

HERITAGE CORNER

Moore Museum volunteers receive provincial Volunteer Service Awards

Nine Moore Museum volunteers were recently honoured with Volunteer Service Awards from the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration, and International Trade. From the left: St. Clair Township Councillor Tracy Kingston, who represents council on the Moore Museum Advisory Committee, was on hand to congratulate volunteers: James Townsend (15 years); Fred Strickland (10 years); Dan Hayward (5 years); Courtney Vanderjeugd (Youth award); and Dave Taylor (5 years). Missing from the photo are: 5 year award recipients Dave Beer and Laurel Pattenden, and Youth award recipients Spencer Johnson and Emily Moore. Moore Museum Curator Laurie Mason says it is a pleasure to have this opportunity to recognize its volunteers for their long-term dedication as they contribute their skills and time to the Museum's projects and programs.



Photo submitted

Sombra lecture reveals *Our Heroes*

The final lecture of the Sombra Museum fall/winter lecture series was entitled, "Our Heroes: From Fighting Wars To Farming Fields in Lambton." About 30 people attended the lecture which centered around the Polish war veterans who immigrated to Canada after World War II.

The project this lecture was based on, *Polish War Veterans: From Fighting Wars to Farming Fields in Lambton*, is creating a lasting memorial for our heroes and/or families by framing the medals and other artifacts, and showcasing them in Lambton's communities. Unfortunately, many of these items are still gathering dust in basements, drawers, and closets. To honour the Polish veterans who settled in Lambton County, and to celebrate their military achievements, travelling displays were organized, including: Polish Veterans in the Normandy Campaign; Battle of Monte Cassino; and Underground Army and Warsaw Uprising. A special display, *Wojtek The Bear Who Went To The War*, has also been created.



John DeMars and Krystyna Stalmach were among those who enjoyed the *Our Heroes* lecture. Photo submitted

Guess who's 40 years old!



It's been 40 years since the Moore Museum opened its doors to the public. This archive photo shows how the facility began and now, everyone is invited to come out and see how it has changed from a single brick building to a 12-building museum site filled with thousands of heritage artifacts. The 40th Anniversary Open House is slated for Sunday, June 14. To find out more, see *Around the Township*, page 12. Moore Museum archives

VOLUNTEERS are always welcome at the Moore Museum, 519-867-2020, and Sombra Museum, 519-892-3982 (seasonal). A lot of opportunities are available, from helping with major projects to staffing the special events that take place. Call to find out how you can help and make new friends, too.

NEW BOOK! *Farm Stories, Volume Two* now at Sombra Museum

The second volume of *Farm Stories* is now available at the Sombra Museum.
The book is compiled and issued by the Sombra Historical Society.