



## HERITAGE CONSERVATION MUNICIPAL

### CULTURAL HERITAGE

The Municipality recognizes the importance of its cultural heritage resources. Cultural heritage resources include archaeological resources; buildings and structural remains of historical, architectural and contextual value; and rural, village and urban districts or cultural landscapes of historic interest.

The policies within Section 23 of the Lambton Shores Draft Official Plan, in conjunction with the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, provide the framework for the protection and enhancement of the Municipality's heritage resources.

#### Policies

- *Cultural and Built Heritage*

The Municipality will seek to conserve cultural heritage landscapes and built heritage resources when making development and infrastructure decisions which may affect those resources. As well, the Ontario Heritage Act may be utilized to conserve significant cultural heritage resources through the designation of individual properties or areas, and the designation of a group or groups of properties as Heritage Conservation Districts.

- *Incorporation of Heritage Structures*

The Municipality will encourage proponents to incorporate heritage structures in new development or redevelopment. Where feasible, proponents will be encouraged to incorporate design elements in new development that link developments with existing heritage structures.

- *Archaeological Surveys*

The Municipality will require the completion of archaeological surveys for development proposed in areas where such features are believed to exist and require the excavation of these sites and/or where suitable, the preservation of significant sites.

The Municipality may seek to protect significant archaeological resources through the zoning By-law provisions set out in the Planning Act.







## CHURCHES OF LAMBTON SHORES

Lambton Shores has a rich religious heritage. Our places of worship are significant artifacts and place markers. Many of our oldest buildings are still in use such as:

- Christ Anglican Church, Forest
- St . James Presbyterian, Forest
- Arkona Baptist Church
- Knox Presbyterian Church, Thedford
- Ravenswood United Church

Renovations to some churches such as the Thedford Knox Presbyterian Church have maintained much of the traditional architectural features.

In some areas, a place of worship such as Ravenswood United Church is the only structure remaining from an earlier settlement which allows that settlement's name and identity to live on.







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### HERITAGE HOMES AND BUILDINGS OF LAMBTON SHORES

Some examples include:

- Lucas House Arkona-built around original log structure
- Paisley House-Arkona-the Arkona 4 bay style
- The Wilson House Arkona
- Saltbox House Arkona
- Utter Farm Arkona
- Forest Bakery/Museum
- Forest Kineto Theatre
- Crosbie /Maylor Building
- Van Valkenburg and Son -5 generations
- Jones House Forest
- Fraleigh House Forest
- Widder Station Thedford





## SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

As a result of community needs expressed during our strategic plan focus groups, the Community Services Department gained the position of “Facilitator of Recreation and Leisure”. A “Recreation and Leisure Services Assistant” position was added in 2014. These positions have become a true asset to the community and we now have:

- A quarterly community newsletter *“Living and Playing in Lambton Shores”*, which community groups can use as a communication avenue for free advertising of activities and special events. In 2014, the newsletter became an avenue to promote volunteer opportunities within the community, along with community events.
- Lambton Shores launched their new website in 2014, which features an interactive calendar which allows our community groups to post their meetings and events. The website also features a page devoted to volunteer opportunities.
- A Leisure Guide was published beginning in 2010 with support of a grant from South Western Ontario Development Project through the Sarnia-Lambton Business Development Corporation. Staff is currently looking at revising the Guide into a bi-annual publication. A Spring/Summer edition will be more tourism focused, while the Fall/Winter edition will contain more localized information for our residents.
- A volunteer recognition event is held each September. Over 200 volunteers attended this event annually, where the municipality’s Volunteer Recognition Awards were presented.
- Staff support for the Communities in Bloom Committee
- Support for festivals and events
- Weekly email updates to community groups, and use of social media including Twitter and Facebook
- A marketing plan for multi-purpose facilities which includes promoting the facility as a venue for trade shows and special events and community events.
- A Recreation and Leisure Master Plan for Lambton Shores was recently completed. This plan recommends a long term capital and financial plan for municipal recreation and leisure facilities, as well as recommendations for the promotion of arts and culture. The plan helps to clarify a number of policy issues related to funding of community driven projects. Community input and involvement was solicited throughout the process with focus groups, surveys and public meetings.
- The Lambton Shores Recreational Committee was established in 2015.





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### VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION POLICY

This program recognizes individual volunteers and groups in a specific category for their contributions to the community. Nominees must be a resident of the Municipality of Lambton Shores, own a business in the municipality or attend school in the municipality. Individuals outside of the Municipality of Lambton Shores may be considered if his/her contributions are with a Lambton Shores community organization that has a main focus within the municipality.

