

# LIMELIGHT

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Watch for:

- The Strategic Plan survey and other ways you can play a part in preserving the Kingston Historical Society's past and energizing its future. This effort is being lead by Marcus Letourneau and,
- A brand new web page for the Kingston Historical Society. With the assistance of Mark Nardi, a new web site is being developed. Comments to the Editor are welcome.

## JANUARY MEETING

*"Kingston's Wartime Housing"*  
with John Grenville

Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 7:30 pm

**Seniors Centre, Frontenac Room**  
**56 Francis Street**

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### Gentle Reminder:

Memberships for 2016 are now due.  
Please come with cheque or cash to the  
Sir John A. dinner or to the next meeting.

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## Coming KHS Events

### January 20:

John Grenville: Kingston's Wartime Housing.

### February 17:

Annual General Meeting, including a presentation by Peter Lockyer on the **History Moments** series.

### March 16:

Maxine Chouinam will speak on the current exhibition at the Museum of Health Care.

### April 20:

Lucinda Bray: Social aspects of daily life in Kingston Heights during the war years.

### May 18:

John Cartwright: Success for political refugees: the Cartwright family in Kingston, 1792 to the present.

### June 6:

**Graveside Ceremony in Cataraqui Cemetery,**  
1.30 p.m.



**2015 Kingston Historical Society Council**

Top Row: Peter Gower, Don Richardson, Gordon Sinclair, Betty Andrews,  
John Whiteley, Paul Van Nest; Front Row: Graeme Watson, Peter Ginn, Anne  
Richardson, Corinne Harrison Absent: Joe Brites, Nancy Day, Ben Holthof,  
Marcus Letourneau,  
Photo: Alan MacLachlan



photo by Kristen Ritchie

I hope that you all had the Christmas season you hoped for, with lots of historical books in your stocking!

We look back on a year of high and not so high moments. Certainly the two Sir John A. events were most successful. We had a full house for the Dinner last January, an excellent atmosphere, and a most entertaining and informative speaker. June we had spectacular weather for the graveside ceremony, and another excellent

In June, we had spectacular weather for the graveside ceremony, and another excellent speaker. At all of our monthly meetings we were fortunate to have interesting and knowledgeable speakers on a variety of subjects. Since this was the original purpose of the Society, we can be pleased that this tradition is carrying on. Indeed, we have at least a year of prospective speakers awaiting their date. The new Programme Chair will have a challenging selection to make.

And yet there were the down moments. The Society was not invited to the official Sir John A. civic celebration, despite having organized the statue observance for many years. I presume you will be at the statue this year on the 11th at noon. We also lost our regular meeting place of the last many years because of proposed upgrades to the Wilson Room. Our membership and meeting attendance numbers have remained static for some time. There is a constant search for Council members.

So, if you are still looking to make New Year's resolutions, decide how you can assist the Society this year, and help us look forward to even better times. We are looking forward to the new Historic Kingston, which has been unavoidably delayed but should be with us soon. We are also looking forward to John Grenville's presentation on the 20th. See you there!



## THE KINGSTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*Established in 1893*

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**KHS MEETINGS** are usually held at 7:30 pm on the third Wednesday of the month, September to May. For the next few meetings, we will be at the Seniors Centre on Francis Street, in the Frontenac Room. Refreshments are served; a small donation is appreciated. Annual events include a formal fine-dining experience with a special presentation honouring the birthday of Sir John A. Macdonald, on the Saturday closest to January 11th, and a commemoration marking his death at the Cataraqui Cemetery National Historic Site on June 6th.

Canada's First Prime Minister, Sir John A. Macdonald, was born in 1815 and passed away in 1891.

**NEW MEMBERS** are always welcome! Membership rates are \$50 per individual, \$60 for families, \$60 for institutions and \$25 for students.

Membership includes: an invitation to attend our monthly meetings; 5 issues of *Limelight*, our newsletters; and a copy of *Historic Kingston*, the annual journal published by the KHS.

