



Preserving, promoting and developing Wellington North's unique cultural resources to build a vibrant community and a prosperous economy.

Our Cultural Moment for November celebrates Canada's Most Patriotic Village:

The Nov. 2nd, 1942 publication of the Toronto Daily Star featured the article "**Arthur Village Gives Sons, Money, to Aid War**" and tells the story of how the Village of Arthur had a population of 890 with 126 of them enrolled in World War II. It was the highest ratio in comparison to villages of comparable sizes across Canada. 75 years later, Arthur is now known as "Canada's Most Patriotic Village", recognition formally received in 2002, when David Tilson the M.P.P. for Dufferin-Peel-Wellington-Grey stated in the Ontario Legislature that because of Arthur's extraordinary effort in World War II the community was being recognized as such.

Other achievements that helped garner this title include the local efforts during the War Bond campaigns that were run to raise money to carry on the war effort. During the first campaign the Village of Arthur took only a few minutes to be the first community in Ontario to reach its quota. In every following campaign the Village led all communities in Wellington County in reaching its objective. As well, during the war, a Navy League was formed in most Canadian communities, to raise funds for Canadian Sailors at sea. In September, 1944, Arthur Council received an award for having raised the most per capita of any community in Ontario.

In recognition of Remembrance Day, lest we forget, the sacrifices of the people in all armed conflicts let us also celebrate Arthur's contributions. Not only during World War II, but also today, as they continue their education efforts, including two recently created remembrance murals, one on the north side of the Sussmans building and one across the street at the Cenotaph as well as the recent collection of stories on local veterans to help celebrate Canada's 150th birthday. These stories have been brought together into a Veterans Book which the Arthur and Area Historical Society will have available on November 11th after the cenotaph ceremony. Afterward they'll be available at the Arthur Cash and Carry, Walsh's Pharmacy in Arthur, Print One in Mount Forest and the Historical Society on Wednesday afternoons.

A picture of the Front Cover of the book is attached.

ARTHUR AND AREA

World War I and World War II

Veterans



A book from Arthur and Area Historical Society to honour our veterans on Canada's 150th Anniversary



Arthur - Canada's Most Patriotic Village

