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Dufferin County Museum and Archives

“Granite”, author Past Mestern at Museum

The Dufferin County Museum and Archives is pleased to present “**Granite**”, as the third of its series of six Saturday afternoon talks.

Pat Mestern’s sixth work of fiction is entitled “**Granite**” and published by The Dundurn Group. In “**Granite**”, Pat has captured the essence and spirit of rural Ontario through the characters that inhabited its farms, villages and towns during the mid-twentieth century. Some of the settings include the beautiful Hills of Mulmur in Dufferin County, interspersed with scenes in Fergus, Horning’s Mills, Creemore, Midland, Collingwood and Elmvale.

The plot: In June 1962, Lish MacPherson leaves Toronto with several boxes of pirated files and a jar of earth which label contains place-names that seemed important to her father. Lish’s quest for information about her parents leads to Seven Springs and Thalia Logan Russo’s property, Hunter’s Mark, where she feels compelled to assist the eccentric elderly woman to save her ancestral lands on the Niagara Escarpment from development. Lish is quickly introduced to the rural characters that inhabit Seven Springs and the story involves murder – both ancient and possibly more recent, deception, deceit, blackmail, love of land, love of life and the tenacity of people to fight for what they believe in.

Pat has written many fictional works including “Clara”, “Anna, Child of the Poor House”, “Rachael’s Legacy”, “Magdalena’s Song” and “No Choice But Freedom”. Her Non-fictional works include “Looking Back”, a two volume local history, “Fergus, a Scottish Town by Birthright”, and “So You Want to Hold a Festival - the A-Z of Festival & Special Event Organization”, and “Stonehome Cookery”. Mestern also contributes to local history columns and rounds out her time by penning travel and lifestyle articles for a variety of North American publications.

Copies of “**Granite**” will be available for purchase on Saturday, June 12th, in conjunction with the author’s presentation. Pat will be happy to sign copies of her book upon request.

The third of our six presentations, “**Granite**”, will take place on Saturday, June 12th, at 2:00pm at the Museum. Regular admission applies, seating is limited. Call to reserve your seat today.

Dufferin County Museum and Archives is situated on the North East corner of Hwy 89 and Airport Rd. For more information please call, 705-435-1881 or 1-877-941-7787. www.dufferinmuseum.com (“Calendar of Events”).

Media Invitation & Photo Opportunity:

June 12th, 1:30pm. Call ahead to make alternative arrangements, or announce on arrival.

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