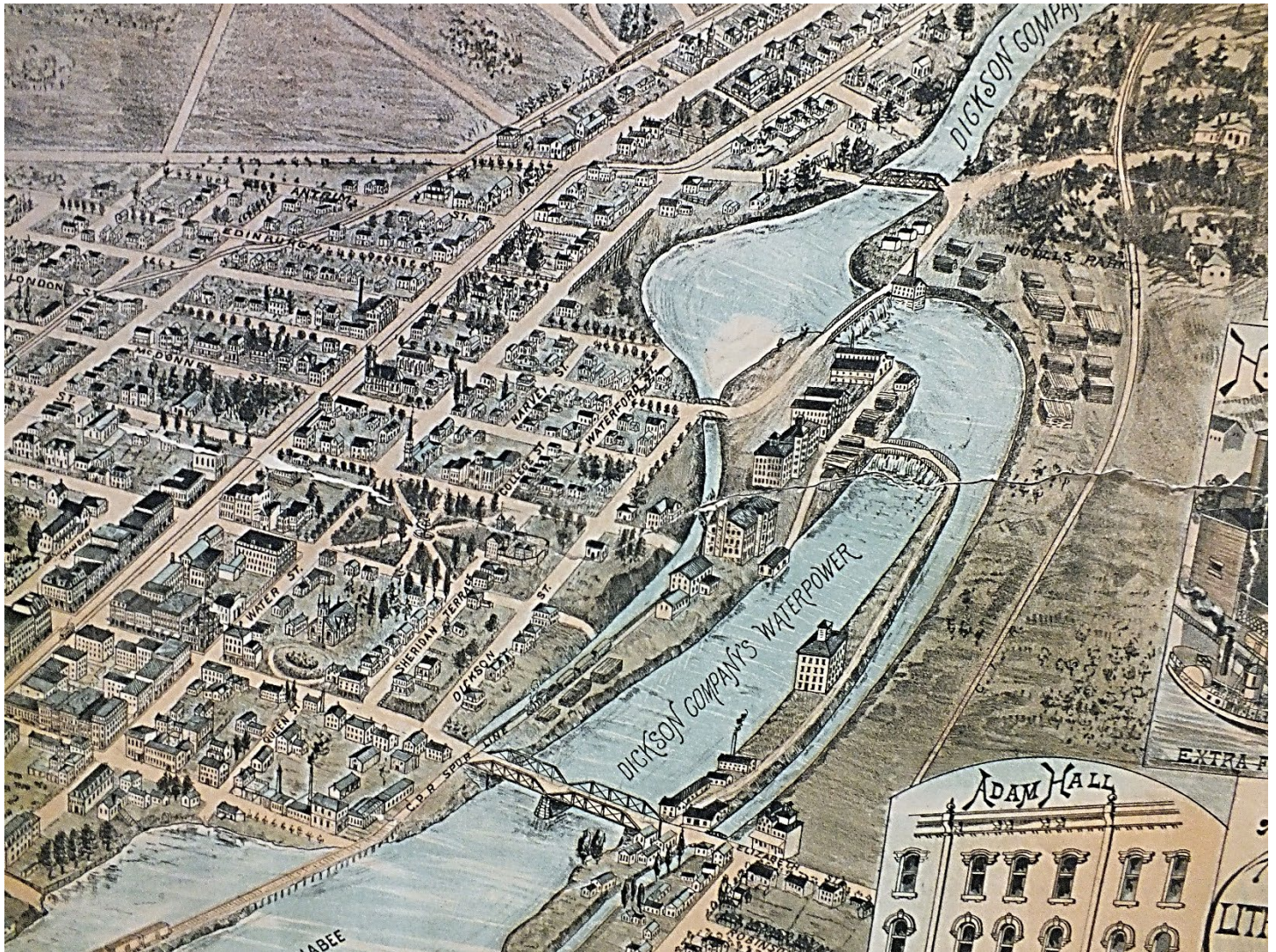


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The Annual General Meeting
Thursday 23 April 2020
Highland Park Meeting Room

In addition to the usual business of our annual general meeting, the following updates to Trent Valley Archives membership are being presented for approval at the 2020 Annual General Meeting.

2020 Membership Categories and Benefits

Yearly Membership Categories

- Student: \$30.00 (full time enrollment in high school or post-secondary education)
- Single: \$60.00 (one person)
- Family: \$75.00 (a household with two adults and their children under 18 years of age)
- Sustaining: \$275.00 (single or family)
- Institutional: \$300.00 (organization, club, institution or corporation)
- Patron: \$1,000.00 (single or family)

Yearly Membership Benefits

Up to date Members of the Trent Valley Archives are entitled to the following benefits.

All Members: Are entitled to the following Standard Benefits:

- + Subscription to the Heritage Gazette of the Trent Valley
- + A vote at the Annual General Meeting (one vote per membership and must be 18+ to vote)
- + Subscription to the TVA e-newsletter
- + 10% off TVA published books and ephemera
- + Advanced booking opportunities for public TVA tours
- + Invitations to member-only events
- + Up to 3 hours of research assistance from TVA staff and trained volunteers
- + Free Admission and Parking at the TVA during regular hours of operation

Sustaining Members: In addition to the Standard Benefits are entitled to:

- + A tax receipt for \$200..
- + May choose one free TVA published book or ephemera
- + May choose two free tickets to any public TVA tour
- + Acknowledgement in the Heritage Gazette (may be anonymous)

Patron Members: In addition to the Standard Benefits all are entitled to:

- A tax receipt for \$900.
- May choose two free TVA published books or ephemera
- May choose four free tickets to any public TVA tour
- Acknowledgement in the Heritage Gazette (may be anonymous)



Bruce Dyer and Guy Thompson installed this historic and stunning Seth Thomas railway waiting room clock at Trent Valley Archives. What a great looking addition. Seth Thomas was associated with Peterborough's Westclox.



