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# Waterloo Historical Society Newsletter



## JANUARY 2018

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Marion Roes, Editor

### Public Meetings – All are welcome!

**Tuesday, March 20 at 7:30**

Doors open at 7

Victoria Park Pavilion  
80 Schneider Ave., Kitchener

Last year, for the April meeting, WHS turned over the meeting to TUGSA / Tri University Graduate Student Association. There were four excellent speakers who gave brief talks on their history research. The Tri-U History Program covers the universities of Waterloo, Laurier and Guelph, and brings together master and doctoral students for social, academic and learning opportunities. <http://www.triuhistory.ca/tugsa/executive/>. TUGSA members are returning for this meeting! Topics and speakers will on the WHS web site and Facebook page in February and in the April newsletter. [www.whs.ca](http://www.whs.ca)

**Saturday, May 12**

Meeting and speaker at 1:30 in the Christie Digital Theatre

*Joint day-long event with the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation and the Waterloo Region Museum*

Waterloo Region Museum  
10 Huron Road, Kitchener

Curtis B. Robinson, PhD Candidate, Memorial University of Newfoundland, will be our speaker. If his name is familiar, it's because WHS Volume 104-2016 includes his article, "Conflict or Consensus? The *Berliner Journal* and the Chief Press Censor During the First World War, 1915-1918."

Curtis is studying social history of intelligence and recruiting in German-Canadian Ontario. His topic for the meeting is "Security Measures in Southern Ontario in the First World War: An Historical Comparison." His research has shown that security on the home front was handled differently in Southwestern Ontario than it was in Central Ontario, or rather within the confines of Military Districts 1 and 2. District 1 was Toronto and Central Ontario and District 2 was Southwestern Ontario including Berlin. He writes, "Was it handled differently in Berlin because it was an historically German city or did the district commander have other priorities?"

*Mark your calendars! Plan to spend the day immersed in local history! Free admission. More details will be publicized later.*

Event times for the day: 10 - 4 to be confirmed

- WHS Volume 105-2017 will be distributed free to current members and available for sale
- WHS will have a photo display and Book Table
- Many local heritage organizations will have displays and volunteers and staff to talk about local history
- Admission is free to the museum, village and meetings etc.
- WRHF awards will be given out <http://www.wrhf.org/en/awards/awards.aspx>
- More events / activities to be confirmed

Note: organizations wishing to register for table space, please contact Darryl Bonk at [Darryl\\_Bonk@yahoo.com](mailto:Darryl_Bonk@yahoo.com)

*For information about WHS meetings, contact Marion Roes or Lesley Webb*

## Happenings in the Grace Schmidt Room (GSR)

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Obituaries, photographs, directories and more! We've been busy in the GSR. We're launching a new service – **photo printing!** If you have a digital scan and would like a print copy, we can help! For a small fee, you can print your digital images on photo paper for safekeeping and display. Contact [gsrphoto@kpl.org](mailto:gsrphoto@kpl.org) for info.

Our **Obituary Index** has launched! Keep an eye on [www.kpl.org/obituaries](http://www.kpl.org/obituaries) as the index grows.

Learn how to **craft press releases** with Valerie Hill of the Waterloo Region Record on **Monday January 22, 2018** at 7pm at Central Library. Registration required – online or call InfoLink 519-743-7502.

Lights, camera, action! Come to the **Kitchener Movie Night**, being held on Tuesday February 6, 2018 in the Central Library Theatre at 7pm, to see recently digitized 1940s & 1950s films from the Library's archival collection. We'll also be talking to City staff about Kitchener's economic development past and present. Registration required – online or call InfoLink 519-743-7502.

Be sure to join us on **Saturday 21 April 2018 for the KPL Genealogy Fair!** The Fair will be held at the Central Library from 9am-3pm. Watch [www.kpl.org/genealogy-fair](http://www.kpl.org/genealogy-fair) more details!

Since my last report, the Society has received the following donations:

- 1 panoramic black & white photograph of Mennonite Bible School, Kitchener, dated Feb 1932, by Ernest Denton;
- A funeral program for artist, Robert (Bob) Gaede, 1926-2017;
- 18 black and white & digital copies of the Schedewitz family photographs;
- Records of the St. Jacobs Mill, including deeds, mortgages, meeting minutes, ledgers, stock certificates, photos and financial reports, related to the ownership of the mill by the Snider family;
- 4 portrait photograph albums and approximately 35 black and white photographs with identifications and church certificates, related to Maynard Snider and;
- 3 colour photographs of Stroh family home in Conestogo.

Cheers,  
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Visit Waterloo  
Historical Society's  
photo display and  
Book Table at the  
Genealogy Fair

*Waterloo Historical Society gratefully acknowledges that the Kitchener Public Library continues to keep and care for our collection and archives in the Grace Schmidt Room of Local History at the Central Library*

## WHS is Recruiting!

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Do you have experience with customer service and Microsoft Office? The nominating committee is looking to fill the position of **Membership Chair**. This position collects membership information and dues during public meetings and from the WHS mail received at the Central Branch of the Kitchener Public Library. The Membership Chair keeps track of membership status, coordinates the delivery of the annual volumes to members, answers questions about membership, and reports to the board. This is a director position with a two year term. A job description for Membership Chair will be provided.

