



**BRANT
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**

Your History Matters

Winter 2013

What's Happening

Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, March 26 2013 at the Brant Museum & Archives, 57 Charlotte Street. On the agenda are annual reports and election of officers. Come on down and see what your Museum is doing for our community.

Myrtleville Events

Jan. 14	Outer Space PA Day Camp
Feb. 18, 1pm-4pm	Family Day Event
March 11-15	March Break Camp
March 30	Easter Egg Hunt

Please contact Lisa Anderson at 519-752-3216 for more information.

Speaker Series Re-launch

March 21, 2013, 7:30pm – Re-launch of the Brant Museum and Archives Speaker Series

Join us at 57 Charlotte Street for the re-launch of our speaker series and opening gala for three new exhibitions. In collaboration with Netty Vintage, the museum will be hosting a vintage fashion show. Free for members; \$10 for non-members.

Be a Part of our Oral History Project!

We are looking for volunteers to help us in the exciting new Oral History Project. This is your opportunity to experience the rich history of Brantford and Brant County through peoples' personal experiences. As a volunteer, you will collect people's stories through short, audio interviews. We will train you and provide you with the necessary digital recorder.



We are also looking for people to share their stories. Do you know of someone who has an interesting story from Brantford/Brant County's past? Do you have a story to share? Please be in touch with suggestions or to offer your own story. We will conduct a short audio interview with everyone who's interested at a time and place that is convenient. We'd love to hear from you.

My Favorite Day

by the Brant Museum and Archives co-op Students

One of the highlights of my time at the Brant Museum and Archives was during one of my first weeks. A woman asked us to research the death of her younger brother, who she never had the chance to meet and who was killed outside their home in Burford when he was a boy. She came to us with a story that, when we researched it further, came to be completely different than the actual events. The whole process we went through to pinpoint what had happened exactly was exhilarating; it was definitely a compelling way to start my placement. The experience I've had these five months was amazing and I am hoping to prolong my volunteer work into the future.

Calantha Babineau
Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School

The best day I had during my co-op at the Brant Museum would have to have been the time when the other co-op students and I put up an exhibit in the Public Library. We were able to do with the display as we pleased, and as you can imagine three different minds brought many different ideas and it was no surprise how difficult it was. The difficultness was not a problem, it was fun, challenging and allowed us to show others how amazing some of the artifacts were. I enjoyed my overall experience at the Brant Museum as a co-op student, and if given the chance to come back, I would indeed.

Tyler Ogilvie
Pauline Johnson Collegiate & Vocational School





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Be a Collections Volunteer

It takes a lot of dedication to maintain our collections. If you like history, want to learn about artefacts from the past, or are thinking of pursuing a career in the museum field, you will enjoy assisting our curatorial staff in taking care of the artefacts and archives in our collections.

If you are interested in either of these positions, please email us at information@brantmuseums.ca or give us a call at 519-752-2483.

What hats do YOU wear?

The Brant Historical Society is hosting an upcoming exhibit to find out – but they need your help! As the heartbeat of the community, Brant County residents will be celebrated through a common theme: hats! Submit your pictures, illustrations and stories related to one or many hats in your personal collections, and you could be featured in the exhibit, both at the Brant Museum and online!

In partnership with the Brant Historical Society, four candidates from the Master of Museum Studies program at the University of Toronto are creating an exhibit that centres around five of life's milestones: learning, working, having fun, starting a family, and getting involved. As emblems of identity, the hats will reflect the people of Brant County, past and present. Submissions will be found in the exhibit at the Brant Museum and will play a key role in creating our blog at www.brantmuseumhats.wordpress.com.

We encourage everyone to participate and will be accepting submissions until the end of February.

Please visit www.brantmuseums.ca/index.php?id=upcoming for guidelines, or contact the Brant Historical Society at 519-752-2483 to find out other ways to submit.

Do you have a story, memory, or historical document that you want to share? We want to hear from you! Fill out the form at our website www.brantmuseums.ca to share your story with us, and become an integral player in preserving the history and heritage of Brantford and Brant County, because your history matters!

From the Director's Desk

With the old year behind and the new one upon us, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved with the Brant Historical Society for all the help and support you have given the Museum over the last year. Together, we have accomplished some remarkable deeds and in 2013, we shall put on programmes, exhibitions, and events that will increase our profile and relevance to the communities we serve.

In the past year the Society lost its Executive Director, Curator, and Office Manager, who went off to pursue career and personal goals. The new team has been in place only for some three months, but have made tremendous strides in bringing the Museum and Myrtleville back to the "front page" of the region's awareness and will continue to work to see that the people of the Brant Region will be proud of their heritage.

I am very happy to be a member of the team that makes up the Brant Historical Society. From our co-op students to our volunteers, staff and Board members, we have begun to realize the goals we've set for the Society and I am sure that once achieved, we'll look to the horizon for our next challenges, meet them with determination and soon be known as the best regional museum in all of Ontario.

Don't forget the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, March 12. We'd love to see you all there.

Thanks again everyone for all your help in the past, the present, and into the future.

*John Robertson
Executive Director
Brant Museum and Archives*

Volunteers Needed

The Brant Historical Society has a lot of interesting volunteer opportunities available. Presently we are looking for people interested in **helping with our holiday programming**. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Anderson at 519-752-3216, or by email at lisa.anderson@brantmuseums.ca. We are also collecting and transcribing oral histories. For more information on interview volunteer or transcribing volunteer opportunities please **contact Carolee Dunn at carolee.dunn@brantmuseums.ca**. We are also looking for volunteers to help with special events and school programming. Training is available for all positions.

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