



OLD 'N' NEWS

PELHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Box 903, Fonthill, Ontario L0S 1E0

November 2022

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday November 19, 2.30 pm
at
Kirk-on-the-Hill, Haist Street

The business of the Annual General Meeting includes the reading and approval of the minutes of the last AGM, the report by the Auditor, the presentation by the Treasurer of the 2021-2022 Financial Statement and the proposed 2022-2023 Budget for approval by members present, and the election of Officers. Recent elections have been disrupted by Covid issues so the current Executive decided that all positions should be open for election this year.

The business meeting will be followed by a talk by Michelle Vosburgh on local namesakes in the Royal Canadian Navy featuring two vessels named for Niagara communities. She will share with us artifacts from the ships and the connections between the communities and the crews.

Remembrance Displays in Pelham Libraries

This year Carolyn and Rosemary have put together two unusual and interesting displays:



At Fonthill Library, the display recognizes the role animals played in the First World War when horses were used on the battlefields. It also features information on the Purple Poppy Campaign. First issued in 2006 in the UK, the purple poppy was designed to replicate the red poppy and commemorate the service of animals in wartime. As well as horses, other animals - more than 16 million in all

were enrolled in the war effort. The purple poppy is complementary to the red poppy of the Canadian Legion and is a way for people to recognize the significant loss of animal life during wartime.

At Maple Acre Library, the display features a treasure trove of correspondence found in a beautiful wooden box at Fenwick United Church. The box contained copies of letters sent out by Rev. James Hampson in 1944 to members of the church serving in the forces, as well as correspondence received from veterans stationed in Italy, Belgium, France and Holland. The collection includes a poignant letter from Margaret Tuck regarding a memorial service for Jack, a newspaper clipping recounting Flying Officer Byard Boyes' adventures after being forced down in Albania, the obituary of Flying Officer Paul Tokar and a commission for Flight Sergeant Edward W. Ker.