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Newsletter

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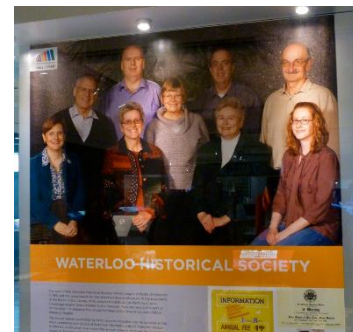
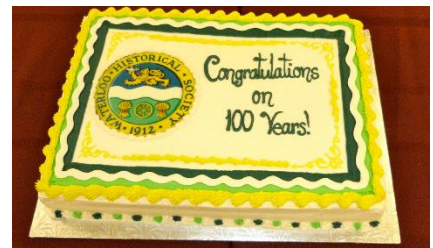
Annual General Meeting and Public Meetings

This is the space where meetings and speakers are usually announced, and we hope to have information soon about upcoming 2023 events. Changes in venues, still some uncertainty about in-person gatherings and possibly a hybrid setup are considerations we're working on. In the meantime, you can follow WHS on social media (links are on the back page) and contact us at whs@whs.ca with questions or comments. Details will be announced in the next newsletter or in an email to members.

Remembering our 100th anniversary 10 years ago in 2012



Past Presidents, L-R are, James Breithaupt (d.), Harold Russel, rych mills, Warren Stauch, Marion Roes, Ernie Ritz, Susan Hoffman, Mary Johnson (d.), Bertha Thompson. Photo is from the 100th celebration held at the Ken Seiling Waterloo Region Museum.



Hall of Fame Induction

Membership and Volume Patronage

Since the membership-free year during Covid, some members have not renewed. If you're not sure of your status, or have questions, please contact membership chair Erin Applebee at whs@whs.ca. Memberships for 2023 (October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023) are now due. If you have renewed, thank you! If you haven't, a membership form can be printed from whs.ca/membership and mailed to the address on the form. A print form is included here for members receiving a print newsletter. Forms include levels of Annual Volume Patron amounts if you would like to support our publication. And, if you would like to change to receiving the newsletter as an electronic PDF via email, please indicate that on the form. Thank you for supporting WHS!

Happenings in the Grace Schmidt Room (GSR)

It's been a very busy year in the Grace Schmidt Room as we have undertaken a number of new projects!

Thanks to the support of the Edna Staebler Legacy Fund at the Waterloo Region Community Foundation, we welcomed Rai to the GSR team as our 2SLGBTQ+ Project Archivist. Rai has been digitizing and arranging the 2SLGBTQ+ materials in the Ron Welker collection for inclusion on the History in the Making web site (<http://makinghistory.kpl.org>) where the collection will go live on January 18, 2023. We'll be celebrating with a **Presentation on 2SLGBTQ+ History in KW** at the Central Library the same day at 7pm. **Registration is required.** Register online or call 519-743-0271.

In January, we will welcome a Young Canada Works student, Julia, who will complete the uploading and cataloguing of the library's oral history tape collection.

Looking for assistance with digitizing photographs or VHS cassettes? Book an hour long appointment with Lauren or Bridget to learn the ins and outs of the digitization equipment! **Appointments are available Monday and Wednesday afternoons at 2 or 3pm, starting January 9, 2023 until the end of February.** Drop us a line at gsr@kpl.org or call 519-743-0721, ext. 212 to book your time.

If you have a local history or genealogy query, please reach out to us at 519-743-0271, ext 212 or email us at gsr@kpl.org

Best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday and new year!

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Some of the plaques erected by Waterloo Historical Society can be seen at whs.ca/plaques. The one shown here was installed in 2000 on Lexington Road in Waterloo to commemorate the Kitchener-Waterloo Municipal Airport.

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From WHS social media, newspapers etc.

Our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages have photos, news and events (our own and others) posted every few days on FB and less often on the others. Have a look occasionally to see what's been added, especially photos. Most of what is posted there is not in the newsletter. These are a few of the items.