WHS would like two **Councillors** for each township and city, and is recruiting for Cambridge, Waterloo, North Dumfries, Wilmot and Wellesley. A job description is at <http://www.whs.ca/board-and-council/>. If you are interested in taking on one of these roles, the nominating committee would like to hear from you and will answer your questions.

Contact the nominating committee at [whs@whs.ca](mailto:whs@whs.ca) or speak to Lesley Webb or Debbie Kroetsch. Thank you for considering these requests!

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## Have You Renewed Your WHS Membership?

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*If you received a renewal form with the October newsletter, and haven't renewed, please fill it in, and mail it with your cheque to the address on the last page*

Contact [whs@whs.ca](mailto:whs@whs.ca) if you have questions about your membership status

The WHS membership year is from October 1 to September 30. Members' discount card for 25% off admission to the Waterloo Region Museums will be distributed with the annual volume and includes admission to the Waterloo Region Museum and Schneider Haus. Admission to McDougall Cottage is by donation. For a full list of membership benefits, visit <http://www.whs.ca/membership/>

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## Annual General Meeting Reports

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The Reports from the November 7, 2017 AGM are on the WHS web site. [www.whs.ca](http://www.whs.ca) If you weren't at the meeting and don't use the internet and would like a paper copy, please call Marion Roes 519 883-1448 and it will be mailed to you.

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## Where Are They Now?

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Might this may be a new topic for the WHS newsletter? It was sent by rych mills, who writes: "Our first-ever Local History Award winner was Crystal Luxmore. ...obviously she has followed a career path created by publishing her paper 'Radical Student Politics at UW in the 1960s'!" Have a look at her web site <http://craftbeertastings.com/about/>

**THE BEER BOSS** Crystal Luxmore is a Certified Cicerone, Prud'homme Beer Sommelier, Beer Judge and journalist. Her sudsy scribbles have appeared in *The Globe & Mail*, *enRoute*, *The Sun newspapers*, *Canadian Business*, *LCBO.com* and more. A dynamic speaker, she talks about brewing trends on Global TV, CBC Radio, CHCH TV and at major food and drink festivals. As a beer sommelier holding both the U.S. and Canadian designations (Cicerone and Prud'homme), she creates unique beer experiences, like guided tastings, sensory bars, and team-building workshops for corporate and private clients. <https://thriftygirl.wordpress.com/about/>

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## Requests to / from Readers

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David Westfall would like to find out more about David W. Gingrich, b. 1829 in Waterloo Region to Michael Gingrich and Mary Wanner; m. Catherine Hoffman; children, Allan, Richard, Phoebe, David A. David W. Gingrich was a local architect of note; Castle Kilbride in Baden is one of his buildings. After Gingrich and his wife moved to Dayton, Ohio in the 1890s, their whereabouts and burial places aren't known. Anyone with information is asked to contact David Westfall at [djwestfall@hotmail.com](mailto:djwestfall@hotmail.com) Please note that this is not the David Gingerich who was a sawyer in Wilmot Centre, who died May 15, 1915 and is buried in Riverside Cemetery, New Hamburg.

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## Historical Happenings

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Starting with this issue, the WHS newsletter won't be including events of other organizations. This is to save time preparing the newsletter. There will be some exceptions, such as events in which WHS is participating. Submissions from members and non-members for consideration are welcome and appreciated! Examples are short stories, requests for information, kudos, book launches, etc. Thank you!

The WHS Facebook and Twitter pages will continue to occasionally share events from the pages of sister organizations.

~Marion Roes, Editor

## Who We Are and How to Reach Us

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### Archives

Contact Karen Ball-Pyatt if you have questions about the WHS archives and / or have items to donate

### Book Table

To donate or buy books, come to our meetings or see [www.whs.ca/booktable/](http://www.whs.ca/booktable/)

### Memberships

Contact [whs.whs.ca](http://whs.whs.ca) for membership information. Membership year is October 1 to September 30. Forms may be printed from the WHS web site. Thank you for supporting WHS with your membership!

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**Thank you for help with this newsletter to:** Karen Ball-Pyatt, Lesley Webb, Pat Bailey, David Westfall, rych mills, Darryl Bonk.

Comments, questions and submissions are welcome and may be sent to the editor, Marion Roes.

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*Waterloo Historical Society fosters the recognition of our region's unique heritage, and diligently encourages its preservation by documenting the history of Waterloo Region, including the cities of Cambridge, Kitchener and Waterloo, along with the townships of North Dumfries, Wellesley, Wilmot and Woolwich*

## \$500 Local History Award

### Attention Third- and Fourth-Year History Students at WLU and UW!

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Are you or do you know a third- or fourth-year history student at Laurier or UW? If so, you / they are eligible to apply through their respective department for a \$500 Local History Award offered annually to each university by the Waterloo Historical Society. Along with the cash award is the possibility of having the paper published in the annual volume of the society. Waterloo Region history must be a significant aspect of the paper's research but the overall theme may take in a wider area. For further details, please go to <http://www.whs.ca/local-history-award/>. On that page are the award winners and titles of their papers.

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