



## Fall/Winter 2010 Newsletter Vol. 9

### *Message from the President:*

*Dear Members,*

*In the short time since our last newsletter, we have made substantial progress beginning with the Great Escape of Steve Santini in 7.6 minutes from the third floor cell he was locked into while wearing spiked torture handcuffs, previously owned by Saddam Hussein's brother responsible for torturing prisoners in Iraq, Uday Hussein.*

*We are now attempting to Open Our Doors as a Museum by announcing a \$250,000.00 fundraising Campaign to ensure all Capital and Operating costs are covered for a successful "Museum" break in at the Jail.*

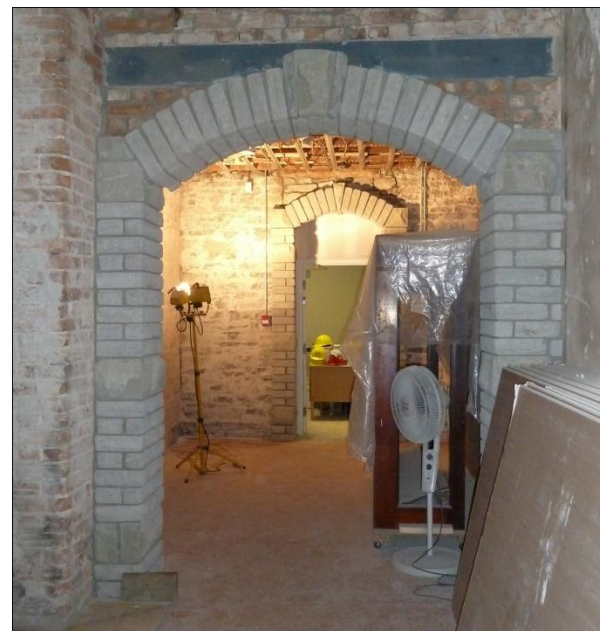
*The current contracted design and building code improvements are under construction and will be completed in early November. These changes are now beginning to show, as you can now see clearly from a drive-by on Colborne Street that the New Museum Entrance to the 'Olde Jail Museum' will be via the newly constructed wheel chair ramp, steps and entrance doors on Colborne Street West.*

*The NEW ENTRANCE is almost complete!*

*Unseen by the public are the impressive interior highlights of this Historic Building's Construction features being brought to life for the Community's memories and as an archive for the research of our many founding families. These and future building renovations hold great potential.*

*The Museum will become a significant cultural and tourism attraction serving all the families with their roots firmly planted in the growth and success of Lindsay, the County Town, as it was known The whole County of Victoria which in 1861 included Haliburton and Muskoka as created by the Victoria Act, when the United Counties of Peterborough and Victoria were separated.*

*John*



Check out the new website at  
[www.oldejailmuseum.ca](http://www.oldejailmuseum.ca)

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***Introducing the new Chair of Fundraising - Pat Angiers***

*I have been asked to become the Fund Raising Chair for the Victoria County Historical Society. I willingly accepted this position because I believe in what this group is trying to achieve "Open the Doors" is our theme. I hope to be able to help in some way to raise all the funds needed to make this museum and viable and enjoyable experience for this community and the tourists and school children that will be coming through our open doors. I can be contacted at [pangiers@cogeco.ca](mailto:pangiers@cogeco.ca) and at 705-324-1970. I look forward to the challenge and hope you will all help to do the things necessary to help me achieve my goals. Let's Open the Doors for May 2011.*

***Introducing the new Newsletter Editor - Karen Simser***

*As a retired teacher, I am very aware of the importance of maintaining an accurate account of our history. A local museum is essential to education the public and the young of what went on before, so that we may look to the future with pride. Please contact me at [ksimser@amtelecom.net](mailto:ksimser@amtelecom.net) or 374-4391 for submissions or comments.*

*The Victoria County Historical Society presents  
The 2010*

# *Candlelight Christmas House Tour*



**Saturday, December 4, 2010, 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

Tickets \$15.00 per person

For more information: **call 705-324-3404**

Tickets on sales beginning in November at these locations:

Adelaide Place    Kent Florist    Hill's Florist and Greenhouses  
Scott's Decorating    Sweet Annies    VCHS Office