#### Award Categories

- *Accessibility Award*: awarded to an individual who has contributed to the elimination of barriers to people with disabilities, and/or the inclusion of people with disabilities in all facets of the community.
- *Arts & Culture Award*: awarded to an individual who has contributed to the development, support, preservation or promotion of culture, music, visual, performing or literary arts.
- *Environment Award*: awarded to an individual who has contributed to the protection, preservation, beautification, awareness and/or promotion of our local environment.
- *Good Neighbour Awards*: awarded to Lambton Shores residents for their outstanding efforts and actions that have enhanced or improved our community. A maximum of three individuals per ward may be awarded each year.
- *Heritage Award*: awarded to an individual who has contributed to heritage preservation, architectural conservation, research and/or interpretation of local heritage.
- *Sports and Recreation Award*: awarded to an individual who has contributed to the promotion, development and/or support of recreation and/or sport in the community.
- *Lambton Shores Civic Awards* (adult 26 and over, youth 25 and younger): recognizes two individuals who have made an outstanding voluntary contribution to the well-being of our community over a number of years. This award recognizes local champions who build communities and show us all what can be achieved with passion and determination.
- *Outstanding Community Group Award*: recognizes a community group for its outstanding voluntary contribution to the well-being of our community. Groups awards may also be award under the Accessibility, Arts & Culture, Environment Heritage and Sports and Recreation award categories.

Awards certificates are presented by the Mayor or his/her designate at the annual Volunteer Recognition Barbeque held in September.





## FESTIVALS AND CELEBRATIONS

Lambton Shores Community Grant Program provides funding to our community groups for special events and activities. The following are several groups that have received funding:

- The Kiwanis Club of Forest hosts the annual Lambton Film & Food Festival in May. This 4-day festival includes a Youth Film Competition, ethnic food and movies all weekend long at the historic Kinetio Theatre
- Arkona Funtastic Days, hosted by the Arkona Lioness Club
- The Sunset Summer & Concert Series is entering its third season at the Grand Bend Beach. This free concert series brought live music back to the beach for all to enjoy.
- Canada Day Committees bring annual celebrations to Forest and Grand Bend. Forest Canada Day Committee, service clubs, fire department, and other local groups collaborate to sponsor the annual Canada Day events at Esli Dodge Conservation Area in Forest, preliminary events include the Canada Day Idol contest, where the finalists perform during before the fireworks. The Grand Bend celebrations are organized by the Grand Bend Canada Day Celebrations Committee. The Grand Bend event attracts up to 25,000 visitors to the community each year.
- Forest Garden Club, Port Franks Garden Club, Thedford Garden Club Grand Bend Horticultural Society and Centre Upperwash Community Association for improvement projects
- Beachfest, hosted by the Grand Bend Optimist Club
- Thedford Funion Days, hosted by the Thedford Spirit Club, consists of various events throughout the community. Community groups partner to host events such as the street dance, firemen's dinner and more.





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### CULTURE AND HERITAGE PASSPORT

2008 Communities in Bloom judges, as well as the Community Improvement Plan focus groups stressed the need to promote the “wealth of untapped opportunity and precious sites to experience” in our communities. As a result, the municipality, in partnership with community groups, the Grand Bend and Area Chamber of Commerce, the Forest BIA, Sarnia Lambton Economic Development Corporation, and the Communities in Bloom Committee created a Lambton Shores Culture and Heritage Passport. The Passport featured various stops (events, programs, and locations) throughout the municipality. It is hoped that his project will resume in the future.

This project carries on through various tour, such as the Familiarization (FAM) Tour and the Open Doors Historical Tour.

### PROTECTION OF OUR NATURAL HERITAGE

The Municipality contains areas that are subject to flooding and/or subject to instability due to erosion and excessive slopes. Development in such areas will be prohibited or restricted as it could result in the loss of lives, damage to private and public property and undue financial burdens for the Municipality. The Municipality also contains natural areas that include significant natural features (e.g. wetlands and woodlots) which must be protected with special provisions. Development in these areas will be discouraged. Many of these natural areas are coincident with identified hazard lands. Consequently these policies address both hazard and environmental protection. It must be noted that not all hazard areas contain significant natural areas and not all natural areas contain inherent hazards.

The Municipality’s Natural Heritage Policies are outlined in Section 17 of the Draft Official Plan.

