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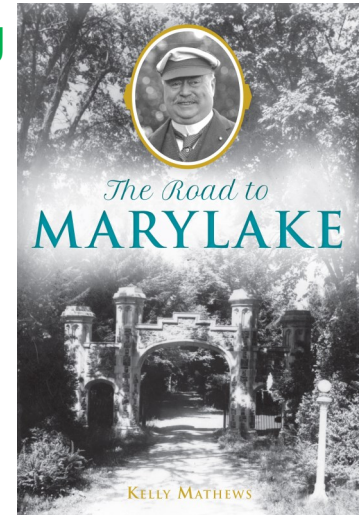
**ANNUAL  
GENERAL  
MEETING**

### KTHS Annual General Meeting

Sunday March 4, 2018, 12:00pm to 4:00pm

King Heritage & Cultural Centre  
2920 King Road, King City

Pot luck lunch, meeting & guest speaker  
The 2018 KTHS AGM Speaker will be local historian and author, Kelly Mathews who will unlock the history within *The Road to Marylake*! Autographed Books will be available for purchase at \$25 each or 2 for \$45.



 **SPEAKER  
SERIES**

## Featuring

**Patricia Blackstock**

Sunday April 29, 2-4pm  
King Heritage & Cultural Centre

Patricia Blackstock grew up in Toronto and inherited the genealogy bug from her mother as a young child. She is a retired teacher with a love for learning about the history of her family and the country in which they lived. She is presently working on her last course to become a certified professional genealogist. She is an active member of the King Township Historical Society and past president of the Tecumseth – West Gwillimbury Historical Society. Her Pringle family settled in King Township around 1830 and she has tracked them to the present. She volunteers at the Royal Ontario Museum taking the public on walking tours of various areas in Toronto, talking about the architecture, history of the area and some of the people who lived there. Taking people on tours around Montgomery's Inn is one of her new ventures. An avid interest in the 1837 Rebellion developed as a result of learning that she had six direct ancestors and numerous peripheral family members in it. On the 175th anniversary of the rebellion, she volunteered to compile the names of York Region rebels for the York Region Genealogical Society. She has amassed an extensive database of York Region rebels and is delighted to have the opportunity to share this information with you.



**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.kingtowshiphistoricalsociety.com](http://www.kingtowshiphistoricalsociety.com)

**CALL FOR  
BOARD  
MEMBERS**

## NEWSLETTER

### Looking for someone to curate the KTHS Seasonal Newsletter

After 3 years and 12 issues, Kelly Mathews is taking some time off from putting together the KTHS Seasonal Newsletters so she can focus on the research and writing of the KTHS commissioned History of King Township. The newsletter is an important vehicle for KTHS to communicate it's activities with the Community and a benefit to our membership. This current newsletter covers the period up to April 30, 2018. If you're interested or want to know more about taking this on —please contact Kelly Mathews at [kellymathews@hotmail.com](mailto:kellymathews@hotmail.com) or call 647-408-1144.



### St. Patrick's was a dry holiday in Ireland until 1970:

Aside from the color green, the activity most associated with St. Patrick's Day is drinking. However, Irish law, from 1903 to 1970, declared St. Patrick's Day a religious observance for the entire country meaning that all pubs were shut down for the day. That meant no beer, not even the green kind, for public celebrants. The law was overturned in 1970, when St. Patrick's was reclassified as a national holiday - allowing the taps to flow freely once again.

**Bonus Fact: Your odds of finding a four-leaf clover are: About 1 in 10,000.**



*may you always be blessed  
with walls for the wind  
a roof for the rain  
a warm cup of tea by the fire  
laughter to cheer you  
those you love near you  
and all that your  
heart might desire*

*an irish blessing*

## EASTER WEEKEND



### Easter Weekend Dates 2018:

Friday March 30  
Saturday March 31  
Sunday April 1  
Monday April 2

Good Friday  
Passover  
Easter & April Fools Day  
Easter Monday

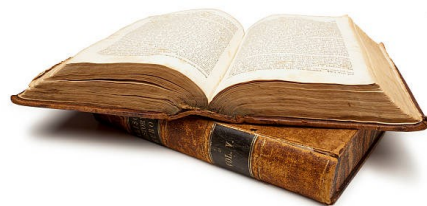


**SPRING  
FORWARD**  
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



**Don't forget—Clocks Spring Forward  
on Sunday March 11, 2018 at 2:00AM**

# A Comprehensive History of King Township



In late November, the Board of Directors of your Society announced the decision to commission a new book on the history of King Township. We are negotiating with Kelly Mathews, author of the new and acclaimed *The Road to Marylake* as well as *Eaton Hall: Pride of King Township* and the KTTHS newsletter to be our author.

