

# Doors Open Brant

*"Saturday, September 25th, 2010"*

## NEWS RELEASE

**Brantford, ON** - August 3, 2010 -- **Doors Open Brant 2010** has an impressive line-up of sites for this its 8<sup>th</sup> year. Since 2003, over 90 different locations with links to our culture and heritage have opened their doors to the public. This year there are 16 locations for you to explore.

A number of sites are commemorating a landmark year; sites like, **Her Majesty's Chapel of the Mohawks** commemorating its 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. **The Bell Homestead** is celebrating 100 years as a museum celebrating the achievements of Bell family members. **Brantford Collegiate Institute & Vocational School** will begin its centennial activities with this event. Be part of each celebration!

Some locations will give you an opportunity to explore our industrial heritage with a visit to **Apps' Mill Nature Centre** and the **Grand River Navigation Company canal lock site**. Learn about the early years of communications at the Bell Homestead then move on to **Flying Camel Advertising** to learn about changes in communications. See examples of "adaptive re-use" of buildings by visiting the **Burford Armoury** and the **Brant Museum & Archives**. Learn more about structural preservation at **The Ventin Group** of architects where they will display some of their efforts – past and present.

Each year we strive to include locations that demonstrate sound ecological practices. Natural environmental practices will be demonstrated at **Kayanase Nurseries**, and Apps' Mill Nature Centre. Sound ecological structural practices will be displayed at the **Eco-safe Energy Systems** office and sample home.

History is found at several sites, specifically **Burford Pioneer Cemetery** telling of the early settlers, the **Six Nations Forest Theatre Pageant** with its dramatizations of important stories, and **Farrington Independent Church and Burial Grounds** with histories of many important local figures. The congregations of **Holy Trinity Anglican Church** in Burford and **St. Paul's Anglican Church** in Middleport will offer reflections of their heritage.

Doors Open Brant 2010 is a registered participant in Ontario "**Culture Days.**" This year several sites will be featuring a local performing artist or group for your additional enjoyment.

Admission to all sites is free. You can obtain more information by visiting the website at [www.doorsopenbrant.ca](http://www.doorsopenbrant.ca) or by calling 519-752-2483.

This year we also have several pre-event activities to complement your experience. See elsewhere in this newsletter for these events, or visit the website.

Join us on event day on **Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 10-4** and learn more about the community.

