



# NEWS FROM KING TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY



*Featuring*  
**David Moore**

**Sept. 30, 2:00-4:00 pm**

## The Strategic Context of the War of 1812

*Come and learn about a conflict that meant the difference between Canada's survival and absorption into the United States!*



Noted educator and historian, David Moore, will speak about how the War of 1812 fits into events in Europe and around the world in the early 19th century. Mr. Moore's involvement in military history is extensive, including acting as the keynote speaker at a history convention at the University of Windsor, and lecturing internationally, including at the Smithsonian in Washington, DC during the 200th commemoration of the burning of the White House in 2014.

This **FREE** event takes place on **Sunday, September 30**, from **2:00-4:00 pm** in the **newly reopened Laskay Hall**, King Heritage & Cultural Centre. Refreshments will be served!



**Thanks to more donors to the King book project, we are closer to reaching our fundraising goal!**

KTHS is pleased to announce that this summer we received five more generous donations from **ScotiaBank, Tony Rolph, Tom & Virginia Atkins, Robert & Shirley Peavoy, Sue & Peter Iaboni** and **Ed Millar**. On behalf of KTHS, we say Thank You!

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



**Make Your Online Donation to the History of King Book through Canada Helps**

The King Township History book, which member Kelly Mathews has been commissioned to write, is progressing nicely and we are going to be very proud to see it published in early 2020.

The estimated cost of this project is in the order of \$65,000. King Township has very generously contributed \$25,000, and the \$40,000 balance is the responsibility of your King Township and Historical Society.

The fundraising activity has already begun, and to date, we have raised **\$15,600**. This includes a **\$5,000** grant from the Sir Joseph Flavelle Foundation, a **\$3,000** grant from Scotiabank, and **\$7,600** from our members. All donations will receive a tax receipt and donations of \$250 or more will be recognized in a publication. You are urged to consider making a contribution to this exciting project.

This summer, Historical Society member David Love, along with Board members Bill Salter and Ken Carter, added a link to **Canada Helps** from the KTHS webpage: [www.kingtowshiphistoricalsociety.com](http://www.kingtowshiphistoricalsociety.com).

**Canada Helps** is a registered charity that offers online credit card donation services to all small registered charities in Canada. You may visit [www.canadahelps.org](http://www.canadahelps.org) and find the King Township Historical Society donations page OR visit our own website, press **DONATE**, and transfer to the same page.

Once on the donation page, you can read about KTHS, see a few photos, choose a project or membership payment option, pay by credit card, and print a charitable receipt from Canada Helps. Canada Helps processes the credit card payment and transfers the money to our bank account in Nobleton, taking a fee about the equivalent to the credit card company processing fee.

KTHS members and other interested donors can donate to the book project or renew their KTHS membership easily through our Canada Helps page. Let us know if you have suggestions for improvements, but more importantly, why not test it out yourself and *consider renewing your membership for 2019 today!*



## Adam Saunders Performs Jazz Concert at Laskay Hall - Nov. 30

Those music lovers who have heard Jazz great **Adam Saunders and the Hammered Brass Band** perform in the past won't want to miss the occasion to see him again on **Friday, November 30**. The concert starts at **7:00 pm in the newly reopened Laskay Hall**, adjacent to the King Heritage and Cultural Centre.

A gifted jazz pianist, bandleader, and performer, Adam Saunders has shared the stage with some of the world's leading jazz musicians. His home in King Township is a regular retreat for musicians traveling through Canada.

Adam's band includes some of his most respected colleagues and friends - great jazz musicians. Distinguished performers in their own right, they are a dynamic team always promising a lively event. On this particular evening, Adam will perform a range of jazz music spanning the decades with five or six of his colleagues.

For a recent performance in Muskoka, two of his band members made the trip from Ottawa to perform with him. In their words, "We perform with Adam only five or six times a year, but that's never enough!"

**Tickets to the November 30th KTHS holiday concert are \$25** and can be purchased at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre museum at 2920 King Road in advance or at the door.