Kelly has served on the board of the King Township Historical Society for several years but stepped down from the Board on January 31st, 2018 to negotiate her contract and then focus on writing the book.

The book will cover, in detail, the story of our community – major events and overarching themes from the issuing of the first land grant in 1797 to the end of the second world war. A prologue will discuss what is known about pre-European settlement and the last chapter will summarize the dramatic changes since 1945.

The book will be well illustrated with photos and maps, many of which will be digitized for the first time, from the Provincial, National and Township Archives.

The style will be thorough but readable – the author will draw interesting stories out of the material, as is her trademark. We are not looking for a scholarly work with detailed footnotes but we are planning a good index so that the book will be accessible to students of all kinds.

We will be seeking a high-profile Canadian to write the forward.

Professionally designed and published, the book should be the perfect gift to give on behalf of King Township, for realtors and other business people to offer appropriate customers, and most of all, for all residents to consult and showcase in their homes.

This is a legacy project, initiated by your Board of Directors on behalf of the Society in the year of Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, as an offering to the community to celebrate our roots.

Of a budget of \$65,000, the Society is putting in \$25,000 saved from previous donations, membership fees, and Christmas Concerts. And the Township has stepped forward with an additional \$25,000 from the Mayor's Discretionary Fund made up of earnings from his annual golf tournament. Approval of the Township contribution came in unanimous decision at King Council in early January.

**Will you join us in funding this project?** Please consider a donation of \$50, \$100, \$500 – in fact any amount would be appreciated as we look to raise the last \$15,000 to reach our goal.

Every penny raised will go towards the creation of this book – research, writing, and publishing. **If we are so lucky as to raise a little more than our target, that money will all go to further enhancing the book as well as marketing and promotion.**

As a registered charity, we provide a receipt for income tax purposes. Donations of \$250 or more will be acknowledged (listed as patrons of the book) if they wish.

**Please make your cheque payable to The King Township Historical Society and mail to:**

The King Township Historical Society  
2920 King Road, King City  
Ontario, L7B 1L6

Get ready for the book launch, hopefully in the spring/summer of 2020! Mayor Pellegrini has suggested we use the Atrium of the new municipal offices for the event!

Ann Love  
President, King Township Historical Society





# UNCOVERED

## 106 Year Old Inscription Discovered at the King Township Museum

~ By Madison Gane, *Administrator King Heritage and Cultural Centre*

Hidden behind a black slate chalkboard, unannounced to all, was a simple phrase delicately handwritten in white chalk: "Covered by new board Jan. 17, 1912"

Imagine the excitement of the King Township Museum staff when contractors uncovered this 106 year old inscription while starting the preliminary stage of renovations to the Kinghorn schoolroom.

