

# THE BLUE MOUNTAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY LIBRARY NEWS



## Volunteers are the heart of the Library

The Blue Mountains Public Library is supported by a network of volunteers who provide thousands of hours of service each year, contributing greatly to the smooth running of the library, gallery and museum. Citizens of all ages volunteer their time and skills to the community through their work.

Dorothy, one of the very first volunteers at the library, tapes and covers new materials. Marjorie receives and shelves new magazines. Marg's gentle British accent is the one you hear on Thursday mornings letting you know what's overdue. Laurie comes in to get DVDs ready for the shelf. Richard delivers a free computer class every month. We are pleased that Guy has taken over his late wife Nancy's task of receiving and stamping new books. Joan waters and nurtures the plants at L.E. Shore. Marylou organizes the Knitting Group. Logan cleans and shelves the DVDs and updates the laptops for loan.

Volunteers at the Craigeith Heritage Depot include Robert who has provided his in-depth knowledge of history and interviewing skills to find hidden nuggets of information in the community. Olga channels her inner calligrapher as she transcribes old documents for public access. Tom and Tracey give film talks and organize our film events. Michael organizes our LBGQT and Friends group. Kirsty gives gentle direction to our mediation group. Luke has given extra time to make our DJ lessons rock.

Members of the Library Board are also volunteers. Trustees are appointed for four year terms, meeting regularly to provide the highest level of decision making at the library, including strategic planning and policy development.

The Arts Advisory Council supports the Gallery to showcase and promote local artists. Members of the AAC select Gallery exhibitors, install art shows and plan opening receptions. The council also organizes travel talks and other programs held in the Gallery, like the Viking talk with Robert Burcher and Alison Leonard on April 13.

The Museum Advisory Council (MAC) is appointed by the Library Board. They are an advocate for the museum and communicate museum service needs. MAC raised the funds for the successful film project and edu-kits at the museum. The council has a deep well of knowledge and supports the preservation of, and access to, our natural and cultural heritage through the museum.

A volunteer appreciation luncheon will be held at L.E. Shore on Thursday, April 19 from 12:30 to 2pm. We invite all past and present volunteers to join us for tea, sandwiches and treats in the Gallery.

If you are interested in volunteering with us, please email [libraryinfo@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:libraryinfo@thebluemountains.ca) for more information.

Volunteers strengthen and enrich both our library system and our community. To those who donate their time, energy and talents, **we thank you!**

# Museum News

April 2 to 8 is Archives Awareness Week

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*archives* (plural noun)

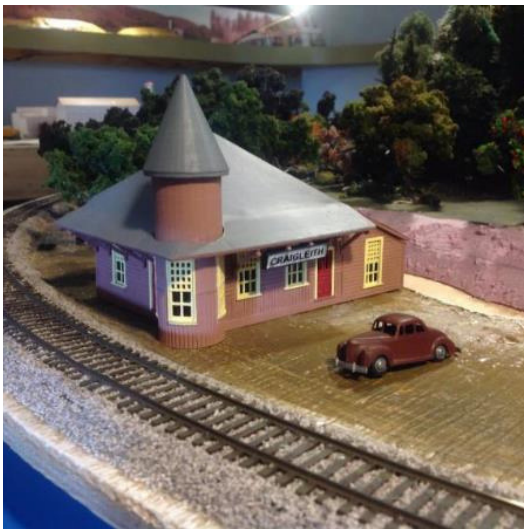
a collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution, or group of people

The Craigleith Heritage Depot has a growing archives relating to the Town of The Blue Mountains that includes newspapers, scrapbooks, photographs, maps, plans, letters, diaries, invoices, registers and more. These objects help people discover the past, answer questions and inspire creativity.

The Curator is always interested in any historical items relating to our community that would be of help to our users. One of our more recent donations was a register from a local store from the 1920's. It tells about the suppliers to the store, like Ganong Chocolates from New Brunswick, and the businesses and people who had accounts.

Researchers use our varied resources for all kinds of reasons. Such as: writing books; tracking down their family tree; completing business reports; making models; creating art; becoming informed about this community and sometimes to be surprised! There are some remarkable stories to share in the archives.

