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Celebrating the Story of Ontario's Farmerettes

SDHS was proud to sponsor a special screening of *We Lend a Hand: The Forgotten Story of Ontario Farmerettes* on November 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the SDCI theatre.

This compelling documentary—now being shown in theatres across the province—highlights the remarkable young women who kept Ontario's farms running during wartime. The event served as a fundraiser in support of SDCI's Explorer's Club and their upcoming March 2026 trip to Europe, where students will visit the graves of Strathroy's own Adair Brothers.

Following the screening, guests enjoyed an engaging Q&A session moderated by SDHS President Chad Collings. It was a wonderful evening of storytelling, community, and remembrance.

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this meaningful event. We look forward to welcoming Brian Anderson and the SDCI Explorer's Club in April 2026 as they share their experiences from their European journey.



Roots Revisited Book Launch



On November 19th, the Strathroy Library hosted an engaging Author Talk for the newly released book *Roots Revisited: A Hometown Study*.

The event ran from 5:00–7:30 p.m., with the main presentation beginning at 5:30 p.m. and a warm welcome extended to all attendees. Steve Verrier Skutt was joined by co-authors David Marshall and David Riddell (via Zoom) as they shared insights into their collaborative work.

The book reflects on growing up in a small town, the experience of leaving as an adult, and the perspective gained when returning later in life to see how things have changed. The authors also highlighted the rich history woven throughout its pages.

It was a wonderful evening celebrating local stories, community, and heritage.

Join the Story of Us — Be Part of Local History in Motion!

The Strathroy District Historical Society has grown in ways we never imagined, from our expanding social media presence to the incredible community stories shared through our books, videos, and events.

Now, we're ready to grow again — and we're looking for curious, creative, community-minded people to join our team!

If you are interested in getting more involved, please chat with a board member for more information.

New Look! New Editor

You may notice our newsletter has a fresh new look this month! We also have a new editor joining us. We warmly thank Aileen Cnockaert for her many years of creativity and dedication to our newsletters.