



## October 1, 2024 Newsletter

Fall is certainly in the forecast and in the afternoon and evening light. It is still hard to believe it is October. What better time to join our friends and neighbours to learn about our history and enjoy a cup of tea.

Certainly, over 60 people did just that and joined our last meeting!

### **Here are your upcoming events.**

All events will be held at Kirk on the Hill, 1344 Haist Street, Fonthill, Ontario, Canada

#### **Saturday, October 19, 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm**

Exploring Early Black History in Lincoln and Welland Counties – Rochelle Bush

Resident Historian of the Salem Chapel, BME Church and Harriet Tubman Underground Railway National Historic Sites will expand our learnings on vitally important subjects.

#### **Saturday, November 23, 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm**

Pelham Historical Society Annual Meeting:

There will be short presentations on the financial affairs and the direction of our society.

An important item on the agenda will be a call for volunteers for election to the Board of Directors. The Pelham Historical Society relies upon a volunteer Board to advance the affairs of the organization. Please consider putting your name forward. It is remarkably interesting and rewarding!

The Annual Meeting will be followed at once by:

Faces of Pelham Before and After WW2, Videos of Life in our Town – Carolyn Botari

Collections Coordinator of the Pelham Historical Society has some interesting visual items from our collection to share.

#### **Saturday, February 22, 2025, 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm**

Members' Interest Meeting

As we have done in previous years, we set aside a meeting each winter for members to make a short presentation of historical items of interest to them.

**Saturday, March 22, 2025, 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm**

Historical Fires of Welland - Lisa Mooney

Executive Director of the Welland Museum will present a fascinating account of some of the more significant fires.

**Saturday, April 26, 2025, 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm**

A Brief History of Rails in Pelham - David Sherlock

Member David Sherlock will describe the rail links which have crossed Pelham Township and the surrounding area.

**Saturday, May 24, 2025, 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm**

The Story of the Brown Homestead - Jessica Linzel

Jessica Linzel, PHS Member and Director of Community Engagement at the Brown Homestead, will dig into the history of the Brown Homestead.

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Respectfully submitted by Wayne Olson