

# BUFFY'S CORNER

Conserve, Educate and Celebrate Brampton's History

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE **Brampton Historical Society**

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## Brampton Heritage Board



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## Don't Bury the Past

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## Doors will open

**Doors Open Brampton** celebrates its third year, offering free admission to 19 sites of historical, architectural

and/or cultural significance to the public on **September 18 and 19.** ... *page 8*

## Save Our Station

*A brief history of the Brampton C.P.R. Station and the on-going fight to save it.*

The Brampton C.P.R. Station was in danger of being torn down in 1995 when, as a last resort, members of the Brampton Historical Society photographed it, measured it, numbered the bricks and dismantled it. It has been in storage on private property ever since, awaiting an appropriate proposal to restore it.

The station, designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, has a varied history in Brampton. The original red brick building featured a slate roof and high arched windows, 12-foot high ceilings, maple floors and five feet of tongue-and-groove wainscoting. It was built at Queen Street and Park Street.

The Canadian Pacific Railway played an important role in the development of Brampton and many significant events began and ended within the old station's walls:

- The Dale Estates, the largest producer of roses in the British Commonwealth, shipped its flowers to Toronto and across North America from the station;

- It was used as a meeting hall where townspeople would congregate to hear the latest news over the wire;
- CPR Agent Thomas Thauburn, the Brampton stationmaster in 1908, later became the mayor of the Town of Brampton;
- Special trains ran out of town for Brampton Excelsior lacrosse games and provided full service to the Canadian National Exhibition.

Passenger service was at its peak in the 1940s with two morning and two evening trains daily until the 1960s. The last CP passenger train departed on Nov. 30,

1970. For 10 years after that it was used as CPR storage. In 1977, the railway planned to tear it down, but the

newly formed Brampton Heritage Board saved the building. The CPR had already hired a demolition company, but the City of Brampton got a court injunction to stop its destruction while plans were made to move it. John Hutton bought it for \$1 and,



*Photo courtesy Peel Archives. For more photos and information visit our website: [www.bramptonhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.bramptonhistoricalsociety.com)*

with the help of a provincial grant, moved it to a property on Third Line West where he operated a nursery out of it until 1988 when the property was sold to build Lionhead Golf Course. The station was left unused and fell into disrepair.

Most recently the BHS thought that perhaps a fitting use for the station could be had by incorporating it into the building and design of the new Mount Pleasant GO Station site between Brampton and Georgetown near Creditview Road and Bovaird Drive. GO Transit entertained a proposal made by the BHS however it has failed to materialize.

For more information regarding the CPR Station visit our website [www.brampton-historicalsociety.com](http://www.brampton-historicalsociety.com), or if you would like to raise your voice in support of the Brampton train station make it known to your local councillor.

## President's Message

— Peter Murphy, BHS President

The Doors Open Brampton Steering Committee continues to fine tune the arrangements for the big event to be held on September 18 and 19. This year, the opening reception will be held on the preceding Friday evening at the Old Shoe Factory and will be open to site representatives, a number of their volunteers and various dignitaries from the community.

The Steering Committee continues as a collaborative and our partners this year are representatives from the Brampton Heritage Board, the Peel Heritage Complex, the Heritage Theatre, the Brampton Arts Council and Tourism Brampton.

It would be going too far to describe each of the 19 sites in any detail, but special mention needs to be made of "Alderlea" as it enters a transition period in its long history. With the assistance of representatives of Branch 15 of the Canadian Legion and the Brampton Heritage Board, the three periods in existence of 'Alderlea' will be featured in various exhibits: The past, as the Kenneth Chisholm residence,

the present as Branch 15 and the future as envisioned in the conceptual renderings produced for the City as part of the renovation program.

What is our target for site visits this year? More than 12,000 visits were recorded last year but there were 28 sites open. However, this year we have fewer sites but a more comprehensive promotional campaign in place so 15,000 may well be achievable. To make it interesting, you could run a pool among your friends!

