

# The Pioneer Times

NEWS VEHICLE OF THE CLOYNE & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY



We would love to know more about our cover photo and other photos at our Flickr website. This photo is of the Girl Guides in Northbrook sometime in the 1940s. The man driving the truck is Sandy Drysdale who lived in the home where Wannamaker's Store is now located. #9 is Marilyn (Dicks) Salmond. Apparently Marilyn's mother made most of the guide uniforms. This photo has been viewed over 9000 times on Flickr. *Photo: Bolton Family Album, CDHS Flickr website.*

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## We lose friends

Bob Blatchford 1932–2015



Stories are what ground us—what give us a sense of purpose, identity, and continuity between the past and the present. Bob Blatchford gave all of this to us in a most delightful way. He encouraged us in our endeavours and contributed tremendous energy as he gathered local history. Bob lived in Toronto, but his heart

was always at Lake Skootamatta where he had been a summer resident from six months of age. Blessed with natural curiosity, he left no stone unturned in making sure that the tales of the Lake were told.

Early on at Skootamatta, he cultivated a friendship with fellow cottager Dr. Franklin Hicks. Dr. Hicks knew of Bob's interest in Bon Echo and Flora Macdonald Denison and was aware that there were in total 6 issues of her publication "Sunset of Bon Echo". With the help of the Historical Society, Bob began a search for the complete works. One was located in a personal collection, with the remainder being found in the Archives at Queen's University in Kingston. The complete set was then reprinted and is still available for sale at the Cloyne Pioneer Museum and Archives, or through the CDHS website.

When Hugh and Mary Wiberg of Massachusetts discovered that they were descendants of legendary Mohawk Johnny Bay (Bey), Bob arranged their visit and located John Bay's other great great grandchildren. They all met for the first time in our Museum, where they shared stories that had been passed down through the generations. Through tears, they were able to touch the handiwork of Johnny Bay. Bob escorted them to Bon Echo Rock, and finally to Johnny Bay's resting place in Flinton.

Among the descendants that day was poet and educator Laura Schwager who visited the Historical Society later with her presentation "*How we travelled, my Grandparents and I, in my Home and Native Land*". Without Bob, we would not have met this extraordinary woman.

Bob's mother, Dr. Ellen Blatchford (The Pioneer Times: Fall 2013) provided medical care for many residents and cottagers during her long life at the lake. Bob donated her equipment to the Cloyne Pioneer Museum and Archives where it will be on permanent display.

There will always be more stories to tell. Many of them will have had their start with Bob Blatchford, the man who delighted us with his intelligence, warmth and grace.



### Sam Conroy



Sam Conroy loved the earth and all the creatures that share space with us, particularly turtles.

The Ojibwa Elder, healer, storyteller, and friend to the Historical Society died on November 14, 2014. In a circle with her at one of our General Meetings in 2013, she shared the sacred teachings of her people.

A graduate of both Trent and Laurentian Universities, Sam was a science instructor in the Aboriginal Teacher Education Program at Queens University. She was also a writer, and developed "Walking with Miskwaadesi" (painted turtle) an elementary curriculum at the Toronto Zoo. She taught Aboriginal art in schools through the Ontario Arts Council and was a volunteer at the Kawartha Turtle Trauma Centre. She praised the actions of turtle lovers in our area and encouraged us to continue protecting them.

Knowing that Sam is travelling her path, we again say Miigwech.

## President's Message

It is hard to believe that the Cloyne and District Historical Society has aged by a year since my last Annual Report. In true Canadian fashion, we all seem to be rushing out to absorb the warmth the sun provides at this time of year, and this is especially true in this record setting cold winter. Welcome back Spring and welcome back readers and supporters of our society.

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Bob Blatchford, a long time friend of our association. All members of CDHS join me in offering our most sincere sympathies to his family and friends. Bob, a knowledgeable historian was a great resource to us. His willingness to freely help us gather facts to preserve the past, especially in the Lake Skootamatta area was invaluable. His friendly demeanour and willingness to share his knowledge will be missed. He was a real gentleman.

