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The Ontario Historical Society and Dundurn Press is proud to host the launch of Dorothy Duncan's

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Canada's Heritage Celebrations

Dorothy Duncan

Sunday November 7th
2:30 to 5:00 p.m.

John McKenzie House
34 Parkview Ave. Willowdale

Including special guest
Barbara Wall La Rocque
author, *Wolfe Island*

Refreshments | Free Parking
RSVP to OHS by Nov. 1st

Reading and Remembrance 2010: Homeland Stories



OHS Welcomes New Affiliate: Soo Pipe Band

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The Soo Pipe Band was incorporated in the Province of Ontario through affiliation with the OHS on June 12, 2010. The band is located in Sault Ste. Marie and has been in existence since 1915, when Scottish immigrant Peter Buchan convinced another re-located countryman, John Murdo (Jock) Nicolson, an accomplished bagpipe player, that a pipe band was needed for the town. The early years were a struggle and the wives of the founders sold sprigs of heather tied with tartan ribbon wherever the band performed to raise much-needed funds. Since its inception, the band has been fortunate to have some accomplished teachers to provide instruction for new members and entertainment for local crowds through the promotion and support of Scottish music and culture.

Although the majority of the band members are adults, an as-



The Soo Pipe Band participated in celebrations commemorating King George VI's Coronation, May 1937. *Photo Soo Pipe Band*

sociation with local cadet groups allows younger players to practice with the Soo Pipe Band with the hope that this will foster an interest in joining the pipe band in future years.

In the beginning, the band struggled to find a permanent home for meetings and practices and met in several locations throughout the city. Upon affiliation with the local Regiment, the band finally had

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In 2005, the Year of the Veteran, Angie Littlefield and Mary Cook launched Reading and Remembrance, a program offering free online Remembrance Day educational resources for teachers and educators across Ontario. Each year ten ready-to-use lessons which emphasize reading, diversity, equity, and research into local history are posted online along a particular theme. Past themes have included 'In Flanders Fields', 'Anti-Racism and Holocaust Education', 'Women and War', 'The Art of Dissent', 'Medals and Memories', and now in 2010, 'Homeland Stories'. In 2009, the OHS became a leading partner in the program because of its unique dedication to its mandate of getting more history education into Ontario's schools.

2010's theme 'Homeland Stories' follows a 161 km rule: practically every young person in Ontario should be able to find an air base, adopted ship, prisoner of war camp or a WWII tie-in within 161 km of his or her community. As such, this theme focuses on the local history that connects youth to their heritage. In addition, a special lesson on the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire (IODE) is in honour of their 110th anniversary of serving communities across Canada.

By visiting www.readingandremembrance.ca, educators are able to browse through more than 50 archived lessons and an additional 30 shorter "Minutes" lessons, many of which are available in both English and French. Teachers are welcome to select past or current themes that coincide best with their curriculum and to utilize materials not only on

Remembrance Day, but year-round. For example, October 2010 will commemorate Women's History Month and Reading and Remembrance features dozens of lessons on female spies, war artists, pilots, munitions workers, nurses, Silver Cross mothers and wives, war brides, and much more. Also new to the website is the document entitled "Getting the Most" – which is a downloadable user's guide, which acts as support for teachers new to the material.

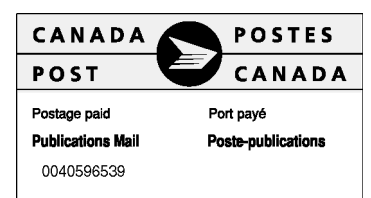
Teachers and educators are invited to download and sample Reading and Remembrance materials at the ease of a few clicks by visiting www.readingandremembrance.ca. Teachers may sign up their schools online or simply download and print materials for use in the classroom. Signing your school up will allow it to be featured on the year-end Honour Roll!

The lesson plans for Reading and Remembrance, presented in both French and English, are:

- Aerodrome of Democracy
- Battles on the Home Front
- Enemies Within
- Helping Hands Across Canada
- IODE in WWII
- Movie Stars: Home Grown Heroes
- Music And Meaning
- Safe Haven
- The Allure of Canada: War Grooms and POWs
- Wedding Dresses, War Brides and War Housing.

The Society would like to thank Ontario Power Generation and Veterans Affairs Canada, the 2010 sponsors for Reading and Remembrance: Homeland Stories.

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