

The Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society meets monthly between September and May to hear and to discuss individual papers about personalities, places, and events integral to the history of Nova Scotia.

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Schedule of Meetings
Winter/Spring 2017

Since the establishment of the Society in 1878, 44 volumes of the Society's *Collections* have been published. In 1998, the Society began publication of the *Journal* of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society, a successor to both the *Collections* and the *Nova Scotia Historical Review*. It is published annually, and Society members receive a copy as well as notification of the Society's lecture series and general meetings.

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Lectures are held at 7:30 pm. on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Nova Scotia Archives, 6016 University Avenue (at the corner of Robie Street). Society lectures are open to the public and are completely free, except for the RNSHS's annual banquet lecture, which takes place on April 19 at the Dalhousie University Club, 1 Alumni Crescent. Please check our website, RNSHS.ca for details on how to purchase tickets for this lecture, as well as biographical information on all presenters.

January 18, 2017
7:30 pm

"Designing Nova Scotia's History"

Andrew Steeves

Gaspereau Press

The printing trade has always been closely associated with the organization and dissemination of scholarly texts. In modern times, scholarly publishing has evolved into an area of specialization most often undertaken by university presses, but for a range of reasons, trade publishers continue to take on scholarly projects in an attempt to present them to a wider readership. In this illustrated talk, Andrew Steeves will discuss a few examples of works of historical scholarship published in Nova Scotia since 1752, paying attention to the ways in which the design and production of these publications succeed or fail in answering the requirements of their text

February 15, 2017
7:30 pm

"after planting their few potatoes they wander about the island': The Mi'kmaq and British Agricultural Policies in Nineteenth Century Nova Scotia"

Courtney Mrazek

University of New Brunswick

Beginning in the early eighteenth century, British colonizers sought to reform Mi'kmaq people's concepts and utilization of land through agricultural policies. While the Mi'kmaq never became the agriculturalists the British envisioned, they did participate in sporadic farming activities and made active use of the British legal system. This presentation will argue that although the policies fell short of their intended outcome, Mi'kmaq communities negotiated their pressures and possibilities, managing to alleviate difficult social and economic circumstances through a myriad of treaty expectations and negotiations, friendships, petitions, and gift-giving.

March 15, 2017
7:30 pm

"The Training of the Jewish Legion at Fort Edward during the First World War"

Sara Beanlands

Boreas Heritage Consulting Inc.

In 1917, the British War Office approved the raising of a Jewish military contingent for active duty in Palestine, which became known as the Jewish Legion. The Imperial Recruiting and Training Depot was established at Fort Edward to serve as a basic training centre and point of departure for all North American recruits. Among the soldiers who trained at Fort Edward was David Ben-Gurion, later to become the first Prime Minister of the State of Israel. This talk will look at the training of the Jewish Legion at Fort Edward, in Windsor, Nova Scotia during the First World War.

April 19, 2017
6:00 for 6:30 pm

"Nebooktook—In the Woods"

Mike Parker

Annual Banquet
Dalhousie University Club

A richly illustrated presentation focusing upon an eclectic mix of history, heritage and nostalgia that celebrates the traditions, natural beauty and intrinsic values of Nova Scotia's woods and waters.

May 17, 2017
7:30 pm

"The "Fort Point Frasers" and the Great War"

Bruce MacDonald

This presentation provides an overview of the Great War service of three siblings from a prominent Pictou County family. Alistair, Margaret Marjorie "Pearl," and James Gibson Laurier Fraser were the children of Duncan Cameron Fraser and Elizabeth "Bessie" Graham. Alistair and Pearl crossed the North Atlantic to England with the First Canadian Contingent in October 1914, while their youngest sibling, Laurier, enlisted for service in 1916. Their stories encompass the entire course of the war, and highlight the service and sacrifice that was sadly typical of the experiences of many Nova Scotian and Canadian "Great War" families.