The Strategic Plan and draft Official Plan recognize our wealth of significant and environmentally sensitive areas. Some vital natural areas include:

- Lakeshore areas
- Clay banks and bluffs
- Ausable River Corridor—east boundary of the municipality
- Old Ausable Channel
- Rock Glen Conservation Area
- Shashawandah Creek Corridor
- Hickory Creek Corridor
- Port Franks dunes and wetlands
- Ipperwash and area dunes and wetlands







## CONSERVATION AREA PARTNERSHIPS

### St. Clair Region Conservation Authority

- In 2006 Southwest Bosanquet, a large portion of Lambton Shores, was added to the area under the jurisdiction of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA). This shoreline consists of clay bluffs and provincially significant wetlands and dynamic beach at Ipperwash. SCRCA is currently updating its Shoreline Management Plan to include this Lambton Shores shoreline.
- Esli Dodge Conservation Area in Forest is owned by SCRCA and maintained by Lambton Shores. It includes a picnic area, playground, trails, and a natural outdoor amphitheatre. Community groups conduct events and festivals such as Canada Day and theatre productions.

### Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority

- Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) provides a number of services to Lambton Shores and within its watershed from Arkona to Port Franks and Grand Bend.
- Programs include: environmental monitoring, flood plain management, shoreline management and forestry and land stewardship.
- ABCA has partnered with a variety of groups to develop the Old Ausable Management Plan, Dunes Management Plans for Port Franks and others.
- ABCA owns and operates Rock Glen Conservation Area and the Ausable River Cut Conservation Area.







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### PINERY PROVINCIAL PARK

[www.pinery.on.ca](http://www.pinery.on.ca)

Lambton Shores is blessed to have Pinery Provincial Park within our borders. Pinery Provincial Park contains much of the remaining Oak Savannah woodland to be found in North America. This is a rich globally significant ecosystem and can be explored along park roads, trails, and beaches or the quiet reaches of the Old Ausable Channel.

The Oak Savannah ecosystem rests atop an undulating sand dune topography that began forming 6,000 years ago as glaciers retreated. There are many panoramic views from lookouts throughout the park.

Natural Heritage Programs include:

- Conducted walks
- Pinery for kids
- Canoe hikes
- Bike hikes
- Evening programs
- Ooze and Gooze

#### Savanna Strollers Pinery Walking Club

The Savanna Strollers Pinery Walking Club is a partnership between the Friends of Pinery Park, Ontario Parks, the Grand Bend Community Health Centre and the Lambton Heritage Museum. Each week on Wednesday mornings the Savanna Strollers Pinery Walking Club walk a different trail in Pinery Provincial Park. Upon arrival at the trailhead the participants are led in a short warm-up and stretching routine before heading out. Fast walkers are welcome to do the trail 2 or 3 times to get their steps in.

#### Friends of Pinery Park

Friends of Pinery Park is a group of our residents who share a passion and deep interest in Pinery. They are dedicated to education, promotion, preservation and support of Pinery. They recognized the need to foster and develop an appreciation and understanding of the park's fragile and unique environment to its ever increasing number of users.

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## LAMBTON HERITAGE MUSEUM

[www.lclmg.org](http://www.lclmg.org)

Over half a million people have visited the Lambton Heritage Museum since its opening thirty-two years ago. Attracting approximately 17,000 visitors per year, the Museum is a popular destination for tourists and local residents of Lambton County.

At the time of its founding, the Museum displayed just two private collections, but now the extensive 50,000 square foot complex is home to more than 25,000 artifacts and 10,000 photographs depicting the history of Sarnia-Lambton. The Museum is also home to Canada's largest collection of pressed glass. At the Lambton Heritage Museum, visitors can discover the only horse-drawn ambulance in Ontario, admire local historical views or walk by the steam engine which supported the largest industry in Bosanquet for most of the last century. Visitors will also discover a rare stump puller produced by the Peterson Foundry in Sarnia; it is the only one of its kind remaining. The museum's antique engines and stoves include models not known to survive in any other collection, private or public.

As well as providing many entertaining hours for visitors, the Lambton Heritage Museum provides a secure and appropriate home for thousands of heirloom artifacts and photographs that tell the story of the development of Lambton County.

The Lambton Heritage Museum also provides children's programming, which is tied into the Ontario curriculum. Programs include medieval times and pioneer days, and are very well attended.







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### KETTLE AND STONY POINT PARTNERSHIP

**Community Health Centre and Kettle Point Health Services** - The North Lambton CHC was formed in the late 1990's and established with a site in the Kettle Point Health Services building to provide Primary Care to rostered aboriginal clients. This partnership has resulted in many mutual programs and services developed over the past 10-15 years between the two communities. Representatives from the CHC participated in the Tools For Tolerance program and have held joint sessions at the provincial level to share stories about relationship building between the communities.