Call for poems

The current artists-in-residence at the Brubacher House Museum are looking to translate, preserve and commemorate German-speaking Mennonite literary tradition. They will be collecting previously untranslated German language poems from now until February 2023 to be included in a bilingual collection of German Mennonite poetry from Waterloo Region. See <https://uwaterloo.ca/brubacher-house/news/open-call-poems> for details.

Doors Open Waterloo Region

Nine virtual episodes from 2022 are at <https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/exploring-the-region/doors-open-waterloo-region.aspx>. ♦ River Monsters of Waterloo Region ♦ Death as Life's Work in Waterloo Region ♦ Beauty and Ruin in Waterloo Region ♦ Grace Schmidt Local History Room (sound familiar?) ♦ Crow Shield Lodge ♦ Willowcreek Typewriters ♦ Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery ♦ Historic Blair Sheave Tower ♦ Galt Arena Gardens. Plans for 2023 are for in-person visits. To receive updates and event information, see the link above.

Stroll Walking Tours

This outdoor activity is another way to learn about local history, and you might meet fellow WHS members as leaders or walkers. <https://strollwalkingtours.com/about-stroll-walking-tours/>

Ralph Shantz

Ralph is featured in the December issue of *Embracing Change* magazine. He and his late wife Dorothy have been long-time members of WHS and contributors to their community. Paper copies are available in Wilmot, Wellesley and Woolwich Townships. <https://embracingchange.ca/current-issue>

Water, Our Sacred Trust

Bob Burt has written a third book about our local environment. He has also researched and written an article about local history in WHS Volume 104 (2016): "Nathaniel Dodge, The First Non-Native Settler in Waterloo Township." This photo and article are by Leah Gerber.

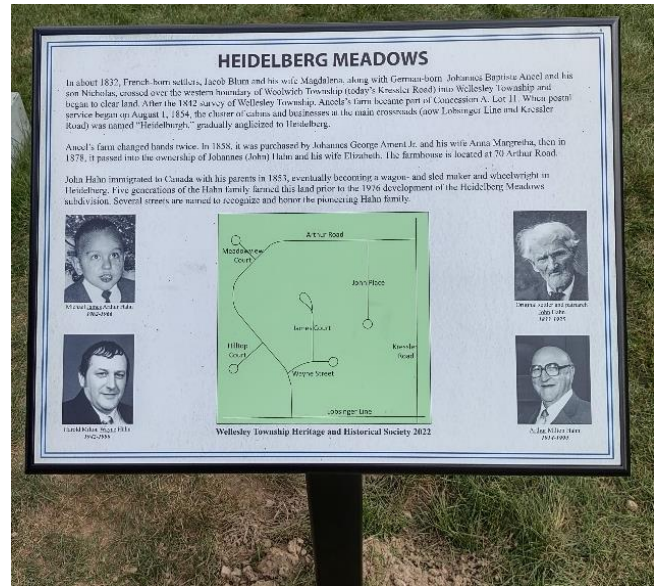
<https://observerextra.com/.../hes-made-a-career-of.../> More articles are at Google.



Heidelberg historical storyboard unveiled

On September 17, 2022, the Wellesley Township Heritage and Historical Society (WTHHS) unveiled a historical storyboard to honour members of the Hahn family after whom streets have been named in the Heidelberg Meadows subdivision. That history is taken from WHS member Rosanne Atwater-Hallatt's research of Heidelberg for WHS Volumes 107 (2019), 108 (2020) and 109 (2021). Pictured are L-R, Rosanne Atwater-Hallatt and WTHHS members Carol Gregory, Debbie Kroetsch, Andrew Jacobson, Chair. Debbie and Carol are also WHS members.

Read more at https://www.wellesleyhistory.org/uploads/9/2/9/6/9296178/press_release_-_historical_storyboard_in_heidelberg.pdf



This is one of three plaques that the WTHHS will be placing. See <https://observerextra.com/2022/05/05/wellesley-approves-historical-plaques-for-three-sites/>

Part of the article reads:

"While Heidelberg and the surrounding area was originally the home of Neutral, Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Indigenous peoples, European settlers began to arrive in about 1832. Around that time, Jacob Blum and his wife Magdalena, and Johann Baptiste Ancel and his son Nicholas crossed over the western boundary of Woolwich Township (today's Kressler Road) into Wellesley Township and began to clear the land. When Wellesley Township was surveyed in 1842, Ancel's farm became part of Concession A Lot 11."

