

## HERITAGE CORNER

### Moore Museum's Canada 150 photo contest now underway

As part of St. Clair Township's celebration of Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Moore Museum is holding a photography contest that will capture the beauty of the four seasons as township residents experience them. All township residents are invited to submit photographs showing their community throughout 2017.

#### Rules

- ◆ Contest is open to St. Clair Township residents only.
- ◆ Photos must be taken in St. Clair Township.
- ◆ All photo entries must be accompanied by the photographer's name, address and phone number, as well as the date the photo was taken.
- ◆ All photos must include the location in St. Clair Township where the photo was taken.
- ◆ All photos must be of a subject matter suited to the family-friendly nature of Moore Museum.
- ◆ If a photo includes a recognizable person, a model release is required. Model releases are the responsibility of the entrant and a copy will be required for any winning photograph. The model release form is available on the museum website at: [www.mooremuseum.ca](http://www.mooremuseum.ca)
- ◆ Entries are limited to a maximum of 3 photos per person.
- ◆ Cropping of photos and tonal or colour corrections are permitted but neither content alteration of digital files nor addition of graphic elements are allowed.

◆ Digital photographs should be at a minimum resolution of 300 dpi at 8 x 12 inches.

By entering a photo or photos, the photographer grants to Moore Museum and the Township of St. Clair a royalty-free, world-wide, perpetual, non-exclusive license to display, distribute, reproduce and create derivative works of the entries, in whole or in part, in any media now existing or subsequently developed, for any Moore Museum purpose, including, but not limited to, advertising and promotional materials, its website, exhibition and commercial products. Moore Museum will not be required to pay any additional consideration or seek any additional approval in connection with such uses.

At the end of the contest period, the photographs will be judged by a panel of judges chosen by Moore Museum. Prizes for winning entries will be: 1<sup>st</sup> prize - \$100 cash + a one-year Moore Museum membership; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize - \$50 cash + a one-year Moore Museum membership; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize - \$25 cash + a one-year Moore Museum membership.

The top 12 photographs will be used to produce a 2019 calendar which will be made available for sale in mid-2018.

The contest will run from January 1, 2017 to December 15, 2017

Submissions may be made by email to [photocontest@twp.stclair.on.ca](mailto:photocontest@twp.stclair.on.ca) or in print format delivered or sent to Moore Museum, 94 Moore Line, Mooretown, ON N0N 1M0. Please note that photos will not be returned. For more information, please call Moore Museum at 519-867-2020 or visit [www.mooremuseum.ca](http://www.mooremuseum.ca)

### S. S. #13 Sombra (West Becher) second reunion planned

Former students and teachers from S. S. #13 Sombra, also known as West Becher, along with their spouses or guests, are invited to attend the school's second reunion planned for Tuesday, April 25. The event will take place at The Clubhouse at Baldoon, 7018 Dufferin Avenue, Wallaceburg.

Doors open at 5 p.m. and admission, by advance registration only (reply by April 14) will be \$10 per person. Dinner (order from the menu) will begin at 6 p.m. Attendees will be responsible for the cost of his/her own meal, drinks, tips, etc.

To register or for more information, call Elanor at 519-677-1182 or Jim at 519-628-5535, or email: [SS13Sombra@hotmail.com](mailto:SS13Sombra@hotmail.com)

If you know anyone who was a student or teacher at SS#13 and who has left the area, the organizing committee asks that you contact these people to let them know about the second reunion. The committee hopes to see lots of familiar faces at this event.

See page 5 for a photo memory.

### More WWI veterans from Moore/Sombra area discovered

Information for three more WWI veterans from the former Moore and Sombra Townships has become available. New entries to the growing list of veterans include: brothers **Henry Cranston**, born Jan. 17, 1895, drafted April 3, 1918 in London, Reg #3132612; and **Sidney Cranston**, born Nov. 25, 1898, enlisted in Edmonton, March 11, 1917, Reg #2288359 (sons of David J. and Bessie (nee Booth) Cranston of Moore Township; and **George W. Abra**, born in Corunna, Nov. 12, 1894, drafted April 2, 1918 in London, Reg # 3132697, son of James and Catherine (nee Cranston) Abra.

This information will be especially relevant for those who purchased *St. Clair Allies In Arms: The Men of Sombra and Moore Townships in WWI*, a book that was published by the Sombra Museum in 2014 to coincide with the 100th anniversary of WWI. The book was as complete as researchers could make it at the time of publication, but new entries occasionally become available. This is the latest information. *Those who own the book are encouraged to clip this item and keep it with the book. As new names are discovered, they will be noted here in The Beacon in Herit-*

### Lambton Heritage Museum hosts spring activities

The Lambton Heritage Museum will host the *Return of the Swans Festival* from March 11 to April 2. Spring heralds the return of the tundra swans as they pass through the Grand Bend area on their way to nesting grounds in the Arctic Circle. *Hands-On Nature!* is an exciting and interactive exhibit on loan from the Royal Ontario

Museum that will appeal to people of all ages. See it from March 5 to April 28. And the *Paint Ontario Art Competition, Exhibition and Sale*, featuring over 200 stunning paintings, will be on from March 11 to April 2. The Lambton Heritage Museum is located on Hwy. 21 south of Grand Bend.

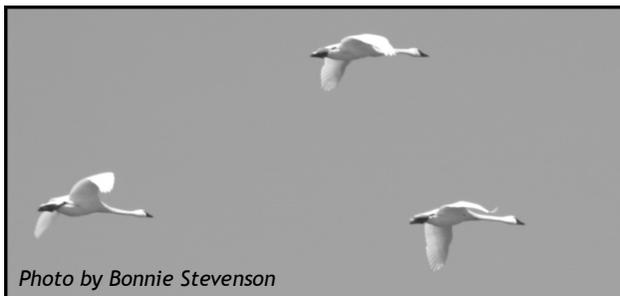


Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

Tundra swans return to migration stop over near Grand Bend