

HEAD-OF-THE-LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SPEAKER SERIES FALL 2026

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FRI., SEPT 18, 2026 = DAWN MARTENS

A LIFE IN HISTORY

A child of two historians, Dawn Martens will explore what it was like to grow up in this rich environment, and how she has carried on her parents' love of research and publishing. In 2020, her students' online production of the opera *Brundibar* received a Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Teaching. She has been a guest on CBC radio, including Saturday Afternoon at the Opera and Peter Gzowski's Morningside. Martens has written for The Hudson's Bay Company online Classroom, Canada's History Kayak, Canada's History, and Opera Canada, to name a few. She hosts Opera Night in Canada on 100.9 CanoeFM, and is a music director of three choirs in Hamilton including The Women of Song, a chorus in The Duet Club of Hamilton which is the longest running club of its kind in Canada.

**FRI., OCT 16, 2026 = GLEN FAULMAN and
TOR LUKASIK-FOSS**

THE MADE IN HAMILTON EXHIBIT at the ART GALLERY OF HAMILTON

Collector Glen Faulman is a third-generation Stelco worker and an eighth-generation Hamiltonian from a family tightly bound to a 'buy Hamilton / buy Canadian' ethic. It is no surprise then that he has devoted over two decades to collecting a range of Hamilton-made goods and ephemera from all stages of its manufacturing history. *Made in Hamilton* will present Faulman's remarkable collection in a way that evokes the spirit of the city's bygone industrial exhibitions. Three exhibition rooms on the main floor are organized into a series of 'booths' or displays, including Automotive, Appliances, Hardware, Pantry, and more. Items are displayed in conjunction with signs and advertisements of the era, as well as photos, promotional films, brochures and ephemera from 'Made in Hamilton' events between 1913 and 1952. Tor Lukasik-Foss was the guest curator for the Exhibit and they will discuss collecting and preserving local history. Their exhibit runs until January 3, 2027.



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FRI., NOV 20, 2026 = JONATHAN VANCE

"THE HEAD OF THE LAKE AT WAR"

Professor Vance teaches military history, Canadian history, and social memory at the University of Western Ontario in London. He is also a son of Waterdown, where his father was a prodigious amateur historian and photographer. He is one of our popular speakers and we keep asking him back. His current research focuses on the First World War, commemoration and social memory, and prisoners of war. He will talk about how the two world wars were manifest in some unexpected places in our region. He says "If you were to go on a walking tour of Hamilton and area in wartime, you probably wouldn't expect to make stops in these locations!"



The Coach House, 2nd Floor @ Dundurn Castle National Historic Site, 610 York Blvd.

Doors open at 7 pm; Presentation at 7:30 pm

Elevator available * Light refreshments * Admission: \$5; HOTL Members: Free

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