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Chairperson's Message

Margaret Axford

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The third activity is the preparation for the fifth edition of *The Oxen and the Axe*. An editorial board of five—Ian Brumell, Margaret Axford, Eileen Flieler, Carolyn McCulloch, Carol Morrow—has been working diligently over the summer to edit the 4th edition. An index will be added and every attempt will be made to clean up or replace blurred photographs. Look for more information in the spring newsletter.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe winter, and a joyous Christmas season. □

NERA Weavers Display



Part of the display set up in the Barrie Township Hall by the NERA Weavers' group from MacDonald's Corners. The display which ran from Fri. Aug. 10 to Sun. Aug. 12, was a wonderful exhibit of the intricacies of the entire process of weaving,

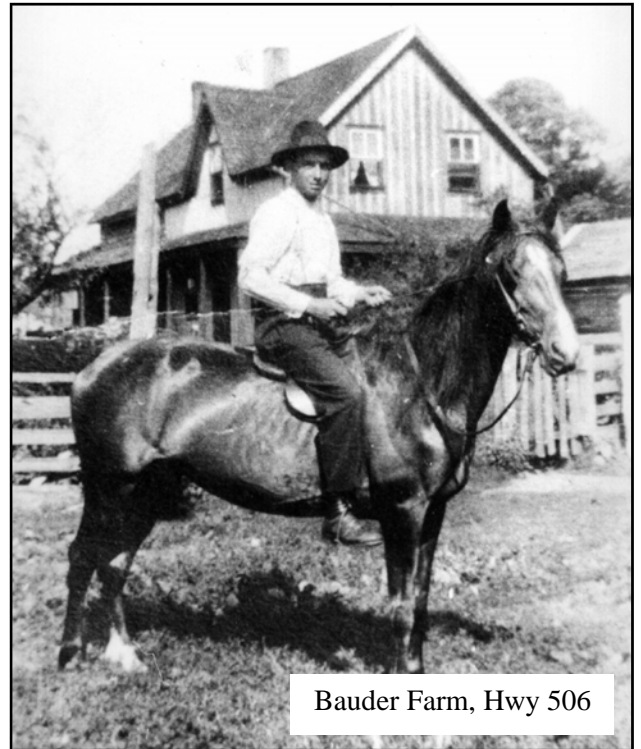
from the raw flax into linen yarn, and into beautiful products, from placemats to rugs and scarves.



Ellen Good, master weaver, combing the flax and, below, instructing Historical Society member, Georgina Hughes.



**Thanks!
to everyone
who
contributed
photos for this
issue.**



In the March edition we asked "Who is this man?" This horseman has been identified as Arthur Bauder. Arthur shows up in the 1901 Barrie township census at age 12 with his parents Richard and Eliza (Mills) Bauder, and 3 younger sisters Almeda, Louisa and Eveline. The Bauder family was originally German and settled in the Mohawk Valley of New York state. There were family also in upper NY state in the Jefferson County area. At some point in time, Bauders migrated to the Verona area of Frontenac county and at least one branch came to the Fernleigh area. Other spellings of the name are Bader, Bauter, or Border. Richard Bauder was a son of John Nelson Bauder (b. 1824) and Charlotte Burleigh md. 1851 in Portland Tp. They are buried in Verona. Richard and Eliza are buried in Northbrook United.

This Was Yesterday by Christina Hermer

Christina's history of Denbigh is being re-printed this fall. If you would like to order a copy, please contact Judy Berndt at 613-333-2203, or pioneer@mazinaw.on.ca

Financial Report

Ian Brumell, Treasurer

The current finances of the Cloyne & District Historical Society (CDHS) are once again sound, with funds in the bank and all bills paid. The summer started out rather ominously with Industry Canada (Services Canada) turning down our request for student funding which we have received other years. They even went to a second round of grants when there was a country-wide objection to various heritage-oriented organizations being turned down for the initial funding as well. Unfortunately, we didn't make the cut on this second round either, since we had not received any funding the previous year. Heritage and the Arts are not priorities with the Federal government.

Needless to say, we endured and were able to hire two students for work in the Museum this past summer. The sales and donations from the Museum almost pay for the students we hire, which means that profit from the Museum is minimal; however, it was not necessary to go into debt to pay our students. Krissy Malcolm & Holly Lemke did a great job for us.

As of mid October, the CDHS bank balance stands at just over \$5,600, with no debts. This reflects a \$3,000 drawdown of our reserves to meet cash flow concerns at the beginning of the summer. Those borrowed funds will be repaid to the reserve fund before year end.

The financial statements show a net income (profit) at the end of September of \$806. This does not include additional funds which have been received in October, such as grant money for operational expenses from the Provincial Ministry of Culture and a small top-up funding grant for students which comes from provincial student funding, administered by Loyalist College.

Various programs and events through the summer season have contributed to our positive bottom line; programs like our Patron's program, the bake sales and various bus tours, all have had a very positive effect on the finances of the CDHS.

All of the above points favourably to the efforts we are putting into the reprinting of our flagship publication, *The Oxen & the Axe*. This should go to print by early in 2008 and will be available for sale next Spring. This, of course will, cause a drain on the financial reserves, but should pay us well over the years of its sale.