As usual, I would like to review some of the activities that demanded our attention in 2014, as well as some of our accomplishments.

In January, your Communication Committee made arrangements to produce and erect a Highway sign to supplement the two "Cloyne Home of the Pioneer Museum" now prominently displayed at entrances to Cloyne. Your eyes will soon be attracted to this new sign as you travel north toward the museum. A DVD produced by Ken Hook of an interview he conducted with Bud Fortier, a local logging contractor was shown to some of Bud's family, CDHS members and other guests. Time permitting, we are likely to see more of these presentations now that we purchased a transcription peddle to transcribe previously recorded interviews. Ian Brumell, our treasurer and I met with Ms. Therriault of CFDC (Community Futures Development Corporation) to investigate possibilities of accessing grants to maintain and/or enhance our operation. The third Robbie Burns Dinner at the Northbrook Lions organized by Gordon Sparks was a success.

February was quiet. We purchased a used Epson projector and showed a DVD entitled "The Land Between" at our General Meeting. March saw the introduction of Warren Anderson as our new Vice President and Gary Ferguson entertained us with "My Aunt the Witch".

In April, The June Callwood Outstanding Voluntarism

Award was presented to Ian Brumell in Toronto for his commitment to voluntarism and longstanding service to his community. The citation read in part that he has volunteered his time and skill for over 30 years to the Cloyne and District Historical Society. It is due, in large part, to his efforts and dedication as treasurer, fundraiser and even contractor, that the Historical Society has been able to thrive, publishing books on local history, preserving artifacts and documents, and recording the oral histories of the citizens of Cloyne and surrounding areas.

Paul Kirby, author and journalist, in April spoke of Billa Flint, the founder of Flinton. Mr. Flint was a businessman and political figure in Ontario. He was a Liberal member of the Senate of Canada from 1867 to 1894. The month also brought us a great technical resource in the person of Ken Hook who led us to new heights in the multimedia world. With Ken's vast technical expertise, we were introduced to Flickr, an image hosting and video hosting website, and web services suite that allows us to post and organize our photos for easy viewing. For those of us who like to look at images of the past, I recommend you visit our website at [www.cloynepioneermuseum.ca](http://www.cloynepioneermuseum.ca) and click on the red and blue Flickr circles at the bottom of the page. From there, you can look at albums of pictures and accompanied comments. Any additions or corrections needed in the information provided or missing from the pictures are welcome. We thank Ken for his free time and efforts in introducing us to the World.

In May, Ms. Fay O'Brien of the Eastern Star presented us with a \$450.00 cheque from the proceeds of a dinner dance held in Madoc. Such donations help fund equipment such as a scanner purchased that month. During our General Meeting, Mr. Ed Yanch displayed furs and spoke of the history of trappers and animals trapped in the area. Our area is beautiful, but to appreciate it a bit more, it must be compared to other locations. And what a better way to do so than climbing on a comfortable bus and travelling along the roads to different locations. This year, many members and friends did just that by going to the War Museum in Ottawa to commemorate the 100th anniversary of World War 1. A fun trip filled with laughs and memories. Other activities in June included receipt of a HODG grant (Heritage Organization Development Grant); hiring of four students; visit and presentation by Leora Berman, CEO of "The Land Between"; and opening of our museum while being entertained, pro bono by the famous Pickled Chicken Band.

Our annual July potluck luncheon was held at the beautiful lakeside residence of Elinor Duncan at a small lake

northwest of Lake Mazinaw. The afternoon was appropriately closed by an unexpected flypast by a formation of two Royal Canadian Air Force's C130J Hercules suspected of conducting tactical training missions out of Trenton. Although I flew many years as a crew member on such missions, I cannot take credit for their appearance; nevertheless suspicious eyes pointed in my direction. Thanks RCAF, 429 Squadron.

Before the end of July, Carol Lessard represented us at the Greater Madawaska Area Showcase. The following month visitors as well as a large group from the University of Ottawa kept our young employees busy.