A number of inquiries have been made by students expressing an interest in applying for our Paul Hunt Bursary Awards. (for post-secondary studies in Canadian History) but no applications have been received to date. Please spread the word among any budding historians of school leaving age that you may know.

Finally, a footnote to last years' successful Great Brampton Sesqui Search: The staff at the Peel Heritage Complex reported that the total appraised value of all donations was in excess of \$5,000.00.

Well done!! ♦

## The Little Engine ... and Station ... That Could

— Michael Avis, Heritage Liaison

*I recently accepted an invitation on behalf of BHS to take part in the inaugural run of the Orangeville Brampton Railway (OBRY). This venture is the brainchild of OBRY Contracting Ltd. of St. Thomas, Ontario. The train utilizes the track running between Orangeville and Brampton which is owned jointly by the Town of Orangeville and several local industry partners.*

The late July afternoon was bathed in brilliant sunshine and overhead the blue skies were filled with huge white billowy clouds. It proved to be the picture perfect day to show off this new attraction. In time-honoured railroad fashion our one o'clock departure was delayed fifteen minutes, but finally the circa 1950 restored passenger coach filled with its 50 invited guests pulled out of the Orangeville station.

Steve Gallagher, Operations Manager for CANDO, welcomed all of the guests aboard and gave a brief overview of how the trip was to be conducted. The guests sat back, relaxed and chatted while the

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## BUFFY'S CORNER

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Local folklore has it that Buffy's Corner was the original name of Brampton and the site of a respectable tavern owned by William Buffy. His pioneer spirit (pun intended) lives on in the name of our journal. History buffs are invited into The Corner to share stories and comments.

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Buffy's Corner is published four times per year and is free to BHS members.



**Brampton  
Historical  
Society**

### BHS Executive

President ..... Peter Murphy  
Vice President ..... Lynne Genova  
Recording Secretary ..... Lynne Genova  
Treasurer ..... Ron Raffan  
Corresponding Secretary ..... Peter Murphy

For membership information come to one of our monthly meetings (see the events list on page 7) or visit [www.bramptonhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.bramptonhistoricalsociety.com)

## Editor's Note

To all our members and readers I would like to welcome you back from our summer hiatus. We are now into the last days of summer and our regularly scheduled BHS meetings will commence on September 16.

First, I want to thank all of you who took the opportunity to contact me regarding the last issue of Buffy's Corner. Your kind words and constructive criticism are being taken into account and we do plan to act on them. This is a new experience for both Dawn and me, but now with two issues under our belt we are hoping that the process and product will get easier and better. Second, there are still committee chair vacancies left on the board for any members who are able to volunteer their time. Our outreach and program com-

mittees still require the services of a chair and organizer. If you are looking for more information on these posts please feel free to ask any of the board members for some assistance. Any and all newcomers are welcome.

Finally, I would like to make an appeal to all members and readers that if you have a story to tell or would like to provide me with the lead on a story of historical significance to our Society, I urge you to come forth and contact me. Perhaps you just require some editorial assistance. If so, just send us a draft copy. Perhaps you would like to inform me of some heritage development or event of some historical significance in our community. If so, send me an e-mail. Or perhaps you would just like to provide us with some feedback on Buffy's Corner. If so, give us a call.

— Richard Hilson

# A Glimpse at Brampton's Heritage Board

– Richard Hilson; photo by Dawn Friesen



On Tuesday, August 17 I had the opportunity to attend the regularly scheduled meeting of the Brampton Heritage Board (BHB).

The meeting was called to order by co-chair Robert Payne. This is the fourth year that Mr. Payne has sat on the board and his second term as Co-Chair. A long-time community resident who believes serving on the board is a "...better way to learn about our city".

