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Our Society's logo was designed by Jim Elliott, who was a retired graphic artist and charter member of the HMHS. We are proud to display this logo on the masthead of our newsletters and stationery.

Bailey's Bulletin is named in honour of the Reverend T. Melville Bailey, who was a proud Mountain resident and founder of the HMHS.

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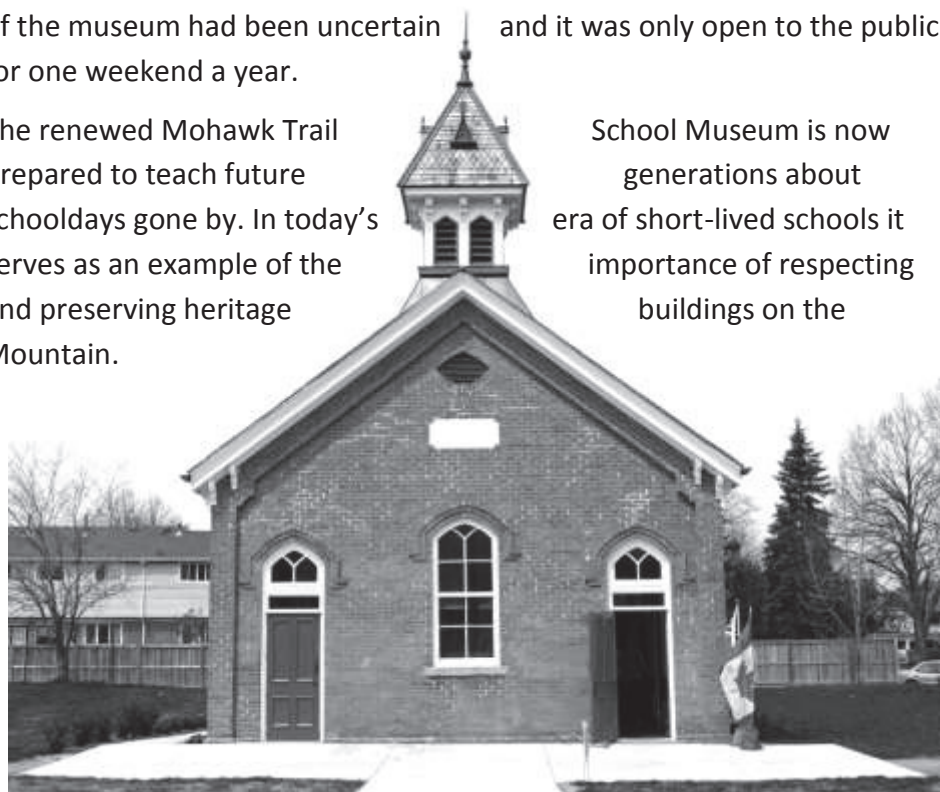
Mohawk Trail School Museum Grand Reopening

In 2014 the 132 year old Mohawk Trail School was lifted off its foundation and moved across the Mountain to a site behind the new HWDSB Education Centre. After a year of restoration and repairs, Archives Manager John Aikman, who spearheaded the project, cut the ribbon at a reopening ceremony held on May 6th. The public was invited to tour the building during Doors Open Hamilton on the weekend of May 7th and 8th.

The one-room red brick schoolhouse was built in 1882 to serve Barton Township School Section No. 5. The Hamilton Teachers' Council and the Board of Education converted the building into a museum of education and rural school life as a Canadian Centennial project. In recent years the future of the museum had been uncertain and it was only open to the public for one weekend a year.

The renewed Mohawk Trail prepared to teach future schooldays gone by. In today's serves as an example of the and preserving heritage Mountain.

School Museum is now generations about era of short-lived schools it importance of respecting buildings on the



Heritage Comes Home 2016

The annual Heritage Day event was held at Hamilton City Hall on Feb. 20th. Local heritage groups, including our society, set up displays for the public before the awards ceremony took place in the Council Chambers.

