

Fall NEWSLETTER



2017

Laskay Hall - Temperance, Women's Institute, and Community Gathering Place

Senator David Reesor of Markham, a man with strong Reform leanings and member of the Methodist Church, donated land for a Temperance Hall in 1858 to support what to him was undoubtedly a worthy cause.

The Hall was built on Weston Rd in Laskay by the Sons of Temperance No. 220 and opened in early 1859. The branch was turned over to the Women's Institute after 'local option', a way of controlling the distribution of alcohol, came into effect. During the years of the WI there were many fundraising concerts, dances, and socials. The ladies of Laskay worked hard to maintain the community and the building through the efforts of their membership.

The later contributions of the Laskay Hall Board volunteers enable us all to enjoy this building years later. Moving the structure will allow those community social events to continue but with better services such as an energy efficient furnace, and safer and more expansive parking for guests.

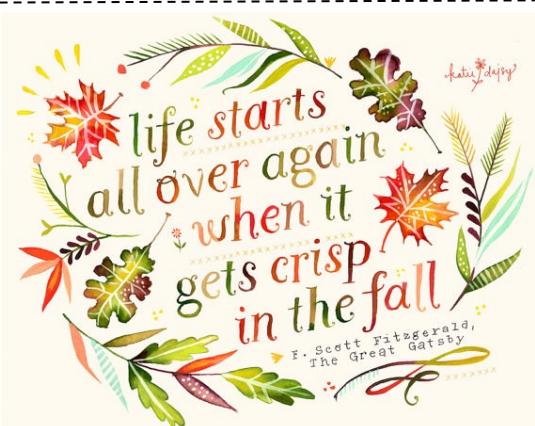
Senator Reesor might never have imagined that 158 years later the building would be moved 2 kms to King Rd to begin a new life at the Heritage and Culture Centre.

Laskay Hall... to its past and to its future!

THE BIG MOVE

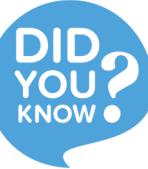


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Message from the Newsletter Team

We would like to welcome new and returning KTHS members alike. We hope you have been enjoying our Newsletters. If you have any suggestions for upcoming issues, questions, or have written an article you would like to share, please send an email to: kingtownshiphistoricalsociety.com



FUN SEPTEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER:

- September 5th: National Cheese Pizza Day
- September 9th: National Teddy Bear Day
- September 16th: National Play-Doh Day
- September 19th: International "Talk Like A Pirate Day"

Kettleby's Ode to Canada's 150th! ~ Gerry Allestson

Kettleby hosted a lovely birthday bash on Canada Day, celebrating 150 years of the Confederation since 1867. Kettleby Village turned 175 this year and Christ Church turned 125 – the Lions turned 100 and the York Pines United turned 50 - many reasons to celebrate! A crowd of about 2,000 enjoyed a great performance by the Mkwa Manitou Singers Mississauga of Credit First Nations. The Children's Theatre production was a history of Canada; there were singers and bands, the Lions Club ran a great beer tent and wonderful food was presented by POPS Kitchen, the Lions and Pine Orchard Farm, and a huge birthday cake was baked, by Josie of Dorio's. There were crafts and demonstrations of long-ago skills and Elaine Robertson led historical walking tours through the village. Rick Sikorski was a great M.C. and Catherine Hughes our silver-throated Diva in the Rough sang "O Canada."

Art Society King, Christ Church, and York Pines United were all represented in the Craft Tent, and in other places in Tyrrwhitt Park children's games were a big hit. The fireworks topped the event off with a magnificent display thanks to the Nobleton firemen.

Christ Church displayed a great banner offering pre-sales of a soon-to-be published book called "Chronicles of a Country Church" It is about the history of the village, and all the people who have lived here, many of whom helped to build the lovely stone church on the hill in 1891. The church had tables laden with Maple Leaf cookies, local honey, cards depicting scenes of the village and the church and a display of the beautiful wood pieces created by Rev. Sheilaugh Ashworth.

To honour all the anniversary dates, two beautiful quilts were created by Debbie Smith (a master quilter). The fabrics used spoke of all the peoples that have lived in this land, many from "time immemorial". Many of the birthday guests chose to sign the quilts, leaving a new legacy for the future. A draw will take place for one quilt and the other will be donated to the King Museum.

