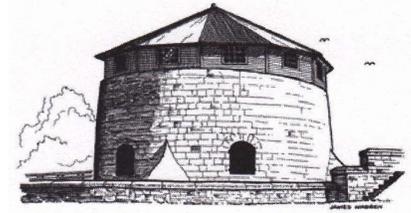


# President's Letter

## Kingston Historical Society

October 2015



### Dear Member,

You will remember that in the in between months when we have no *Limelight*, we email this newsletter to those with emails and have it available in print form at our meeting. This one is especially important because of the announcement of the Jonathon Moore meeting: this is expected to be a popular meeting, so reserve your seats quickly.

I appreciate the feedback for our use of the Seniors Centre; any further comments would be welcomed. It is now official: Seniors Centre does not use an apostrophe in their name!

Peter Gower, President

### Upcoming events

**October 14th:** in the Frontenac Room of the Seniors Centre, 56 Francis Street; 7.30; Jean Baxter will talk on “**The Education of a leader: Joseph Brant and the school that became Dartmouth College.**”

**November 4th:** in Currie Hall, Royal Military College; 7.30; Jonathan Moore, Senior Underwater Archaeologist, Parks Canada Agency will talk on “**The Wreck of Sir John Franklin's HMS Erebus: Discovery, Exploration and Archaeological Study**”. The cost will be \$20 and will include a free 2016 membership to the Marine Museum. You can meet Jonathan Moore at the cash bar reception that will follow at the Senior Officers Mess. To reserve your space, call the Marine Museum at 613-542-2261, or pass by the Museum during business hours. Currie Hall is fully accessible.

**November 18th:** in the Seniors Centre: Paul Fritz will talk on “Collecting Sir John A memorabilia.”

### September 16th Meeting

**Gord Sly** took us on a tour of the Frontenac School system from when it first started in John Stuart's house through to the closure of the rural one room schools. As with so many such talks which don't seem like history to us -we lived through this! - there was much discussion, and added comments from the audience. Thank you Gord.

### Strategic Planning

Council has decided to take a serious look at the future of the Society, under the leadership of Marcus Letourneau, Anne Richardson and Corinne Harrison. This is well under way. If you have ideas on where the Society should be going, and how we can improve ourselves, please have them ready for when you are asked later in the year.

### Sir John A Dinner

Please note the changes: Anne Richardson is organizing the dinner this year. It is on Saturday 9th, not Sir John's birthday. The cost is \$70 per person. An order form was in the September *Limelight* and tickets are expected to sell quickly.

### KHS Awards

The deadline for nominations for KHS awards is October 31st. Please consider whom you would like to nominate (individuals, groups or institutions) for their contributions to the preservation, understanding and interpretation of local Kingston history.

## Questions

One of the fun parts of answering the KHS email is the surprising number of inquiries we receive. Some I can answer, others are sent on to people who likely can. And then there are others. So ...

Rob Lindsay is making a documentary based on Roger Caron's "Go-Boy" He is interested in talking with anybody who is knowledgeable about the history of KP, and about solitary confinement and corporal punishment as it was in the 1950-1970 period., and is willing to talk on camera. See [www.goboythemovie.com](http://www.goboythemovie.com) for contact information

Wilbert Bertrim attended a small stone schoolhouse on Upper Concession Street. He would appreciate a name or a photo sent to [wilbert.bertrim@sympatico.ca](mailto:wilbert.bertrim@sympatico.ca)

Greg Baran (613 546 2321) is looking for anybody with skills to build a model 1812 era cannon

from photos and dimensions that he has.

Victor Hill ([vic\\_hill@hotmail.com](mailto:vic_hill@hotmail.com)) wonders if there was a cemetery or a native burial ground at 80 Daly Street since he "has heard about the bodies they have found".

And [jay\\_on\\_top20@hotmail.com](mailto:jay_on_top20@hotmail.com) Found this in his attic and wonders if anybody knows what it is? There are no details of size.



That gives you some idea of the variety of questions we get. If you need an answer, you could always ask us!

**I look forward to seeing you on the 14th. Peter Gower.**

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