



# NEWS FROM KING TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY



There are lots of reasons to be hopeful for a more normal summer! Enjoy and stay safe!

## KTHS AGM Update

The roster for the 2021 KTHS Board of Directors was presented and approved at the March 7th AGM and is as follows:

### 2021 KTHS Board of Directors

- Richard Vien – President
- Ann Love – Past President
- Murdene Pozdrowski – Vice President
- Linda Similas Treasurer
- Ed Millar – Secretary
- Bev Flanagan – Programs
- Kim Sillcox – Newsletter
- Madison Gane – Website and Social Media
- Sharon Bentley - Membership
- Tony Rolph – Director at Large

*\*And Diana Armitage – was unanimously voted in as a Director at Large at May 2021 Board meeting.*



Members of the **Fawcett Committee** include: Linda Similas, Tony Rolph, Diana Armitage, Richard Vien – ex officio and Ed Millar – ex officio.

As part of the President’s Report, Richard Vien made a special tribute to retiring Board member **Bill Salter** for his many years as Treasurer. Bill first joined the KTHS Board at the AGM on February 11, 2007 and accepted the position of Treasurer on March 1, 2010, at the first Board meeting following the 2010 AGM. Thank you Bill for your 14 years of service to the KTHS!

In his final Membership report, Bill reported that the KTHS has 90 members, broken down into 22 Individual, 2 Family and 22 Life memberships. Our new website now makes it easier than ever to become a member.

Following the AGM, we were treated to our guest speaker and KTHS member, **Carol Field**, who entertained members with the reading of stories from her recently published *Memories of King*, followed by a short Q&A session. Thank you Carol!

## History of King Book Update

Although fundraising is complete and the publisher has received the first down payment, the impact of the pandemic continues to slow progress, primarily because author **Kelly Mathews** has not been able to conclude her research due to the closure of Toronto Archives, thereby putting off the release date until 2022.

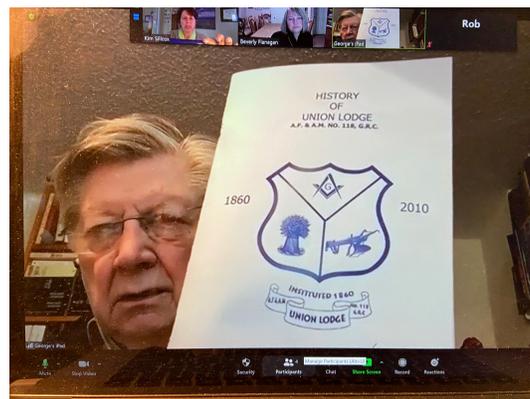
Stay tuned for future updates!



## Thank you to our April Guest Speaker, George Burt

On April 18<sup>th</sup>, KTHS members were treated to an online Speakers Series presentation on the **History of Union Lodge in Schomberg by long time Mason, George Burt**. George took us on a virtual tour of Union Lodge located on Main Street and shared the history of the Mason movement and its membership.

In brief, Union Lodge moved to Schomberg in 1870. Like many other organizations, the Lodge witnessed periods of activity over the years, as well as periods of diminished activity. From 1896 to 1900, it had only one Initiation. By 1903 the membership had drifted down to a low-tide mark of 17 members. In contrast, by 1985, at its 125th anniversary, the Lodge had a membership of about 125 members.



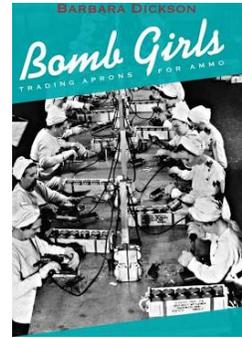
Union Lodge No. 118 G.R.C. is one of Canada’s oldest Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

George explained that like other Masonic Lodges located across Canada, the U.S. and the world, Union Lodge is non-denominational but holds deeply-rooted traditions that rely on protocol and ceremony in their support of morality, charity and obedience to the law of the land.

## KTHS Speaker Series - Save the Date - Sept. 12!

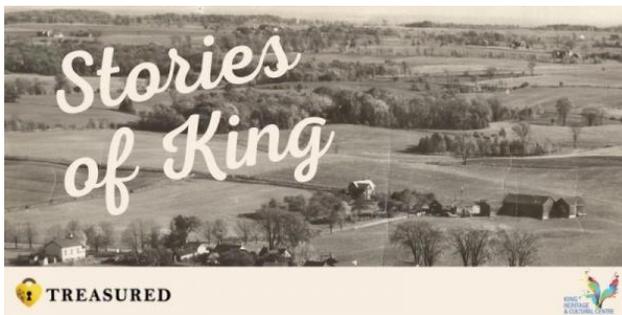


Please join us for the next **King Township Historical Society (KTHS) Speaker Series on Sunday, September 12th from 1-2pm on Zoom!** **Barbara Dickson**, author of ***Bomb Girls: Trading Aprons for Ammo***, an historical record of Canada's biggest WWII munitions plant employing more than 21,000 citizens (mostly women).



