



Celebrating Lives

ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2015

Welcome

It's hard to believe that so much time has passed since the last newsletter. The membership and community are now venturing out to see what has changed at the church since last fall.

Again, with Salem it has been a busy time for all involved. We started the year with the wrap-up of the "Special Appeal" drive, essential to building our reserve fund which was almost depleted due to the construction of the entrance stairs and sidewalk. Thank you to everyone who contributed to getting the balance sheet further into the black. Please check the financial statement in this newsletter for details. That said, the coffers continue to be in need of replenishment as we have many projects and day to day maintenance placing demands on these limited funds.

The launch of Jim Tremeer's book "*Reflections: Salem Corners, Salem-Mariposa Church and Cemetery*", was a resounding success with the first run sold out. What a success story! Thank you Jim. Thanks to a second printing, there are additional books now available. To purchase, please contact a board member or purchase on-line through the website (www.salemmariposacemetery.com).

Our various projects and activities that fit into the framework of our "Vision and Mission Statements" were completed in 2014. One such activity was the first annual Christmas Carol Sing held in December 2014. All who attended thoroughly enjoyed the ambience of the season created by heat in the building, muted lighting, seasonal music and, of course, the homemade refreshments. A second annual carol sing is planned for December 5, 2015. Please mark this date on your calendar.

Once again Board elections are coming and we are seeking new people to put their names forward, no later than

fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting on July 19. The Board has had the good fortune of excellent talent

volunteering during these early years of our young organization. If you have any questions about the role, please contact someone on the executive.

It is with regret that we advise that Donna Campbell has stepped down as financial officer as of December 31, 2014. We will miss Donna's contributions around the board table. She has offered her services to Salem in many capacities, even before incorporation. On behalf of the board and membership, thank you Donna for your guidance and expertise that was given so graciously over many years.

Laurie Teel has stepped forward very willingly to become our new financial officer and David Smeall will now officially oversee cemetery operations. Thank you both for offering your time and skills to help our organization move forward.

Thank you also to Harvey Rodd for his prayerful beginnings at each AGM. He has made it known that he would like to pass the torch on to another member to carry on this meaningful task of the business meeting's agenda. Again, thank you Harvey for your many contributions over the years.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the membership for their support over the past year. Specifically to the board members, my sincerest appreciation is extended for their many hours of time given for the good of Salem-Mariposa Church Building and Cemetery. Thank you.

All the best,
Bruce Davey

Save the Date
Memorial Decoration Day
Service & Annual General Meeting
Sunday, July 19, 2015—1:30 p.m.

VISION STATEMENT:

The Salem-Mariposa Church Building and Cemetery Board is committed to the celebration of lives lived through the provision of quality cemetery facilities and services. The on-going preservation of this community landmark is the Board's priority, in order to sustain and, where possible, enhance the welcoming environment that the cemetery and the church building provide to bereaved families and the extended community. In pursuing this vision, the Board preserves and honours the heritage of past generations, serves and respects the needs of the present generation, and provides a legacy for future generations.

Annual Report:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2014:

Prepared by Donna Campbell
Examined and approved by Don and Morag Found.

Revenues

Earnings: Trust Fund & GIC Interest	\$	331.72
Donations: Memorial Decoration Service, In Memoriam, and Christmas Carol Sing		1,975.00
Fees: Interments & Markers		1,000.00
Sale of Interment Rights		0.00
Book Sales		1,590.00
Donations: Special Appeal		2,700.00
	\$	7,596.72

Expenditures

Grounds Keeping/Top Soil	\$	1,000.00
Insurance		779.76
OACFP Membership Fee		141.93
Banking Service Fees		5.00
Printing of Books		699.90
Memorial Decoration Service		274.30
Christmas Carol Sing		416.96
Interment Costs		464.00
GIC Purchases		4,981.98
	\$	8,763.83

Cash on Hand—Year End	\$	5,295.91
GIC Investments	\$	9,500.00

Thank you everyone for your financial support in 2014.

Memorial Donations

In 2014, memorial donations were made to Salem-Mariposa Church & Cemetery in honour of loved ones:

“In Memory of our Aunt, Irene Tremeer”

From Marilyn (Moore) & Harvey Webster, Lloyd and Sharon Moore, Harvey and Janice Tremeer, Elliott and Joan Tremeer, and Jim and Shirley Tremeer

“In Memory of Allan Davey Tremeer”

From Audrey Tremeer

In Memoriam Cemetery Interments during 2014

Woodward, Mildred Marie
Tremeer, Irene
Tremeer, Allan Davey

For your convenience, donations can now be made in a safe and secure manner on-line.