September was a sad month for the North Frontenac Township with the unexpected passing of Mayor Bud Clayton. Bud was a friend and supporter of our museum and his energy and dedication will be sorely missed. At our General Meeting, Joanne Stanbridge of the Kingston Public Library spoke about local history and genealogy. The following month saw the return of Ken Hook for a Flickr presentation to our General Meeting audience. A group from Tyendinaga also visited us toward the end of the month.

I laid a wreath at the cenotaph in Flinton on Remembrance Day on behalf of CDHS. A few days later, Mr. Harry Andringa reminded us at our General Meeting of Canada's contribution during the Occupation and Liberation of Holland in WW2. His emotional memories as a child of what he witnessed and the living conditions imposed by the regime painted a vivid picture of atrocities that should never be repeated.

Finally, we closed the year with a well attended Christmas luncheon followed a week later by our once popular Toonie Party. Although everyone was in the Christmas spirit at the party, it is apparent that with only one child in attendance, we may want to reassess how we can best expand our time and energy to attract and entertain children.

To summarize, I am pleased by our member's dedication and willingness to keep CDHS progressing forward while employing some of the most popular technologies. Our preservation of the past will, and has, assisted others of similar historical interest on a global scale in 2014. Be proud of your museum and of those who volunteer countless hours in maintaining CDHS' existence in a cost effective manner. Together, we can, preserve and honour our ancestors.

J. J. (Red) Emond, President 🌻

## Financial Report for Spring 2015

This year end report covering the financial aspects of The Cloyne and District Historical Society for 2014 stands in stark contrast to the report of the same period last year. At that time we had come out of a period of high expense, high equipment purchases and completing the financial arrangements we had with The Ontario Trillium Foundation. The end result of that activity is our new museum addition which has in itself been an attraction for visitors. Also, it is a tribute to the hours of work by the volunteers and the extremely generous gifts of materials, work and in particular, financial donations.

The report this year reflects the positive financial position established in 2013. In 2014, there were small construction items to be completed, leaving the usual sound financial position we have had since our incorporation.

We were able to collect close to \$17,000 in grants from all three levels of government. The largest of these being that of the Canadian Museums Association which gave the CDHS enough funding to hire three of the four full time students we enjoyed last summer. The students were invaluable in allowing the museum curator to expand the CDHS archive programme, giving the Society the means to generate family and historical data for inquisitive visitors.

Our Endowment Fund, under the guidance of the Napanee District Community Foundation has expanded to close to \$50,000 through both interest earned and donations made, thus helping to ensure the ongoing viability of the CDHS and ensuring that the Society can continue to Preserve the Past for the Future.

Our closing bank balance was just over \$3,000. The reserve fund, being managed by the Raymond-James Investment Company in Kingston, closed the year at close to \$8,100. Fortunately, we have not needed the reserve funds this year since our building projects have dwindled for now.

Specific financial numbers and values for Revenue & Expenses are found on the complete Financial Statement within the Newsletter. Any specific questions about the values can be addressed to the CDHS by email to [pioneer@mazinaw.on.ca](mailto:pioneer@mazinaw.on.ca)

Ian Brumell, Treasurer ✂

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## Cloyne Museum and Archives Annual Report for 2014

2014 was a consolidation year for the museum and archives. With the new addition up and running, it became time to mount new displays, tweak old ones and generally increase our presentation level.

A new-to-us display cabinet, acquired from John Fredenberg in Northbrook, was used to spruce up the Bon Echo displays. In addition, we had contracted Murray Lessard from Flinton to build some new cabinets. In the end, three new units were built for the original building, two to display lamps and other items, and three in the first addition, one to be used for mining displays and the other two to house our annual rotating displays. All of these have greatly enhanced our ability to showcase our collection.

Thanks are due to the hard work this past summer of our staff, Mike Deshane, Nick Boomhower, Emma Benn and Samantha Benjamin. Samantha made an excellent start on organizing and showcasing our minerals collection. Emma continued to work away on the Archiving backlog, while both Mike and Nick completed tasks which have been “under construction” for quite some time, such as the organization of the materials in all of our filing cabinets. Nick began the rather arduous task of archiving our Mary Lloyd Johnson slide collection.

