



## May 2024 Newsletter

Sunday, April 28, 2024

The little bit of sun was lovely while it lasted. Here are some items to contemplate during our Sunday afternoon showers. It might be early for a May newsletter but I'm expecting to be away and there are always outdoor chores for all of us in the spring. I also wanted to bring attention to the revised date of June 8, 2024 for the Beaverdams Church visit.

Yesterday's meeting was a great success. I counted 52 members in attendance. David Sherlock presented photos and documents about the construction of the Welland Canal during the period of the First World War. I've often wondered about life on these large vessels and David had some great stories. It's very gratifying for the Executive to see so many people sharing their knowledge and experiences and enjoying themselves.

You may call it 'pilot error' but I am constantly refining the email addresses that I use to distribute this newsletter. Yesterday I was pleased to receive three updates or corrections. If you know of any more changes, please feel free to let me know.

Our meetings are usually held at the Kirk on the Hill, 1344 Haist Street, Fonthill, Ontario. There is plenty of parking and seating. The Pelham Historical Society is pleased to tell you that the annual membership has been maintained at \$5. Memberships can be paid at the door.

Bring a friend or neighbour. It's a great opportunity to meet new people and make acquaintances.

### Upcoming Meetings

**Featuring a site visit and guided tour of the fully restored Beaverdams Church in Thorold, Marlatt's Road, Thorold, Ontario, Saturday, June 8, 2024, 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Note the corrected date.**

**Temperance and Taverns in Pelham Township, Saturday, September 21, 2024, 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm.**

Pelham Historical Society members Geoff Bowden and Graham Segger will co-present on the closely related topics of the Taverns and the Temperance Movement in early Pelham Township. Could another publication be in the works.

**Exploring Black History in Lincoln & Welland County, Saturday, October 19, 2024, 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm.**

Rochelle Bush, Resident Historian of the Salem Chapel, BME Church and Harriet Tubman Underground Railway National Historic Sites will speak to us about early Black History in Lincoln and Welland Counties.

**Annual General Meeting and Faces of Pelham Before WW2, and Saturday, November 23, 2024, 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm.**

A presentation of videos assembled by Carolyn Botari; Collections Coordinator of the Pelham Historical Society will follow our Annual General Meeting. One of the videos documents the area near the corner of Pelham Street and Highway #20 in August 1946 and the other is a series of short clips filmed in 1939.

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