There will be an opportunity for others to sign the quilts at upcoming events like "Doors Open King". A huge thank you to King Township and all the incredibly generous sponsors.



save the date

King Township Historical Society presents our
Annual Christmas Concert:

Lederman/Bell (and Friends) Return

for a grand Canada 150 Seasonal Celebration

Friday December 1, 2017 at 7 pm

All Saints Church, 12935 Keele St, King City

Tickets: \$20, KTHS Members: \$15

Call: Diana 905 859-3965

OR 905 833-2331 for tickets!

Children 12 and under Free

Refreshments and Draw

Famed fiddler Ann Lederman, music historian Ian Bell and friends will play music from Indigenous, Metis, French, Scottish, Newfoundland, Ontario and other Canadian traditions with fiddles, accordions, strings, winds and voices. **Come join us to take out the year in style!**





Doors Open King Township 2017 Saturday September 23 (10am-4pm)

The King Township Historical Society is excited to partner with the King Township Heritage Advisory Committee to announce the return of Doors Open King Township 2017. This year's event will take place on Saturday September 23, 2017 from 10am-4pm. This is a great opportunity to visit and enjoy a 'behind the scenes' glimpse of some of King Township's heritage treasures! For more information visit: www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/kingtownship.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—we will require volunteers to greet visitors at some of the venues. We will be offering three shift options: Full Day 10am-4pm; AM 10am-1pm; and, PM 1pm-4pm. This event would not be possible without the support of volunteers in our community. If you are interested in volunteering, please email: kelly.mathews@senecacollege.ca

PARTICIPATING VENUES:

1. King Heritage & Cultural Centre, King City
2. Kingcrafts, King City
3. Marylake Augustinian Monastery & Shrine, King City
4. Engel & Volkers (St. Andrews Presbyterian Church), King City
5. The Roost Café (Crawford & Maud Wells Home), King City
6. Hogan's Restaurant, King City
7. The Country Day School (Eversley Schoolhouse), King City
8. Christ Church Kettleby
9. Dorio's Bakery (Jacob Walton, General Store & Post Office), Kettleby
10. Nobleton Feed Mill, Nobleton
11. Women's Institute (Nobleton Community Hall), Nobleton
12. Dr. Vaux House, Schomberg
13. Sugar and Spice Bakery and Café, Schomberg
14. Masonic Lodge, Schomberg
15. The Scruffy Duck, Schomberg



KTHS Lecture Series: Learning from the Past

Our Soldiers, Our Families with Sharon Bentley

Sunday, November 5th from 2pm-4pm

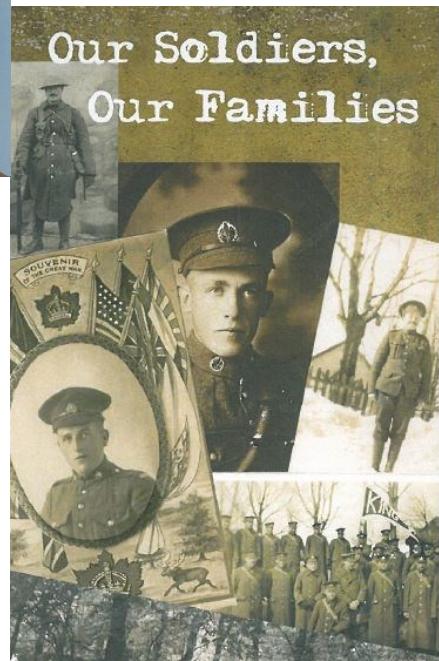
King Heritage & Cultural Centre

2920 King Rd. 905 833-2331

Free lecture and refreshments

Sharon's talk will focus on "**Our Soldiers, Our Families**" a webpage on the library's website created to preserve and promote the names, family histories and stories of the 300+ local men and women who served in the Great War. She will highlight some of the interesting stories and fascinating statistics that have been buried by the passing of time since these local men and women served.

Sharon Bentley is currently the Deputy CEO and has spent the last 35 years of her library career at the King Township Public Library. Throughout her career she has contributed to the creation of the local history collection at the library in both print and on the website. In 2014, she was recognized for her work in promoting, preserving and digitizing local history documents and received the Ontario Library Archival & Preservation Award. She enjoys researching and uncovering the stories behind the families and events that shaped King Township.