## The Life and Legacy of General Sir Arthur Currie: A Special Exhibit Oct. 8 - Nov. 12

From **October 8 - November 12**, the **King Heritage and Cultural Centre** is hosting a special exhibit on **The Life and Legacy of Sir Arthur Currie** on loan from Museum Strathroy-Caradoc. This exhibit highlights Arthur Currie, the WWI hero and the first Canadian commander of the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

Considered one of the finest generals of the Great War, Currie led the Canadian Corps to several important victories in the battles at Hill 70 and Passchendaele to name a few. Under his leadership, the Corps solidified its impressive reputation as a brave, well trained formation able to achieve victory against even the most difficult odds. To some however, Currie was seen as a heartless leader with no concern for loss of life. More recently, his reputation has placed him as one of Canada's most important military figures. For more information on this exhibit, please contact us at [kingmuseum@king.ca](mailto:kingmuseum@king.ca) or 905-833-2331.





## What's Happening at the King Museum?

### Community Curated Exhibit

The King Museum staff ask the Community to be the Curator! From **January 14-February 28** at the **King Heritage & Cultural Centre** we want to highlight those family heirlooms or unique conversation pieces that tell a story about your life or your family history. We invite you to celebrate your hidden gems in this community curated exhibit. To submit a piece for display, contact [kingmuseum@king.ca](mailto:kingmuseum@king.ca) or 905-833-2331.

Then at the opening reception it will be time for the *artifacts to speak*. On **January 20 from 2-4 pm** at the **King Heritage & Cultural Centre**, community members who have loaned a personal object for display will have the chance to give a brief explanation on the significance of this item to their family history. Touching and sentimental or weird and wacky, these stories are guaranteed to intrigue. Light refreshments will be served.

## The Way Things Used to Be

### *A brief history of Lloydtown*

Jesse Lloyd was born in Pennsylvania in 1786 to William and Susan Lloyd and two years later they arrived in Canada by covered wagon and initially took up farming in Niagara. In 1812, the family moved to King Township and took up residence on Yonge Street. In 1813, Jesse Lloyd, then 27 years of age, married Phoebe Crossley, then but 14 years old, and she bore him 14 children. In 1826, Jesse built a grist mill in what became Lloyd's Town, later Lloydtown, named in honour of Jesse and Phoebe.

Jesse Lloyd's grist mill was the first such mill in the area, and reportedly could grind 100 barrels of flour every day. It became the centre of a rapidly growing settlement on the original 60 acres purchased by Jesse for the mill and was soon the major centre in the Township. By the middle of the century, Lloydtown boasted not only a grist mill, but three hotels, two churches, a sawmill, a tannery, a harness shop, three blacksmith shops, two shoe shops, two cooperages, a tinsmith shop, several general stores, a distillery and a population of about 350 people. In those days, the village of Lloydtown was one of the largest centres in the Township and a much larger centre than was Brownsville, about a mile away, that has since become Schomberg.

Jesse sold the grist mill in 1832 and acquired 100 acres nearby on which he built a log barn and a two-story brick house - one of the first brick houses in the Township.

The first Post Office in King Township was opened in Lloydtown in 1831 with the mail arriving three times a week by horseback from Toronto, and later by stage coach from Aurora. In August of 1862, the Post Office was relocated to Brownsville which by then was becoming a larger centre than Lloydtown. The mail continued to come by stagecoach from Aurora until the building of the Schomberg-Aurora Railroad in 1902 after which mail arrived twice daily.

The first school in Lloydtown was a log building, replaced in 1863 by a brick building, and a second small room was added in 1938. Mrs. Joan Colwell, now living in Beeton, recalls that when she was 17 years of age and just graduated from high school, she enrolled in a six-week

teacher training course and was hired to teach in the Lloydtown School. As the only teacher in the school, she taught Grades 1-8 simultaneously in one classroom and says that some of the boys were older and taller than she was! She was an active hockey player on the girls' hockey team, until the school trustees asked her to stop playing, fearing that if she was injured and unable to attend to the classes, they would be unable to find a substitute willing to take on eight grades at once!

Joan continued to teach at the Lloydtown School until it was closed in 1966 and the children were bussed to larger schools. The school building remains there today, and with some modifications stands now as a very fine residence.