Board applicants must be qualified electors in the City of Brampton – a resident, owner or tenant (or the spouse of an owner or tenant) of land in Brampton, a Canadian citizen and 18 years of age or older. Terms of office are 3 years. The current term of office for board members ends on November 30, 2006. BHB is a municipal advisory committee of city council created under bylaw. Its role is set and mandated by the Ontario Heritage Act. Members are volunteers. There are currently 11 members on the board including two co-chairs, a city council representative and four city staff members who act as a liaison and serve a professional and technical role. John Hutton, City Councillor, Wards 2 & 6 has a keen interest in Brampton's heritage. His family has been here since 1814 and several of his ancestors are buried in the



**Brampton Heritage Board** – Standing from top left: Warren Hope; Michael Avis; Stephen Collie; Terri Brenton, Legislative Coordinator; Robert Payne, Co-Chair; City Councillor John Hutton; John Armstrong. Seated from left: Lynda Voegtle, Co-Chair; Glen McTavish; Sharron Peet; Paul Willoughby; Jim Leonard, Heritage Coordinator, Planning, Design & Development. Absent: Maureen Sim; Alex Taranu, Manager of Urban Design and Public Buildings; Michael Halls, Special Projects Manager, Office of the Mayor.

Pioneer Cemetery on Main Street North. John has been instrumental in efforts to save the Brampton CPR Station (see "Save Our Station" on page 1) among others. He has been a member of the BHB since 1988 first joining at the request of Ken Whillan. John's knowledge, experience and involvement with the BHB are invaluable.

Warren Hope currently serving his second term, has also been a resident of Brampton all his life. Concerned as to why properties

are left to deteriorate Warren first became interested in the Board through a friend.

Lynda Voegtle is new to the board this term and a Co-Chair. A Bramptonian for life, Lynda also lays claim to a multi-generational heritage in the Township of Chinguacousy. Her extensive knowledge of Brampton and the surrounding area has already proved to be beneficial to the cause.

Jim Leonard, City Heritage Coordinator, who acts as the lead liaison *continued on page 5*

A completely separate entity from the Brampton Heritage Board, the Brampton Historical Society



**Brampton Historical Society**

has several of the same members serving on it's executive and it's membership in addition to many of the same interests. For the BHS it began in October 1998 when a group of people met in the Peel Heritage Complex to discuss the rapid depletion of historical buildings in the City of Brampton and possible solutions to the destruction of our heritage. From that humble beginning the Brampton Historical Society was born. Some of our accomplishments to date:

- Are a registered charitable organization.
- Granted Associate Membership in the Ontario Historical Society.
- Become custodians of the historic CPR Railway Station since it was dismantled and we remain dedicated to the rebuilding

and restoration of the station for future generations to enjoy.

- Acquired and restored the Historic 1857 Bristow Fitzgerald Map of the Town of Brampton, oldest known map of Brampton in existence, which is now on permanent loan to the Peel Heritage Complex.
- 2003 recipient of the Ont. Historical Society Scadding Award of Excellence; and the Ont. Heritage Foundation Community Achievement Award in relation to work done in restoring the 1857 map.
- We are responsible for the repair of the tower clock atop the 1888 'Dominion Building' (the designated heritage landmark at Queen & Main). After years of neglect the clock is now monitored on an ongoing basis by the Society. Incidentally, the clock's works were manufactured by the same company that made the Great Clock of St Paul's Cathedral in London.

The mandate of the **Brampton Historical Society** is to **Conserve, Educate and Celebrate Brampton's History** and its

continuing programs are designed to educate, preserve and enjoy the Heritage of Brampton and its surroundings.

With a growing membership and exciting on-going activities, if you are looking for a group that has a vision, and are willing to spend a little time to help us fulfil it, please consider joining us for the future of the past.

## BHS Executive 2004

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## Members-at-Large

Archives ..... Peter Murphy  
Heritage Liaison/Save Our Station ..... Michael Avis  
Membership ..... Angie Duchesne  
Newsletter ..... Richard Hilson  
Outreach ..... Vacant  
Programme ..... Lynne Genova  
Publicity ..... Gloria Berger  
Research ..... Lynda Voegtle  
Web Site Liaison ..... Albert Seaman

# Trying Not to Bury the Past

*"... heritage sites provide a "genetic bank"... contain provincially rare species of flora and fauna ... by conserving these sites we are also protecting the natural heritage of this province..."*

On May 20, 2004, Rob Leverty, Program Director for the Ontario Historical Society made a presentation to the Brampton Historical Society on Ontario's cemeteries and the struggle for the public interest.