HERITAGE NEWS

Bites

Heritage News Bites is a new feature in the KTHS Newsletter. The purpose of this section is to provide KTHS members with a snapshot update of the work being undertaken by their King Township Historical Society Board, as well as share news that comes from the King Heritage Advisory Committee, and within the community proper under the heading of history and heritage—we hope you enjoy it!

KTHS Memberships & Nominations: NEWLY RETIRED? EMPTY NEST? Looking for a fun and fulfilling way to be involved in your community? King Township Historical Society's Board is welcoming fresh members to join us at relaxed monthly meetings. We have exciting new initiatives: sponsoring a book and a memorial bridge, among others.

Our traditional home is King's Heritage and Cultural Centre where great things are happening. A renovation is planned and the arrival of historic Laskey Hall significantly enhances the site's heritage character. Please call: 905 859-3965 for more information or contact our website: www.kingtownshiphistoricalsociety.com

King Museum Touring Collection: The King Township Museum has been selected to participate in the Community Exhibits Program at the Legislative Building at Queen's Park in Toronto. This is an opportunity for cultural organizations from across Ontario to showcase their treasures and share their stories with a wider audience. The Museum has selected some of the specific to Canada Wedgwood pieces to place on display until November. The Legislative Assembly welcomes thousands of visitors every year and we are confident that some of them will be intrigued by our new collection.



King Pioneer Cemeteries: The Township of King has retained a consulting firm, Archaeological Research Associated Ltd., to develop a Heritage Restoration Plan for the Township's 12 Pioneer Cemeteries to guide the future maintenance and preservation of these important cultural heritage resources. The Plan has been divided into two phases, with Phase 1 focusing on the examination of 4 of the cemeteries, identifying potential conservation methods and priority for each marker. Phase 2 involves examining the remaining cemeteries and finalizing the report which will create an overall prioritization for all cemeteries. The consultant has reported that Phase 1 has completed and report is to be drafted early September for review by township staff and the Heritage Advisory Committee. The project is targeted to wrap up in the fall and late 2017. (Elizabeth Martelluzzi)



2017 King Heritage Award: The winner of the King Township Heritage Recognition Award has been chosen and will be announced at a Council meeting in early fall. A local artist has been chosen to illustrate the winning property, which will be presented to the Township and Owner.



UPCOMING Events

King Township Historical Society 2017 Fall Event Listing

Doors Open King Township

Saturday September 23, 2017

10:00am-4:00pm

Multiple Sites; no fee. See Page 3 for details



KTHS Speaker Series

King Township Heritage and Cultural Centre

Sunday, November 5, 2017

2:00pm-4:00pm

Free Event: *Light refreshments provided*

King Township Librarian, **Sharon Bentley** will talk about her research to discover members of King Families that were involved in World War I and II. See Page 3 for details

KTHS Annual Christmas Concert

All Saints Anglican Church, 12935 Keele Street, King City

Friday, December 1, 2017

7:00pm

KTHS Members \$15 per ticket

Non-members \$20 per ticket

Anne Lederer and Friends return for a fantastic Canadian fiddle and folk music concert.

Baked goods, coffee & tea provided. See Page 2 for details



Arts Society King (ASK) presents the Schomberg Street Gallery Sunday, September 17, 2017

Historic main street closes for the day and visitors have full access to over 50+ artists. Admission is free to all visitors, with live entertainment, a complimentary rickshaw service, and many local shops and restaurants close by. ArtsSocietyKing.ca



King Heritage and Cultural Centre Fall Activities:



Three King Artists

September 6 - 28

Tuesday – Saturday, 10am to 4pm

International and world renowned artists Helen Lucas, Ed Bartram and Ernestine Tahedl will come together for a one of a kind collective exhibit. Drop by our gallery and be inspired by the beautiful and brilliant artwork of these three local King artists.