Patron Committee Report

Marcella Neely

As we look back on our 2007 activity, we see supporters from far and near. Sincere thanks to all you folks from Cloyne, Corbyville, London, Tweed, Guelph, Belleville, Arden, Denbigh, Ajax, Plevna, Tillsonburg, Kaladar, Cobourg, Northbrook, Kingston, Flinton, Sharbot Lake, Foxboro, Manotick and Chaffey's Lock.

We are grateful for the accomplishments made possible by your donations.

During the 2007 Museum you helped with the purchase of a display unit, necessary repairs and other maintenance to the building, hydro and many other operating expenses.

For only \$25 a year museum patrons enjoy the privilege of attending functions and meetings of the Cloyne and District Historical Society, receive semi annual newsletters and are issued a charitable donation receipt to use for income tax purposes. We welcome additional museum patrons and encourage a gift of patron enrolment to family and friends.

With pride, we watch our charitable dollars at work in our own community. We are helping to preserve local history and trying to keep our artifacts from drifting away to exhibits outside our area. In the museum we store genealogy and encourage every family from Griffith to Ompah to Flinton to Kaladar to file their family tree with us for preservation for future generations.

For more information, please contact us at Box 228, Cloyne, or pioneer @mazinaw.on.ca, or pop in at a monthly meeting of the C&DHS.

Coming up is our "Old Fashioned Christmas" family get-together on Saturday, December 8th at 1:00 pm. Please join us at the Barrie Township Hall!

If you are interested, complete financial accounting is available to all members. An email request to the Society is all that is needed for us to send one out.



BLAKE ISLAND

named in memory of

Flying Officer William Vincent Blake DFC

(Distinguished Flying Cross)

for giving his life in the service of his country

and for

"great gallantry in the performance of his duty while serving
with No. 428 Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force" during WWII

Your resting place is not known

but your courage will forever be remembered here

Presented July, 2007

Cloyne and District Historical Society

This past Canada Day was the occasion for a very special ceremony on Blake Island in Skootamatta Lake. The island is named for Dick Blake's brother, William, whose heroism in the Second World War has never been fully acknowledged by the government of this country. While he had been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for previous exploits, William's final act of courage, following a heavy bombardment near the coast of Sweden, was to see that his crewmates were able to bail out safely, knowing that he himself would die when the plane went down. All 6 of those crewmates survived; William's body was never found.

Our involvement in this very moving story came about through Eleanor St. Amand, a neighbour of the Blake Island residents and a member of the Historical Society. She made us aware of the history of the island, which has been written by Joanne Volpe, a member of one of the three families on the island, the Blakes, the Volpes, and the Meikles. Conversations with Joanne led to a decision that the Historical Society would provide a plaque to commemorate this man's heroism.

Dick and Edna Blake have been cottagers on Skootamatta Lake for decades. This July 1, three of their four children, and the families of all 4, gathered at the family compound for the dedication, which for William's brother, Dick,

was a very emotional and personal time. This is a close family, all of them sharing a deep love for one another, a sharp intelligence, and notable strength of character. We felt very privileged to be able to share this moment with them.



Hopefully, the Blake Island plaque will remind future generations of the family of the bravery of one of their ancestors.



Lorraine Bleeker—Condolences go to the family and friends of Lorraine Bleeker who died suddenly this past Thanksgiving weekend in Flinton. She was the daughter of Flinton historian Wilfred Laurier Lessard. Lorraine will be missed by all who knew her.

Adolphustown Field Trip

Margaret Axford

Our June field trips, which have become a regular routine now, are designed to give us new experiences as well as provide an opportunity for some fun, and in many ways resemble a trip of students on a similar outing!

This past June's trip to the Loyalist Cultural Centre in Adolphustown was no exception. As director Brandt Zatterberg pointed out to us, there are many connections between "the north" and "the south" of Lennox and Addington County. Family names echo across the great divide of Highway 7, as youngest, or perhaps the more adventurous, sons of Loyalist families with small land holdings in the south came north to the timbering companies, or to the mines, to make their own lives among the rocks and lakes. Looking at the tombstones in the Loyalist cemetery on the property of the Centre brings home to us just how long this county has been settled, the immense struggles which these people endured, and the peace which is finally theirs. On a brilliantly sunny, warm afternoon in June, it was easy to imagine the relief which they must have felt after their long journey to have a home at last, and on days like this, a beautiful one. Much the same sentiments were felt during our exploration of Old Hay Bay Church, another destination well worth the trip.

Quakers had settled in Adolphustown in 1784 holding religious gatherings in private homes. In the 1790s a frame meeting house would be erected on this site.



And then there was the fun of getting lost. A trip home along part of the Salmon River, through the lovely villages of Lonsdale and Forest Mills led us at one point into a farmer's field, where a road out of Lonsdale finally ran out of steam. Our own intrepid bus driver, John Bolton, took this in stride, and with only a few snide remarks about the competence of his navigator, which were probably well deserved, managed to get us out of the field and headed more or less in the right direction. Then there was the construction, and the oncoming bus, to contend with. You had to be there, but it certainly was exciting!



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