You are receiving this email because you have expressed an interest in the Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial. Don't forget to add CanalWorkersMemorial@stcatharines.ca to your address book so we'll be sure to land in your inbox!

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE
Construction of the Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial began just before Labour Day weekend. Stevensville Lawn Services has been working at the site beside Lock 3 at the St. Catharines Museum and Welland Canals Centre for the last 2 weeks. Excavation and underground services have been completed and the foundations for The Veil and the Gates - two of the major components of the memorial - will be poured this week.

Follow the project on Facebook for regular construction updates.

STAY TUNED! The memorial will be completed and unveiled this fall. Watch the e-newsletter for updates and an unveiling date to be announced soon!

BEHIND THE SCENES AT MARIANI METALS

Our project partner, The Standard recently took a behind the scenes tour at Mariani Metals where the memorial is being prepared for installation later this fall. Watch the video for a behind the scenes look and begin to experience the scale and magnitude of the memorial.
HONOUR THE FALLEN - DONATE NOW

It's not too late to be a part of this important memorial. Donations are still being accepted online at stcatharines.ca/donate.

Donate now to help complete the memorial in honour of 137 men who lost their lives during construction of the 4th Welland Canal.

The memorial will be unveiled in fall 2017.

FALLEN WORKERS CEMETERY TOURS

Thank you to everyone who came out for the cemetery tours over the August long weekend. Through voluntary contributions the tours collected almost $600 in donations towards the memorial. Read more about the tours in The Standard.
COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING CONTINUES FOR MEMORIAL

Thank you to community supporters who continue to fundraise and support the Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial.

The Italian Fallen Workers Memorial in Toronto recently made a donation in honour of the Italian workers and their families. The 137 fallen workers came from 14 different countries and all across Canada.

The Point Abino Lighthouse Preservation Society (PALPS) also made a donation in honour of the construction workers and many lighthouse keepers who made great sacrifices for what we have today.

It is not too late to be a part of the memorial. Visit www.stcatharines.ca/donate to make a contribution today. Your donation will honour the fallen.

THE WELLAND CANAL PLAY: ESSENTIAL COLLECTIVE THEATRE
Niagara-based **Essential Collective Theatre** is premiering a new play about the waterway that helped shape the Niagara region.

"The Welland Canal Play" is written by Kevin Hobbs and directed by Monica Dufault. The play will be touring the Niagara region through October with shows in St. Catharines, Port Colborne, Wainfleet, Pelham and Ridgeway.

Thank you to our friends at ECT for helping to share the lives and the stories of the fallen workers. [Contact ECT for tickets.](#)

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**RIVERBRINK ART MUSEUM EXHIBIT: DREAMS AND SCHEMES**

On Sept. 28 [RiverBrink Art Museum](#) will open a new exhibit: **Dreams and Schemes: Building the Welland Canals**.

This exhibition presents a broad survey of canal-themed work in a variety of media from public and private collections.

Visit [RiverBrink](#) in Queenston to view the exhibit.

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**TRIUMPH AND TRAGEDY: LIMITED EDITION BOOK ON SALE NOW**
TRIUMPH AND TRAGEDY:
The Welland Ship Canal is a limited edition book profiling each of the 137 fallen workers. This special book will help ensure that the men who lost their lives during the course of the work will not remain nameless, forgotten workers. The stories of their lives provide an insight into our past.

DON'T MISS OUT! This book will be a limited edition and will not be available once the print run sells out.

Order before Oct. 1 for a 20% discount on the book price. After Oct. 1, the regular price of $39.95 will apply - but only while supplies last.

Order from the St. Catharines Museum and Welland Canals Centre at 1-800-305-5134 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. EST or use this order form to order your copy.

ANGELICA, NY MAN REMEMBERED

On August 8, 105 years to the day of his burial, a gravestone was delivered to the hometown of John A. Patterson, one of 137 fallen workers who died during construction of the Welland Canal.

Donated by Kirkpatrick Monuments, the gravestones are currently being installed at unmarked graves of some of the fallen workers who are buried across the Niagara region, in provinces across Canada and in the U.S.

Thank you to our donors at Kirkpatrick Monuments for donating, delivering and installing the gravestone markers.

Read more about the special visit to Angelica, NY and John Patterson's family.

THE WELLAND SHIP CANAL AND THE MEN WHO DIED TO BUILD IT

Since August 2015, a series of columns complementing the significance of the memorial have been featured weekly in The St. Catharines Standard. These stories bring to life the men who were a part of the construction.

This newsletter will continue sharing this series, complementing the work of the Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial Task Force.

- Swishing sound signaled death
- A young life cut short
- Hissing cable strikes down superintendent
- War hero’s life taken on the canal
He never had a chance...  
Dead before he receives first paycheque  
Jordan station native killed in gate collapse  
Father-son fatality on the canal  
Killed shortly before retirement

Thank you to our partners at the St. Catharines Standard for helping to remember these men. Their work and sacrifice helped shape our communities and indeed, our entire country.

To read more of the stories of the fallen workers visit www.stcatharinesstandard.ca

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

Interested in learning more about the fallen workers and other topics related to the Welland Canal? Below is a list of upcoming community presentations:

Ongoing until Feb. 2018: Heroes in Peace: Building the Welland Ship Canal exhibit at the St. Catharines Museum and Welland Canals Centre. The Museum is open daily from 9 to 5 and admission is by donation.

October 2017 The Welland Canal Play | Various Niagara locations

Monday, October 30, 2017 | Thorold & Beaverdams Historical Society
The Welland Canal Construction Railway by Andrew W. Panko

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To Our Funders, Sponsors and Supporters
ABOUT THE TASK FORCE

The Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial Task Force is a volunteer group established to finance, design, build and install a memorial to recognize workers who died while building the Welland Ship Canal between 1914 and 1932. Members of the Task Force include representatives from all Welland Canal communities, Niagara Regional Council, the federal government, the marine industry, local historians, the labour community, and community partners from the Canadian Canal Society, the Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Centre and the Welland Canals Foundation. Administrative and project support is provided by the City of St. Catharines.

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