

**GREETINGS  
FROM**

**NEW GERMANY  
CANADA**



**The Historical Society of St. Boniface & Maryhill Community Inc**  
1338B Maryhill Rd, Maryhill ON N0B 2B0

Summer 2013

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## Heritage Day 2013

**Mark your calendar!** On Sunday ,September 15th ,we will celebrate Heritage Day in the village of Maryhill. Mass will begin at 10am at St. Boniface. Come early and sing along to the Heritage Hymn written by Helen Moyer. The hymn honours the three men that fell during the construction of the rafters in 1878 at St. Boniface church, the wooden crosses constructed by our pioneers, and the sisters of Notre Dame.



Following mass, we will tour our local Heritage Shrines. There are three such shrines constructed by our forefathers in the 1800's to commemorate their safe passage from Europe to North America. Follow us in your car as we stop at each shrine, and pay tribute to the generations before us who settled our village. We will then join together around 11:30am for lunch at the Commercial Tavern where we will have some special awards, a few words to share with you, an opportunity to chat with neighbors and relatives, and of course, a chance to win a quilt!

**Quilt  
Raffle**

The draw will occur at our Heritage Day luncheon.

Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and can be purchased from Committee Members. Money raised helps pay for our operating costs, postage, printing etc.

## ***We're Open!***

Come visit us at the Edward Halter House, 1338B Maryhill Rd (across from St. Boniface Church Parking Lot in Maryhill). We're open on Sundays from 1:30 to 4pm from June 2 through September 15. Drop in with your old photos or articles and we'll make copies for our collection. Come browse through our historical collections, and artifacts from the area! We'll help you to find information on local history and your heritage!

# Our Historical Society

The Historical Society meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:30pm at the Edward Halter House. Are you interested in joining our Society on a committee? We can always use some extra hands and new ideas. We recently welcomed our newest committee member—Susan Motz. Susan lives in Kitchener, but was raised on the Schmuck / Brohman family heritage farm near Weissenburg. Susan is married to Dean Duquette and they have 2 teen age daughters both attending University in the fall.

<b>President</b>	Ron Brohman
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Susan Motz with her mother Betty Motz (Brohman).

## COMMITTEES

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## Ask Diane



**Dear Diane:**

I am hoping you can help me. I have found many infants in my family tree that died at birth or as very young children. I have found their death records but I can't find a tombstone in the St. Boniface cemetery. Where did our ancestors bury these children and why aren't their graves marked?

**Signed: Susie Motz**

**Dear Susie**

Most often, the babies were buried with their mothers if their mothers didn't survive or sometimes with a family member that had previously passed away (Grandparents - or another sibling that had passed away.) In the back of the "Old Walled Cemetery" we have many children's graves but only a few that have tombstones. A wooden cross would have been erected for these infants, but through the years, they have deteriorated.

Most of the families were large and when a child died, the parents certainly grieved, however they had to worry about the rest of their family and making a living. Death of children was much more common place. The next child that was born would often have the same name as the deceased child.

Diane Strickler is a local historian with a wealth of knowledge on genealogy, St. Boniface and Maryhill families. Send your questions to any of the committee members and we will feature questions in our newsletters. Our contact info is on the last page.



## Who's This from Our Past?

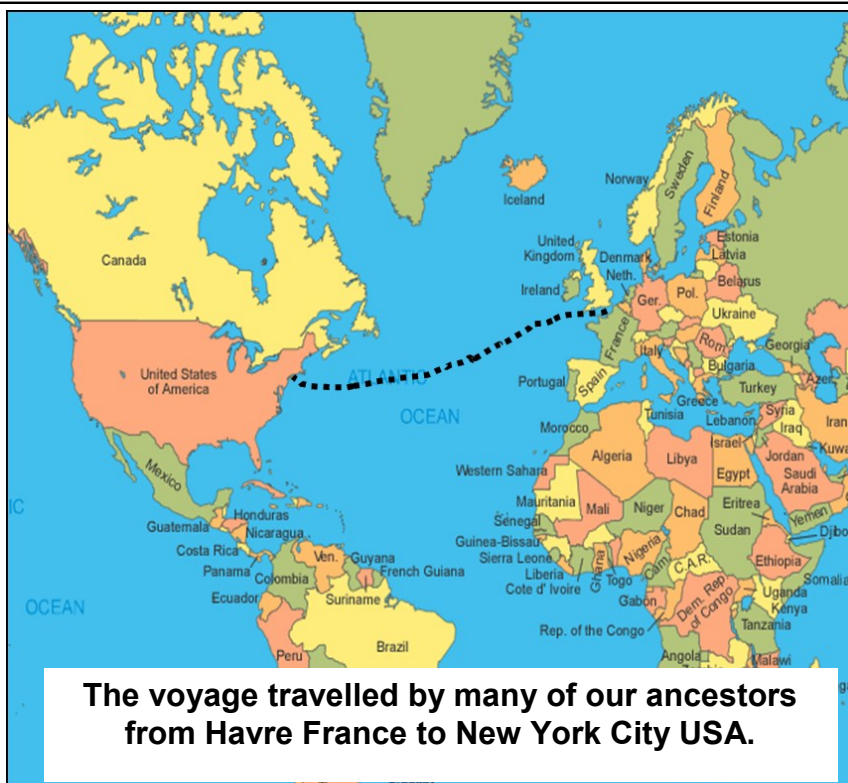
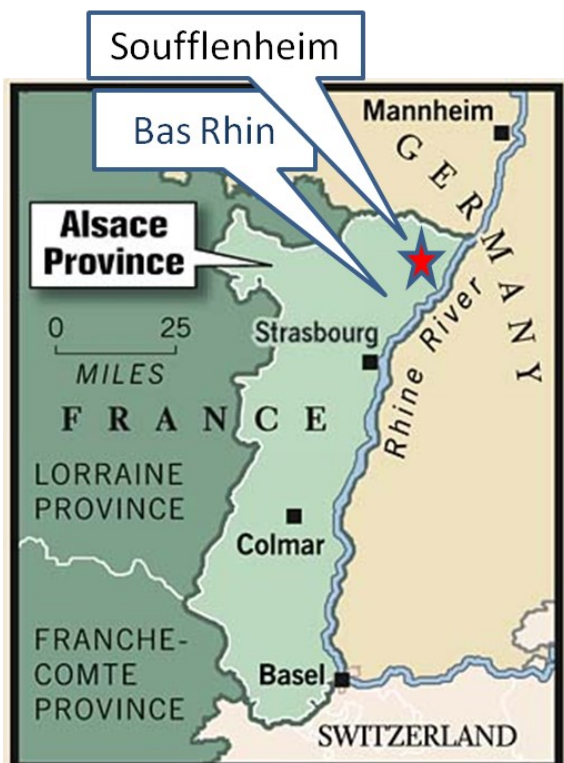
Bernhardt Schmuck Sr., was born in Alsace France and immigrated to the US in 1851 on the ship titled 'Caroline & Mary Clarke'. In 1853 he married Marie Ann Messner and in 1861 he settled on the Schmuck (now Brohman) farm outside of Weissenburg. Here they farmed and carried on the family trade of pump makers and well diggers. They had 13 children and many descendants including some in our community: Robert Brohman, Bernard Brohman, Ron Schmuck, Mary Dickson, Betty Motz, Leo Lauber, Mary Anne Haehnel, Curtis Kreiger, Rick Motz and Susan Motz. Bernhardt lost his leg cutting down a tree on his property.