We will share more details & Zoom link closer to the date. We hope you can join us!

## King Museum Launches Virtual Exhibit



The King Heritage & Cultural Centre (KHCC) has been doing some very inventive things this past year while their doors have remained closed due to COVID restrictions.

Perhaps the most exciting is forging a relationship with a local software company, **Treasured, Inc.**, resulting in a free virtual exhibit titled ***Stories of King***, featuring interesting and lesser-known tales from the Township.

Liza Mallyon, Collections & Exhibit Coordinator at the KHCC, believes the partnership is timely as the museum is keen to increase its online presence and reach new, younger audiences and those who are not able to visit in person.

One tactic they employed to accomplish this was to reach out to younger voice “actors” to record some of these stories.

In March, three local high school students Arjun Walia, Reese Falkenberg and Mason Davis spent time recording the diaries (direct transcriptions) of Tom, Millie and Jonty Beynon of Temperanceville, as part of the ***Dear Diary*** exhibit. (The Beynon family have resided in King for more than 200 years.) Their one-to-three minute audio recordings offer a glimpse into King Township life from the 1870s and 1880s of unrequited love, funny situations and family drama.

The new 3D portion of the exhibit launched on April 9<sup>th</sup>. It allows visitors to explore *Stories in King* in a more interactive way and is geared toward a younger audience. “Visitors may be surprised to learn how many intriguing things have happened in King,” says Mallyon.

We highly recommend you take the time to peruse and listen to this virtual exhibit here: <http://bit.ly/StoriesofKing>. You will be transported back in time and delight in the experience!

## KTHS Funds the Planting of Memorial Trees

The KTHS is funding the planting of some memorial trees behind the King Heritage & Cultural Centre this spring. One is in memory of **Heather Robertson** (1942-2014), celebrated author and President of KTHS from 2012-2014. A second tree is in memory of **Fiona Cowles** (1939-2013), volunteer extraordinaire and life member of KTHS.



And finally, a **grove of trees to honour and celebrate the founders, volunteers and members** as a lead up to our **KTHS on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, 1972-2022**.

These visionary founders challenged the Society to research, preserve, and ignite public interest in the story of King Township. A dedication ceremony will be possible at a later date.

## King Township Author's Corner - Ann and David Love

*Did you Know ... that both our former KTHS President **Ann Love** and her husband, **David Love**, are authors?*

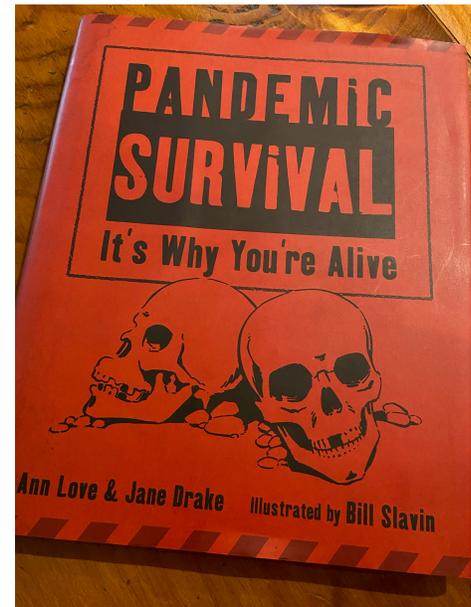
In addition to co-authoring numerous children's books (33 and counting) with her sister, Jane Drake, **Ann Love** has also co-authored ***Pandemic Survival: It's Why You're Alive*** in 2013, eight years before COVID arrived.

At the time, the sisters' rationale for publishing this book was that in the last four generations, their family medical history has included polio, typhoid, scarlet fever, typhus, measles, whooping cough, chicken pox and a few emergency appendectomies.

Recently, we asked Ann and Jane to explain their keen foresight exhibited in writing this book.