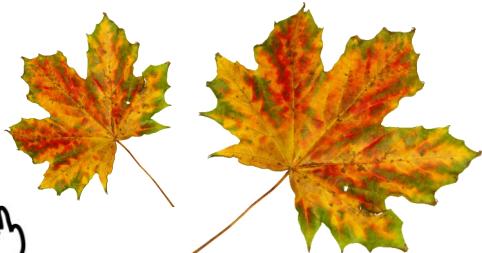
World War I Exhibit

October 10 – November 18

Tuesday – Saturday, 10am to 4pm

A special exhibit commemorating the local soldiers from King Township who proudly contributed to Canada's war effort during the First World War. Join us in remembering their stories.

For more information email kingmuseum@king.ca or call: 905-833-2331



workshops

KINGCRAFTS

September 9:

September 22-24:

September 23:

November 17-19, 25-26:

For more information:

Fibre Arts Workshop-Felted Scarf

10am-1pm, \$40+\$5 materials

Fine Art By Eight Show & Sale

Reception: Fri, 6-9pm

Sale: Sat & Sun, 10a,-4pm

Doors Open King

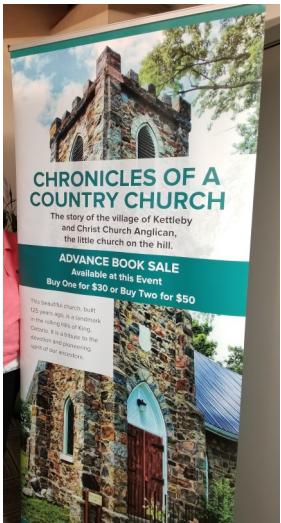
10am-4pm, Free!

Kingcrafts Studio Sale

Friday: 1-7pm

Sat & Sun: 10am-4pm

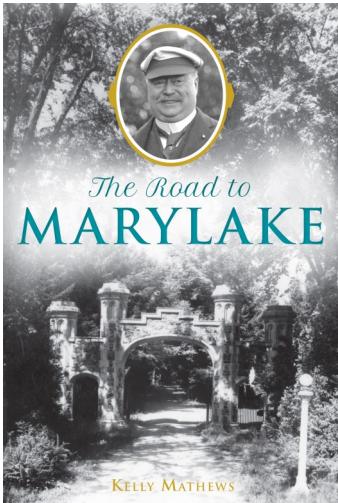
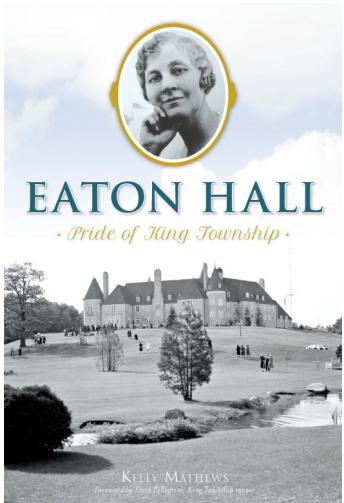
www.kingcrafts.ca



**Christ Church Kettleby
125 Years Book Project
“Chronicles of a Country Church”
Authored by Gerry Alletson of Kettleby**

**Something
to Read**

A book is currently being compiled about the life & times of Christ Church during the last 125 years. Over the generations, a close-knit community (some still living here in this unique and beautiful village) have made it, and the Church, into a rich and living legacy. We believe that Kettleby itself goes back to circa 1840. Many people still have connections or have lived in the area in and around Kettleby, and a few of the descendants of the original families still live in the village or close by. Christ Church welcomes you to share your story, history and images with us. **CONTACT:** Gerry Alletson 905-251-1693 or email gerryalletson@gmail.com



**The Road to Marylake
Release Date:
October 23, 2017!**

Local author, Kelly Mathews is excited to release her second, non-fiction, land history book on the history of the land we know today as the Marylake Monastery and Shrine. 2017 represents the 75th Anniversary of Augustinian ownership and stewardship of this land. The forward for the book has been written by the Very Reverend Bernard Sciana O.S.A., Ph.D., Prior Provincial of the Augustinians of Midwest U.S.A. and Canada. This book will be available in Canada on October 23, 2017. Kelly's first book Eaton Hall: Pride of King Township is still available via Amazon.

**IT'S TIME TO
RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP!**



King Township Historical Society, 2920 King Road, King City ON L7B 1L6

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2017

(PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION AND MAIL CHEQUE TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS)

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