In 2017, the CHD had 66 individual research requests on a wide range of subjects. Thousands more visited virtually and checked out our online resources. This includes an online exhibit on **Clarksburg's Centennial**, a database of photographs, and the **Then and Now** site. In addition, the library catalogue has local history books and digital books ready to read on subjects relating to our communities. Check out our **research page on the library website**, or under the Museum tab for more information.



NOTTAWASAGA MODEL RAILWAY CLUB, CHD, PART OF THEIR NORTHERN RAILWAY EXHIBIT

Guest Book Quotes from the Craigleith Heritage Depot  
"Wonderful exhibit about Willi [Winkels]" - Brantford, ON

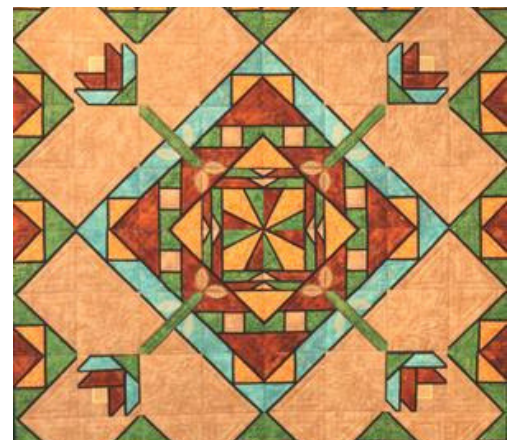
## In the Gallery

### Quilts by Marg Harrison

Show runs from March 31 to May 2, 2018

#### One of a kind quilted treasures by Marg Harrison

Marg Harrison writes about her craft: "I'm passionate about my quilting hobby, encompassing everything from full size bed quilts to placemats and table runners, as well as a large range of wallhangings. Recently I've incorporated machine embroidery and machine appliqué into my quilts. The pieces displayed in this show reflect the diversity of my quilting, from traditional patterns to modern designs".



"STAINED GLASS" BY MARG HARRISON

# Programs

**Contact the Library or visit our website's Event Calendar to register for programs.**

**Unless indicated, all programs are free.**

**LES = L.E. Shore Memorial Library**

**CHD = Craigleith Heritage Depot**

**Seniors Exercise** Sitting or standing, no matter your ability. Improve your fitness and balance. \$2/person. Every Monday and Wednesday 10:30-11:30am at LES.

**Family Friday Story Time** A great way to start your weekend! Ages 0-5 years. Stories, crafts, games, sensory play and fun. Every Friday 10:45-11:30am in the L.E. Shore Story Tower.

**Yoga for Kids!** Join local instructor, Kara, for a fun yoga class. Ages 6 and up. Cost by donation. Every Wednesday 3:30-4:15pm at LES. WAIT LIST

**Felting Workshop with Local Artist Fiona Legg** Unleash your inner artist and create a beautiful unique piece of art. Sunday, April 8 at 1-3pm at LES. \$10/person. WAIT LIST

**Blue Mountains Writer's Group** For writers of all genres to meet and talk about all things literary. Tuesday, April 10 and April 24 from 1:30-3pm at CHD.

**iPad Photo with Darrell Noseworthy** Taking photos with the iPad and using the Photo App. Must have taken iPad Basics or be very comfortable with your iPad. **Registration required.** Friday, April 13 from 2-4pm at LES. Cost: \$15.

**National Film Day** Come out to enjoy the film **KING FOR A DAY**, and discover the back story of the Elvis festival. Award winning local company Mountain Goat Films produced this documentary. Wednesday, April 18 from 1-3pm at CHD.



**VIKINGS: Rethinking the Myths and the Mysteries** Say the word VIKINGS and all sorts of nasty images spring to mind; but recently there has been an effort to rethink the role of Vikings in world history. Alison Leonard and Robert Burcher have teamed up to present a fascinating show about our perceptions of Vikings. Friday, April 13 from 10am-noon at LES. Drop-in.

**Sweetwater Meditation Circle** Learn simple breathing techniques, and explore different meditative practices. Health benefits include reducing stress and managing pain. Thursday, April 19 from 2-3pm at CHD.

**Reel History: Celebrating the Town of the Blue Mountains in Film** In 2017, the Craigleith Heritage Depot commissioned three short films to provide a quick visual tour of Indigenous History, the Apple Industry and the Ski Industry in the Town of the Blue Mountains. The Arts Advisory Committee will present a special public viewing of all three films. Thursday, April 19 from 7-8pm at LES. Drop-in.