Seven musicians were nominated for the **Greatest Hamiltonian** contest for 2016 including music teacher Hazel Florence Kompass, daughter of George and Belle Summers of Mountain Park Theatre fame. Folksinger and songwriter Stan Rogers was announced as the winner and his contributions will be celebrated on George Hamilton Day, August 1, 2016.

The **Reverend T. Melville Bailey Heritage Award** for 2016 was awarded to Dr. Mary Anderson. Dr. Anderson spent many years digitizing the letters of the McQuesten family and has published two books based on her research. She delivered a talk to our Society in 2011 titled *From Tragedy to Triumph: The Story of Ruby and Tom*.

Bob Bernhardt and Joe Mielko were nominated by our society to receive **Hamilton-Wentworth Heritage Association Volunteer Recognition Awards**. Bob is a past president and continues to serve the society as its webmaster and technical guru. Joe joined the executive four years ago and has edited the Bailey's Bulletin newsletter for the past two years.

Jane's Walks

Jane's Walks, named in honour of author and activist Jane Jacobs (1916-2006), took place in Hamilton and around the world on the weekend of May 6-8 to celebrate, explore and talk about neighbourhoods.

On the Mountain, walks included 'Rymal Road Warriors', 'Rolston: Visionary Landscapes', 'Views from Sam Lawrence', 'The View from the Hill - Cherish the Past to Challenge the Future' led by Pat Saunders at Century Manor and 'Heritage Places Are Rising Stars' led by Robin McKee and Diane Dent at the Auchmar Estate.

Visit www.janeswalk.org/canada/hamilton/ to find out about next year's walks or sign up to lead your own.



Upcoming Programme Dates

Meetings of the Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society are held at Olivet United Church, 40 Empress Avenue on the third Thursday of January, March, May, September and November. All meetings begin at 7:30 pm and visitors are most welcome.

SEP 15, 2016 Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society 20th Anniversary

Murray Aikman, a founding member of the HMHS, will present a talk on the history of the society.

NOV 17, 2016 Remembrance Day theme

Entertainment by Mark McNeil, musician and reporter for the Hamilton Spectator.

JAN 19, 2017 History of the Terryberry Library

Mark Raymond will present a talk on the Terryberry Branch of the Hamilton Public Library.

Mark your calendar for future programmes to be announced:

MAR 16, 2017 & MAY 18, 2017

HMHS Memberships

The annual membership fee for the Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society is \$20 for an individual or family. The membership year is January to December. Visit Susanne at the next meeting to purchase or renew your membership – or submit your fee to our mailing address. Membership forms are available at: www.hamiltonheritage.ca.

Test your “Mountain Memories”

In 1949 a modern Mohawk Trail School was built adjacent to the 1882 schoolhouse.

How long did the 1949 building operate as a school?

- a) 28 years b) 38 years c) 48 years

(See next page for the answer...)



Upcoming Events

Inside Hamilton's Museums

An author reading by
John Goddard

Tuesday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Concession Street Library
Call 905-546-3415
to register.



Concession Street Sidewalk Sounds

An evening of music, shopping and great food.
From 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on the 3rd Friday of
every Month from May to September

Concession Streetfest

Saturday, August 13
11 a.m. – 7 p.m.



United Empire Loyalist Day Ceremony

Art Gallery
of Hamilton

Friday, June 17

11:00 a.m.



Mountain Farmers Market

Saturdays May 14 to November 5, 2016

7 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Corner of Viewpoint
and Mountain Park
Avenues



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HMHS June Outing 2016

The Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society's annual June
Outing will take place on **Saturday, June 11, 2016.**

The bus trip includes a river cruise in Port Dover. We also
plan to visit museums in Port Dover and Simcoe followed by
a surprise stop on our way home.

Tickets are \$68.00 each including lunch at the famous Erie
Beach Hotel. Excluding lunch, the cost is \$45.00 per person.

All reserved tickets should now be paid for.

Please contact Tom Allan as soon as possible
if you are still interested in purchasing
tickets.

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Answer: a) The newer Mohawk Trail School was closed in 1977. When the building was sold around 1997 it was demolished and homes were built on the site.