'The Truth wasn't told': why Ontario Heritage Trust is updating its historical plaques

The province's plaques once focused on such themes as nation building and settlement. Now, they tell a different story. See the article at <https://www.tvo.org/article/the-truth-wasnt-told-why-ontario-is-updating-its-historical-plaques>

Active History.ca

"ActiveHistory.ca is a website that connects the work of historians with the wider public and the importance of relating the past to current events. It developed from the conference 'Active History: History for the Future' at Glendon College in September 2008." A recent post and map on FB is at

<https://activehistory.ca/2022/11/raising-awareness-about-canadas-indian-day-schools-with-digital-history-and-gis-mapping>

Board of Directors' news and notes

Nominating Committee – John Glass, Lesley Webb, Debbie Kroetsch

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Book Table Co-ordinator – Mary Anne Banks

Welcome to Mary Anne Banks who joined the WHS Board of Directors at the virtual Board and Council meeting held on November 1, 2022. She is taking over from Sherwood Hagey. As co-ordinator, Mary Anne will assist in keeping the inventory and soon-to-be book listing on the website up-to-date. <https://www.whs.ca/booktable/> When WHS resumes getting together in person she will staff the table and report sales to the board.

Annual volume articles – rych mills

As 2023 enters our lives, the publication committee is busy finalizing the 2022 annual volume. Among the stories you'll enjoy are: ♦ One that reveals what well-known long-defunct furniture company's intricate and masterful carvings decorate what local church – bought at a bargain price. ♦ Far-off wars in the British Empire didn't seem to affect old Waterloo County but one county soldier has been buried on the other side of the world for 120 years. ♦ Some 80 years ago the federal government turned an East Avenue property into a training centre – and since that time it has hosted numerous military organizations and housed hundreds who would have been homeless. ♦ And there will be lots more.

We welcome articles about various aspects of Waterloo Region history for the annual volume. See details and contact information for submissions at <https://www.whs.ca/authors/>. Articles may be submitted anytime; deadline for each year is September 30.

Web Site – annual volume searches

WHS is currently working on creating an online index of all the annual volumes. Once completed, it will be available on our website. All WHS annual volumes since 1913 are available in the Grace Schmidt Room of Local History (GSR) at the Kitchener Public Library, as well as most other libraries in Waterloo Region. The number of digitized annual volumes available on the WHS web site has been increased to include up to 1960 (www.whs.ca/volume-search). To search for authors, articles, topics and images try the following resources: A card file index for volumes to 1995 in the GSR. Information is at www.kpl.org/localhistory/whs, a table of contents on the WHS web site for volumes from 1913 to present at www.whs.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/table-of-contents.pdf and indexes of text and images for volumes to 2015 on the WHS web site at www.whs.ca/online-index.

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Public Meetings

All are welcome. There is no admission charge.

Tuesday July 11, 2023
"History Under the Trees"
Doors open at 6:30; meeting at 7:30

Victoria Park Pavilion
80 Schneider Avenue, Kitchener

Our speaker will be Peggy Plet who has been researching the presence of Black citizens in the Waterloo County area. In her presentation, *Searching for Black Residents in Kitchener-Waterloo*, she will explain why this research is relevant and important, talk about sources researched thus far, and lastly, outline the challenges that come with this kind of research. She will begin with the earliest freedom seekers and work her way into the 20th century. Publication chair rych mills will update the progress of the 2022 annual volume 110.

WHS member Len Curchin will give a brief outline of his newly published book, *Defence not Defiance: The Militia of Waterloo County 1812-1914*. He will have copies for sale. (See page 3.)

Come early to meet and greet other members AND browse and buy at the two WHS Book Tables.

Parking: If the pavilion lot is full, there is more parking past the playground near the Iron Horse Trail.

For information contact rychmills@golden.net or 519 742-4990.