Maps were a popular gift item this past year, and one of the steady favourites was the 1920s map showing Peterborough industries in red and leading institutions in black, of which this image captures that part closest to the downtown. We have several maps that are available for purchase. Just drop in and have a chat.

We also have books for sale, and past issues of the Heritage Gazette of the Trent Valley (if not out of print).

Italian Immigrant Workers

Trent Valley Archives is proud to host a special event for Heritage Week 2020. Please share this information widely.

Saturday, February 22, 7-9 pm, Bagnani Hall - Italian Immigrant Workers — Paola Breda, a noted author and researcher, will talk about “Fallen Italian Workers in Peterborough”. She is the co-author of the encyclopedic award-winning book *Land of Triumph and Tragedy: Voices of the Italian Fallen Workers*. A copy of this recently published book is available in the Trent Valley Archives research library; it can be read or browsed in our Reading Room.

Land of Triumph and Tragedy: Voices of the Italian Fallen Workers is a 984-page full account of the Italian-Canadian immigration experience, including - for the first time ever - the untold story of the Italian Fallen Workers, a newly uncovered piece of Canadian History. *Land of Triumph and Tragedy: Voices of the Italian Fallen Workers* is an epic and voluminous recounting of the Italian-Canadian immigration experience. Most significantly it tells the story of Italian-Canadian triumph and tragedy, including many stories yet untold in the annals of Canadian History. It includes stories of the many communities defined by or touched by the Italian immigrant worker invasion between 1880 and 1980, as well as the stories of the thousands of now uncovered Italian Fallen Workers.

The book features contributions about the Irish community written by Berenice Pepe, and about the Quaker Oats victims, researched by Gina Martin and Gord Young.

The authors of the book are Paola Breda and Marino Toppan, but the book contains many contributed features as well, including chapters by academic historians working on the history of the Italians in Ontario.

Further details can be found at our website:

<http://www.ItalianFallenWorkersMemorial.com> or on various historical videos in our YouTube Channel: (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvrkOpDZxCFtxgDXTW9U6aA>).

Land of Triumph and Tragedy: Voices of the Italian Fallen Workers, by Paola Breda with Marino Toppan
ISBN: 9781775190004. The book retails at \$140 in a durable paperback format.

The book may be ordered from Italian Fallen Workers Memorial Project, c/o Villa Charities, 901 Lawrence Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario M6A 1C3. Phone: 416.938.6245 or 416.522.5481. The book can be purchased online directly at our website: <http://www.ItalianFallenWorkersMemorial.com> or via purchase order at info@ItalianFallenWorkersMemorial.com.

Land of Triumph and Tragedy: Voices of the Italian Fallen Workers is not simply another book about the migration of Italian communities in Canada. The book follows the framework of important national and international migration literature, presenting the experiences of Italians from varied perspectives. These deconstructed stories are rendered in such profound detail that they never merely retell old stories in different ways. On the contrary, *Land of Triumph* adds a fundamental building block to the cultural, social and historical paradigms of Italian migration. It uses the personal stories of each individual to tell the history of an entire community. In the volume, it's clear that what matters is not the success of any particular man or woman. Rather, their individual

accomplishments are part of a bigger and heterogeneous picture that aims at proposing a new understanding, through the direct voice of the individual, of the history of Italian migration. *Land of Triumph and Tragedy* is an important work, a book that offers a new identity to our community and describes a past that has much to teach us.

— PROF. SALVATORE BANCHERI, Chair of the Department of Italian Studies, University of Toronto

Paola Breda is a longtime schoolteacher, raised within Toronto's burgeoning 1970s Toronto Italian community. In addition to working, she has had a life filled with volunteer work, beginning at Villa Colombo as a teenager, then manning the junior phones at the telethon for Friuli Earthquake Fund in 1976, then being an active youth in the Italian community as a volunteer. She held positions in the youth section of the Club Azzanese and worked on fashion shows for dinner dances under the leadership of long time President Franco Brunetta during the 1980s. She was very active as President of the Italian club at her Catholic high school, in which many of the newly successful members of the families of Toronto's Italian community were enrolled. She enjoyed being part of many Italian youth dances as a teenager, including helping to organize many at La Luna Ballroom and La Rotunda. She was the first to hold a high school fashion show at the Rotunda in Columbus Centre through her high school Italian Club in the 1980s, donating the funds to an Italian charity. She shares pride in her immigrant community background by having committed to this project and dedicated countless hours of volunteer work for its realization. She enjoys working with Marino Toppan, the Co-Ordinator of the Memorial Project on associated projects such as the documentary and the authoring of this book, and pays tribute to a great uncle, Albino Marcuz, killed in a workplace tragedy in Timmins in 1935.



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The Trent Valley Archives is a full service archives. In addition to our extensive archival collection we have an impressive library, including over 3,000 books catalogued and thousands more listed in the pertinent collections. Much of our holdings are accessible through our in-house computers which have lists of our holdings and finding aids to many of our 800 fonds. We are also partners with Ancestry. We welcome visitors at all times and many become members when they see how much we have to offer.

We have an in-house book store that contains hundreds of titles including such new books as the two featured on this page.

Trent Valley Archives has also published several books and these, too, are available for purchase.