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History on the Grand Focuses on People and Place Call for Participation includes Youth in the Mix - Deadline May 20th

Cambridge, Ontario. April 6, 2011... The 3rd 'History on the Grand' historical symposium is expanding the opportunities for participation by encouraging local school children to get involved. The symposium continues to be a highly regarded forum for academics, historians, government representatives and community groups to discuss issues arising from the study of local history with a view to foster increased public awareness.

This year, a new element seeks to engage youth and it offers them an opportunity to also answer the call for projects. Themed 'People and Place', the event will explore the history of immigration and migration to our region highlighting the ethnic and cultural groups that comprise our dynamic communities.

"We are encouraging local schools to take up the challenge and encourage children to participate in the form of short written essays or stories; posters and visual art presentations; drama presentations; musical compositions, and videos," says Dr. Karen Dearlove, Chair of the Organizing Committee and a representative of the nearby Canadian and Industrial Heritage Centre.

Subjects could include exploring their own family history and how their families came to live in our communities; the history of the settlement of our communities; the history of a particular ethnic/cultural group in our communities. Projects can be submitted in four categories: Kindergarten to Grade 3; Grade 4 to Grade 6; Grade 7 and 8; Secondary School. The deadline for submissions is Friday, May 20th.

"The creators of the chosen projects have a wonderful opportunity to display and present their material at the 2011 Symposium which is slated for October," she adds.

Those selected will be notified by the end of the school year in June of their winning status and opportunity for showcase at the symposium. Sponsors for the special competition are also being sought.

"It's important to act quickly as sponsors will also have the opportunity to participate in the panel that selects winning projects and will be able to congratulate the winners at the symposium," says Jim Quantrell, Archivist for the City of Cambridge.

For more information about submitting a project or sponsoring 'History on the Grand: People and Place' contact the chair of the History on the Grand organizing committee: Dr. Karen Dearlove, kldearlove@hotmail.com or 519-621-6374.

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The City of Cambridge is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It is strategically located astride highway 401 in Southwestern Ontario, part of Canada's Technology Triangle. In 2010, the population was over 130,000 people with a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services. Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. It's about choice, options and value when you become part of the community.

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