Flash! in addition to the regular Book Table, a **Super Sale Book Table** will feature multiple-copy books; ones of peripheral interest to our area; general Canadian and world history including military. **33% off** (no additional member's discount). Cash or checks preferred; Interac e-transfer possible.

Volume Pickup/Delivery

It is anticipated that annual Volume 110 (2022) will be available mid-August. Details about obtaining your member's copy will be emailed and on the web site www.whs.ca. Those without internet or email can phone rych mills, WHS publication chair, at 519 742-4990 after August 1.

Membership

Those who are current members for 2023 will receive the Annual Volume 110 – 2022. If you haven't renewed for 2023, membership forms can be printed from WHS.ca/membership and payment made as per instructions on the form. If you're not sure of your status, or have questions, please contact membership chair Mary Anne Banks at whs@whs.ca. Forms include levels of Annual Volume Patron amounts if you would like to support publication of the annual volume. Thank you for supporting WHS! Membership renewals for 2024 will be due October 1.

Happenings in the Grace Schmidt Room (GSR)

I am happy to announce that we have digitized our first local 2SLGBTQ+ collection! Check out the Ron Welker 2SLGBTQ+ collection on History in the Making (<https://makinghistory.kpl.org>). We gratefully acknowledge the support of the Edna Staebler Legacy Fund in making this project possible and the work of our project archivist, Rai.

The library's oral history tape collection is now available on History in the Making! There are almost 600 interviews online to stream or download. Many thanks go to Julia, our Young Canada Works student, who uploaded and catalogued the tapes.

Mark your calendars for the KPL Genealogy Fair being held on Saturday, November 4, 2023! We are planning a full day of workshops, learning, networking and more! We hope to see you there! An announcement about the keynote speaker will be made shortly. Stay tuned to the Historically Speaking blog (<https://www.kpl.org/your-library/blogs>) for more details!

Join us for...

- "Seances and Disembodied Spirits in Southwestern Ontario" with Nick Richbell, on Wednesday, July 5 at 6:30pm.
- Interested in bookbinding? We have "Bookbinding for Beginners" programs on Tuesday, July 18 or Tuesday, August 22 at 6:00 pm.
- Want to learn how to decipher clues from family photographs? Join us for "Exploring Family Photos" on Thursday, August 31 @ 6:30pm. [I would stick with one format for "at"]
- We are also continuing to offer our "Show Me How to Digitize" program on various days throughout the summer.

These programs are held at Central Library. Check out all our programs on KPL's Event and Program listing (<https://www.kpl.org/programs-and-events/event-listing>). Register online or call the library at 519-743-0271 to reserve your spot!

Cheers,

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Captain Smith Plaque in Priddle Park – 2012 & 2023



November 2012: Warren Stauch, Debbie Kroetsch (pictured), Elinor Rau and Marion Roes placed the plaque on the post.



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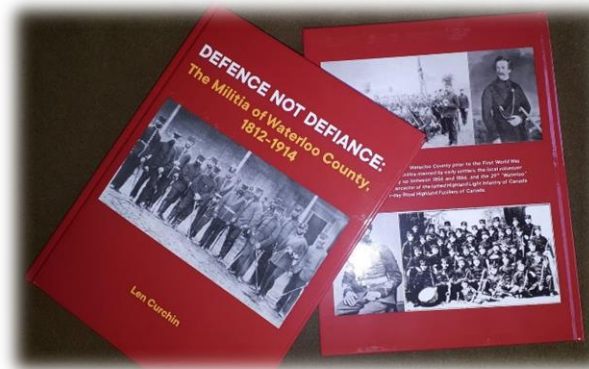
Both photos by Marion Roes.

Sometime before 2012, the Captain Smith plaque was removed from near the confluence of the Grand and Conestogo Rivers on Sawmill Road when that road was widened. Warren Stauch stored the plaque until the new location was prepared in nearby Priddle Park – an irregular gore lot where Sawmill Road and Golf Course Road meet. Across from the park is where the late Elinor Rau grew up long before the park was established and long after Captain Smith travelled and lived nearby. Thank you to Woolwich Township staff for replacing the post and rock.

