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Speaking our History

L.R. Wilson Archives to host Local History Speakers' Series this fall

Port Colborne, ON (September 17, 2018) – The L.R. Wilson Archives will bring history to life when their Local History Speakers' Series returns this fall.

The L.R. Wilson Archives, 286 King Street, Port Colborne will once again host the Speakers' Series on select Thursday nights, beginning at 7 p.m. Admission to the series is free, refreshments will be served, and following each talk attendees will have the opportunity to ask speakers questions.

The dates and topics for the 2018 Local History Speakers' Series are:

October 4, 2018

Abby Stansfield, M.A.

Cooking up the Past – *Our local heritage culture.*

October 25, 2018

Jeffrey Reichheld, M.A.

Wainfleet & the Feeder Canal – *The impact of the Feed Canal on Wainfleet's development.*

November 8, 2018

Michelle Vosburgh, Ph.D.

"We will Remember" Armchair Cemetery Tour – *To honour local military service on the 100th Anniversary of the 1918 Armistice.*

November 22, 2018

Michelle Vosburgh, Ph.D.

Port Colborne and the Canals – *The effects of the Welland Canals on Port Colborne.*

About the L.R. Wilson Archives

This research facility, located at 286 King Street, Port Colborne, was completed in 2006, and designed externally to recapture the spirit of Port Colborne's first Town Hall which was built in 1873 and torn down a half century later. Its purposes are to provide a climate-controlled repository for the documentary history of the City of Port Colborne and area; a Research Room suitable for the study of those resources; and a Conference Room to accommodate groups with diverse purposes.

Mandate: The L. R. Wilson Heritage Research Archives will continue the collection and preservation of the Documentary of history.

About City of Port Colborne

Located on the south coast of the scenic Niagara Region, Niagara's Port of Call has found the perfect balance – successful industrial and commercial sectors, comfortable and scenic residential areas, white sand beaches, unique culinary choices, the world class Sugarloaf Marina, fishing, golfing, trails,

shopping districts along the historic Welland Canal and an energized festival and entertainment scene that includes live theatre – truly a community that adds to the overall Niagara Experience.

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