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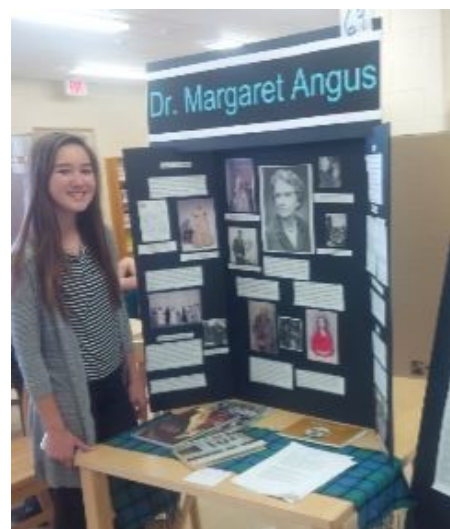


FROM BRIAN OSBORNE

2016 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Margaret Angus's *The Old Stones of Kingston: Its Buildings before 1867*. As I pointed out in Jennifer McKendry and my collection of accolades to "Mrs. Angus," *Margaret Angus: A Tribute* (2011), the citation for her appointment to the Order of Canada in 1992 said it all: "A lively social historian, she is a well-respected scholar and spokesperson who was responsible, in large part, for the proclamation of the Ontario Heritage Act. The result has been a variety of thriving heritage preservation activities."

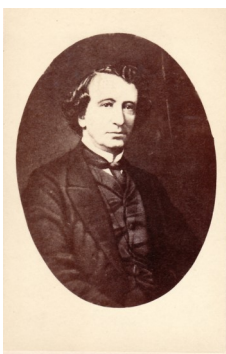
Appropriately, therefore, Margaret Angus and her contributions were recognised in the 2015 Perth Regional Heritage Fair. The Heritage Fairs program encourages students to explore Canadian heritage and to present their research about "Canadian heroes, legends, milestones, and achievements." Since its beginning in 1993, the Fairs program now attracts more than 200,000 students from across Canada each year.

In 2015, one of the awards at the Perth Heritage Fair was sponsored by the Ontario Women's History Network Award with a focus on women in Canadian history and their contribution to Canadian society at the local, provincial, national or international level. The 2015 Ontario Women's History Network award was given to Sarah Morgan for her project on Kingston and Ontario's Dr. Margaret Angus. As Sarah noted in her paper, she chose her topic "because of all of the amazing things that she did" and because "she was also my great grandmother and is a huge inspiration to me today."



Congratulations Sarah and thank you for reminding us of "Mrs. Angus" 's contribution to Kingston, Ontario, and Canada. And thank you, the Ontario Heritage Fairs Association, for promoting the Perth Heritage Fair and stimulating young students like Sarah in their efforts and interest in our country's heritage. (Sarah is 13 and was in grade 7 at Perth and District Collegiate Institute when she completed the project. Watch for Sarah's paper which will soon be available on our webpage: Articles>Write on Kingston!)

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The guest speaker for this year's Sir John A. Macdonald Anniversary Dinner, **Saturday, January 9th, 2016** will be **Bishop Michael Bedford-Jones** whom people may remember as Dean of St. George's Cathedral. The topic of his talk will be "Thomas Bedford-Jones, my great-grandfather and his relationship with Sir John A. Macdonald for the last 15 years of his life".

Thank you very much to this year's organizers:  
**Anne Richardson and Warren Everett.**

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The [Ontario Historical Society](#) would like to inform you that the [Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport](#) (MTCS) is pursuing the development of a [Culture Strategy for Ontario](#). The Ministry's objective is to establish a vision for culture across the province.

#### Consultation on Ontario's Culture Strategy: UPDATE

This past Fall, Ontarians shared their ideas on culture in a number of ways:

- in-person at one of the 11 local town halls,
- during conversations with 20+ community groups, or
- at one of several meetings with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities and organizations
- online through [Culture Talks](#), an interactive forum
- via written responses .

