

Society News & Updates

Guest Speaker Julian Kingston Enlightens us about using Affordable Technology to Preserve History on a Budget

Our Annual General Meeting, held the evening of February 7, 2018, featured speaker Julian Kingston, Supervisor at Oakville's Erchless Museum. Julian showed us tools that create interactive experiences of artifacts and images, making them 3 dimensional and/or 360 degree views for internet viewing. The intent is to take the items to internet viewers, to an unlimited audience, and to make them active rather than static. The tools he used started with his Smartphone; in other words, tools that we are likely to already have. Open source (aka free) software that can be easily found on the internet augments the digital possibilities. Click on this link to see how this interactive 3D model image, which rotates for a 360 degree view, brings a woman's clothing to life: [3D model by Julian Kingston of a Travelling Cloak at the Oakville Museum](#) and continue to check out Erchless Museum displays for Julian's ideas. Entry by Anne Choate Little. Photo by Ross Wark.



A Big Thank You to the Glen Abbey Scouts

We want to extend a huge Thank You to the Glen Abbey Scouts for doing some maintenance work at the schoolhouse! Their efforts included changing the outdoor light bulbs, cleaning up and decluttering the basement, and preparing the front garden bed as the Spring weather rolls around. Scouts, your work is greatly appreciated.

Thank You to the Region and the Town

We would also like to thank Halton Region and the Town of Oakville for their continued efforts to maintain the schoolhouse and ensure the integrity of the property and parking lot. The Region will be doing some work to prevent flooding in the parking lot, in addition to building some nice beds with edging for gardens on either side of our front door.

Passing of Melanie Wark

It is with heavy hearts that we report that one of our volunteers, Melanie Wark, passed away in her sleep in early March. Among a very busy and fulfilling lifestyle of activities and volunteer work, Melanie dedicated some of her time towards our Doors Open events over the years. Our condolences to her family and friends.