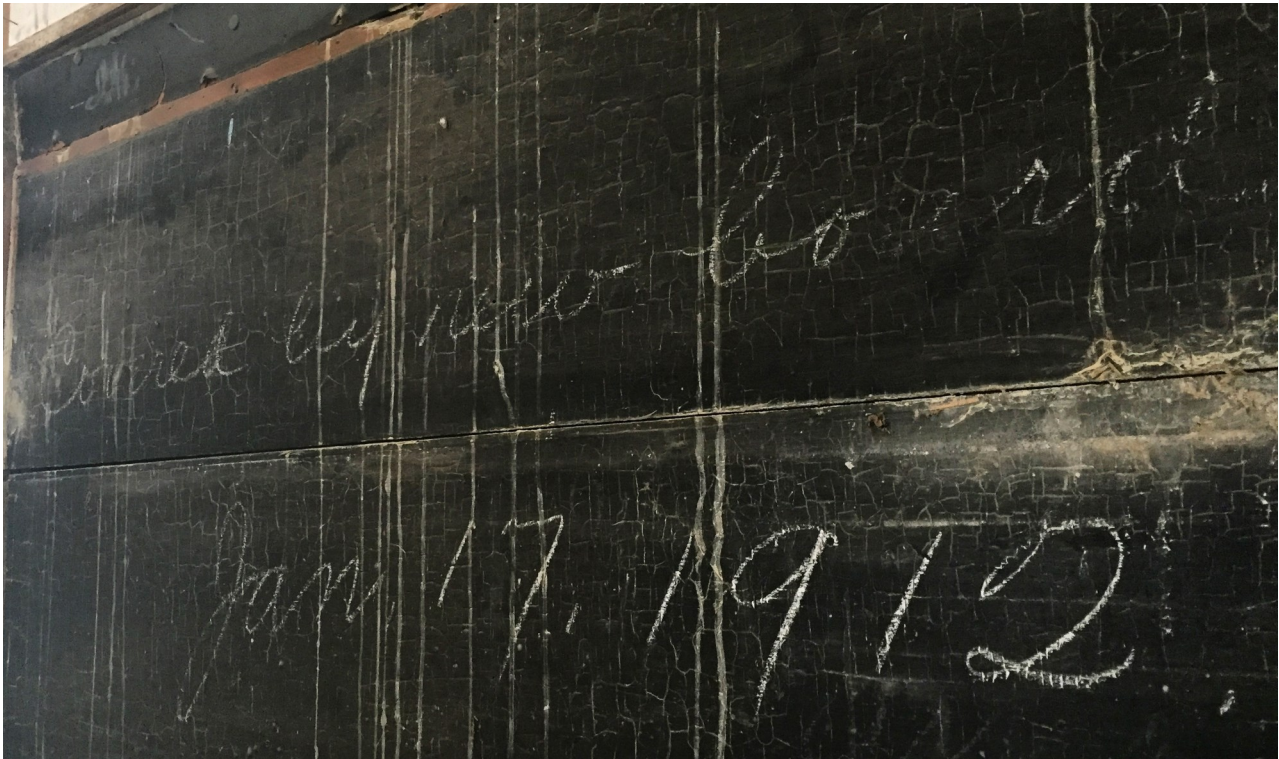
Prior to this discovery, we had been (half jokingly) making comments to one another about finding a hidden treasure in our schoolroom during the renovations. Little did we know that we were about to stumble upon an inscription that was patiently waiting to be discovered.

The inscription, although it may seem simple in character, exhibits the modest effort made by someone 106 years ago to record an architectural change within the Kinghorn schoolroom that they felt should be remembered. Ironically, its discovery has come during a time of large scale renovations and changes that are currently being made to the space.

The Kinghorn Schoolroom was built in 1861 and served as a school until its closure in the late 1970's. Today, the schoolroom is the foundation of the King Township Museum and represents the historic value of the site.

In May 2017, the King Museum received the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund, a federal grant from the Canadian Heritage Services issued to improve heritage and art facilities. With this grant, in addition to funding from the Fawcett Bequest and the Township, the Kinghorn Schoolroom will be undergoing impressive changes that will enhance the space by creating an interactive and permanent exhibit that outlines the history of King Township.

As we prepare for something new at our site, this inscription reminds us that recording changes throughout history plays an important role in preserving and contextualizing the past for future generations. We plan to conserve the inscription and incorporate it into our new exhibit.



# What's Happening at the Museum

**Cabin Fever Gallery Social:** February 20, 10am – 12pm (\$5 per participant)

Drop by our gallery and enjoy hot drinks, treats, board games and our winter exhibit. We will also be accepting donations for **Inn From the Cold**, a service hub for the homeless and the at risk of being homeless.

**Paint & Sip:** February 23, 7pm – 9pm (\$42 per participant, must be 19 years or older)

Join us in our gallery for an evening of painting and socializing! Learn to paint from a local artist while enjoying a glass of wine.



**Student Art Portfolio Building Workshop:** March 13, March 20, 12:30 – 4:30pm (\$40 per participant)

This workshop will teach you the valuable techniques that will allow you to create a professional and effective art portfolio.

**Lilt, Laughter & Song:** March 17, 7pm – 10pm (\$25 per guest)

Join us for a St. Patrick's Day celebration and enjoy readings, music, food and of course, Guinness!

**Spring Pop-Up Sale: Vintage Vendors & Local Makers:** April 7, 10am – 5pm (Free Admission)

Come out and enjoy King's most unique spring shopping event, bringing together the very best vintage vendors and local makers! Enjoy an assortment of quality handmade goods, unique vintage finds and the perfect shopping snacks!

