



**BRANT
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**

Your History Matters

Fall 2013

What's Happening

Upcoming Events

Doors Open Brant

Saturday, September 21, 2013, 10am - 4pm

Free Admission.

Join us for this free event, and celebrate the rich history, cultural diversity & hidden gems of Brantford, Brant County & Six Nations/ New Credit. Visit www.doorsopenbrant.ca for more details.

2nd Annual Harvest Fest at Myrtleville

Saturday, October 5, 2013, 12 - 4pm

Myrtleville House Museum, 34 Myrtleville Drive

Admission is by donation.

It's harvest time at Myrtleville! Join us again this year for a day of crafts, harvest snacks, demonstrations of historical handiwork and tools, and many more harvest-themed activities.

Autumn Cemetery Tour

Saturday, October 12, 2013, 12:45pm, leaves promptly at 1pm, and will return between 3 - 4pm

The bus will board and return at Myrtleville House Museum \$20.00 for BHS members, \$30.00 for a single admission, \$45.00 for double admission

The Brant Historical Society presents an Autumn Cemetery Bus Tour of 19th-century cemeteries in and around Paris, Ontario. Board a luxury shuttle at Myrtleville House Museum and join us for a tour of some of the oldest cemeteries in the area. We provide a package of research materials, and light refreshments at the end of the tour, and guests are welcome to bring a camera or stone-rubbing supplies. RSVP by October 4th to take part in this event.

Myrtleville PA Day Camps:

October 11th: Wild, Wild West

November 15th: Folktales, Fairy Tales & Fables Oh My!

SPEAKERS SERIES

The 3rd Thursday of each month

September 19th, 7:30pm @ BM&A

Door Open Brant 2013 Event Launch along with Howard Rotberg of the Brant Cordage Industrial Site and its conversion to Brantford's Artisan's Village.

October 17th, 7:30 @ BM&A

The Legacy of Adelaide Hunter Hoodless. Presented by Catherine Stevenson.

November 21st, 7:30 @ BM&A

The War Effort. The home front during the First World War and the commitments of Brantford and Brant County. Presented by Geoffrey Moyer.

December 19th, 7:30 @ Myrtleville House Museum

Join us for our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Evening and Christmas Celebration at Myrtleville House Museum. All welcome.



From the Curator's Desk

Our Newest Exhibit

This fall, the Brant Museum & Archives will be unveiling our newest exhibit. Important individuals who helped shape the city of Brantford, Brant County, Six Nations and New Credit will be featured in an informative and interactive display. With emphasis on our rich and varied history, join us as we share our insight into the people who made our community a strong and vibrant region for many generations.



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Brant Historical Summer Students

We had so much fun this summer with our camp staff! Thank you to our summer staff for all the hard work you did at camp this year.



Valerie Garrett

Valerie joined our team as the education assistant and came to us with experience from the Hamilton Children's Museum and Burlington Museums. She loves children and is looking forward to a future in educational programming.



Ashley Rodriguez

Ashley is excited to return as our camp counsellor for her fourth year! She enjoys working with children and is working towards becoming a teacher.



Amanda Clarke

Amanda is part of the St. Leonard's summer jobs for youth program. She has been working in the camp field for many years and last year she was a camp counselor for the Mini-yo- we Camp in Huntsville, Ontario.



Thalia Tangorra

Thalia is also part of the St. Leonard's summer jobs for youth program and particularly enjoys working with children and seniors. Myrtleville was Thalia's first camp experience and has enjoyed helping the younger campers with their craft activities.



Kendra Gerber

Kendra joined the Brant Museum & Archives as our Curatorial Assistant this summer. A Wilfred Laurier University Classic's student, Kendra has been working our digitization and inventory project with the BHS collection. She is returning to school in September and hoping to continue her education towards a degree in Museum Studies.

From the Director's Desk

Let me begin this note by thanking all of the summer staff who helped us achieve so much over the last few months. At Myrtleville House Valerie Garret and Ashley Rodriguez ensured that all of the summer campers had fun learning experiences while making new friends along the way. Kendra Gerber applied herself to bringing more order to the Charlotte Street collection getting material rendered into the catalogue and carrying on the digitization process.

We are moving toward packing the collection in an orderly manner by applying for grants to hire four contract staff for a ten month period beginning in September. These people will help us prepare to move the collection to a new site as one becomes available.

Now that summer is slipping away and cooler autumn nights approach, the Museum will be switching gears to offer seasonal appropriate programming. The Harvest Fest will be held at Myrtleville House again this year and a new programme will be launched from this location in October. The Autumn Cemetery Tour will explore some of the more fascinating, and lesser known, burial grounds in Brant County. And don't forget that our Speaker Series continues on a monthly basis at Charlotte Street until November.

Another not-to-be missed favourite will be coming to town on September 21 as Doors Open Brant welcomes you to over 20 sites across both the city and county. For more information on any of these events please refer to the Events column, check out our website (www.brantmuseum.ca) or give us a call at 519.752.2483. Come on out and support your museum!

*John Robertson
Executive Director
Brant Museum and Archives*

Volunteers Needed

The Brant Historical Society has a lot of interesting volunteer opportunities available.

If you are interested please call us at 519-752-2483 or email us at information@brantmuseums.ca www.brantmuseums.ca