



*Remember the Corman House*

# Stoney Creek Historical Society

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# NEWSLETTER

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## Christmas Past – Society House Tours

Many members will remember the highly successful Christmas House Tours, community sponsored for the benefit of our Society. Although the tours are no longer, we are very pleased to once again feature the Lewis House of Winona on pages 1 and 2 of this newsletter.



*Lewis Home at 169 years – (December 2012)*

The Levi Lewis homestead occupies a very prominent site on Lewis Road (Winona). As United Empire Loyalists, the Lewis family left New Jersey to take up land in Upper Canada around 1870. The father and grandfather of Levi Lewis were members of the first Municipal Council of Upper Canada (Grimsby April 5, 1870). Both Levi Lewis and son George served as Reeves of the township of Saltfleet.

The Lewis home was built in 1843 by Levi Lewis himself. Bricks used in construction were made on the

original farm while the pine timbers used in the framework were cut on the Levi farm and on the nearby mountain brow. The Lewis House represents a Georgian style colonial home, two story with its principal front to the south and a formal elevation to the road on the east side. Important to the preservation of the Lewis House are the original features of all four facades, the porches each with four octagonal columns, the entrances with six panel doors and transom lights, as well as the false wall, chimneys, shutters, original windows and roof.



*Wishing you and your families a very happy Christmas.*

## The Lewis House Christmas Tour of 1988



Garlands and Nativity scene adorn living room fireplace



Dining Room table set for Christmas (Paul Hourigan – the Spectator)

Acknowledgements: Information for Lewis home article kindly submitted by Mary Lewis currently residing in the Lewis homestead.

Page 1 - Information on the Lewis House was originally published in the Stoney Creek News (2000).

Photo of the Lewis House - John Fraser (2012)

Page 2 - Photos originally published in the Hamilton Spectator (26 November 1988).

# From the President's Desk....

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This past year has been quite remarkable. Of course the highlight has been the move of the Archives and Reference Library to our new spacious location at 605 Highway #8.

My sincere appreciation goes to all the volunteers who have made our Library the great success that it is. Indeed this facility is an asset to Stoney Creek as well as surrounding communities. It is truly aligned with our mission to capture and preserve the history of Stoney Creek for present as well as future generations.

I would particularly like to acknowledge the excellent support for our Library that has been extended to our Society from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF).

SCHS appreciates your membership and values your comments and input. We look forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings throughout 2013. Bring a friend.

As noted below, the Society will be hosting an Open House at the Archives and Reference Library in celebration of the first year in our new location. All are encouraged to attend this special event.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Stoney Creek Historical Society (SCHS), may I extend to you, your family, and friends, our Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, New Year.

Sincerely,

*Greg Armstrong*

**STONEY CREEK HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**OPEN HOUSE JANUARY 19, 2013 2-4 P.M.**

***The Ontario Trillium Foundation will present our Society  
with a plaque to recognize our work in the community.***

***Dignitaries will be in attendance.***

***Refreshments will be served.***

***Please join us.***

## UPDATE ON THE LEE



Erland Lee Museum

Photo by John Fraser (2011)

Since the SCHS newsletter article of May 2011, much has happened. A group of volunteers, Friends of the Lee (FOTL) has been hard at work, organizing fund raisers, and making improvements to the building and grounds in preparation for an eventual re-opening of this historic treasure. An amazing amount of work has already been accomplished:

### Projects Now Complete

- New floor for the gift shop
- Recently repainted floor in the Drive House
- New back deck and steps installed
- Replacement gate to the back parking lot
- Repairs to the Parlour ceiling and re-painting

### In Addition

- Repairs to the outside woodwork are being done in preparation for exterior painting next Spring or Summer.
- The washroom building is being re-done to comply with building codes for disabled access.
- Outside work has continued during the fall, weather permitting. Shrubs and roses have been pruned, garden beds weeded, and old damaged trees removed. Recently donated yellow tulips and daffodils have been planted. The plan is to complement with grape hyacinths, providing a show of spring colour, particularly around the cairn at the rear yard. Blue and yellow are significant as these are the official colours of the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario, owners of the Lee.

