

Press Release: March 14, 2011 For immediate release Victoria County Historical Society

The Victoria County Historical Society is pleased to announce some upcoming events for spring and summer. The Society is very pleased that it can offer these events for the public's enjoyment.

Wednesday, April 27th, 2011 will be the next evening in the popular Speakers Series held at the Lindsay Inn at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker for this event will be Howard Jackman and fellow members of the Victoria County Genealogy Group who will present 'Genealogy: Researching your ancestry'. Have you thought about tracing your family tree, or do you need some advice on where to find clues? Our guests will show you how to get started and introduce you to some of the tools available, followed by a question and answer session. Tom or Debbie Mohr may be contacted at 320-9979 for further information. The evening is presented to the public at no charge.

On Saturday May 14th, the Society will open the courtyards for its annual yard sale. Tables with gazebos will be available to vendors. Please call the museum at 705-324-3404 for further details.

On Tuesday May 24th, the long-awaited grand opening of the Olde Gaol Museum will take place, with the ceremonies beginning at 10:00 am. The museum will be open free of charge to the public on that day. While it will take some time to prepare the exhibits for the 30,000 artefacts that the Society have in storage, one will be able to see many items on display, including the McCrae Collection of scale wooden models of local buildings and structures found in Victoria County. Highlights of WWI and WWII war memorabilia and a detailed collection of Sir Sam Hughes' artefacts will be featured. In addition, we will be presenting an exhibition of Leslie Frost's artefacts from his tenure as Ontario's premier. Our collection includes more than fifty years of donations from our ancestors, relatives and friends. Everyone is welcome to join with the VCHS to celebrate this achievement.

The Annual Meeting of the Victoria County Historical Society will be held on Thursday, May 26 at 7:30 in the Skylight Room of the Lindsay Inn, 354 Lindsay St South. Revisions to the Constitution and election of officers will take place.

Friday, May 27th will find the VCHS continuing their celebrations, and fundraising, with a dinner and dance to be held at the Victoria Park Armoury. The Lilac Cotillion, so named in honour of our partners, the Lilac Gardens of Lindsay, will feature the "Kings of Swing" of Toronto, which is comprised of the Galaxy All-Star Orchestra and vocalists Ian Jutsun and Gloria Slade. Come and enjoy the music of kings of swing: Frank Sinatra, Benny Goodman, Harry James, Glenn Miller, Artie Shaw, Tommy Dorsey, the Andrew Sisters, The Pied Pipers and others. Dinner, a steak and shrimp menu will be provided by Hobarts of Lindsay. Big Event Floral and Decorating of Fenelon Falls will set the mood for the great evening. Tickets will be available at A Buy & Sell Shop, the Kent Florists, Big Event Floral and Decorating and at the Olde Gaol Museum.

Continuing with the celebration is the "Honouring the Past" day, to be held at the Victoria Park Armoury on Saturday, July 23rd. Featuring organizations such as historical societies and museums, crafts persons and artists, cultural groups and other community groups, this day will celebrate the heritage of Victoria County in its 150th anniversary year. Outdoor activities will feature old-fashioned games and entertainment for all ages, as well as the Warden's Ice Cream Social. Bring a picnic lunch for your family

to round out your meal. Organizations are invited to apply for a display space, free of charge, in the Armoury.

For further information about any of our events, and to order tickets to the Lilac Cotillion please contact the Olde Gaol Museum, 50 Victoria Avenue North, Lindsay or call 705-324-3404 or www.oldegaolmuseum.ca