New Book

Defence not Defiance by Len Curchin

A new book by WHS member Len Curchin tells the story of the militia of Waterloo County from 1812 to 1914. It includes the participation of local volunteers in the War of 1812, the Fenian raids and the South African War, as well as the training activities and social events of the 29th "Waterloo" Regiment. The names of many prominent local citizens and families will be found in this 270-page, illustrated history. The author, a retired University of Waterloo professor and former militia officer, combines research skill and military knowledge to produce an authoritative yet enthralling work. *Defence not Defiance* will be available for purchase at the July 11 meeting for \$60 (cash only).



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New Membership Chair

Thank you to Mary Anne Banks for taking over from Erin Applebee as Membership Chair effective at the Board and Council meeting June 6, 2023.

Thank you to Erin Applebee for her excellent and cheerful service as Membership Chair since September 2018. She will stay on the WHS Board and continue as a director. Along with keeping track of members, membership renewals and mailing lists, duties include working with the newsletter editor for renewal reminders and email and mailing lists. In addition, the chair coordinates volume distribution with the publication committee. At our public meetings, the membership chair is available to take renewals and payments and answer questions.

Submissions for Annual Volume 111 (2023) are still needed. Anyone doing research on family, business, an organization, old documents, old photo collection, letters, etc. – anything to do with the history of the Waterloo Region area – is invited to contact the editor rych mills at rychmills@golden.net. Deadline is November 2023. See <https://www.whs.ca/authors/> for more information.

Volunteer Service Awards – Marion Roes

The Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism gives Ontario Volunteer Service Awards annually and in five-year increments for each volunteer. <https://www.ontario.ca/page/honours-and-awards-volunteering>

On the next page are the WHS recipients for 2022. The nomination years are shown with their actual years of service in brackets. The total is 150 years! We can apply for a maximum of six adults per year, and there are usually more than six who qualify. In 2022, recipients received by mail, a certificate, Ontario VSA pin and a platinum Jubilee pin recognizing Queen Elizabeth's 70-year reign. Congratulations and Thank You to the recipients!

Thank you to the Ernest & Honor Hachborn Foundation

On behalf of the members, the WHS Board of Directors would like to thank the Ernest and Honor Hachborn Foundation for its generous donation of \$500. The Foundation is represented by Andrew Hachborn and Malcolm Hachborn and is in honour and remembrance of the Hachborns who were long-time WHS members.

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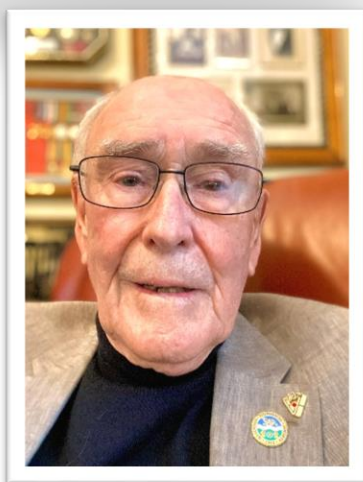
Volunteer Service Awards 2022



Debbie Kroetsch 35 (37) years Karen Ball-Pyatt 15 (16) years



Rosanne Atwater-Hallatt 35 (37) years



Harold Russell 40 (43) years



John Glass 15 (18) years



Lesley Webb 10 (12) years

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Victoria Park Pavilion
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While there is no formal program, rych mills will give a brief talk about the production of the 2022 Annual Volume prior to convening the AGM which will be conducted by president John Glass.

Note that regular WHS operations were disrupted due to COVID-19, and this impacted our AGMs. This AGM covers the WHS sessions from October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022 (110th AGM) and from October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023 (111th AGM). For more information about the meetings, contact John Glass, WHS president at jcglass@rogers.com

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... and Distribution

Additional dates and times for pick up at the Victoria Park Gallery (not the pavilion) are as follows:

Saturday and Sunday, November 11 and 12, between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Monday and Tuesday, November 13 and 14, between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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Condolences

Waterloo Historical Society offers condolences to families of our members who have died. We are grateful for their contributions and support. A link to each obituary is included here for those who would like to read it.

To the family and friends of *Ransom Vrooman* who died December 23, 2022.