A Canada Helps donation link is now available on the Salem website:

www.salemmariposacemetery.com

We encourage you to take advantage of this convenient way of supporting the corporation.
Thank you.

Accomplishments

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Salem Church Carol Sing

December 6, 2014 marked the first Christmas Candlelight Carol Sing held at Salem church in over 50 years. Over 60 people turned out and we had a great time! We were especially pleased to see many of the neighbours from the local community in attendance. Everyone was comfortable, thanks to a rented portable heater. A donated power generator allowed us to project the sing-along words on the front wall of the church.

The success of 2014 has prompted us to plan our second annual Carol Sing for Saturday, December 5, 2015.

To help with this year's Carol Sing, we are asking for volunteers to serve on a planning committee. If you are interested in participating, please speak to one of the Board members or contact us through our website: www.salemmariposacemetery.com

Be sure to mark December 5, 2015 on your calendar. We look forward to seeing you there.



Memorial Decoration Day Service

Sunday July 19, 2015—1:30 p.m.

Salem-Mariposa Church
Guest Chairperson: Rev. Denise Boyd
Guest Speaker: Phyllis Tamlin
Special Music: Betty Archer

Annual Meeting

(To follow the Decoration Day Service at approximately 2:15 p.m.)

1. Welcome and Opening Prayers
2. Approval of Minutes and Agenda
3. Business Arising
4. New Business

Members of the Salem-Mariposa Church Building & Cemetery Board

- ◆ Bruce Davey, President
- ◆ Everett Davey, Secretary
- ◆ Doug Moore, Director
- ◆ David Smeall, Director (Financial Officer/Cemetery Operations)
- ◆ Karen Spearing, Director
- ◆ Laurie Teel, Director (incoming Financial Officer)
- ◆ Lewis Tremeer, Director

- ◆ Donna Campbell, (outgoing) Financial Officer
- ◆ Garry Smith, Cemetery Manager

MISSION STATEMENT:

- A. To operate and maintain the Salem-Mariposa Church Building and Cemetery in Manilla, Ontario;
- B. To restore, develop and preserve the Salem-Mariposa Church Building and Cemetery with a view to educate the public about, and commemorate the Salem-Mariposa Church Building and Cemetery;
- C. To undertake activities ancillary and incidental to the amendment of the above purpose.

Noteworthy Reflections

Contributed by Jim Tremeer

In the past several years, I have walked through numerous cemeteries, observing the stones. Cemetery stones record history that is not written anywhere else. The dates on stones tell you when the area was settled; many of the names tell you the country the settlers immigrated from. The dates of birth, death and age of individuals tell you much about how things have changed over the last 175 plus years or more. People are living much longer now than in the 1800's. The number of children and teens that died in the early years is unbelievable; there was no cure for so many ailments, which we think of now as common place. Children and adults are now living because so many ailments are treatable now. Many men were married twice; a man, left with a small family after his young wife died in child birth, had no alternative but to remarry and get help to raise his family. There were many widows left with family at a young age because their husbands were killed in accidents, died of heart attacks or other diseases.

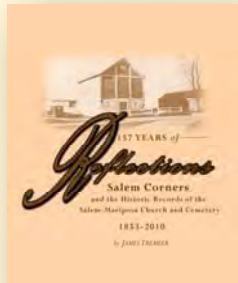
In the 1800's, most marriages took place within the community, but as time passed and travel was easier with the automobile, people found mates farther away from home.



In the past year, the Board has received valuable historic information, via the internet, that we didn't know existed. We would like to meet these people and we are happy they are interested in our Cemetery. We thank everyone for this information; it will be added to our archives.

“There is one past but many histories”

Please share yours with us



Jim Tremeer's Book, ***“Reflections”*** is available for purchase on the Board's website: www.salemmariposacemetery.com, and will be available for sale at the Annual Memorial Decoration Service and Annual General Meeting on Sunday, July 19.

\$30.00 (including tax)*

**Note that there is an additional shipping and handling charge if ordering from the website*

IDENTIFY THE PHOTO



In order to raise awareness of the Board's website, we are sponsoring the first annual "Identify the Photo" contest. Guesses can be submitted by going to the Board website at www.salemmariposacemetery.com and clicking on the "Contact Us" button. Alternatively, answers can be submitted at the Memorial Decoration Service on July 19. Tasty prizes will be awarded at the Decoration Service for all winning entries.