This was a season for breaking records. A new summer attendance record was set at 1464 visitors over 8 weeks, plus 2 group tours after Labour Day, one from a Deseronto Seniors’ group and one from the grade 10 History class at NAEC. Another new record was established on a day in early August when it rained all day. A startling 111 visitors came in to escape from the weather. At closing time, one of the staff was heard to say “I’m tired!” And with every good reason! The donations jar continues to run at slightly over \$1.00 per person, with the season total being \$1643.84.

There is always a post-season let down, when the flurry of summer activities is finished. This is a good time to assess the strengths of the season and pinpoint places that still need improvement. This was one of the topics of conversation when the museum committee met last week for the first time in 2015. Several plans were drafted for this coming season, but more about those next month.

To finish off the activities of 2014, it needs to be noted that

business continues because of our website. Sales of books and DVDs in particular are popular with those who frequent our excellent website. Many thanks to Ken Hook who keeps the website current and attractive.

Our Archives also remain busy throughout the year, again through the website. Questions about various families, as well as former businesses keep us busy as we try to find the appropriate answers.

Thank you to committee members Carol Lessard and Eileen Flieler for their dedication, as well as to all members who have shown their support for the Cloyne Pioneer Museum and Archives.

Margaret Axford, Curator and Archivist ✂

## Website Treats

by Margaret Axford

Becoming even a little bit knowledgeable about all the modern methods of communication is hard work for older brains. For example, I still haven't made the leap into some of the social media that's out there. To me, a "twitter" is what the birds outside my living room window do when the feeder is full.

However, making the effort can result in interesting and valuable information. Let me explain. I am always amazed at the bits and pieces that come to the CDHS via our website. This winter, we have had communications from a member of the Bain family, who were close friends of Merrill Denison and frequent visitors to Bon Echo. That exchange has resulted in some letters and brand new photos of Horace Traubel and Merrill Denison. Look for an expanded Bon Echo display in the museum this summer.

Just recently, someone requested a photo of the Wilson Hills schoolhouse, or as it was known when it was built in the late 1800s, the Hornick school. It turns out that there is a photo of this school in Wilfred Lessard's book, Village on the Skoot. But even more significantly, our colleague and Flinton historian, Carol Lessard, has a picture of the school which we will be able to scan and then email to the person who requested it, who is planning to give the picture to her cousin who went to that school many years ago. It will be a surprise, and I'm sure well worth the efforts which we will have put into the search.

My last example of what I've called "website treats" comes to us from Pennsylvania. A man there has early information about the Ore Chimney Mine. His grandparents purchased stock in the mine in 1949 and subsequently made a journey by car up to check out "their" mine. We will be receiving from him their stock certificate, other documents related to the mine and photos of the mine as it appeared in the early 1950s. This is an important find for us. We currently have a great deal of information about the mine, given to us by Al Banner's widow, but dating from the 1970s and 80s when it was owned by Al. This latest bit of data will widen the window on our appreciation of this mine, which was located on the Harlowe Road not far from Highway 41.

These are examples of how the public is accessing us through our website, providing us with valuable information that otherwise would never reach us.

If you haven't yet explored the CDHS website, please do so. As you can see, many people have done just that; it is to our benefit as an Archives that they continue to check us out. ✂

## 2015 Calendar Report

by Eileen Flieler

There were 275 calendars ordered. Of this total 46 were given to our advertisers and donated as gifts.

Income:	229@ \$15.00	3435.00
	Advertising	<u>1660.00</u>
		5095.00
Expenses:	Software	37.90
	Print Review	19.70
	Printing	<u>1070.10</u>
		1127.07
<b>Profit</b>		<b>\$3968.93</b>

### Coming Soon

Watch for the 2016 Heritage Calendar produced by the Cloyne and District Historical Society.

Featuring Historical Businesses.