William Lyon MacKenze, who came to Canada from Scotland in 1820, was the leader of a movement protesting poor roads, land speculation, and the failure to clear the road allowances abutting lands allocated to them. Jesse Lloyd, despite the concerns of his young wife, became associated with MacKenze in the planning and organizing of an attack on York in what has become known as "The Lloydtown Rebellion". In 1837, the rebels, armed with pikes and pitch forks, marked down Yonge Street to Montgomery's Tavern. In the ensuing confrontation, the rebels were defeated and Jesse Lloyd, with a price of 500 pounds on his head, fled to the United States. Two years later, at the age of 53 and in poor health, he died and is buried in the U.S., never having returned to his dear wife, family and the country he loved. Phoebe lived to the age of 89 and lies buried in the Wesleyan Methodist Pioneer cemetery in Lloydtown.

Little remains today of the once vibrant village of Lloydtown. Gradually, nearly all of the buildings have disappeared. Many burned, others were torn down and the materials salvaged and used in the building of Schomberg. The last remaining General Store, built by William Bond in 1887, was in operation by the family until 1964 and continued as a private residence until many years later when it tragically burned to the ground. Today, Lloydtown is a small, quiet, rural hamlet. The river which supplied power to Jesse's grist mill still flows through it and the pond is still the home to migrating wildfowl. A stone cairn, honouring the pioneers who built Lloydtown, and a bronze statue of a rebel honouring those who participated in the 1837 rebellion, have been erected as a reminder of the way things used to be.

I am grateful to Elizabeth McClure Gillham for her work and her publications, "Early Settlements of King Township" and "Album of Oldies" in which much of the information and photographs recorded in this story were found. These books are both available for sale at the King Township Museum.

*Story by Bill Salter*



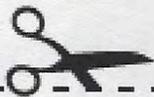
send us your pictures!



KTHS Wants Your King Heritage Photos! Help us tell the story of King through your gems!

As local author and historian, Kelly Mathews continues with her research on the comprehensive history of King Township, she is in search of historic photos from old family photo albums, boxes in your attic, or even framed pictures on your walls.

The best place to find local pictures is with local people. You may feel a photo in your possession has no special meaning, but something in the background could be a real treasure. We will scan the images should we chose to use them and return them to you (unless you would like to donate them to the King Archives). Please include a self-addressed return envelope and drop them off to the attention KTTHS at the Museum.



IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2018
(PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION AND MAIL CHEQUE TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS)

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# REMEMBERING THE GREAT WAR

{ 100 YEARS LATER }

Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 2:30 pm

**CONCERT SCHEDULE**

**Introduction:** Marylake Shrine's Prior  
**Military March**  
**O Canada**

**Nova Scotia Song**  
**Preghiera Per I Soldati**  
**Ta-Pum**  
**The Cross**  
**Bible Reading:** Micah 4:1-4  
**Taps**  
**In Flanders Fields**

**After the War**  
**Military Band Somber Music**  
**Bible Reading:** John 14:25-27  
**Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**  
**Let There be Peace on Earth**  
**Canon of Peace**

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Presentations made by the King Historical Society, King Museum and King Library.



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## Upcoming Events in and around King

### Art Journaling Workshop

**Saturday, October 20, 1:00-4:00 pm**

*Laskay Hall at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre*

Take a workshop with ASK artist Lyn Wilson, NO ART EXPERIENCE REQUIRED, featuring an outdoor juried fine arts and craft show. You will make a creative visual diary as a way to record your thoughts, memories, and emotions through images, art and words. Cost is \$75, which covers most materials and refreshments. For more information or to register, visit [www.ArtsSocietyKing.ca](http://www.ArtsSocietyKing.ca) or call 905-833-2331.



### Christmas in King City

**Saturday, November 24, 3:00-7:00 pm**

Join the festivities as King City businesses open their doors offering special treats and holiday cheer to all, including a tree lighting ceremony, live performances and reindeer, photos with Santa and fireworks.



### Evening at the IMPROV

**Saturday, Nov. 24, doors open at 7:00 pm, 8:00 pm Showtime**

*Laskay Hall at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre*

Arts Society King presents an Evening at the IMPROV featuring Bad Dog Theatre Company. Join friends for a unique, fun, laugh-out-loud, audience involved comedy theatre night at Laskay Hall located at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre. Tickets include refreshments and are \$40 each (plus HST) and can be purchased at [www.ArtsSocietyKing.ca](http://www.ArtsSocietyKing.ca) or by calling 905-833-2331.



### **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](http://www.kingtowshiphistoricalsociety.com).*