**iCAN/Jepzidaa After School Program** - NLCHC and KP health Services worked to obtain after school program funding. As a result successful programs have been established in Forest, Thedford and at Kettle Point under the leadership of the CHC. This program is for children ages 6-13 years. The children are involved in a variety of different physical activity regardless of their ability. A nutritious snack is offered that the children will help prepare. Children will also have time to express their creativity through fun and meaningful crafts.

**Communities in Bloom/Hillside School** - In addition to the grade 3 classroom project, Hillside conducted a special cross curricular weeklong program involving the whole school. Kettle Point economic renewal staff provided dollars for materials so all children could make and bring home a planter of purple and red flowers. The students are planting special landscaped areas of the school. School staff has also obtained funding for special gardens and for native tree planting projects.

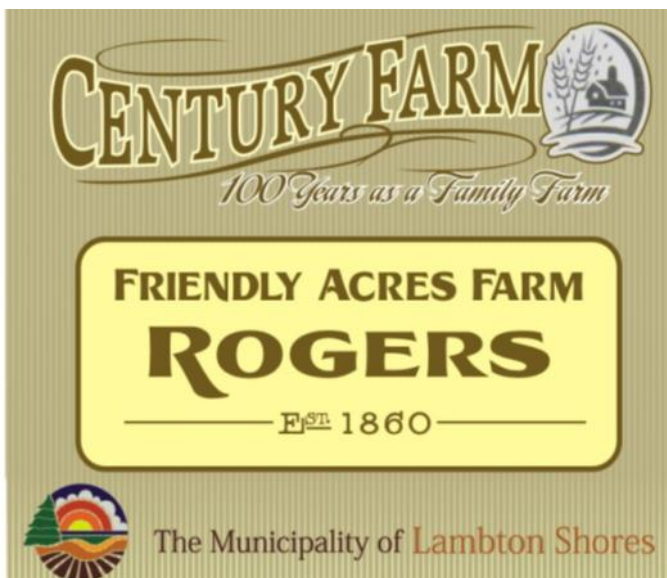
Lambton Shores Communities in Bloom has provided support and a mentorship role with Hillside School for CiB initiatives in the community. In 2011, the Hillside Green Thumb Gardeners project won the Judges' Choice Award at the Green for Life Community Awards at the provincial CiB ceremony.





## CENTURY FARMS

In the Lambton Shores area, there are a number of farms that have been registered as “Century Farms”. A century farm means that direct descendants of the same family must have owned the farm for one hundred consecutive years. A family member must still be on the farm and it must be in active operation within the family as a farm. The Communities in Bloom Committee sponsored the program to sign our century farms. We have selected a sign design that matches the Lambton Shores signage and that also has the municipal logo. The Committee sponsored the signs by donating 50 percent of the cost of the sign. It is believed that all the Century Farms in Lambton Shores have been “signed”, so the program has been deemed a success.







## HERITAGE CONSERVATION **BUSINESS \* INSTITUTIONAL**

Many area businesses and business organizations are involved in festivals and conduct community outreach programs that relate to Communities in Bloom goals and objectives:

- Arkona LIBRO coordinates an annual Relay for Life event at the Forest Fairgrounds in June.
- Forest BIA sponsors the Easter Egg Hunt, Christmas events (including Santa, wagon rides and the tree lighting), Summer festival and entertainment for the family, and annual beautification projects.
- Forest Kiwanis Club, Silver Birches campground and Williamson Farms partner to provide a maple syrup festival and pancake breakfast.
- Forest Glen Herb Farm has herb talks and classes are available for groups. Every year starting December 1st there is a Christmas Open House and visitors can sample foods prepared with herbs.
- Grand Bend and Area Chamber of Commerce supports: special events on the main beach, Grand Bend Canada Day Fireworks, and the Thanksgiving Farmers' Market.
- Grand Bend businesses sponsor the annual Arts, Eats, and Beats Studio Tour.
- Port Franks businesses support the Fall Fantasia and Heritage Museum Craft Show by conducting open houses and participating in the Poinsettia Tour.
- Twin Pines Orchards sponsors an Art Camp for kids in the summer months.
- Local Port Franks business owners partner with the Caring Quilters to produce milk bag mats. These mats are sent to developing countries and also provide an environmentally friendly use for the plastic bags.





