



TORONTO TREE

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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.

TORONTO BRANCH MEETINGS

CONSERVING, PRESERVING, AND RESTORING YOUR HERITAGE

Kennis Kim

27 June 2011

Professional conservator Kennis Kim tells us how to be custodians of our family history. Topics discussed include: creating an accession list; the nature of conservation, restoration, and preservation; deciding on display, storage, or using the artifact; common threats such as light, humidity, insects, and rodents; and when to call in a professional.

Mini-presentation: Marian Press: Using the Databases on the TPL Web Site.

DISCOVERING UNTOLD STORIES: SLAVERY IN THE TOWN OF YORK

Hilary Dawson

26 September 2011

How do you find out about people who had no rights, rarely appear in the public record and for the most part were illiterate? Where do you look for information about the disadvantaged who did not receive direct payment for their work, and who had little control over their own lives? How can we uncover the stories of indentured servants and enslaved Africans?

Mini-presentation: David Reed: Modern Families.

HOW ON EARTH WILL I EVER READ THAT?: DECODING HANDWRITTEN DOCUMENTS

Cherryl Moote

24 October 2011

An inside look at the life and work of the people entrusted with writing the documents that are so prized by genealogists and historians – tools and materials, writing methods and the various hands

used. Those hard to read symbols will be demystified and some suggestions for unlocking difficult passages will be given.

Mini-presentation: Michele Skehill: Dearly Departed.

Our **November 28 meeting** will be the 5th "Great Moments" event hosted by Toronto Branch. Ten members will present short (5-6 minute) upbeat presentations about something that excited them in their research. If you would like to be on the roster, please contact Linda Reid at reidlinda@rogers.com. Don't let technology be a stumbling block – we can help you scan relevant documents and put them into PowerPoint. Just ask.

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Members of Toronto Branch are eligible to be on the mailing list for the **Electronic Bulletin**, occasional emails that remind members of meetings and other special events of genealogical interest and announce new resources. If you want to add your name to the mailing list, please email reidlinda@rogers.com. The mailing list was purged in early April to remove the names of people who had not renewed for 2011. If you renewed after that or your name was removed in error, please send an email and ask to be reinstated.

TORONTO TREE SHARES AWARD

At the OGS Annual Meeting, held at the annual conference in Hamilton, May 13 – 15, it was announced that this newsletter was the co-winner of the Dr. Don Brearley Branch Newsletter Award, an annual award for the best Branch newsletter.