

Historic BOVAIRD House

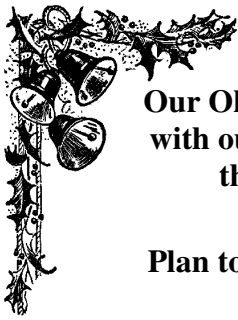
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VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE & GIFT & COLLECTABLES SALE

Saturday & Sunday December 3rd & 4th
10:00am – 4:00pm



Our Olde House will again be bedecked in finest Victorian splendour with our very own crafters and numerous guest artisans displaying their finest works for seasonal gift-giving... truly an event

not to be missed !!!

Plan to shop early for best selection, including photo greeting cards, gift baskets, hand-made bath and beauty products, jeweled ornaments, corn husk dolls, angels and home décor, tatting & petitpoint jewelry, and our very own new souvenir ceramic coasters, trivets and greeting cards featuring photography from Historic Bovaird House !!!

Enjoy afternoon tea and seasonal sweets in front of the roaring fire in Mossie's Tea Room, **NO reservations required.**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 2012 EVENTS

FEBRUARY 11TH – HBH PARTICIPATES IN **HIGHLIGHT ON HERITAGE**
AT BRAMALEA CITY CENTRE

FEBRUARY 18TH - **HISTORIC BOVAIRD HOUSE** OPENS FOR THE 2012 SEASON

MARCH 3RD - **“LOAF AND LADLE”** PIONEER SUPPER BY LAMPLIGHT,
*RESERVATIONS TAKEN AS OF DECEMBER 3RD, 2011 **

SUNDAYS MAY 6TH AND 13TH – **MOTHER'S DAY TEA**,
*RESERVATIONS TAKEN AS OF DECEMBER 3RD, 2011 **

JUNE 2ND – **TRUNK SALE & PLANT SALE**,
*RESERVATIONS TAKEN AS OF FEBRUARY 18TH, 2012 **

**** PLEASE RESERVE EARLY AS THESE EVENTS ALWAYS SELL OUT QUICKLY !!!***

EXCITING NEW ARTIFACTS RECENTLY DONATED !!!

“THE SAWBUCK STOPS HERE”

Our Olde House recently acquired a vintage sawbuck table, graciously donated by Land & Ross Antiques of Shakespeare, Ontario.

The sawbuck table (Wellington County) features an early design and is a classic piece of antique country furniture. Sawbuck tables were real country tables that people often kept outside on the porch with tops typically made of planks and the base was an X-shaped arrangement of old boards.

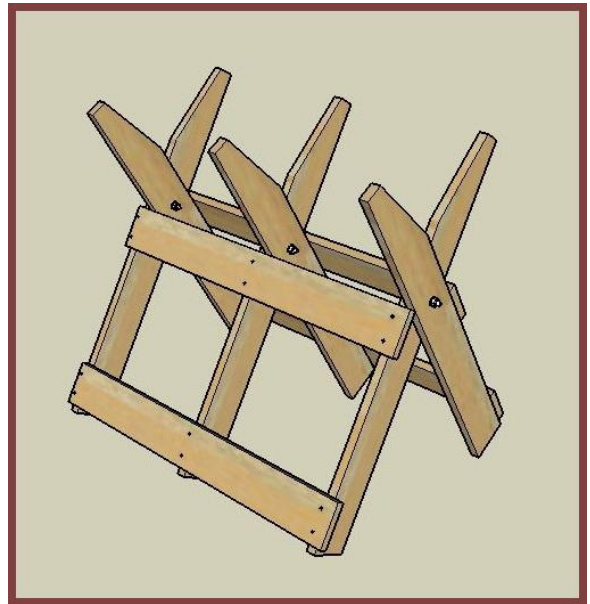


If you've never heard the term "sawbuck," it's probably simply due to the inexorable march of time, since the term was once widely known in the US. In the literal sense, a "sawbuck" is the contraption better known as a "sawhorse" -- a brace or frame, originally in an "X" shape with crossed legs, used to hold long pieces of wood while they are being sawed. The word "sawbuck" derives from the Dutch name for the frame, "zaag-bok," and first appeared in English in the 19th century.