<https://www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/therecord-waterloo/name/ransom-vrooman-obituary?id=39786959>

To the family and friends of *Doug Kuhn* who died on March 5, 2023.

<https://www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/therecord-waterloo/name/doug-kuhn-obituary?id=49692520>

To Marg Rowell and her family for the death of husband and father *Bob Rowell* in late March, 2023.

<https://www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/therecord-waterloo/name/robert-rowell-obituary?id=51526101>

To the family and friends of *Brian Dietrich* who died on September 9, 2023.

<https://erbgood.com/tribute/details/16715/Robert-Dietrich/obituary.html>

To the family and friends of *Gerry Engel* who died on September 21, 2023.

<https://obituaries.therecord.com/obituary/geraldine-gerry-ann-engel-1088845503>

Emancipation Day Plaque Unveiled in Hawkesville



On Saturday August 26, the Wellesley Township Heritage and Historical Society, along with friends and neighbours along with descendants of the original Black settlers, unveiled a historic plaque to commemorate the 160th anniversary of the 1863 Emancipation Day Picnic that had been held on Temperance Island, Hawkesville. More photos are at <https://www.wellesleyhistory.org>

A Few Extra News and Notes

A good Facebook page to find out what's going on at Waterloo Region and Wellington County museums and galleries is at <https://www.facebook.com/WaterlooWellingtonMuseumsAndGalleries>

Detweiler's Meetinghouse: A History of Mennonites near Roseville, Ontario is a 96-page history book written by Reg Good and was published in 1999. Included is a detailed description of the amazing 1990s restoration of this 1855 stone meetinghouse. There is also an index of all persons buried in the adjoining Roseville Mennonite Cemetery up to 1999. Copies are available from Marion Roes at mlroes@sympatico.ca. See also <https://detweilermeeetinghouse.ca>.



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.

Board of Directors' News and Notes

Nominating Committee – John Glass, Lesley Webb, Debbie Kroetsch

The Nominating Committee is currently recruiting for a Vice President and a Cambridge Councillor. Councillors promote the interests of the society in their municipality and inform the society about historical events in their area. Councillors are appointed to a one-year term and are welcome to attend all board meetings as non-voting participants. For information about becoming a councillor, visit <https://www.whs.ca/councillor-duties/> and contact a member of the Nominating Committee whose email is on the last page here.

Submissions for Annual Volume 111 (2023) are still welcome. Anyone doing research on family, business, an organization, old documents, old photo collection, letters, etc. – anything to do with the history of the Waterloo Region area – is invited to contact the editor rych mills at rychmills@golden.net. Deadline is November 2023. See the information at <https://www.whs.ca/authors/>.

Volunteer Service Awards 2023

The Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism presents Ontario Volunteer Service Awards annually and in five-year increments for each volunteer nominated.

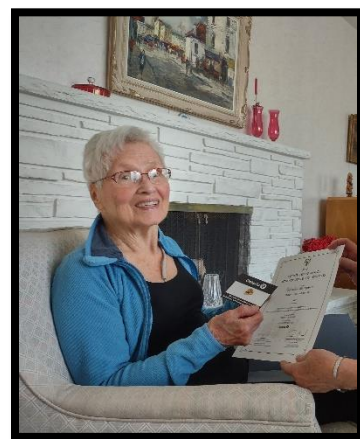
This year was a catch-up with two sets of awards given for 2022 (in the July newsletter) and 2023 shown here. Their nomination years are shown with the actual years of service in brackets. The total years for these six award winners is 120 (126) years! *Congratulations and Thank You to the recipients!* Missing for a photo is Susan Mavor 5 years (7).



Ray Ruddy 15 years (16)
Diane Strickler 30 years (31)
Jeff Shank 25 years



Jane Britton 5 years (7)



Bertha Thompson 40 years

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and Mary Anne Banks.*

We acknowledge that the land on which we meet are the lands traditionally used by the Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabeg and Neutral peoples. We also acknowledge the enduring presence and deep traditional knowledge, laws and philosophies of the Indigenous people with whom we share this land today. We are all treaty people with a responsibility to honour all our relations.