## 2010 Candlelight Christmas House Tour Locations

84 Adelaide Street South  
57 Albert Street North  
18 Applewood Crescent  
60 Albert Street North

15 Sussex Street South  
155 William Street North  
86 Cambridge Street North  
50 Victoria Street North

## Coming Events

Please mark your calendars:

<b>Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010</b>	<b>Candlelight Christmas House Tour</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011</b>	<b>* Speakers Series 7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011</b>	<b>Heritage Day Display</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011</b>	<b>* Speakers Series 7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Sat/Sun May 7/8</b>	<b>Alexandra School 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b>
<b>Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011</b>	<b>Yard Sale at the Jail</b>
<b>Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting</b>
<b>May 21-29<sup>th</sup>, 2011</b>	<b>Lindsay Lilac Festival Community Showcase</b>
<b>Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011</b>	<b>Settlers Day display at the Muir House</b>
<b>Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011</b>	<b>*Speakers Series 7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011</b>	<b>Garden Tour and Country Ramble</b>
<b>Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011</b>	<b>Honouring The Past Showcase – Victoria Park Armoury</b>
<b>Wednesday, September 28, 2011</b>	<b>*Speakers Series 7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011</b>	<b>Candlelight Christmas House Tour</b>

### Speakers Series 2011

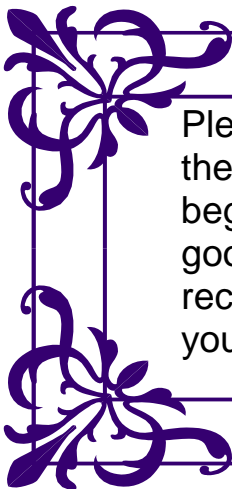
Wednesday, January 26

Wednesday, June 22

Wednesday, April 27

Wednesday, September 28

All Speakers Series events will take place at the Lindsay Inn at 7:30 pm. Among the guest speakers we plan on presenting is a representative from the Peterborough Chapter of the Ontario Archaeological Society who will discuss local archaeology and hopefully conduct an artifact identification clinic as well. Watch newspapers and other coming event locations for details of speakers, as well as [www.oldejailmuseum.ca](http://www.oldejailmuseum.ca). Call Tom Mohr 320-9979 for more information.



Please note that all memberships are annual and therefore all membership dues are at the beginning of each year. In order to maintain your good standing as a member and to continue to receive information from the Society, please pay your annual dues by January 31, 2011.



Our thanks to Dave Francis for the fabulous new website. Have a look at [www.oldejailmuseum.ca](http://www.oldejailmuseum.ca) for all the latest information about the Victoria County Historical Society.

## Letter to the membership from the Chair of Fundraising Patricia Angiers

### OPEN THE DOORS TO THE PAST

It is my great pleasure to tell you about our fund raising drive to support the OLDE JAIL MUSEUM. Your support of this will help us to change the tourism landscape of the City of Kawartha Lakes as well as provide the centre for heritage preservation and education.

I became involved with this project because it is my personal belief that we should make every effort to preserve our history. I have worked many years completing the Angiers family history of this area. The Angiers family was one of the early settlers in the Coboconk area coming from Quebec in 1825 to the Port Hope area and then migrating up into Coboconk, settling on Shadow Lake in 1850. How much easier my research would have been had this wonderful historical and cultural centre full of archives existed! Imagine a family coming to this museum with a name of a lost family member and being able to look in our archives and find that name. It would open up a whole new chapter in their life.

We would like future generations to be able to tour the Olde Jail and see for themselves how we evolved and became this fantastic community. Imagine a tour of school children being able to see what their ancestors wore and how they lived; to see what their family members wore in fighting in the Great War of 1914-18 and to see the exhibit dedicated to the men and women of the armed forces who travelled far and wide to preserve our way of life. It would be especially meaningful because of our commitment in Afghanistan and our peace keeping efforts in the world.

A depiction of the life styles of Victoria County will be recreated from the late 1800's and early 1900's. Visitors to the community will experience the vast history and culture that comprised Victoria County. When we make history come alive for people, it enriches our human experience and makes us so proud to be Canadian. We come to know the immigrant trials and tribulations of settling a new country. It tells of us our ancestry, whom we came from, and whom we have become.