Calendars will be available at the Museum or from the website for \$15.00

[www.cloynepioneermuseum.ca](http://www.cloynepioneermuseum.ca)



# Schools of Kaladar Township

by Eileen Flieler

Although Kaladar Township was not incorporated as a municipality until 1867, there had been settlers in the area for many years.

Like most pioneer families who came to settle in the area many were educated and having an education for their children was a priority.

## Flinton

It is believed that the first school in the village of Flinton was built by Billa Flint about 1851 or earlier. In later years this building became the home of Bill and Verna Andrew.

A log school was situated on the "Old Road" (1843–1866) on property owned by Mr. Peebles and the grounds for a playground were donated by Wilson Vance. Records from this school haven't been found. However, according to local residents, at a later date another school was built on the same foundation. This was struck by lightning and burned. Members of these early school boards were Mr. Thompson, George Peebles and Mr. Davison.

Information regarding some early schools is sketchy however what I was able to find is listed below. I found that some reports were contradictory.

SS#11–Hornick's School (1889–1900), according to the original minute book was built on Wilson Vance's lot and was erected by James Freeburn and sons. SS#11 was formed when school section #2 was divided. Up until then the students went to Flinton (quite a walk). The divisions formed SS#11–Hornick's School. The desks were made by William McLuckie. Two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) was raised for the construction, fencing and furnishing of this school which measured 18 feet wide, 30 feet long with ceilings of 10 ft. It had 2 windows on each side, clapboard on the outside and the shingles were laid in lime mortar. It had a stone foundation. Trustees were Wm. McLuckie, James Bryden, Wm. J. Freeburn and T. P. Hornick.

Miss Betty Hornick was hired as the teacher for 1891 at a salary of \$15.00 a month. The school was to be kept open for at least six months of the year.

In 1895, because some non-resident students were attending free of charge, a motion was passed by the board that

non-resident students should pay a monthly fee of twenty-five cents (25¢) each.



SS#11–Hornick School, Kaladar Township. *Photo: Carol Lessard Album, CDHS Flickr website.*

It is interesting to note that James H. Freeburn built the woodshed for \$21.00 and that Watson Bryden was to be paid five cents (5¢) per day to sweep the floors and light the fires – the wood costing \$1.35 a cord. These pay rates were typical of the area at that time.

The first inspector to visit the area schools was Frederick Burrows (father of Dr. Burrows in Tweed).

Due to a rapid expansion in population, another school was built in 1866 across the road from the first school in Flinton Village (on Holden St.).

It was of frame construction and had 2 rooms. The principal was J. G. Stewart with a salary of \$440 a year. His assistant was paid \$315 a year. Wood was supplied by L. Renaud at a cost of \$15.00 a cord.

In 1903, because attendance had risen to over 75 students, a new school building was suggested. This was vetoed.

The discussion arose again in 1913 with a board of trustees of Moses Lessard (chair), Hawley Stone and A. Laundry. Dr. Tindle and W. Campbell made a presentation to the board, stating the need for only \$1500 for a new school. Some materials could be used from the old building. A heated discussion led to the resignation of the board.

Under a new board (J.M. Dafoe, Gilbert Champagne, and George Sedore) a new school was completed in 1914.

It was a two storey frame and steel structure, had two classrooms with cloakroom, hallways and stairs and was heated by a furnace.

In 1928 the suggestion of a consolidated school fell on deaf ears.

In 1930 the school board, then J. Yanch, Tom Juby, and J.F. Davison made inquiries about a continuation school.

Continuation School classes began in Sept. 1930 with secondary school student classes on the upper level. Miss Warren was the principal and Miss Aileen Froats was assistant. Miss Kathleen Barrett taught in the junior classroom.

This school became known locally as the "Tin School".



The "Tin School", Flinton. *Photo: Carol Lessard Album, CDHS Flickr website.*

In 1938 (Dec.) the Township School Board of Kaladar was established for SS#1, 2, 10 and 11. The board consisted of J. Yanch (chair), Jim Vogan, H. Marrisett, W. G. Hornick and Howard Hasler as secretary-treasurer. During the Easter vacation, the Tin School was wired by Mr. J. Sedore.

