support the operation of its three museum locations and participation is simple.

Check out the retailers participating in the Shop & Support program at www.shopandsupport.ca

To become a Shop & Support member, please contact Joan Kanigan at 519-752-2483 or by email at joan.kanigan@brantmuseums.ca.



BHS SPEAKERS SERIES

- December 15 Brantford / Brant in 1910 - Through the Eyes of the Expositor.
- January 19 Kriegie Bash - Prisoner's of War and the 65th Anniversary of WW2 by Chad Martin

The December 15th and January 19th Speaker Series program will be held at Myrtleville House Museum - 34 Myrtleville Drive starting at 7:30 p.m.

The BHS Speakers Series is sponsored by



The Cowan Foundation recently announced its support for the Society's Educational Programs with a three year commitment of \$5,000 per year.

From left to right: Brian Geffros (Cowan Insurance Brokers), Joan Kanigan, Chad Martin, Heather Durham (Cowan Insurance Brokers).

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