

# Historically Speaking

The Newsletter of the Cobourg and  
District Historical Society

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## What's Brewing at the Cobourg Brewery?

The Cobourg and District Historical Society invites you to join us for Catherine Milne's presentation on "What's Brewing at the Cobourg Brewery?" She has researched the probable history of the "Barracks" at the corner of Orr and Durham Streets near the centre of Cobourg and will be sharing her findings with CDHS.

Join us in the Citizens' Forum, Victoria Hall, on Tuesday, March 22. Doors open at 7:30 and the presentation begins at 8:00.

All are welcome so bring a friend!

## Our next two meetings:

April 26, 2011	Various presenters of Cobourg Memorabilia	Annual General Meeting and election of officers followed by presentation of Cobourg Memorabilia.
May 31, 2011	TBA	CDHS social meeting. This is the last meeting before the Summer.

## CDHS Nominating Committee

The CDHS Nominating Committee, chaired by David Gregory, has found members who are willing to fill most positions. The committee's recommended slate will be presented at our Annual General Meeting on April 26 and an election will be held at that time. Unfortunately there are still several positions to fill.

Volunteers are always needed in groups such as ours to drive essential programmes and ensure that necessary tasks are accomplished. The Executive consists of nine people and we still need two more volunteers. We have hired Jan Doucette who does the majority of the work as book-keeper but we still need a member to join the Executive as Treasurer. In addition we need a candidate for the position of Vice-President.

There are openings for service on the Community Art in Public Spaces (CAPS) Committee, Cockburn Room Coordinator, Library Foundation and Editor for The Historical Review. We also need volunteers for positions on the Programme Committee, Cockburn Room Committee and to assist with newsletter distribution.

Please contact Cath Oberholtzer, Ken Strauss or David Gregory if you would be willing to help in any of these activities.

## From the Archives



In February's Historically Speaking we asked "Where in Cobourg is this building?". How many guessed that this is the old Cobourg Post Office? This building was constructed about 1860 at the South East corner of Division and King Street. The building originally belonged to The Bank of Montreal but was sold to the Crown in December of 1882 for service as the Cobourg Post

Office. After adding an addition in 1889 the building was also the Customs House. Canada Post moved to a new building at 39 Queen Street and the old Post Office was demolished in 1960.

## Submissions

The CDHS Newsletter welcomes submissions – short articles, announcements, book reviews, letters to the editor, etc. – that will be of interest to members in the Cobourg area. Articles should generally be limited to 300 words although exceptions can be made. Submissions should be sent to the editor at 24 Pebble Beach Drive, Cobourg, ON, K9A 2C5 or by email to [newsletter@cdhs.ca](mailto:newsletter@cdhs.ca).

## Notes and Notices

May 2011						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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### Circle Your Calendars!

The date of the May social has been changed from May 24 to May 31, 2011. Circle your calendars and make the change on your yellow bookmarks! Details of the event will be announced shortly.

### History Book Sale at our March 22 meeting

Do you need to clear some of your history books? Would you like to buy some history-related books? Bring your history books and wallets to the March 22

CDHS meeting for a book sale.

Books will not be priced but we will ask for a voluntary donation for each book purchased to support our society. Some titles to look forward to include: *Among the Cannibals*, *Ghost Towns of Ontario*, *Toronto's Lost Villages*, *A Hong Kong Diary Revisited*, *Rural Roots*, *The Governor's Road* and many more.

### Historical Festival

Visit the Pre-Confederation Historical Festival on Sunday, March 27, 2011 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Port Hope Lions Centre, 29 Thomas Street, Port Hope. A light lunch will be available. For additional information on this event visit the website at [www.porthopehistorical.ca](http://www.porthopehistorical.ca) or phone 905-342-2657. This event is hosted by the Port Hope and District Historical Society (formerly EDHS).

### Ontario Heritage Conference

The 2011 Ontario Heritage Conference will be held in Cobourg June 3 to June 5, with activities centred in Victoria Hall. The theme is "Creating the Will" and will explore strategies for

promoting heritage and architectural conservation. All who are interested in local history will surely have an interest in this topic.

We will provide more information in future editions of this newsletter. Meanwhile, you can watch a video promoting the conference (and Cobourg) at [www.cobourgtourism.ca/video.html](http://www.cobourgtourism.ca/video.html), which features some photos from our CDHS archives.

**Websites**

There are many websites with great Cobourg-related historical material.

The CDHS website: [www.cdhsarchives.org](http://www.cdhsarchives.org),

Snippets of Cobourg history and current happenings: [www.hardscrabble.ca](http://www.hardscrabble.ca)

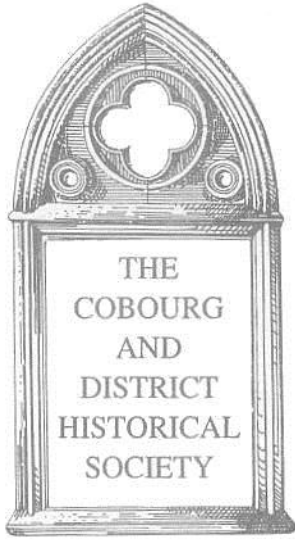
Cobourg History: <http://www.cobourghistory.ca/>

Ontario Veteran Archive: <http://www.ontarioveteranarchive.ca/>

Trent University Archives: <http://www.trentu.ca/admin/library/archives/exhibits.htm>

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