Mrs. Bennett was hired as principal in 1941. In Sept. 1944 Miss Norval Inwood of Denbigh took over from Mrs. Bennett.

This school came to a sad end when it burned to the ground on Jan. 5 1945. The fire was caused by a torch used to thaw frozen water pipes. Within three days classes commenced in the community hall across the road.

On July 4th 1945 the sod turnings for a new school took place. The architect and contractor for the new school was

Jas. Rashotte of Tweed. It had six rooms. Three in the elementary wing and in the secondary wing was a classroom for Grades 9 and 10, a science lab/Grades 11 & 12 classroom and a large activity room. At the end of each wing was a lunch room. In the centre opposite the large double doors was the principal's office/teacher's room.

This school served the educational needs of five former school sections as well as secondary students from the adjoining townships of Kennebec and Barrie.

The official opening of the Flinton Continuation School took place on the 16th of October 1947 by Premier George A. Drew. A dinner attended by about 200 officials and local residents was held in the assembly room of the school.

In attendance was the architect and contractor who quoted the cost of the school was just over \$100,000. It had the latest in lighting and heating—a far cry from the early log schools where students got their education in the days when Flinton was first settled. Until 1962 this was used as Flinton Continuation School. At this time North Addington High School was opened and the secondary students were transported to Cloyne where they could not only get a Grade 12 education, but Grade 13 like other high schools in the province. Flinton Continuation School became Flinton Public Elementary School with six class rooms which included the Grades 7 & 8 from the Perry Road School (SS# 4).

## Glastonbury and Northbrook

In the 1920s there was a school at the Glastonbury settlement about two miles east of Northbrook. It was situated on the north east corner of the intersection of the Glastonbury Road and Kennebec Road. As with all country schools of the time it accommodated Grades 1-8 with one teacher. The number of students varied considerably as in spring and fall the older students were needed at home to help with the planting and the harvest. This school burned in 1929 when a forest fire swept through the area.

The first school in Northbrook was about one quarter of a mile north of the village on property owned by Mr. Sam Both. Little is known of this building as records of it cannot be found.

In 1930, following lengthy discussions of where to build the new school, it was decided that the new school would be built in Northbrook. In the meantime classes were held in the former Shier House (some remember it as Bob Jackson's or Mordak's store).

In 1931 a brick building was erected on the west side of Hwy #41. It accommodated Grades 1-8 which included the students from the Glastonbury settlement who were sometimes brought to Northbrook by Henry Lloyd with his horse and wagon or horse and sleigh.

The original building had a cloakroom and rooftop bell. It's construction was supervised by Mr. Jim Vogan, a life-time resident of Northbrook. The first caretaker was Mrs. Henry Lloyd.

Like all schools of the time, the day began with a Bible reading followed by the Lord's Prayer and God Save the King. In spite of the large number of students, many memorable activities took place such as Halloween and Valentine's Day parties, school fairs and Christmas concerts which were the highlight of the school year. Every student took part and this event was supported whole-heartedly by not only the parents but by the whole community. Many schools taught about agriculture by the planting and tending of a school garden.

In the late 1940s a frame addition was added by A. E. Northey Construction which meant separate rooms were available for the junior and more senior students (Grades 1-4 and Grades 5-8). The heating was converted to oil and of course there was indoor plumbing—a welcome addition on those cold winter days. Caretakers were Mrs. Arch Wood, Mary Parks and then Gladys Ranger.

Eventually as the rooms became over-crowded the local school board decided to send Grades 7&8 to Flinton. This left Grades 1-3 in the Junior room and Grades 4, 5 and 6 in the Senior Room. In 1967 Grades 4-6 were also bussed to Flinton.

## Kaladar

The first school at Kaladar was south of the present Highway #7 just off Hwy #41 south past the former home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kirkham on the old road. This was destroyed by fire in 1930. A new school was built 36'x20' with a 6'x6' porch. In 1944 it was moved down the hill to its present location (now the Kaladar Community Centre).

