



Royal City Men's Club

RCMC Newsletter

October 2024

October 10th. “LIVE MEETING”

Catharine Ann Wilson: Diaries Uncover the Daily Lives of Rural Families

Presentation:

The Rural Diary Archive website showcases over 250 Ontario diarists (1800-1930) <https://ruraldiaries.lib.uoguelph.ca/>. It includes the full text of selected diaries for the public to freely read, search, and transcribe online. Her presentation identifies several Wellington County diaries, the value of diaries, and how to use them for your own research.

Bio:

Catharine's interest in rural and family history began while growing up in Grenville County where her ancestors settled. To celebrate 1967, her parents built a log cabin in their basement. Inspired by the family heirlooms displayed there, she's been fascinated with the history of daily life ever since. Much of her scholarship has included genealogical research and is recognized for employing under-utilized sources such as diaries and innovative methods that revise historical interpretations. Her early work focused on Irish immigration, pioneer settlement, and farm tenancy. Her new book entitled “Being Neighbours: Cooperative Work and Rural Culture, 1830-1960” explores reciprocal work bees (barn raising, quilting, and threshing bees, etc.) using Ontario farm diaries. It was published by McGill Queen's University Press in Fall 2022. The book explores the creation, maintenance and definition of neighbourhood and its practical workings. She was the inaugural Redelmeier Professor in Rural History, and is currently Professor Emeritus of History at the University of Guelph, the Founder and Director of the Rural Diary Archive website, and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.



10am. To be followed by Live Questions.

October 24th. “LIVE MEETING”
Alan Marshall: Elmira Water Crisis

Presentation:

Information not available at time of publishing

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Messages : Future Meetings

Meetings for November

November 7th.

Tim Speed: Battle of Britain

November 21st.

Mike Finoro: My Life as a Corrections Officer

Coffee/Breakfast 10:am

October 3rd. 17th. and 31st.

Coffee/Breakfast

RCMC Live Coffee Morning

9:30am at

The Boathouse
116 Gordon St

Uptown Grill
694 WoolwichSt.

Symposium
304 Stone Rd. W

Activities & Events

November 11th.

Remembrance Day
Sleeman Centre

Nov. 22-23

V.B.A. Cabaret

December 12th.

Annual Christmas Luncheon
Victoria East Golf Club

See activities desk for more details

Other News

There is a new What's New section on the Home page of our website. This will give you quick links to any new information which has been posted on the website.

If you have any new content for the website, please send to Ritchie Zelk at edna.ritchie@sympatico.ca

Membership

Please send any updates to your entry in the Membership Directory, including any change in email address, to **Martin Alderwick**; 519-763-6939
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Members are encouraged to invite male friends and acquaintances to our meetings.