## ANNUAL FALL FANTASIA

The Lambton Fall Colour and Craft Festival is one of North Lambton's biggest events of the season. Many vendors are located at the Lambton Heritage Museum, and community group volunteers support the event. The festival is more than a craft show—it is also a celebration of the area's agricultural heritage. Thedford's 'Fall Fantasia', which combines a Farmers' Market of local bog and orchard produce, with bake, sidewalk and yard sales is a feature of this event. Local artisans in the Port Franks area also open their doors for this event. The Pinery Provincial Park offers an interpretive fall driving tour with the purchase of a day-vehicle pass.

In addition, Thedford has become a popular "antiquing" destination for visitors and residents alike.



## FOREST AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, STEAM THRESHERS AND FOREST BIA

The annual Forest Fall Fair is celebrated each year on the third weekend in September. The first record of a fair was 1870 held at the Broadway/Main Street corner in Forest. In 1874, 12 acres of land was purchased and named "Forest Pleasure Park" and was used as a fairground until 1909 when the current site was acquired. The former Town of Forest bought the grounds in 1939 and leased it to the Forest Agricultural Society. The Forest Agricultural Society sponsors many events to help promote and preserve the area's agricultural heritage.

Forest BIA partnered with the Forest Library and the Southwestern Ontario Steam Threshers to develop a heritage pamphlet for the community. The Steam Threshers conducted wagon tours of the community assisted by local guides. Local merchants prepared heritage window displays which supported the Steam Threshers Show and Music in the Valley.







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### FOREST BIA AND FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Forest BIA has worked with the Lambton Shores Planner to develop guidelines for enhancing store signage and entries with the goal of a more consistent and authentic look. The BIA has developed a loan incentive program to encourage the enhancements. Lambton Shores Council is supporting this program.

The BIA has purchased Heritage District banners which have been erected in downtown Forest, to better mark the heritage area.

### ARKONA HERITAGE WALKING TOUR

The Arkona Historical Society and local businesses partnered to produce a local heritage map as well as a local brochure promoting the area orchards and produce. A local historian is currently working on a history of the area and is obtaining input from various groups.

### FOREST HERITAGE WALK

Forest BIA, Kiwanis, Museum, Pipe Band and Forest Library partnered to offer a heritage walk of the downtown area. Brochures were produced and participants were treated to a tour and lecture by a local historian followed by entertainment.

### GRAND BEND HISTORICAL WALK

A group of residents in Grand Bend who are interested in preserving by recording the history of Grand Bend produced the Historical Walk Brochure (a self guided tour). The group also raised funds to plaque specific sites on the tour. These plaques will provide a renewed public awareness and discovery of the numerous historical structures on Main Street.

### HISTORICAL STREETScape PHOTOS

The Forest Lambton Museum Society received a Creative County Grant in 2016 for the mounting of historical streetscape photos in Forest, Arkona and Thedford. These photos will be hung in the same vicinity as where they were originally taken, giving people the opportunity to see what the location looked like years ago. 2016 is a pilot year for the project. If successful, the Society will look into expanding it to other communities in Lambton Shores.



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### FOREST KINETO THEATRE

This theatre is one of the world's oldest movie theatres—operating since 1917 with seating for 225. The Kiwanis Club of Forest owns and operates the Kinetoscope as a non profit venture. The club seeks grants for continuous improvements to the facility with the most recent work being the roof and siding repairs thanks to a Trillium grant. The club is currently developing plans to improve the building façade and is partnering with the Forest Community Foundation to phase in these improvements. A museum on the second level of the building displays the history of the theatre in this community.

### FOREST LAMBTON MUSEUM

Over the years the museum board has: increased the volunteer base to 60, sold their old building on Broadway Street, purchased and renovated the Forest Bakery Building, renovated second floor apartments for a revenue source, applied for a Trillium grant to replace windows and maintained the new mobile museum exhibit. All work has been done with volunteer labour. With this move they are also maintaining a local heritage site. Lambton Shores provides a small community grant annually to assist with some expenses.

### LAKE SMITH CONSERVATIONISTS

In 2007, this group published a book to celebrate the first 15 years of this local organization. Projects sponsored by this group include: the annual wildlife banquet school outreach program and 300-500 kits for bird feeders, bat boxes, bird houses and butterfly houses, Klondyke pavilion, and the Lake Smith Education Centre. The group annually assists Lambton Heritage Museum with "The Return of the Swans".