Due to overcrowding, classes were divided into Junior and Senior. The Junior classes were held in the Kaladar United Church—on the hill just south of Hwy #7—until another room was added about 1950 when once again all the students were instructed in the same building. This continued until the opening of North Addington Education Centre in 1971.

Just south of the Flinton turn was a one room school which was in use for many years. Few records of the early years of this school seem to be available, however we know it was SS#4 Kaladar and reopened for a short time to house Grades 7&8 from Northbrook school in the mid to late 1940s. When it closed permanently it was sold Dec. 31, 1947 to Royal Canadian Legion Branch 328 of Northbrook. They in turn resold it in 1953. For a short time it was used as a Faith Mission Church and recently was converted into a home.

In 1970 after Grades 4-6 were bused to Flinton, kindergarten classes were introduced in the area and were housed in the former Sr. room of Northbrook School under the instruction of Miss Pam McQueen. This followed the beginning of the Lennox and Addington County School Board in June 1969.

In 1971 all the small township schools were closed and pupils were transported to North Addington Education Centre in Cloyne. Included were students from the one room schools from Barrie Township (Harlowe School).

For many, the long bus ride and anticipation of a large new school brought apprehension and yes some tears, but time and encouragement gradually helped students to embrace their new surroundings and life at their former schools eventually became a distant memory. ✂

*Director Eileen Flieler grew up and attended school here. One of seventeen children, she received her education at Peterborough Teachers College, and subsequently taught at schools in Harlowe, Northbrook, Prince Edward County, and Flinton. Her significant contributions to the Historical Society have always been exceptional.*

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## 2014 Annual Communications Committee Report

For the Communications Committee 2014 has to be remembered as the year of the signs.

We started out ambitiously looking to be included on the tourism sign on 7&41. Don't qualify – not open long enough. O.K. \$450 annually. Glad not to qualify. So, what else? Maybe a billboard sign on the highway or one entering Cloyne announcing the museum? Go to Ministry of Transportation. Not allowed. Hwy 41 is a military route. What about other rural communities. How do they qualify?

Possibility to change existing Cloyne boundary signs. \$400 each. One time cost.

Discussions as to applications and restrictions etc. Now we are told we can't apply. Must be the township that makes the application. Township says, who pays? We hope township will pay. Let's apply and see if we can get approval.

Submit request and all details and application to North Frontenac Council. They contact Addington Highlands Council to get approval for southbound sign as that location is in their township. Meanwhile MTO surprises us with the news that they will replace the signs with enhanced boundary signs at no charge. Also, there are now three sign locations on Hwy 41 vacated if we still want a billboard sign.

Here we go again. Visualize the four of us cruising along the highway, slowing down, checking out each location. Turn around go back again, and once more. We did all agree, proceeded to approach a sign provider and together designed the sign that will be installed this Spring. Matching it will be a replacement museum location sign. The MTO had given us a December 31, 2014 deadline but we begged a May installation.

As if this didn't consume our energies we continued to keep media informed of our activities, produced posters, produced and distributed Spring and Fall newsletters and revised, produced and distributed museum rack cards.

All fun and gratifying. Kudos to the team

The 2014 approved budget for communications was \$4000.

Expenses:

2 Newsletters	900.62	
2500 rack cards	406.80	(5 year supply)
2 new signs	1,100.00	(deposit*)
Sign Permit	170.00	
Web Master	194.92	
Event Posters	10.80	

**Total Expenses**                    **\$2783.14**

\* There is an additional \$1500 to be paid for the 2 new Museum and Archive signs which should be installed before the end of May.

Marcella Neely, Communications Committee Chair ✂

## Annual Report of the Patrons Committee – 2014

This has been another successful year for our museum and again the support provided by our Patrons made a significant contribution through fees and generous donations.

The total number of patrons for 2014 was 70. Donations amounted to \$1841 while expenses for postage and stationery amounted to \$194.47.

In response to a letter sent out in the fall inviting 2014 patrons to renew for 2015, we had received 43 applications as of the 14th of March. A reminder will be sent to those who have not replied.

I am indebted to Roxanne Bradshaw and Warren Anderson for their assistance with the work of the committee.