*(Please note: Information for this update comes from the FOTL Newsletter of November 2012)*

## A Report from The Society's Archives and Reference Library

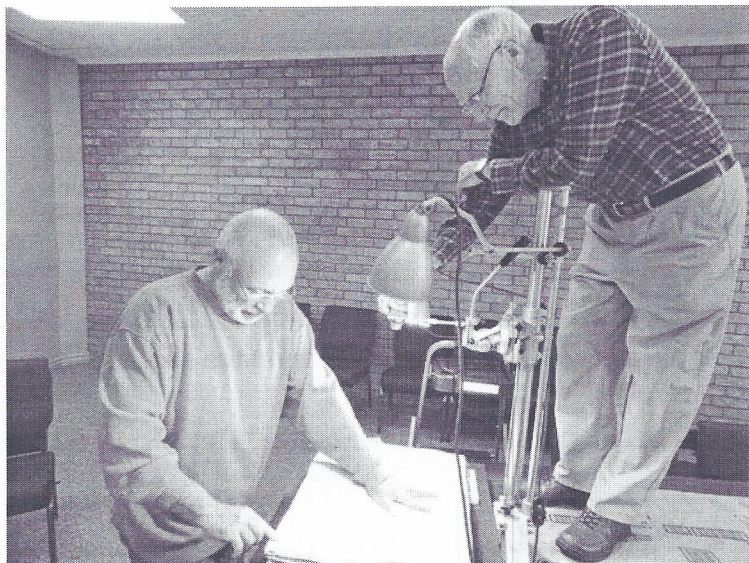
We are at the end of our first year at the 'Creek' and have certainly accomplished many projects:

**Family pictures generously donated to our Society** can now be viewed hanging on our main walls. In order to secure these photos for our collection the following careful work was done:

Wiping down the frames, and cleaning the glass on both sides.

Re-installing the pictures, covering and sealing the backs, and in a lot of cases, adding new wire.

**Volunteers are now photographing our Land Registry Books** so that the information will be accessible to the public; a tedious but vital process in our list of works to be completed.



Larry Mitchell and Peter Kennedy working on land registry books

**A Power Point presentation** to be shown at our Open House in January is almost complete. This promotional feature will also be available for other events that the Historical Society may attend or sponsor.

**Cataloguing and scanning all photographs** in our files is now almost complete. They will be available in protective sleeves as well as digitally.

**Family files as well as family books** are available for viewing.

**Maps have been encapsulated** and are now catalogued.

**We welcome all inquiries from members and the public. Photocopying is available as well as scanning to emails. Our current price list for these services is available at the Library.**

**Please visit us on Tuesdays or Thursdays 1:00 p.m. to 4:00p.m. Consider becoming a volunteer!**

# **New Website Being Developed for the Stoney Creek Historical Society**

A brand new website is now under construction for our Society. The domain name has been acquired and is stoneycreekhistorical.ca. We hope to have everything up and running in the very near future.

This new site will enable us to provide on a timely basis much more information to members and to the general public.

## **MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE 2013**

**Nash-Jackson House - Battlefield Park (Second Tuesday of the month 7:30p.m.)**

At this point we are only able to confirm the following:

January 08, 2013 - Steve Martin, Special Events Coordinator for Fort George

April 9, 2013 - Nancy Matthew & Shelley Holmes, 'In Search of Jane Austen'

We hope to have more information available at our January meeting when we should have speakers confirmed for February through March.

## **EDITOR'S FAREWELL**

For almost three years now, I have had the pleasure of serving the Stoney Creek Historical Society as Newsletter Editor. It is with regret that due to other commitments, I am no longer able to continue in this role. There is good news, though; three members have joined together as a team to work on the Newsletter: Jean Baine, Doug Green, and Kevin Lee.

Sincerely,

*John Fraser*

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## Membership Application/Renewal/Donations

YES! I would like to acquire/renew membership in the Stoney Creek Historical Society.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Receive newsletter by e-mail? Yes  No

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send to: Stoney Creek Historical Society

P.O. Box 66637

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Please check one: New membership  Renewal

Please indicate your preferred membership option: Individual: \$10.00 Family: \$18.00 Business: \$25.00

\*\*Please accept my additional tax-deductible donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to assist the work of the Society.

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### Please Help Us Manage Newsletter Printing Costs

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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Brenda, David & Kerala Brendon,

Karen Cerello,

Leslie & Brian Penzari,

Paul Kneeland,

Carol Taylor

### REMINDER

**2013 SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE.**