

# OLD'N NEWS

## PELHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Well, Fall has definitely arrived along with a touch of cold just to remind us of what is to come!

Our first program for the 2023 -2024 year was held on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Bob Young opened the meeting with a warm welcome back and then asked if anyone had checked out the new Pelham Historical Society website. He proceeded to show the website up on the screen and explained the many categories you could click on and explore. It is a well done website and hopefully everyone will take the time to check it out. Bob also thanked member Graham Segger for all his work on the website. Graham worked along with the web designer making sure the website contains as much historical information as possible and that it is easily accessible.

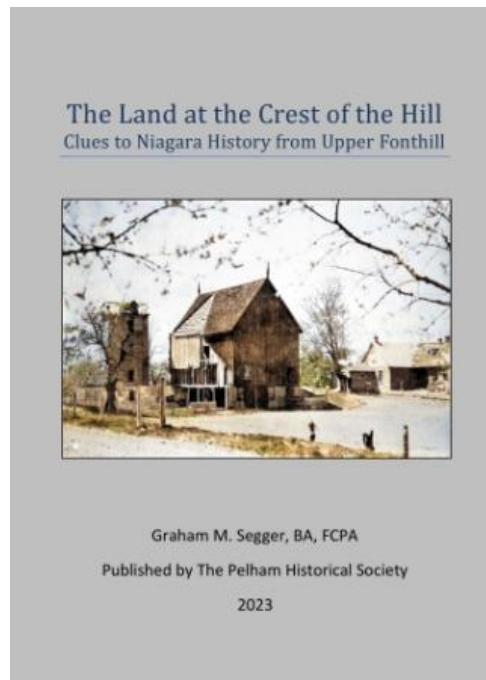
The speaker at our Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> meeting was Diane Girard, who spoke on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lookout Point Country Club. She told us how in the early 1920's a group of businessmen, members of the Welland Club, came up with the idea to establish a country club in Fonthill. They began by purchasing two farms totalling 106 acres on the site that was known both as "Observatory Hill" and "Pelham Heights". In 1921 they hired Walter J. Travis to layout the course. The official opening was June 3, 1922 with 290 members signed up. The club went on to produce many champions over the years! Over 5 years Diane and dedicated members called the "Legacy Team" spent collectively 1,000s of hours digging into the archives, websites, newspapers and golf magazines and many other sources. They have put together a colourful coffee table size book with the history of the club along with stories and pictures from members past and present, stories on all the champions, the club pros, members, staff and of course pictures of the clubhouse past and present. The book costs \$75 plus HST but Diane is offering a special discount to our members for a price of only \$70., if purchased by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Anyone interested in purchasing a book should contact Diane Girard at [dianegirard5@gmail.com](mailto:dianegirard5@gmail.com).

Lookout Point Centennial Book



Regular price \$75.00 plus HST \$84.75  
Special Discount for Pelham Historical Society  
\$70.00 incl. HST  
Contact Diane Girard @dianegirard5@gmail.com to receive  
special PHS coupon.

Graham Segger's new book *The Land at the Crest of the Hill: Clues to Niagara History from Upper Fonthill* has now been published by The Pelham Historical Society. An eBook version is available for purchase on the PHS website at [www.pelhamhistoricalsociety.ca](http://www.pelhamhistoricalsociety.ca) and paperback versions are available at Shoppers Drug Mart, Art & You (beside Beamers), J&J Florists, Font Coffee Bar and Nature's Corner Cafe (Ridgeville).



### **This Month's Meeting**

Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 2:30 p.m. Kirk On the Hill

#### **"Voices of the Fenwick Fair"**

Residents interviewed in the 1990's will share their recollections

### **Next Month's Meeting**

Saturday, December 2 2:30 pm Kirk on the Hill

#### **Annual General Meeting**

Also

#### **"Virtual Tour of the Hillside/Dawdy Cemetery"**

Come to learn about the cemetery's history and hear the life stories of the people that helped build our community