Gordon Sparks, Patrons Committee Convenor ✂

## CDHS photos on Flickr Explore

by Ken Hook

The CDHS now has over 300 photos posted on Flickr, receiving over 1000 views per day! This is a small number compared to Flickr numbers. There are about 6,000 photos uploaded to Flickr every minute or 8.6 million photos per day!

Every day a Flickr algorithm (a computer generated mathematical formula) chooses, based on what they call *interestingness*, 500 images to showcase on their Flickr Explore page.

CDHS has been fortunate to have 2 photos picked for Explore and the results are phenomenal. Our cover photo of the Girl Guides in Northbrook, circa 1940s has had over 9,000 views and a picture of Salmond's Resort – July 1937 over 8,500 views. By comparison, photos uploaded about the same time, January 29th 2015, have received one tenth the views (around 800).

To view the daily selection of incredible photos on Flickr Explore visit: [www.flickr.com/explore](http://www.flickr.com/explore).

To view the CDHS Flickr page, visit: [www.cloynepioneermuseum.ca](http://www.cloynepioneermuseum.ca) and click on the Flickr logo at the bottom of the homepage.

## Fun and Fundraising

by Carolyn McCulloch

*"Unless someone like you, cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."*

And so Dr. Seuss, there are a whole awful lot of people in The Cloyne & District Historical Society who make things better.

When they fundraise, they have so much fun doing it that the numbers at the end of the day are not as important as the fun they had. We have great pride in our major fundraiser, The Heritage Calendar. It has exceeded all expectations this year. Congratulations to Eileen Flieler, Red Emond, Wendy Hodgkin, Gord McCulloch and Shirley Sedore for their good work.

We brought our own Christmas music to our December Luncheon, thanks to the piano talents of Elinor Duncan.

Convener Sandra Sparks was not only able to take our contributions to the local Food Bank, but at the end of the day there was a profit of \$90.25.

Our Toonie Christmas Party, an Old Fashioned Christmas Party that was never really intended to be a fundraiser even ended up with \$5.13 in the black.

The Third Annual Robbie Burns Supper, organized by the Sparks-Brumell team, brought a wonderful crowd to hear the intelligent writing of Robert Burns. After the country dancing cleared, the proceeds were \$530.28. What fun on a cold January night, to dress in tartan and hear the piper bring in the haggis.

As we enter our new season of fun and fundraising, just remember:

*"If you never did, you should. Those things are fun, and fun is good."* Dr. Seuss

## Events - 2015

### May

**Mammoth Yard Sale**  
**Saturday May 16, 9AM**  
**Barrie Hall – Cloyne**  
Save your gently used items.



**Meeting of the CDHS**  
**Monday May 18, 1PM**  
**Barrie Hall – Cloyne**

Janice Powell will speak about the Fritsch family of Denbigh. Everyone welcome.

### June

**"Doors Open Ontario" at the Cloyne Pioneer Museum and Archives**  
**Saturday June 13, 10AM – 4PM**  
In celebration of the "Frontenac County 150"

**Cloyne Pioneer Museum and Archives Opening and BBQ**  
**Saturday June 20, 10:30AM – 1PM**

Featuring the Pickled Chicken String Band. Join us to see new displays. Let us help you search the archives.

**Bus Trip to Tamworth/Erinsville Irish Festival**  
**Sunday June 28**

Guests welcome. For information, contact Carolyn at 613-336-6858

### July and August

**Pot-Luck Lunch**  
**Monday July 20, 12 NOON**

Members are invited to a pot-luck lunch at the home of Warren Anderson in Flinton

### September to November

**Meeting of the CDHS**  
**Barrie Hall – Cloyne**  
**Monday, 1PM**  
**September 21, October 19, November 16**  
General Meeting – Everyone welcome

**Cloyne Pioneer Museum and Archives**  
**Open Daily from 10AM – 4PM**  
**June 20 to September 1**

Look for an expanded Bon Echo display in the museum this summer with letters and brand new photos of Horace Traubel and Merrill Denison.