



Trafalgar Township Historical Society

"Documenting, celebrating and preserving the agricultural heritage of North Oakville"

Winter Newsletter 2010

Board Report

We have our permits to start renovations, install our new sign and more importantly install a gas furnace in the schoolhouse!

We are very grateful for a grant of \$1,500 from the Town of Oakville's Cultural grants Program, that is administered by the Oakville Arts Council.

Our Annual General Meeting is coming up Tuesday February 23, 2010 at 7PM beginning with a fantastic guest speaker- J. Brian Gilchrist. "The importance of understanding family and local history" Please contact Michelle michelle@tths.ca or 905-257-9080 if you are interested in a board position.

We are looking forward to a very exciting new year; come be a part of it!

Don't forget to renew your membership (\$25 for individuals & \$35 for families) made payable to Trafalgar Twp Historical Society. Send to Jane Watt, 3089 Jaguar Valley Drive, Apt. B2, Mississauga, Ont. L5A 2J1

We are very pleased to announce that our very own Fred Hayward UE will be named a recipient of an Ontario Heritage Trust Community Recognition Award for Cultural Heritage. We nominated Fred because of his longstanding commitment to heritage in our community and beyond. Fred is the president of the United Empire Loyalists Association, one of our founding members and a resident of Oakville. www.uelac.org

Books for Sale

We are selling the Milton Historical Societies new book \$40 "Halton Scotch Block - people and their stories" area covered runs along Steeles Ave. south, 17 sideroad north, east between the 4 & 5 conc. and west Tremain. We will have them at our Speakers series meetings.

Trafalgar History Updates

Town Restores Over 50 Monuments in Historic Cemeteries

The Town of Oakville has restored more than 50 century-old headstones and monuments in the town's historic cemeteries. The restoration, which took place over the summer and cost \$50,000, completes the first phase of the town's monument restoration project. "These monuments are a lasting legacy of Oakville's early settlers," said Chris Mark, director of Parks and Open Space. "By restoring these markers, we preserve our history and honour the memory of these pioneer families." More than 2,000 headstones and monuments were identified in the town's monument condition survey for various types of restoration work including: raising markers, pinning broken pieces, stabilizing foundations and removing organic growth and vegetation. The monuments will be carefully restored according to the Ontario Heritage Act guidelines. The monument restoration project, which began this year, encompasses all seven of Oakville's historic cemeteries and will take approximately seven to 10 years to complete. For more information about the town's cemeteries visit www.oakville.ca/cemeteries.htm or call the cemetery office at 905-338-4236.