## Many of us are French!

Many of our forefathers came from North Eastern France. The region (or Province) is Alsace. It is beside the region of Lorraine. The department (or county) is Bas Rhin and the Commune (or municipality) is Soufflenheim or Rountzenheim.

The Rhine river divides Switzerland, Germany and France and the Department called "Bas Rhin" actually means "Lower Rhine". This area was once part of France, then part of Germany (1871) and later reclaimed by France (after World War I).



The voyage travelled by many of our ancestors from Havre France to New York City USA.

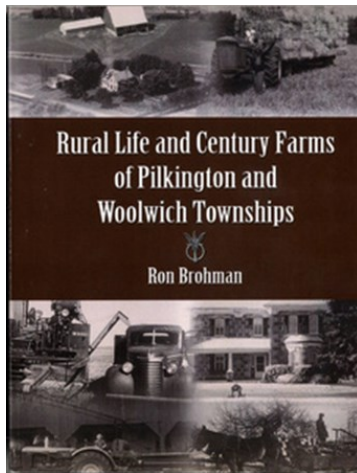
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### Coming Soon:

Our new Web Site  
Contact us by email

## Rural Life & Century Farms of Pilkington & Woolwich Townships

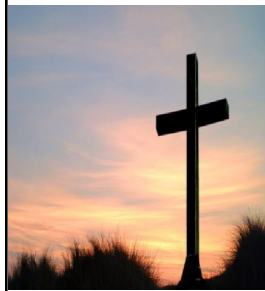


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229 Pages

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## *Requiescant in Pace*

**Fay, Henry Nicholas.** April 22, 2013, Cambridge Hospital. 70 yrs. Brother of Magda, Tony and the late Theresa & Peter.

**Moyer, Dorothy.** April 24, 2013, St. Mary's Hospital. 76 yrs. Last survivor of family of 10 of John and Clara (Zettel).

**Cullen, Madeline.** April 25, 2013. At home in Kitchener. 98yrs Widow of James Cullen. Daughter of Walter and Louise (Kurtz) Frank. Sister of Mildred Hergott.

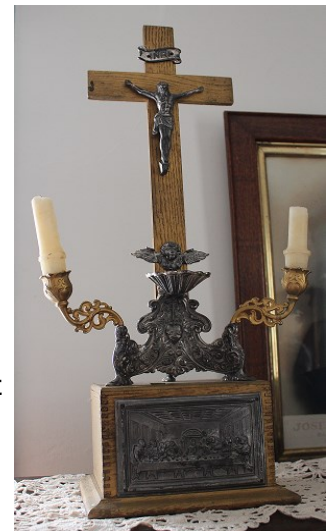
**Bruckhardt, Albert.** April 26, 2013, Victoria Hospital, London. 76 yrs. Husband of Marlene & father of Jennifer Wraith.

**Eckert, Peter Vincent.** May 20, 2013, at home. 70 yrs. Husband of Eleanor (Dietrich). Father of Carolyn, Christine & Mark.

**Logel, Clare Stephen.** May 20, 2013, at home. 80yrs. Husband of Patsy (Downey). Father of 7 children.

## An Item from our Past A Sick Call Set

Years ago, a family often had a "sick call set" in their homes with the elderly or sick. The set consisted of a pair of candles, a crucifix, holy water and sometimes a paten, a small plate, to hold the Eucharist. Families would set it up when a priest was called to the house to anoint the sick. The Maryhill historical Society has a very ornate Sick Call Set on display at our heritage house. (Donated by Mary Campagnaro (Schuett) in memory of the Schuett Family.)



## The Last Word ...

Look who joins the "Over 80 Club" in 2013:

Yoko Ono

Willy Nelson

Carol Burnett

Gene Wilder

Joan Rivers

Tim Conway

Roy Clark

Mel Lastman

King Kong

and the Game of Monopoly.