**Handmade Card Sale & Meet the Artists:** April 23 – May 18, 10am – 4pm

A perfect chance to take home a small piece of local art! Drop by our gallery to browse an assortment of beautifully crafted greeting cards. As you browse, learn about the artists themselves and the stories behind their art.

**Spring Greetings – Card Making Workshop:** April 28, 2pm – 4pm (\$35 per participant)

Join us in our gallery for an afternoon of card-making with one of our expert instructors! Create a series of 4 unique pieces of art in the form of beautiful greeting cards – the perfect gift for Mother's Day!

Meet me  
at the  
Museum



IT'S TIME TO  
RENEW YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP!



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

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2018

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

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INDIVIDUAL \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ FAMILY \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

DONATION \_\_\_\_\_

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# UPCOMING Events



Join us

**Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

*FREE, by donation only*



St. Mary Magdalene Church  
**116 Church Street**  
- Schomberg -  
**5PM - 7PM**

*Dine In or Take Out*  
[www.anglicanparishofschomberg.com](http://www.anglicanparishofschomberg.com)  
905-305-2314



## Best of the Best Rummage Sale

All Saints Anglican Church  
Saturday, April 28th, 9 am to 2 pm  
Loonie entry (children 12 and under free)  
All Saints Church, 12935 Keele St. King City



**February 19 - Family Day across King Township,** various times and all ages; enjoy participating in exciting activities including; the annual learn to curl at the Trisan Centre in Schomberg, free snowshoe and cross country ski rentals at Cold Creek Conservation Area, and fun Family Day activities in King City! For more information please email [events@king.ca](mailto:events@king.ca).



**March 10 - King Township presents 'Maple Syrupfest' at Cold Creek Conservation Area,** 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Enjoy a pancake breakfast, learn about syrup tapping and the rich history that brought us this sweet treat. [king.ca](http://king.ca)

**March 24 - The Dufferin Marsh Lantern Walk and Bonfire** to celebrate Earth Hour, 8:30 - 9:30 pm, [dufferinmarsh.ca](http://dufferinmarsh.ca)



## April 30<sup>th</sup> is Early Bird Registration Deadline for the 2018 ORTA Moraine Adventure Relay

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Moraine Adventure Relay takes place on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. It covers 160 km of the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail from Rice Lake to King City, with the finish line at Seneca College King Campus. There are two races this year: the regular Full Relay, for teams of up to 15 people doing 14 relay stages of canoeing, biking, and running, and – new this year – the Half Relay, for teams of up to 7 people doing 7 relay stages of biking and running.

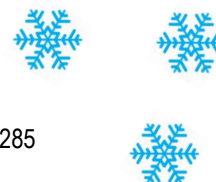


### For more information:

Website: <http://www.oakridgestrail.org/adventure-relay/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/21365674512/>

To Register or Volunteer contact: Michele at 905-833-6600 or 1-877-319-0285  
or email: [info@oakridgestrail.org](mailto:info@oakridgestrail.org)



**March 1 - 30 - Arts Society King presents 'King Township Secondary Students Art Exhibit'** at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre. The exhibit celebrates the talented art students' of Country Day School, King City Secondary School and Villanova College and is an art exhibit for the entire community to enjoy. Join us for the opening reception on March 1 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre and vote 'PEOPLE'S CHOICE' award. [ArtsSocietyKing.ca](http://ArtsSocietyKing.ca)



**April 3-19 - Arts Society King Studio Tour Preview Exhibit** on at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre, open Tuesday-Saturday from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, complimentary admission. [ArtsSocietyKing.ca](http://ArtsSocietyKing.ca)

**April 5 - Arts Society King welcomes the community to the Opening Artist Reception for the 2018 Studio Tour King.** Join us for refreshments, a sampling of what the 13th annual Tour will feature and meet the artists, King Heritage and Cultural Centre, 6:30-8:30 pm, complimentary admission. [ArtsSocietyKing.ca](http://ArtsSocietyKing.ca)

**April 14 - Arts Society King presents 'BLUES and BREWS' live concert featuring Larry Kurtz and the Lawbreakers** AND featuring local craft beer generously sponsored by Hockley, King Heritage and Cultural Centre, 7:30 pm. Tickets \$35 + HST online at [ArtsSocietyKing.ca](http://ArtsSocietyKing.ca) or by calling 905-833-2331.