

**Lucy Maud Montgomery at Home in Leaskdale:  
A Centennial Celebration**

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, October 13, 14, 15, 2011

**Thursday, October 13 -- An Historical Celebration**

**Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church**

- 9:30 - 11:30      Registration at the St. Paul's Leaskdale Church ½ km north of the store  
Allan McGillivray, local historian and author of *Decades of Harvest*, will be on hand to talk about his findings and research. A special display on the trek to Zephyr that Ewan and Maud took every Sunday. Other displays from LMMSO, University of Guelph, Norval, Bala, University of Prince Edward Island will be set up in various locations.
- 10:30 - 11:00      Welcome from LMMSO and greetings from the Heirs of LMM
- 11:00 - 11:45      "The Great War and its Toll" – Ted Barris, author, historian, journalist and professor at Centennial College.  
Question Period
- 11:45 - 12:30      LUNCH
- 12:30 - 1:00      "Leaskdale in Transition" - LMMSO
- 1:00 - 1:45      "The Very Soul of the Universe Must Ache With Anguish: L.M. Montgomery, Leaskdale, and Loss in The Great War – Mary Beth Cavert has been a Montgomery scholar since 1995. Her research and writing focus on the people, places, and pets in Montgomery's book dedications. Her work is found in *The Intimate Life of L.M. Montgomery*, *The Shining Scroll*, the *LM Montgomery Album*, and at the web site of *The L.M. Montgomery Literary Society*. This presentation will explain the relationships between Montgomery and the families of the soldiers to whom Montgomery dedicated Rainbow Valley. It will also show the strong association between Leaskdale and her much loved cousin, Frede Campbell.  
Question Period
- 1:45 - 1:55      Break (Muffins, teas and coffee)
- 1:55 - 2:55      "Fighting to the End: L.M. Montgomery's Public and Private Legal Battles in Leaskdale."  
Kate Sutherland, Professor at York University  
Question period

- 2:55 - 3:55 Ribbon Cutting at the Leaskdale Manse National Historic Site, unveiling of the commemorative project and Burn the Mortgage Ceremony
- 4:00 - 6:00 Bus Tour of LMM's Haunts in Leaskdale and Zephyr with Allan McGillivray, Art Show at Historic Leaskdale church
- 6:30 - 7:30 DINNER with Maud ( Maud's favourite dishes at this old -fashioned church supper)
- 7:30 Keynote dinner speaker  
"A Harvest Celebration in the Macdonald Household" - Kate Macdonald Butler, author and granddaughter of Lucy Maud Montgomery.
- 8:15 Entertainment - The Lemmon Sisters in Concert - Remembering the Wars in Song

### **Friday, October 14 – A Scholastic Celebration**

#### **Location: Wooden Sticks Golf and Country Club**

- 9:30 - 10:00 Welcome by LMMSO, coffee, registration, announcements
- 10:00 - 11:00 "Leaskdale: A Rainbow Valley for L.M. Montgomery" – Dr. Mary Rubio and Dr. Elizabeth Waterston, authors, editors and professors emeritus, University of Guelph
- 11:00 - 11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15 - 12:45 Selected Speakers from Canada, USA and Europe (4 speakers)  
Question period
- 12:45 - 1:45 LUNCH
- 1:45 - 2:30 "Kindred Forms: L.M. Montgomery and the Discovery of Home in Ontario"  
Dr. Elizabeth Epperly, author, historian, researcher and retired professor
- 2:30 - 2:45 Coffee break
- 2:45 - 4:00 Selected Speakers from Canada, USA, and Japan (3 speakers) Question period
- 4:15 - 5:30 Bus Tour of Uxbridge – More of Maud's Haunts with Alan McGillivray including the train station
- 6:30 - 7:30 DINNER – Buffet at Wooden Sticks
- 8:00 The Temple of Fame Show - rewritten by LMMSO

## **Saturday, October 15 – A Community Celebration**

### **Location: St. Andrew's-Chalmers Presbyterian Church**

- 9:00 Registration, coffee, announcements
- 9:30 - 10:30 Kindred Spirits – Durham Region elementary school children
- 10:30 - 11:30 To be Announced - Irene Gammel, Author, Professor at Ryerson University
- 11:30 - 11:40 Break
- 11:40 - 1:00 Discussion Panel – University students from Trent University, Lakehead University, Ryerson University, University of Guelph
- 1:00 - 2:00 LUNCH
- 2:00 - 3:00 Keynote Speaker-to be announced  
Dan Matthews of Sullivan Entertainment, Inc. producer and distributor of family-oriented films and television programming
- 3:00 - 3:10 Break
- 3:10 - 4:10 “Collecting Montgomeriana from the Leaskdale Years” Donna Campbell research associate LMMI, UPEI and Simon Lloyd, Archives and Special Collections Library, UPEI
- 4:10 - 5:00 Authors’ Book Signing
- 6:00 - 7:30 GALA DINNER  
Piano music by Tony Holt
- 8:00 - 9:30 Live theatre production, Maud of Leaskdale, written and produced by Conrad Boyce and starring Maud’s Thespians

### **Other Events or Activities**

On Saturday, there will be an opportunity for collectors of Anne and LMM memorabilia, books and prints to purchase, sell or trade items at our marketplace. Our gift shop will be open.

### **Sunday, October 16 - Historic Leaskdale Church**

10:30 Special Sunday Service

Theatre matinee: **Emily of New Moon**

**Art Show at Historic Leaskdale Church** ( all 3 days of Celebration)

An Art Show featuring the work of Arnold Hodgkins will be held in the Historic Leaskdale Church on October 13, 14 and 15. Hodgkins (1911-1989), whose Deerfoot Gallery was in Leaskdale, was much influenced by Canada's famous Group of Seven. He painted the large portrait of Lucy Maud Montgomery which hangs in the Historic Leaskdale Church, as well as the mural on the front wall of the church sanctuary.

Have you heard about our **Mortgage Burning?** We hope to pay off the rest of our mortgage in this centennial year 2011 so we can concentrate on programming. If you wish to contribute and haven't yet, please forward your donation to:

Lucy Maud Montgomery Society of Ontario  
Box 84  
Leaskdale, ON  
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Attn: Barbara Pratt fundraising chair

We started with a \$200,000 debt in January 2007. We are now down to \$60,000. Help us achieve our goal.

Thanks,  
Kathy Wasylenky,  
president of the LMMSO  
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