Mr. Leverty opened up the floor to questions and comments where our members were able to engage in a lively and enlightened discussion regarding the protection of the natural heritage that is our cemeteries in this province. He surprised us when he indicated that although there were approximately 5,000 registered cemeteries in Ontario, only about 10 per cent are active and what we would deem as business-oriented.

Significantly, this means that the OHS and community groups such as the BHS should be actively concerned about the fate of the approximately 90 per cent of our local cemeteries. And why should we be concerned?

In a word – development. The demands of real estate developers and municipalities across this province threaten some of the oldest and almost forgotten burial grounds in the province. These heritage



*Protected sites in Brampton.*

*Left: Brampton Cemetery on Wilson Ave.*

*Top: Pioneer Cemetery on Main St. North*

*Bottom: Churchville Cemetery on Churchville Rd. South*



sites provide a "genetic bank" to the people of Ontario, Leverty remarked.

Also, these cemeteries can provide an ecological snapshot from the previous century because they contain provincially rare species of flora and fauna. In fact, by conserving these sites we are also protecting the natural heritage of this province. The environment argument rings true to all conservationists – across all generations.

On more than one occasion Mr. Leverty spoke of the needs surrounding the

preservation of our cemeteries and provided us with the details as they related to some of these specific struggles that are taking place in our communities.

"In my 15 years involved in this issue, it's not the provincial agencies or OHS that will save these cemeteries, it's the volunteers in our cities and communities on the front lines," he added.

*Excerpted from a presentation by Rob Leverty, Program Director for the Ontario Historical Society, as made at the BHS meeting in May 2004. Photo courtesy Rob Leverty.*

## The Clendennen Cemetery

*The following case is re-printed and summarized for your review:*

The Clendennen Cemetery is a pioneer cemetery located in the Town of Markham, northeast of Toronto. The cemetery consists of five gravestones occupying an area approximately 20 feet by 20 feet square.

839374 Ontario Inc. now owns the land where the cemetery is situated. The owner's development of these lands is managed through a company, Samcor Inc., and the development itself is referred to as the Swan Lake Development.

In 1994, 839374 Ontario Inc. applied to the province to close and move the



Clendennen Cemetery. The town of Markham supported the developer's request for cemetery closure. On February 9, 1995, the provincial Registrar for the Ontario Cemeteries Act issued a "Notice of Order" to close the Clendennen Cemetery on the basis that digging up and moving the cemetery was in the public interest.

On March 8, 1995 the OHS and Ontario

Genealogical Society (OGS) appealed the provincial order to close the cemetery to the Appeal Tribunal. The appeal took place in Toronto from November 27, 1995 until July 30, 1997 and it was the first time such a case had ever been heard in Ontario. It took 19 months for the hearing officers to write and release their decision.

In an exhaustive and comprehensive analysis of the evidence presented at the hearing, the Tribunal entirely concurred with the OHS and OGS.

"The Tribunal has concluded that the procedure followed by the Registrar was not correct because it was not in accordance with the requirements of the Act (Cemeteries) and that closing the

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*It may have rained for the second consecutive year at the 3rd Annual Jazz in the Gazebo event at Historic Bovaird House but that didn't dampen any spirits or stop the music. Be sure to join us next year!*

## Jazz in the Gazebo at Historic Bovaird House

— photos by Sharon Wilcox



## All Aboard!!!

**Riding the Rails with the BHS**  
**Saturday, October 16, 2004**  
**9:00 am – 12:30 pm**

Join us for an autumn outing along the historic Credit Valley Railway line! Travel in style on a return trip from Orangeville to Snelgrove amid enthralling tales of historic activities along this route on the edge of the Niagara Escarpment all while enjoying the splendour of the fall colours.

**\$30 BHS members / \$35 non-members**

**Reservations: call Michael Avis**

**905-453-6402 or [bramhis@rogers.com](mailto:bramhis@rogers.com)**

Tickets will be held until the BHS meeting on September 16, 2004 after which all remaining or unclaimed tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis at \$35 each. Make cheques payable to the Brampton Historical Society.

