

THE NEWCASTLE VILLAGE & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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General Meeting

Please mark Monday, November 17, at 7:00 p.m. (note time) on your calendars. Curator Dan Hoffman of the Bowmanville Museum will show us many fascinating memorabilia at the Museum. For transportation, call Lynn Lovekin or Francis Jose. Otherwise, we'll see you there at 7:00 p.m. (Admittance --- minimal fee.)

Incidentally, we hope to arrange an 'outing' in the Spring, similar to the popular bus trip to Black Creek, which was well received.

House & Garden Tour --- Spring 1987

If all goes well, and we convince enough generous souls to open their houses for a few hours, we have decided to organize this for our main profect of 86-87. More details will follow in the next newsletter.

Executive --- 1986-87.

President --- Pat Macdonnell Vice President --- Francis Jose
Secretary --- Dorothy Brown Treasurer --- Evelyn Davis

Directors (one year) --- Lorraine Lover, Jean Rickard, Ron Locke.
Directors (two Years)--- Lynda Willsher, Grace Rudell, Denis Schmiegelow.
Past President --- Lynn Lovekin

We thank retiring director Jack Gordon for his five years of serving on the Executive and welcome Denis Schmiegelow. Lynda Willsher and Grace Rudell were efficient and pleasant to work with in their roles as Secretary and Treasurer for the past two years. These two jobs are the most time consuming of any, and we thank them very much.

Memberships

Memberships are now due for 1986-87. (Five dollars for single members and eight dollars for families.) Please send your payment to: The Newcastle Village & District Historical Society, P.O.Box 585, Newcastle, Ontario.
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We count on these dues to cover the cost of the Newsletters.

Fred Cain

We have agreed to pay the expenses of this architectural graduate to photograph and describe the most worthy of the churches, houses, barns, commercial establishments (and even bridges) in the area. A similar project of Darlington Township was done and was most impressive. Mr. Cain has an unerring eye for excellent design and a precise and interesting way of describing special features. He is a descendant of early pioneers in the Whitby region and one of his ancestors built Lynde House, now the home of the Whitby Museum.

Taping

Ron Locke has offered to donate his time and equipment to videotape residents of long-standing. This comparatively new 'tool' is an exciting development for those wishing to preserve local history. The results will be shown at appropriate occasions. Already, our Society has a number of hours of videotaping --- events such as the unveiling of the Massey plaque, a play entitled "The Harbour" starring public school children, and more.

Workshop

Lynn Lovekin and Lorraine Lover are attending a two hour session, "Keeping Your House in Order", at the Ontario Historical Society's office in Peterborough on November 17 from 1 --- 3 p.m. Please phone them if you would like to take part.

Do You Know?

Do you know what was placed under the cornerstone of the Newcastle United Church in 1867? Professor John Squair's book lists the following papers: The Leader, The Globe, The Montreal Witness, The Christian Guardian, McLean's Almanac, as well as Canadian coins and photographs and the names of the Board of Trustees and the Ladies' Aid Committee. The Newcastle Brass Band played at the ceremony.