**Earth Day Crafts** Celebrate Earth Day with us. We will be making SEED BOMBS: little balls of clay, compost, and seeds that you plant in the ground. All-ages. Sunday, April 22 from 2-3pm at LES. Register online.

**Earth Day with Blue Mountain Watershed Trust** Blanka Guyatt of the Blue Mountain Watershed Trust will speak on nature conservation. Learn about the ecosystems of the Niagara Escarpment and Georgian Bay. Come hear about our wetlands, endangered & invasive species, and BMWT's efforts to educate developers in the area. Sunday, April 22 from 3:30-4pm at CHD.

**Craigleith Heritage Depot Book Club** This month the group discusses "The Cellist of Sarajevo" by Steven Galloway. Meets in the turret room Wednesday, April 25 at 6:30pm.

**Play With Nature PD Day** We will be making crafts from nature, for nature! Compostable items will be used to feed wildlife and ourselves. Sticks, seeds, and soil... it could get messy! Friday April 27 from 2-4pm at CHD.

**Pottery Workshop with Carol Hahn** Local potter, Carol, is back. Learn to make your own pottery. \$20/person. Saturday, April 28 at 10:30am-12pm at LES. WAIT LIST

**LBGTQ & Friends** This social group takes time to share concerns, joys, experiences and challenges of navigating a full life here in the beautiful Blue Mountains. Whether you are LBGTQ or an ally this group is for you! Saturday April 28, 10am-12pm at CHD.

**iPad Basics with Darrell Noseworthy** You may think you know the basics, but do you? Darrell covers touch screen gestures, working with apps, the App Store and browsing the internet. A pre-requisite for other iPad classes. Friday, May 11, 2-4pm at LES. \$15/person. **Registration required.**

## Survey #1: Website

We are updating our website and want to know how you use the site, and whether there is anything missing that you want or expect. Fill out the short survey at either of our branches, or complete online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BMPL1>

This is the first in a series of surveys that we'll be having to determine how we can better serve our community. We thank you in advance for helping us to make a better Blue Mountains Public Library System.

## Set up your account to view your children's checkouts

There's a new feature in our library catalogue that allows parents and guardians to easily see that materials their children aged 0-11 years have checked out. If you would like to set up this feature on your account, let us know. We will need the birth dates of your children, as we are activating this feature for parents and guardians of children aged 11 and under.



**Library Board Meeting:** Thursday, April 19 at 2pm in the L.E. Shore Gallery

**Easter Hours:** We are closed Friday, March 30, Sunday, April 1 and Monday, April 2. Regular hours Saturday.

### L.E. Shore Memorial Library

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Thornbury, Ontario

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Monday 10-5

Tuesday 10-8

Wednesday 10-5

Thursday 10-8

Friday 10-5

Saturday 10-5

Sunday 12-4

## New This Spring

We want everyone to know that you can place holds on books that are on order. Here are 10 highly anticipated spring titles. Place a hold now!



**Never-Ending Present: The Story of Gord Downie and the Tragically Hip** by Michael Barclay (Non-fiction)

**Higher Loyalty: Truth, Lies, and Leadership** by James Comey (Non-fiction)

**The Fallen** by David Baldacci (Fiction)

**Cutting Edge** by Jeffrey Deaver (Fiction)

**Death of Mrs. Westaway** by Ruth Ware (Fiction)

**Cold Skies: A DreadfulWater Mystery** by Thomas King (Fiction)

**Perfect Couple** by Elin Hilderbrand (Fiction)

**Love and Ruin** by Paula McLain (Fiction)

**Warlight** by Michael Ondaatje (Fiction)

**Outsider** by Stephen King (Fiction)

**Shelter in Place** by Nora Roberts (Fiction)

**Court of Frost and Starlight** by Sarah Maas (Young adult)

**Big Nate: Silent but Deadly** by Lincoln Peirce (Junior Fiction)

### Craigleith Heritage Depot

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Monday CLOSED

Tuesday 12-5

Wednesday 3-8

Thursday 12-5

Friday 12-5

Saturday 10-5

Sunday 12-5

