



## *"Bailey's Bulletin"*

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### **2009 - 2010 PROGRAMME**

Meetings, unless otherwise stated, are held at 7:30 p.m. at **Olivet United Church, 40 Empress Avenue** on the third Thursday of January, March, May, September and November. Occasionally, special meetings are arranged in historic buildings on the Mountain to allow members to view these landmarks or to help celebrate a principal anniversary. Visitors are welcome.

**--- BRING A FRIEND ---**

#### **SEPTEMBER 17, 2009**

##### **ERAMOSKA KARST**

Friends of the Eramosa Karst (FOTEK) will share with us information about Hamilton's newest conservation area. The area is 180.5 acres of open land, woodlands and land features created by limestone. The dissolving of rocks creates sinkholes, sinking streams, closed depressions, subterranean drainage and caves.

#### **NOVEMBER 19, 2009**

##### **THE HISTORY OF THE HAMILTON MILITARY MUSEUM**

Michael McAllister, co-ordinator of the Hamilton Military Museum and the Hamilton and Scourge Project, will share with us an illustrated history of the museum.

#### **JANUARY 21, 2010**

##### **"IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME"**

Winter blues got you down? Bob Williamson will share with us one of his famous dual screen 'Then and Now' slide presentations of Hamilton, 100 years ago, on a summertime theme.

#### **MARCH 18, 2010**

##### **IRISH IMMIGRATION AND SETTLEMENT IN HAMILTON**

Michael Quigley, of the Irish Canadian Club of Hamilton, will share with us facts about early Irish immigration to Hamilton and Hamilton Mountain.

#### **MAY 20, 2010**

##### **HAMILTON: THE WATERFALL CAPITAL OF THE WORLD**

Joe Hollick prizes his popular look at the many waterfalls found within the Hamilton Region. He will share with us a view of the many wonderful waterfalls in our area.

#### **SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2010**

##### **ANNUAL JUNE OUTING**

This year we are planning a bus trip to Port Stanley Terminal Rail Train Station where we will board the train for a one hour scenic country ride to St. Thomas and back. After the train ride we will board the bus and go to St. Thomas for lunch at Grace United Church which we will follow up with a tour of St. Thomas by the Local Historical Society.

Cost for trip \$50.00 per person. Please sign up by November 19<sup>th</sup> after which time we will accept outside guests. For other information please contact Tom at 905-575-9326.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**  
**September 2009**

Some key objectives for the 2009-10 HMHS season;

**To sharpen our Mountain focus.** The stress will be on promoting our meetings, membership and encouraging the gathering and preservation of Mountain history.

**To promote "Mountain Memories".** The long out of print "Mountain Memories" is coming back. A reprint has been ordered and we will be looking for your assistance to sell 500 copies. As an aside, this could solve some of your personal Christmas shopping challenges.

**To serve as a "Watchdog" on Mountain heritage issues.** We continue to monitor and influence decisions related to Century Manor, Auchmar and other Mountain heritage sites. There may be some good news on the horizon. We are also continuing our protest about the renaming of the Henderson Hospital. Preserving the Henderson name may soon require all of us to voice our concerns in a public demonstration of concern.

We value your comments and suggestions. Please stay informed via the HMHS website at [hamiltonheritage.ca](http://hamiltonheritage.ca). We hope to see you all on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

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**PAST-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**  
**"AS TIME GOES BY"**

While a '40's hit by Frank Sinatra is listed as "Untitled" the concluding line of each of the four verses concludes with "As time goes by". In preparing to submit for this issue of Bailey's Bullentin it seemed to me that this line could be used in recapping my recently concluded role as your President. Initially I did not think the rest of the lyrics would apply to my experience as an Executive member of the Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society but upon second thought it might be considered a 'love story'.

When I became a member it was with the hope and expectation that the Society would remain true to its' mandate 'to preserve the heritage of Hamilton mountain'. Transferring my efforts as the Chair of the Century Manor Task Force of the Museum Committee of the former Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital to HMHS seemed like the most positive action I could take. Since that time I have diligently pursued keeping the preservation of Century Manor as a respected goal. Space does not allow me to review some of the other activities that belong on our agenda. Suffice to note that I trust that I shall be remembered as that 'activist President' who remained true to our mandate.

In conclusion I shall end this piece with a slight revision of the last verse of the above mentioned song: 'It's still the same old story

A fight for preservation

A case of do or die

Hamiltonians do not always welcome our efforts

But they will

AS TIME GOES BY

So long for now.

Pat Saunders.

## Rev. T. M. Bailey – A Leader by Example

It was in September 1996, that Janet and Mel Bailey invited interested “Mountain Folk” to a gathering at their home. The purpose of the meeting was to explore ways of recovering various aspects of Mountain history that could be shared with the public at large. Later that Fall the first public gathering of a heritage group interested in preserving the Mountain community’s rich history took place.

As The Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society begins its 14<sup>th</sup> year of operation we are again endeavouring to share the many interesting and lesser known facts about our community. As you will read elsewhere in this edition of “Bailey’s Bulletin”, our society has decided to reprint the very successful millennium publication, “Mountain Memories”. It was felt that there are still many Hamilton Mountain residents interested in obtaining a copy of this pictorial history of the Mountain. As well, in the past 9 years many people have moved to the Mountain and may not be aware that an excellent history of their community exists.

“Mountain Memories” was the millennium project of this organization and was inspired by none other than the Rev. T. Melville Bailey. In urging us to engage in this undertaking, Mel was simply following a pattern he had established over many years of participation in the recovery and sharing of Hamilton history. His first publication was completed when he was in his early 30’s. It was a history of his beloved Dundurn Castle. By becoming involved in publishing local history Mel was following the examples of Hamilton historians who came before him; people such as Lt. Col. C. R. McCullough, T. Roy Woodhouse and Lillian Shaw. Here on the mountain, Mel’s mentor was Mabel Burkholder.

In turn, over his many years of recording our city’s history, Mel inspired others to follow his lead. The list includes William King, Stewart Leslie, Bob Williamson, Brian Henley, Margaret Houghton and myself. Past President Bob Williamson recorded not only the history of the Summers Family and their theatre but also played an instrumental part in the publication of a history of Chedoke Hospital.

You are urged to purchase any of the publications which our society currently possesses: “Mountain Memories”, “Barton On The Mountain”, “Our World’s A Stage”, “Chedoke: More Than A Sanatorium” and a reproduction of a map of Wentworth County. Look for special promotions of these products in the weeks ahead.

Murray Aikman

### **“MOUNTAIN MEMORIES”**

The first illustrated history of the Hamilton Mountain.

A fourth printing of our unique picture history of the Hamilton Mountain is about to be released for sale after many years out of print. This hardcover book **Mountain Memories** contains more than 150 pages and 290 historic photographs (many unpublished photographs). Do not miss your chance to own a copy of **Mountain Memories**. Makes a great gift! Makes a great addition to your collection! Pick up a copy for a family member or a friend now. Cost \$35.00. For any additional information please call 905-383-1308.

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!**

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**MEMBERSHIPS**

The membership fee is \$20.00 (individual or family) per calendar year (Jan.-Dec.).

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

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**WEB SITE:** [www.hamiltonheritage.ca](http://www.hamiltonheritage.ca)

Check out the HMHS new Web Site recently updated by Bob Bernhardt, our Webmaster. This is another major advance in our society's mandate. Another Web Site to check out is [www.hamiltonhistory.ca](http://www.hamiltonhistory.ca)

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