



NEWS FROM KING TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Join us for the next KTHS Speaker Series - Sept. 30

Noted educator and historian, **David Moore**, will present on the **burning of the White House in 1814** on Sunday, September 30 from 2:00 to 4:00. Location TBA.

Commemoration of the end of WWI Event @ Marylake - November 11

Save the date for a **celebration event at Marylake to commemorate the end of World War I** on Sunday, November 11. Details in the fall KTHS newsletter.

Save the Date for an evening of Jazz with Adam Saunders - Friday, Nov. 30!

Jazz great - **Adam Saunders and the Hammered Brass** will be performing on Friday, November 30 - brought to you by KTHS. Details on location, time and price TBA.



Mathews Signs Book Deal to Write the History of King

Kelly Mathews, author of the acclaimed *The Road to Marylake* as well as *Eaton Hall: Pride of King Township*, has officially signed a contract to author a comprehensive history of King Township. Kelly served on the Board of the King Township Historical Society (KTHS) for several years, but stepped down from the Board earlier this year to focus on writing this book.

As members, you will know our objectives as a Society are to promote research into the history of King Township, to secure and preserve an accurate account of the progress and development of the Township, and to inspire public interest in the history of the Township. With the publication of our new book, we hope to fulfill all three objectives ... and then some.



Thank
You

Thanks to four recent donors, we have almost reached our book fundraising goal!

KTHS is pleased to announce that in early June we received four generous and welcome donations from **Rolph and Joan Davis and the Davis Family**, the **Flavelle Family Foundation**, **Judith Tenenbaum** and **David Love**. On behalf of KTHS, we say Thank You!

If we are so lucky as to raise more than our target, these monies will go toward further enhancing the book, as well as to increase its distribution. We hope to have enough money to donate multiple copies to local schools and libraries.

As a registered charity, we provide a receipt for income tax purposes for donations by cheque or cash. Those who donate \$250 or more will be acknowledged (listed as patrons of the book) if they wish. Any and all donations are welcome!

This is a legacy project, initiated by the Board of Directors on behalf of the KTHS in the year of Canada’s 150th anniversary, as an offering to the community to celebrate our roots. The book will cover, in detail, the story of our community – major events and overarching themes from the issuing of the first land grant in 1797 to the end of the Second World War. A prologue will discuss what is known about the pre-European settlement and the last chapter will summarize the dramatic changes since 1945.

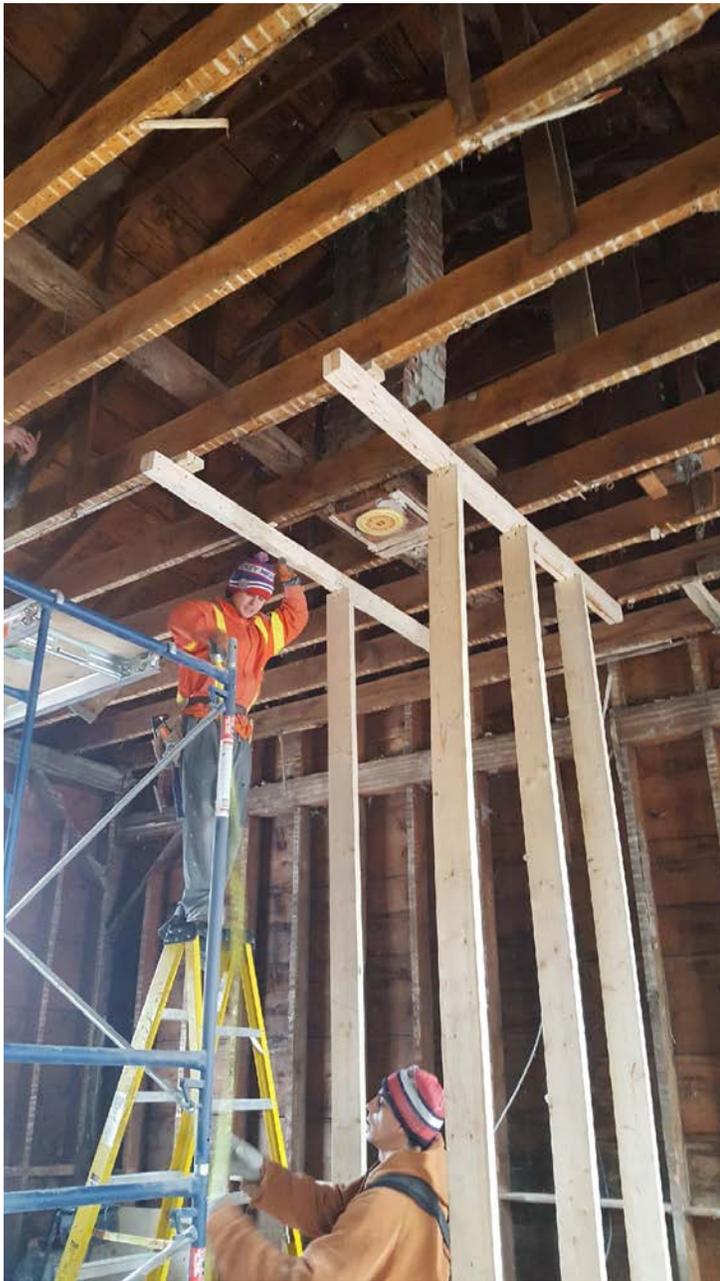
Of a budget of \$65,000, the Society is contributing funds saved from previous donations, membership fees, and Christmas Concerts. And the Township has stepped forward with \$25,000 from the Mayor’s Discretionary Fund made up of earnings from his annual golf tournament. Approval of the Township contribution was unanimous at King Council in early January.