## The Brampton Heritage Board

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attended the August meeting. He said that the board reinforces the link between the community and its heritage resources and even though the Heritage Act is a piece of provincial legislation, it has always encouraged a “grassroots” spirit through direct participation, particularly in the boards.

Leonard indicated that the board maintains a significant relationship with the city in that the BHB performs an advisory role, submits recommendations and offers or provides direction to council. For example, council recently asked staff and the BHB to investigate whether the city-owned Ebenezer community Hall should be designated ‘heritage’ or not. The board responded with a ‘yes’, a report was prepared by the board and other involved parties, it was ratified by Brampton City Council, and a designation is now pending.

The BHB attracts many enthusiastic people into the heritage mainstream who each bring a particular expertise or interest. The board reinforces this public participation and that its citizens care about heritage.

“I depend on them for advice and support,” Jim added.

The BHB fills its agenda with varied and important items. At the August meeting a delegation was received from David Hill, Coordinator of Branch Information Services at the Brampton Public Library. He spoke to the local history collection that is archived at the Chinguacousy branch and the resources available there.

The BHB also heard reports from various sub-committees on such issues as heritage

incentives regarding property tax rebates, the annual meeting of the Joint LACACs of Peel (Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee) which Brampton is hosting in 2006, heritage designations and the historic plaque program among others.

A significant component of the BHB agenda is dedicated to the designation program. Members continuously research and discuss the designations and proposed designations of various properties in the Brampton area.

Currently, on the board’s agenda are the “Washington Block” and Main Street South, 325 Steeles Avenue West (formerly Sheridan College Daycare Centre), the Alexander Hutton Farmhouse (Bonnie Braes), the Philip Egan Farmhouse at 10852 The Gore Road, the Breadner Homestead, Creditdale Farm at 8028 Creditview Road, the Leflar Farm at 9512 Creditview Road and the Kirkwood Estate at 133 Main Street South.

Stephen Collie, now serving his first term on the board, has a history of volunteering in the community. He promptly accepted the request to join a delegation from the board to visit Harold M. Braithwaite Secondary School at the invitation of one of its teachers. “The board is a wonderful way to reach out

to as many people as possible,” he remarked. By outreach activities the board is able to affirm its message of heritage and conservation. He indicated that we should be reaching out to all people, including high

school students. Collie said, “It’s not just about preserving the past, but maintaining the present as well.”

The BHB receives a substantial amount of correspondence from people and agencies such as local high school teachers, the Salvation Army, the BHS and the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario which require a response and sometimes a position. The board also monitors heritage issues in the media, particularly as it relates to properties. At the meeting, members opened up the discussion regarding several properties that were destroyed by fire or the wrecker’s ball. Discussions can get lively and are of great interest to any follower of conservation and heritage issues in the Brampton area.

Generally, the board meets year-round on the third Tuesday of the month, or unless called otherwise by the chair. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004 in the board room on the fourth floor of City Hall. All meetings are public and anyone is welcome and encouraged to observe.

For more information about BHB meetings contact Terri Brenton, 905-874-2106, [terri.brenton@city.brampton.on.ca](mailto:terri.brenton@city.brampton.on.ca)

### The board includes:

Robert Payne (Co-Chair)  
Lynda Voegtler (Co-Chair)  
John Hutton (City Councillor)

John Armstrong  
Michael Avis  
Stephen Collie  
Warren Hope

Glen McTavish  
Sharron Peet  
Maureen Sim  
Paul Willoughby

### The City of Brampton staff who act as a liaison between the board and the city include:

Michael Halls, Special Projects Manager, Office of the Mayor  
Alex Taranu, Manager of Urban Design and Public Buildings  
Jim Leonard, Heritage Coordinator  
Terri Brenton, Legislative Coordinator

## Clendennen Cemetery

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Clendennen Cemetery was not in the public interest. Accordingly, the Registrar's order to close (and move) Clendennen Cemetery is not reasonable and therefore, the Registrar is directed to refrain from taking any action with respect to such order."

### RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

On April 16, 2003, the Mayor and Members of Markham Council passed the following motion:

"That Heritage Markham's recommendation to designate the Clendennen Cemetery under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act be approved". In the heritage report to Markham Council, it states that, "The Clendennen Cemetery is a significant heritage resource to the Town of Markham. The site represents the last resting place of some of Markham's earliest settlers and is a significant example of an early pioneer homestead cemetery. The Clendennen Cemetery would be the first cemetery (in the Town of Markham), individually designated entirely on its own merits".

Congratulations to the Town of Markham, its citizens and the Clendennen descendants! ♦

Founded in 1888, the Ontario Historical Society is open to anyone interested in Ontario's history. The Society offers education programs, workshops and events, and publishes a variety of publications including the newsletter *OHS Bulletin* and a scholarly journal *Ontario History*.

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The BHS gratefully acknowledges the generosity of the Heritage Theatre for their donations of tickets to Heritage

Theatre presentations for use as door prizes at BHS meetings.

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train, rocketing along at a top speed of 25 miles per hour, wound its way through some of the most picturesque scenery in this part of the province. It was quite a sensation winding through the villages and hamlets of Cataract, Melville, Belfountain and Inglewood. To most on board all were very familiar places, but viewing them from a railroad carriage would be a brand new experience.

In all, 11 bridges were crossed but, as one would expect, the point of greatest interest was the huge trestle bridge spanning the Credit River at Belfountain. The engineer stopped the train mid-span in order that everyone could take full advantage of the view from both sides of the car. Naturally there was a great flurry of camera activity. The southern journey terminated at Snelgrove where the engine was unhooked by way of a devious maneuver using an adjacent siding. Our conductor was able to reattach on the opposite end of the carriage in preparation for pulling us on our 90-minute trip back up to Orangeville.

While the tourist benefits are seemingly quite obvious, at the present time the owners have only entertained the idea of a corporate usage for the train. Possibly, now that the train is up and running and the word spreads, public interest will result in them rethinking their plans. Running a tourist train year-round may be somewhat ambitious and never be fully considered, but fall and winter tourist excursions would undoubtedly be hugely popular while corporate use can be carried on throughout the year.

As BHS members might expect, our interest in the OBRY initiative focuses on a seemingly glorious opportunity to promote the restoration and use of our 1903 CPR train station. We think that CANDO should be encouraged *not* to stop the train in Snelgrove, but to bring it a few minutes further south stopping it at the rear of the 1913 Hewetson Shoe Factory.

And now, thanks to Mr. David Nava, the factory is being attractively restored and re-invented as the very vibrant and very much admired, Old Shoe Factory Business Centre. By designating Brampton as the

southern terminal the spin-off business for downtown Brampton could be colossal by benefiting the new theatre, Beaux Arts, the Farmer's Market, restaurants, shopping, Gage Park events and the Peel Heritage Complex with its museum, archives and art gallery

Wonderfully, it would not be a one-way railway inasmuch as Orangeville with its active theatre and very attractive downtown shopping along Broadway and the heritage district, would benefit by being promoted here in Brampton.

With all the problems and sometimes cloudy history surrounding our station, wouldn't this be a glorious and fitting terminus to its journey? Sympathetically restored, gracefully looming beside the tracks as the southern terminal of the Orangeville-Brampton Railway, the station would in itself be a destination point of considerable historic interest. Our 100-year-old irreplaceable Brampton landmark alone would be worth the price of the train trip.

Meanwhile, the historic landmark sits in Norval patiently and quietly waiting for its time to rise again. . . . Could this be it? . . . Why not? ♦

## BUFFY'S CORNER

Concise, Informative and Entertaining History

### Have a story to tell?

At Buffy's Corner we welcome your stories and photographs of historical interest.