You can view webcasts from the [Kingston](#) town hall to hear ideas that were shared —

<http://www1.webcastcanada.ca/events/live/mtcs1115.php>

The comment period is now closed.

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

The Kingston Branch of the **Ontario Genealogical Society** will meet in the Frontenac Room of the Seniors Centre, 56 Francis St., on **Saturday, January 16, 2016 at 10:00 am:** "Who Knew?!" Several Kingston Branch members will give 5-minute talks about surprises from their family trees, and how they discovered them. Visitors welcome. Further details at [www.ogs.on.ca/kingston](http://www.ogs.on.ca/kingston)

Kingston & District Branch of the **United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada** holds its first meeting of 2016 on **Saturday, January 23 at 1:00 pm** in St. Paul's Anglican Hall, Queen Street at Montreal. Speaker will be Jeremy Heil, Digital and Private Records Archivist at Queen's University.



The Kingston Historical Society held its **Annual Awards night** on December 2, 2015 at the Renaissance Event Venue at 285 Queen Street. The award is presented in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the preservation and interpretation of local history. This year, awards were presented to **Oscar Malan**, and **Doug and Marianne Thompson**.



**Oscar Malan** has run the Novel Idea bookstore for 28 years, and has been a valued supporter of the Kingston Historical Society for many of those years. What makes him so remarkable and worthy of our award is his constant support for all things local. Especially, he is a staunch supporter of local authors and local readers.

When you approach him with your newly printed book, as many KHS members have, he receives you enthusiastically and will happily put your book on display and promote it as much as he can. He welcomes KHS members with a discount better than big box stores offer and is genuinely interested in what they are reading, and want to read. Without the enthusiasm and attention that he personally pays to everybody, Kingston would be a poorer city, and those who are interested in history would be much less served.

In 2008, **Doug and Marianne Thompson**, both members of St. Paul's Anglican Church, decided it was time to improve the public perception of the graveyard on the west side of the church known as the Lower Burial Ground. They recognized its historical importance on several fronts. It is the only Protestant consecrated cemetery established during the early years of British settlement. The cemetery also provides a link to early Kingston settlers as it holds the remains of members of the Cartwright, Stuart and Forsyth families. Additionally, the Stuart Lair offers a unique example of 19th century cemetery architecture.



The Thompsons diligently raised funds and built partnerships to make the project possible; and secured charitable status for the Lower Burial Ground Preservation Society.

Thank you to the members of the Awards Committee: Lou Grimshaw, Alan MacLachlan, Dorothy Farr, Joe Brites, Nancy Day and Jack Pike.




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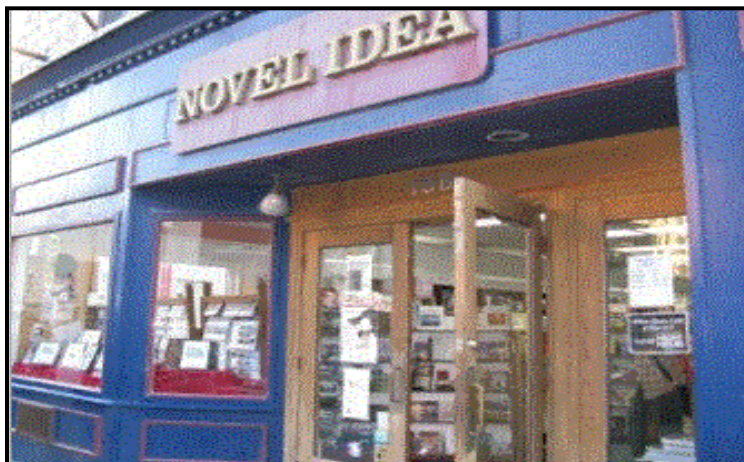
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