Also back in the 19th century, US paper currency was marked with Roman numerals denoting its value -- "C" for one hundred dollars, "V" for five dollars, etc. The Roman

numeral for ten was, of course, "X" which to many people brought to mind the sawbuck, so a "sawbuck" became slang for a ten-dollar bill. Apparently several other denominations also spawned slang terms, but "C-note" for a one-hundred dollar bill is the only one still in common use.

Incidentally, while "buck" as slang for "one dollar" is often traced to the use of buckskins (deer pelts) as a medium of exchange in early America, that theory has never been verified and "buck" in the "dollar" sense has not been found before the mid-19th century. One wonders whether "buck" might not have been derived from "sawbuck" by the logic of "A sawbuck is ten dollars, so one dollar must be just 'a buck'."



However, the "buck" in Harry Truman's famous motto "The buck stops here" (meaning "I accept all the responsibility") has nothing to do with money. In 19th century poker games, the dealer of the current hand was designated by an object called a "buck" (supposedly originally a knife with a buckhorn handle) placed on the table. When the next player's turn to deal came, the "buck" was "passed," a phrase which came to mean "transfer (or evade) responsibility" by the early 20th century.

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Along with two Victorian antique chairs on display in the parlour, Catherine Moffat of Brampton has generously donated a vintage lighting fixture that once graced her grandparents' home for decades.

Professionally cleaned, rewired and with new globes installed, this magnificent light now illuminates the upstairs hallway.



Sherman Talbot of Brampton has been collecting antiquities for decades and he recently donated three oil lamps, two of which are quite rare. The one pictured above left is unique in that it has a tin or metal reservoir and most probably would have been used in a barn or log cabin well over one hundred years ago.

The taller lamp measures almost two feet in height and is indeed a scarce find because of its stature. All will be welcome additions to Historic Bovaird House's two events where such lamps are used, (*now using liquid paraffin instead of the very odourous kerosene*) those being the Loaf and Ladle Pioneer Supper held each March and Desserts by Lamplight every October.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DONORS !!!!!

ALL APPROPRIATE DONATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED AND A CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPT ISSUED IF APPLICABLE.

2011 TRUNK SALE AND PLANT SALE

It was most unfortunate that the weather was totally uncooperative last June 4th, when many hearty souls set up their trunk sale in the midst of a severe rainstorm, only to pack up and disperse but a few minutes later. Hopefully all will return for the 2012 trunk (boot) sale.



Not to be undaunted, volunteer Kathy Higgins and volunteer crew continued and as the weather broke, hosted another very successful sale with plants donated by volunteers and local businesses.

Both HBH volunteers and visitors purchased tickets for numerous horticultural plant draws and the winners were:

first prize Grace Cirilla

with the next ten winners: Terry Bedford, Anita Sieben, Paul Gallant, Audrey McCranchan, Yvonne Gaudet, Deborah Robinson, Elaine Ruprecht, Diana Tracey, Linda Humes and Lydia Robertson.

Our sincerest thanks to Kathy in particular, and we hope that 2012 will be just as successful and profitable for our Olde House.



Yes, this is our antique mousetrap that was once listed in the 1905 T. Eaton catalogue for the grand sum of 9 cents – it was state of the art – who said you couldn't build a better mousetrap ??

House & Craft Shop Information

Open Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday
12 to 4pm

mid-February to mid-December

parking & general admission are always free
all donations gratefully accepted

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Brampton Historical Society Meetings

*All BHS meetings are held on the third Thursday
of the month, 7:15pm at the
Heart Lake Presbyterian Church,
25 Ruth Avenue in Brampton.*

*Join us monthly for interesting guest speakers,
historical information and meet many other
individuals concerned about heritage preservation
within our region and community. please visit:
www.bramptonhistoricalsociety.com*

The Peel Heritage Complex

9 Wellington Street East, Brampton.

www.peelheritagecomplex.org

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The Complex normally features an ever-changing array of art, exhibits and interesting displays, designed to educate and amuse all visitors, unfortunately

THE COMPLEX IS CLOSED FOR VERY EXTENSIVE RENOVATIONS AND EXPANSION FOR MANY MONTHS TO COME. THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THEY HAVE AGREED TO LEND US MANY VALUABLE ARTIFACTS THAT WILL BE DISPLAYED AT HBH, INCLUDING ANTIQUE TOYS, MEMORABELIA AND ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN KEPT LOCKED IN STORAGE FOR YEARS...