### RAVENSWOOD SCHOOL CAIRN

The cairn was constructed in 2006 from material saved during the demolition of the Ravenswood School. The original school bell is a top the cairn. This project was sponsored by Ipperwash Optimists with donated labour from area residents.





## HERITAGE CONSERVATION RESIDENTIAL \* COMMUNITY

### HERITAGE MARKER PROGRAM

Lambton Shores does not have a municipal wide heritage/cultural committee; however, there are many organizations that have taken an active interest in heritage promotion and preservation including: Arkona Historical Society, Forest Kiwanis, Forest Lambton Museum and volunteers, Thedford Presbyterian church congregation, Forest Christ Anglican Church Congregation, Forest BIA etc.

In 2009 CIB implemented a "Century Farm Sign" project and to date have eight farms signed. In 2010, the committee sought volunteers from the community to assist with a "Heritage Awareness Plaque" program. Three volunteers became a subcommittee of CIB and developed the marker program with the assistance of the Arkona Historical Society.

The Heritage Marker committee developed an application package, researched suppliers and requested community grant funding from Lambton Shores Council. A local supplier is producing the plaques from black granite and the first ten applications will receive a \$100.00 reimbursement. The committee has received applications from Arkona, Forest and Thedford.

The plaques for heritage buildings state the date of construction, the name of the original owner as well as his/her profession. These plaques help us expand our sense of community and identify the role of early families in the creation of our communities. These plaques do not mean designation under the Heritage Act but simply a way to identify an important piece of our heritage.

Many of the historical buildings in the community have been plaqued, so the committee is considering the program complete.



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## DOORS OPEN

In 2012, the Lambton Shores Heritage Marker Committee contacted Lambton County staff regarding Lambton County involvement in the provincial Doors Open Program. As a result, County staff formed a steering committee to plan for a Lambton County event to be held the last weekend of September. As a result, the Heritage Marker Committee has added representation from Arkona, Thedford, and Grand Bend areas.

The 2012 Doors Open—Lambton County Tour was a huge success, which led to a second tour in the spring of 2014 and then a third tour in 2016. The 2016 tour featured:

- Forest Lambton Museum
- Huron Shores United Church
- Kettle & Stony Point First Nations and Wood Drive Coastal Meadow Enhancement Project
- Kiwanis Kineto Theatre
- Roland Plant Farms
- Twin Pines Orchard & Cedar House
- Up At Sunrise Hostas
- Grand Bend Rotary Community Stage
- Forest Glen Herb Farm and Bed & Breakfast

Doors Open is a province wide celebration of community heritage. It provides residents and visitors with a unique opportunity to explore and enjoy the sometime hidden and always interesting places and spaces in Ontario. Lambton Shores is thrilled to be a part of the program this year!

[www.doorsopenontario.on.ca](http://www.doorsopenontario.on.ca)







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### MYSTERY TOUR OF LAMBTON SHORES

The first ever Lambton Shores Mystery Tour was organized by the Communities in Bloom committee, in lieu of the traditional Judges' Tour. Since we were in a non-evaluated year, the Committee wanted to let the people of Lambton Shores a chance to experience the tour for themselves.

"Most years the committee hosts a judges' tour in July," explains co-chair Catherine Minielly. "This year, after so many successes, we decided not to compete. But we've had a lot of experience putting together amazing tours of Lambton Shores highlights, so we decided to share the experience with everyone."

Co-chair Grace Dekker adds that while most people know their own corner of the municipality well, many aren't as familiar with other communities.

"There are so many amazing gardens, interesting shops, historical buildings, and other sights," she says. "I think everyone will have a wonderful day and come away with a new perspective on Lambton Shores."

The official tour took place on July 26 and featured 56 locations within Lambton Shores. Participants were entered into a draw for some great prizes donated by local businesses.

The map was posted on the municipal website afterward for anyone wishing to take the tour on another day.

After a successful first run at this event, the Committee will prepare another fantastic tour of beautiful gardens, historical landmarks, businesses and tourist destinations in Lambton Shores for 2016.

### OTHER COMMUNITY HERITAGE PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Restoration of Forest caboose by Forest Rotary and Forest Kiwanis clubs in partnership with the Forest Community Foundation and the municipality.
- Arkona Rock Glen Museum, supported by the Arkona Lions Club
- Arkona Blossom Festival
- Culture & Heritage Passport
- Forest Excelsior Band 135th Anniversary
- Forest Mobile Museum
- Forest Legion Pipe Band 50th Anniversary
- Grand Bend Historical Walk Signage
- Historical Streetscape Photographs