- stories and photographs should relate to Brampton and area
- maximum 600 words / no minimum
- submit files electronically or ask us for assistance
- submit your story idea and we will do our best to follow up

### SUBMISSION DEADLINE

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March issue . . . . . February 7, 2005

For more information or to submit a story, photograph or idea contact:

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# Upcoming Events & Exhibitions

## BHS Meetings

**Members Free / Non-Members \$5**  
Heart Lake Community Presbyterian Church  
25 Ruth Ave., Brampton.

**September 16 at 7:15 pm**

presenting **Diane Allengame-Kuster**  
Senior Archivist & Registrar, Peel Heritage Complex  
**Preserving Your Family History**

Preservation, restoration,  
care & handling of old documents,  
photographs, family bibles & more.  
*History of Apple Parers with John Gray*  
has been postponed until November.

**October 21 at 7:15 pm**

presenting **Dale O'Hara**  
**History of the Dale Estate**

**November 18 at 7:15 pm**

presenting **John Gray**  
**History of Apple Parers**

**January 20 at 7:15 pm**

presenter to be confirmed.

**Sept 15–Oct 17, 2004: Out of Hand: The life and Times of Rural Water**

An oral and visual history project with the residents of Walkerton, Ontario deepens awareness of how human communities and water continue to shape one another. Donations appreciated.

Peel Heritage Complex 905-791-4055 ext. 3633 or [www.region.peel.on.ca/heritage](http://www.region.peel.on.ca/heritage)

**Sept 16–19, 2004: Brampton Fall Fair**  
*Date Correction: The Brampton Fall Fair runs from Sept 16–19, not Sept 9–12 as previously published.* Farm animals, Midway, Demolition Derby, Truck & Tractor Pull, Antique Classic Car Show and more. Brampton Fair Grounds. Free parking.

12942 Heart Lake Rd. -north of Mayfield Rd. Region of Peel Agricultural Society 905-843-0210. Tickets \$8 / under 12–\$2.

**September 18 & 19, 2004:**

**Doors Open Brampton.** Explore 19 unique sites of historical, cultural and architectural interest in Brampton. Free.

Peel Heritage Complex 905-791-4055 ext. 3633 or [www.region.peel.on.ca/heritage](http://www.region.peel.on.ca/heritage)

**Historic Bovaird House presents a Collector's Lecture Series**  
Light refreshments will be served.

**Collecting & Collectibles**

**October 13 at 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm**

**Antique Glass**

**October 27 at 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm**

**Vintage Textiles**

**November 19 at 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm**

Tickets must be purchased prior to the evening.

**Series of 3 – \$25 / Individually – \$10**

Limited seating, please reserve early.

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## Historic Bovaird House & Craft Shop

A prime example of the Georgian Revival style of architecture and a museum of household artifacts and furnishings from the period 1840-1910.

Open:

**Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday 12 - 4 pm**  
mid-Feb. to Mid Dec.

**905-874-2804**

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Southeast corner of  
Kennedy Rd. & Bovaird Dr. E.  
Brampton, Ontario.



**Victorian Christmas**

Open House & Carriage House  
Craft and Collectables Sale  
Dec. 4 & 5, 11 am to 4 pm

Visit Historic Bovaird House all bedecked with traditional yule decorations reflective of a bygone era. Carriage House artisans will be displaying crafts and collectables for seasonal gift-giving, and stay for tea and sweets from Mossie's Tea Room, all served near the warmth of our blazing hearth.

**November 3 - January 2**

**Painted in Peel: The Peel Landscape by the Group of Seven and their Contemporaries**

Paintings of the Peel landscape by Group of Seven artists, A.J. Casson, F.H. Varley, Franklin Carmichael and A.Y. Jackson as well as work by their stude. Peel Heritage Complex, Art Gallery. Donations Appreciated. Peel Heritage Complex 905-791-4055 ext. 3633 or [www.region.peel.on.ca/heritage](http://www.region.peel.on.ca/heritage)

**Dec. 4 & 5 - 11am - 4pm**

**Annual "Victorian Christmas"**

**Open House & Craft Sale**

Historic Bovaird House,  
S.E. Corner of Kennedy Rd & Bovaird  
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**Sept–Jan, 2004:**

**Toy Stories: What Kids Want**

Artifacts from the museum's collection and loans from local multicultural groups will examine the marketing of children's toys and games from the 1800s to present day. Donations appreciated.