Please consider a donation of \$50, \$100, \$500 – any amount is appreciated as we look to reach our goal. **Donations may be made by cheque payable to the King Township Historical Society** and mailed to: King Heritage & Cultural Centre, 2920 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1L6, **or by credit card through www.canadahelps.org**. Choose your amount, where you want to direct the money (book project), and receive a tax receipt immediately. Please join us in meeting the mission of our Society through this exciting project.

Memorial Bench & Tree Donation Opportunities!



The King Museum has a few ideal locations on its grounds for a memorial park bench or tree in memory of a loved one. For information on pricing and locations, please contact Lyndsay Brannon at the Township of King’s Parks, Recreation and Culture Department at lbrannon@king.ca or 905.833-5321 x5252.



King Museum Renovation Update

At a recent King Township Historical Society Board meeting in May, Jon Bell, Deputy Manager of Community Services reported on the status of the museum's renovations project and stressed the overarching goal is to make the King Museum "a heritage and cultural hub of King."

With the recent relocation of historic Laskay Hall to the premises and the new Amphitheatre in place, both to house a variety of performances, they are now awaiting the completion of renovations to the Kinghorn Schoolroom that will house an interactive and permanent exhibit outlining the history of King Township.

At this point the demolition is complete, as are architectural drawings. The room is prepped to install a three-floor elevator and electrical wiring and the interior design is more than 75% finalized. They are now in the process of creating written materials for the timeline displays and the selection of artifacts for the permanent and temporary displays.

A few surprises have been encountered along the way, which have delayed progress only slightly, including the

discovery of a **swaying chimney suspended in mid-air**, which was formerly attached to a Pot Belly Stove in the one-room schoolhouse. Apparently, this phenomenon is not uncommon as it was a quick workaround to remove a chimney and simply shingle over the spot without dismantling the interior portion – a potentially dangerous shortcut indeed!

Funding for this project comes from a federal grant from the Canadian Heritage Services issued to improve heritage and art facilities, as well as generous funding from the Doris Fawcett Bequest Fund through the King Township Historical Society. The opening date had been set for September, but has been pushed back by the design company Reich + Petch to later in the fall, with a date to be announced when the new museum exhibit is completely installed and the grounds work outside Laskay Hall is complete.



What's Happening at the King Museum?

Night at the Museum: A 007 Martini Evening - August 18, 7:00-10:00pm

Join us for an elegant James Bond inspired evening of cocktails, live music and food fit for an M16 agent! Tickets are \$40 and available in advance or at the door.

The Life and Legacy of Sir Arthur Currie exhibit

opens this fall commemorating the Great War. More information to follow or visit www.kingmuseum.king.ca



What Happened to the Eversley School House Bell & Bell Tower?

The Country Day School is looking for any leads or information on the whereabouts of the original Eversley School House (built in 1883) bell and bell tower. As you can see in the two attached photos: one from 1949 and the other from around 1961, the year Eversley Public School opened, that the bell tower disappeared at some point in between.

One can surmise that it blew over in a windstorm and ended up in a landfill. But maybe someone knows exactly when it was removed and has it stored somewhere for safe keeping. We would love to learn the answer!

If you know anything or have suggestions on who we could call, please contact Kim Sillcox at kim.sillcox@cds.on.ca or 905.833.1220 x306. We appreciate any and all leads! Thank you!

 **IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!**



King Township Historical Society, 2920 King Road, King City ON L7B 1L6

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2018

(PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION AND MAIL CHEQUE TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS)

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Upcoming Events in and around King:



King Celebrates Canada Day in Kettleby

Sunday July 1, 2018, 5pm - Dusk

The grand tradition of Canada's celebration at Tyrwhitt Park in Kettleby continues. Presented by the Kettleby Village Association in partnership with the Township of King, the event takes place July 1st in Kettleby Park. Bring the family and join us for old-fashioned fun and games for kids of all ages, including delicious food and Fireworks to complete the day. For more information, please email events@king.ca



Arts Society King (ASK)

Sunday, September 16, 2018, 10am - 5pm

Annual Schomberg Street Gallery featuring an outdoor juried fine arts and craft show. Main Street Schomberg will be closed to vehicles from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and admission is free. Visit www.ArtsSocietyKing.ca for details.



Holland Marsh Soupfest at Ansnorveldt Park

Saturday, September 29, 2018, 11am-3pm

The Holland Marsh Soupfest gives everyone a unique opportunity to sample delicious soups created with produce and meats grown locally in the Holland Marsh. Discount tickets are available online in advance. More information, visit www.soupfest.ca



History of KTHS in Brief:

The KTHS dates back to 1972 when a group of dedicated residents, with interests in preserving the history of their Township, gathered to form the King Township Historical Society. In 1981 ~1982, the KTHS was incorporated by the Ontario Historical Society under a Provincial Letters Patent.

Our goals and objectives are to encourage research into the history, to secure and preserve an accurate account of the progress and development, and to promote public interest in the history of King Township. More information may be found on our website at www.kingtowshiphistoricalsociety.com.