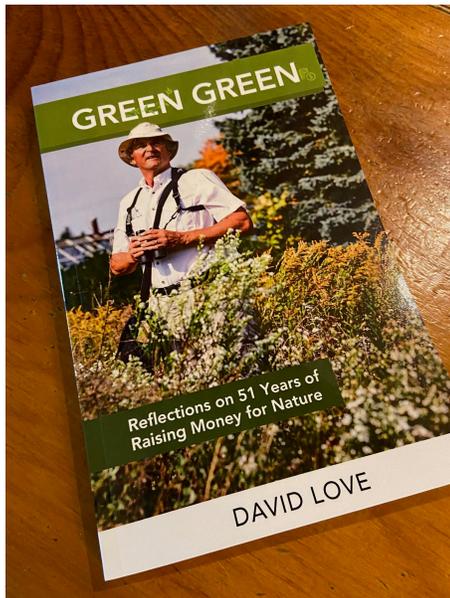
"We grew up in a medical family — our father was a physician, mother a nurse. They told stories of the startling advances in medicine they witnessed during their training. Dad worked at the Banting Institute and met patients who had been dying of diabetes but saved by the first shots of insulin. Mum nursed through polio before the vaccine. Their stories of suffering and then relief were a background for SARS in 2002 and H1N1 in 2009. SARS was dangerous, but not wildly contagious — public health jumped on it and humanity was lucky. H1N1 killed at least 20x as many people worldwide as SARS but researchers developed a vaccine quickly using existing technology. It also seemed to fade on its own — lucky again. After those two scares, we watched as many people drifted away from vaccines and prioritizing public health.

"We realized that childhood infectious diseases were common to all kids — chicken pox, mono, and the common cold were as much a part of growing up as the love of sweets, nature, games,



pets ... about which we had already written. We started to investigate epidemics through history and found a treasure of stories and cool themes to add to the ones so engaging for us over the dinner table as kids. We like telling stories that allow the readers to figure out the 'lesson.' We realized we could write an interesting — even fun — book about pandemics that would help kids to think seriously about their own health.”

Meanwhile this past April, **David Love** released his book ***Green Green: Reflections on 51 Years of Raising Money for Nature***, to coincide with the 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Earth Day. As one of the most respected figures in Canadian philanthropy – environmental fundraising in particular, “his book spans his 50+ years of raising legacy gifts for nature into one happy gem packed with tips, ideas, and insights for fundraisers.”



Early in his career, David joined the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) as an educator and quickly transitioned to fundraising for the environment. He has spent more than 30 years fundraising for WWF, which just celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in April. He is also known affectionately as the ‘Godfather of Good’ when he works with his daughter Jen at her direct response company, **Agents of Good**.

The overarching message of *Green Green* is David’s commitment to bequest giving, the act of leaving a gift in your will. He believes that no other cause is as suited to this fundraising technique as the environment. Legacy giving allows regular people, who make an average wage during their lifetimes, to make a significant legacy gift when their life on earth ends.

Looking for timely and captivating summer reads? *Pandemic Survival* is available on [www.amazon.ca](http://www.amazon.ca) and *Green Green* is available at [https://hilborn-](https://hilborn-civilsectorpress.com/products/green-green)

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## What’s Happening at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre

**Liza Mallyon**, Collections & Exhibit Coordinator reported on the following at the AGM:

\*The **reopening of the KHCC** has been postponed indefinitely as a result of COVID-19 Provincial directives. When it does reopen, there will be an admission fee of \$5 charged which will include access to the schoolhouse and long-term exhibit, short-term exhibits in the east gallery and tours of the historic buildings.

**Admission will be free of charge to KTHS and ASK members –** another great reason to join KTHS! *Membership form below.*

\*The **restoration of the railway cart with the use of Fawcett funds is complete** and it is currently on display at the front entrance of the KHCC. Richard Quick, of King’s arena/facility staff, used historical research and his own talent and dedication to insure that the cart will last for many more generations. An interpretive panel will be installed in the future.



\*The painted horse at the front of the KHCC has been moved to a slightly different location at the interior edge of the parking lot. It allows visitors to more easily see the restored railway cart and catches the eyes of passing motorists.



### Help KTHS Grow Our Membership!

Are you interested in joining the King Township Historical Society? Would you like to help support and preserve the history of King? Join today for only \$25/individual, \$30/family membership. Submit your membership online through our **new website** at [www.kingtowshiphistoricalsociety.com](http://www.kingtowshiphistoricalsociety.com) or by mail. Questions? Please email us at [kinghistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:kinghistoricalsociety@gmail.com).



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#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2021

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

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INDIVIDUAL \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ FAMILY \$30 \_\_\_\_\_ DONATION \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### 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).

## **Mayor's Celebration of Youth Arts 2021 – Virtual Edition**

Arts Society King is proud to announce that they were able to pivot this year and still hold the Mayor's Celebration of Youth Arts virtually on their website [artsocietyking.ca/events/mayors-celebration-of-youth-arts/](http://artsocietyking.ca/events/mayors-celebration-of-youth-arts/).

The art departments in King Township's three secondary schools – **The Country Day School, King City Secondary School** and **Villanova College** – did not let the pandemic keep them from nurturing their students' talents. ASK would like to thank Mayor Pellegrini and the art educators for this opportunity to celebrate King's artistic youth.

**Be sure to check this out before June 17th!**

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# MAYOR'S CELEBRATION OF YOUTH ARTS

An art exhibit featuring secondary students from Country Day School, King City Secondary School and Villanova College

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