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TORONTO BRANCH MEETINGS

Branch meetings in 2011 will be held in the Burgundy Room, North York Memorial Hall, North York Centre (North York Centre Subway Station) Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.

THE NEW FAMILYSEARCH

Gwen Armstrong

28 February 2011

Current databases, lessons and information. What is the future of *FamilySearch*?

Mini-presentation: Hilary Dawson – "Alumni Ancestors: Resources at the University of Toronto Archives"

WHO NOT MAKE YOUR OWN WEBSITE?

Randy Saylor

28 March 2011

In the world of Facebook and blogs, having your own web site still makes sense. Randy will show how easy it is to set up a free web site, share some of his own experiences and comment on elements that bring focus to good web sites.

Mini-presentation: Elayne Lockhart: "A Crime Writer in the Family Left His Own Clues"

HIGH-PERFORMANCE COMPUTING AND FAMILY HISTORY

Dr. Kris Inwood and Dr. Andrew Ross

25 April 2011

A project headquartered at the University of Guelph is using the province's high-performance computing grid to follow hundreds of thousands of Canadians from one census database to another.

Mini-presentation: Linda Reid: "Researching Friends and Associates: A War Story"

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QUILTS AND THE WOMEN IN OUR PAST

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The definition of Quilting

A sewing technique in which two layers of fabric, usually with an insulating interior layer, are sewn together with multiple rows of stitching.

A brief history of Quilting

You may wonder what quilts have to do with genealogy and our female ancestors. But we can learn a lot about our ancestors by the quilts that were created and left behind. Quilting in North America began in the 1780s with Pieced Patchwork Quilts. Quilting has evolved over the years and at one time it was only wealthy women who had money to purchase the expensive textiles and the leisure time to work on quilts. These quilts were considered decorative and were displayed to show off the maker's needlework skills. By the 1840s, the textile industry progressed to the point that they were able to offer affordable textiles to everyone and with the invention of the sewing machine in 1848, sewing and quilting really took off. In the mid-1800s, as women and their families moved in search of a better life, they relied on the friendships of other women in their communities to support them as it was difficult leaving their families and friends behind. As far back as the 1830s, magazines and newspapers published quilting patterns and women, especially in rural areas, collected and

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