Peel Heritage Complex 905-791-4055 ext. 3633 or [www.region.peel.on.ca/heritage](http://www.region.peel.on.ca/heritage)

**Sept 12, 2004:**

**Antique Classic & Antique Fly-In**

Watch the Great War Flying Museum flying their own replicas of WWI fighters, including a Fokker Tri-Plane as flown by the Red Baron. Brampton Airport 13691

McLaughlin Road (just south of King St.)

Great War Flying Museum 905-838-4936

## Application for Membership in the Brampton Historical Society

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Household Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I enclose a Household Membership fee of \$20 for one full year.

☐ I wish to enclose an additional donation to the Society of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

A tax receipt is issued for donations to the Brampton Historical Society. Reg. Charity 87476-5720 RR0001.

American money accepted at par.

Please mail cheque or money order to:

**Brampton Historical Society**

c/o Peter Murphy

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Brampton, Ontario

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# Doors Continue to Open

Doors Open Brampton celebrates its third year, offering free admission to 19 sites of historical, architectural and/or cultural significance to the public on September 18 and 19.

Doors Open Brampton is organized by a volunteer steering committee that works year-round helping individual sites develop their event for public viewing. The Brampton Historical Society takes a leadership role on this committee along with representatives from the Brampton Heritage Board, the Peel Heritage Complex, the Heritage Theatre, the Brampton Arts Council and Tourism Brampton.

The Doors Open movement originated in Scotland and has spread across Europe and into Ontario. In 2001, the Ontario Heritage Foundation officially adopted the Doors Open program and began providing assistance to communities. Brampton was one of the first cities to participate, and with more than 12,000 site visits last year, made it one of the most successful in the province. Doors Open Brampton is made possible with the assistance of the City of Brampton,

## This year's participants include:

Alderlea,  
The Old Shoe Factory  
/Hewetson Building,  
The Armoury,  
Beaux Arts Studio,  
Churchville Cemetery,  
Churchville Fire Hall,  
Grace United Church,  
Fire/Life Safety Education Centre,  
Harmsworth Decorating,  
Heritage Theatre,  
Hindu Sabha,  
Historic Bovaird House,  
Lorne Scots Museum,  
Peel County Courthouse,  
Peel County Jail,  
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church,  
St. Elias Ukrainian Church,  
St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church  
St. Paul's United Church.

the Brampton Guardian, the Toronto Sun and the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Brampton Transit is providing free shuttle

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Call the Peel Heritage Complex  
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19 unique sites in **Brampton**

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**September 18 & 19, 2004 – FREE to the public**

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service to Doors Open sites. This event would not be possible without the assistance and determination of many volunteers.

## Attention High School History Scholars

*The deadline for the Paul Hunt Bursary Award is approaching fast.*

The BHS is offering two \$500 bursaries to any local high school student planning to study Canadian history or related subjects post graduate. The award is open to any student who is a resident of Brampton, graduating from a public or separate secondary school within the region of Peel and who has been accepted into an accredited Canadian post-secondary institution.

Applications are to be made in writing to the BHS on or before October 1<sup>st</sup> to be awarded for the 2004 academic year. Mail applications to 32 Wellington Street East, Brampton, ON L6W 1Y4. For more information contact Peter Murphy 905-457-0058, or visit [www.bramptonhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.bramptonhistoricalsociety.com).

## Check Your Local Listings

*Rogers Cable 10 will be airing numerous historical vignettes starting September 20.* These visual montages, which are approximately one minute in length each, will run during the breaks of regularly scheduled programming. They will be aired more than once so viewers and BHS members alike can catch these heritage spots.

Examples of these historical vignettes include clips from Downtown Brampton, Bramalea, Malton, the Mississauga City Centre and Lakefront Promenade.

Watch for this historical programming on Rogers Cable 10.

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