

# WELCOME TO BIFHSGO's MAY MEETING



— 1994-2024 —



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**BIFHSGO's vision:**  
**To connect, educate, share**  
**and inspire**



## Land acknowledgement

The British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa acknowledges that its activities take place in the ancestral homeland of Indigenous people who have inhabited these lands for millennia. We acknowledge the enduring presence here of all First Nations, Métis and Inuit people. We recognize the importance of bringing awareness and understanding of our diverse nation's past to all, and we promote research and education programs that bring us together as Canadians.

# UPCOMING IN 2025/26

**SATURDAY, 14 June (hybrid meeting)**

**9:00 a.m. EDT Annual General Meeting**

**10:00 a.m. EDT Great Moments in Genealogy**  
(Laurie Dougherty / Andy Desjardins / Barbara Tose)



**Stay tuned for another exciting program year in September!**



# SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

**DNA**

**TBD  
Online**

**London**

**Wednesday,  
14 May  
2-3:30 p.m. EST  
Online**

**Irish Research**

**Tuesday,  
27 May 7-9 p.m.  
McNabb Community  
Centre**

**British Colonial America**

**Wednesday,  
28 May  
7-9 p.m. EST  
Online**

**Writing**

**Friday, 16 May  
1-3 p.m. EST  
Online**

# Save the date!

And join the crowd in-person or online on:



## **Saturday, 14 June 2025 9:00 a.m.**

**For our Annual General Meeting and  
the announcement of the Hall of Fame inductee**



Board reports and nominations will be available on the  
website later in May.



**There will be a “Book Grab” at our  
AGM on 14 June. Join us at Knox and  
check out the offerings!**



**Tables with several boxes of donated books  
looking for a home... a second book grab is  
planned for the fall.**

# Looking for presenters for 2025/26



Board needs your inputs to  
our program—starting with  
November military moments

See Newsletter for details

Contact the Program Director at [programs@bifhsgo.ca](mailto:programs@bifhsgo.ca)

# BIFHSGO is only led by volunteers

**Terms of several Board members end in June...consider volunteering for these key positions:**



- **Program Director**
- **Communications Director**
- **Outreach Director**
- **Secretary**
- **Directors-at-large**

**... see details** 

**For details, contact [pastpresident@bifhsgo.ca](mailto:pastpresident@bifhsgo.ca)**

# Program Director



**Lead a team to:**

- 1. Plan the schedule, identify topics and speakers**
- 2. Liaise with speakers, collect synopses and biographies**
- 3. Host and managing logistics of each monthly meeting**
- 4. Manage technical production of hybrid meetings**

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# Other Board Positions

- **Communications Director:** lead the team to inform members about our activities
- **Outreach Director:** build awareness about BIFHSGO in the wider community
- **Secretary:** manage the society's records and recording Board deliberations
- **Directors-at-large:** contribute to board discussions and decisions; supporting activities



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# DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS?



If so, you should volunteer for our conference (18-19 October 2025)

There is a need for a:

- ☐ Communication coordinator
- ☐ Outreach coordinator



To volunteer, contact [president@bifhsgo.ca](mailto:president@bifhsgo.ca)





# Drop-in Chat

Thursday, 15 May 2025 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Want to chat over a coffee and sweet treat with BIFHSGO friends?



Drop in to The White Pine Café at Arlington Woods Church  
225 McClellan Road, off Greenbank Road

# Resources at the Ottawa Branch OGS library

Library is open:

- Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

2 new-to-us English journals:

- \* *The Norfolk Ancestor*, 2017-2023 (23 issues)
- \* *Oxfordshire Family Historian*, 2001-2024 (47 issues)

Questions? Contact us at [ottawalibrary@ogs.on.ca](mailto:ottawalibrary@ogs.on.ca)



**BIFHSGO members are eligible for a \$5 discount on a 2025 OGS membership—available for new and renewing members.**

**Check Member Announcements in the Members' Area of the website for details and the discount code.**



## **Ottawa Branch**

**Thursday, 26 June 2025**

**7 - 9 p.m. EST (Zoom meeting)**

**Empowering Communities Through Archiving: Supporting Public Preservation and Digitization (Goulbourn Museum)**

**Ottawa Genealogy Drop-ins**

**Hosted by OPL and OGS, Tuesdays 2-3 p.m.**

**All meetings are online. <https://ottawa.ogs.on.ca/events>**

# Stay in touch with BIFHSGO

## BIFHSGO Facebook



Website [www.bifhsgo.ca](http://www.bifhsgo.ca)  
Send message to “Queries”

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Discussion Group

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# DID YOU MISS SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS?

They are available in “News” on BIFHSGO  
website after the meeting.



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