Our museum opening is planned for May 2011, and your support is needed to "Open the Doors."

A donation would be a very meaningful Christmas gift for someone. That person would receive a personalized card from the Society and you will receive a charitable donations receipt.

Within these walls our heritage and culture will be on display. Tours will take place to tell of the wonderful history of this area. Great displays of interesting treasures, military items, the McCrae collection, and art displays with histories of local families are just some of the wonderful things that will be found in this museum.

We look forward to seeing you at our opening in May 2011 and ask you to

### BE PART OF THE FUTURE

Patricia Angiers  
Chair Fund Raising Committee  
Victoria County Historical Society



Picture Courtesy of 'The Post', Mr. Jason Bain

# THE OLDE JAIL MUSEUM

## OPEN THE DOORS TO THE PAST!

2010 FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN TARGET IS \$250,000.00



The renovations are underway and we need your financial support to ensure the doors open at 'THE OLDE JAIL MUSEUM'. Your donation will ensure a great Cultural Heritage attraction for years to come! By giving your support to our Museum, we will be able to meet Building Code, Fire Safety Code and Accessibility standards. Our DOORS need to OPEN

on the rich displays preserving our Victoria County History from 1861 to the present!

As the Christmas season is approaching, a donation to the museum campaign would make a wonderful gift. Each recipient would receive a personalized Christmas card and the donor a charitable donation receipt.

Please take this opportunity to donate and help preserve our history and make this a great tourist attraction for our area.

### VICTORIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mail To: P.O. BOX 187, Lindsay, ON K9V 4S1

Ph: 705-324-3404 Fax: 705-454-3043

\*\*\*ALL DONATIONS WILL BE RECEIPTED\*\*\*

Please take a moment to complete the form below: Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### DONOR RECOGNITION LEVELS:

GOVERNOR'S TABLE OVER \$10,000.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	COOK OVER \$ 500.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
SUPERINTENDANT OVER \$5,000.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	JANITOR OVER \$ 250.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
INSPECTOR OVER \$2,500.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	INMATE BELOW \$ 250.00
GUARD OVER \$1,000.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	

I would like to make a Christmas Donation in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ in honour of

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

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

Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Chq # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## BE PART OF THE FUTURE!

Victoria County Historical Society Skills Questionnaire:

Dear Member:

MAY WE CALL ON YOU?

Would you please take the time to fill out this skills questionnaire and return it with your membership renewal to the office? This will help us to utilize our membership in the best ways possible. Please check off the appropriate skills that apply to you. Thanks so much.

What are your skills?

- checkbox accounting
checkbox computer
checkbox curatorial
checkbox fund raising
checkbox leadership
checkbox maintenance/cleaning
checkbox organization
checkbox public relations
checkbox research
checkbox secretarial
checkbox Smart Serve certificate

What would you volunteer to participate in:

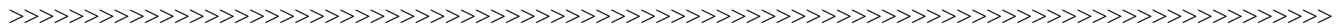
- checkbox bake sales
checkbox Bingo Bingo volunteer
checkbox Carpentry
checkbox garden tours
checkbox greeter/hostess
checkbox helping to mount displays in the cells
checkbox house tours
checkbox sewing
checkbox stuffing envelopes
checkbox tag days/canvassing
checkbox telephoning
checkbox tour guides
checkbox yard sales
checkbox other

What do you see yourself doing:

- checkbox board position
checkbox chairing a committee
checkbox committee membership
checkbox helping out at various events

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_



Membership Renewal Form

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Mail To: P.O. BOX 187, Lindsay, ON K9V 4S1

Ph: 705-324-3404 Fax: 705-454-3043

Please take a moment to complete the form below and become a new member or renew your commitment for 2011. All memberships expire on December 31, 2010.

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

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

Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership: (circle one) \$20.00 Single member \$30.00 Family \$100.00 Patron or Corporate

Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Membership \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the house tour at \$15.00 per ticket enclosed

Donation, Membership and House Tour tickets- Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Cheque # \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Grand Opening of the Olde Jail Museum*

*is set for*

*May 24th, 2011*

*with a gala ball to follow on*

*May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011*