

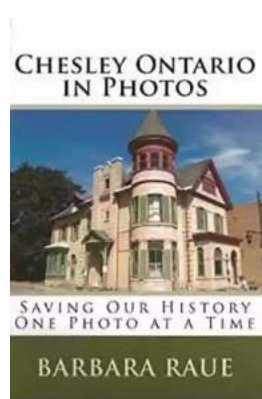
# Saving Our History One Photo At Time Cruising Ontario

Have you ever wondered about the stories that lie hidden within the walls of historic buildings? Or the tales of bravery and courage that echo through the halls of centuries-old structures? The history of Ontario is rich and diverse, made up of countless fascinating stories waiting to be discovered and shared. And what better way to preserve and appreciate our history than through the medium of photography?

Photography has long been celebrated as a powerful tool for capturing moments and emotions. It freezes time, immortalizing scenes and people for generations to come. Every image has the potential to tell a story, and every story adds another layer to our collective history. That is why preserving our past through photography is not just a luxury but a necessity.

## Discovering Ontario's Hidden Gems

Ontario, Canada's most populated province, is home to a plethora of historical sites, ranging from grand castles to humble cottages. Exploring these hidden gems not only offers a glimpse into our past but also provides an opportunity to capture stunning photographs that tell a story.



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One such hidden gem is the stunning Casa Loma in Toronto. This majestic castle, with its ornate interiors and breathtaking gardens, is a testament to the opulence of a bygone era. Every nook and cranny of the castle holds a secret waiting to be discovered. From the meticulously crafted stained glass windows to the grand staircase, every detail tells a story of its own. By photographing Casa Loma, we can freeze these moments in time, ensuring that future generations can experience the awe and wonder of this historical landmark.

Another fascinating site is the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa, the capital of Canada. These imposing Gothic revival-style structures stand as a symbol of our nation's history and democracy. As we explore the intricate architecture and document it through photography, we are preserving not only the physical beauty of the buildings but also the values and ideals they represent.

## **Preserving the Past for the Future**

Photography is not only a means of capturing history but also a way to preserve it for future generations. Over time, buildings deteriorate, landscapes change, and people pass away. It is the duty of passionate photographers to capture these elements before they vanish and become nothing more than distant memories.

Imagine stumbling upon an old photograph of your hometown, showing the bustling streets and the familiar landmarks. It would transport you back in time, allowing you to experience a piece of history that would otherwise be lost. By using photography to document our present, we are creating a priceless gift for future generations to connect with their roots and appreciate the sacrifices and achievements of those who came before them.

## **Capturing the Essence of Ontario's History**

When photographing historical sites in Ontario, it is essential to capture not only the physical aspects but also the essence and atmosphere that bring them to life. A well-crafted photograph can evoke emotions, transport the viewer to a different time and place, and make history come alive.

One technique to achieve this is through the use of lighting. The interplay of light and shadows can create a sense of drama and depth, accentuating the intricate details of a building and highlighting its unique features. By experimenting with different lighting techniques, photographers can infuse their images with a sense of nostalgia, enhancing the storytelling aspect of their work.

Another technique is capturing the human element within historical sites. People bring life and context to photographs, adding a human touch to the stories they tell. Including individuals in the frame, whether they are reenactors, visitors, or staff, can help create a connection between the past and present, making the history more relatable and engaging.

## **Sharing Our History**

Photography has evolved alongside technology, making it easier than ever to share our work with a wider audience. Social media platforms such as Instagram

and Facebook allow us to reach people from all corners of the world, sharing the beauty and history of Ontario with just a few clicks.

By using captions and stories to accompany our photographs, we can provide context and background information, giving viewers a deeper understanding of the historical significance of the sites they are seeing. This combination of visuals and narrative creates a powerful storytelling tool that sparks curiosity and fosters a love for history.

Cruising Ontario with a camera in hand is not just a leisurely hobby but a vital act of preserving our history. Through the power of photography, we can capture and share the stories of our historical sites, ensuring that they are not forgotten or left to decay. So, grab your camera and embark on a journey through time, one photo at a time, as we shine a light on the marvels of Ontario's captivating history.



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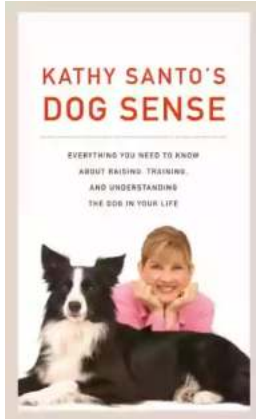
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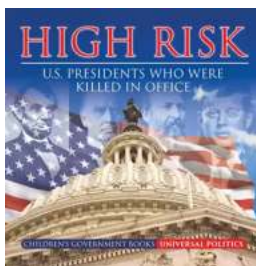
The Township of Norwich is located in Oxford County in southwestern Ontario. Oxford County Road 59 is the major north–south highway through much of the township. The local economy is largely agricultural, based on corn, soybean, and wheat production with dairy farming in the north part of the township and tobacco, vegetable, and ginseng farming to the south. Slowly, ginseng and traditional cash crops are replacing the former cash crop - tobacco, as demand shrinks. In 1799, the Township of Norwich was laid out by surveyor William Hambly into lines and concessions and 200-acre lots. The Bostwicks, Ingersolls and Canfields were New England families who had made their start in the New World in the 1600s, and frontier living had been second nature to them for generations. Settlement in the former Norwich Township came more than fifteen years after Oxford Township. The Norwich settlement was founded by two men: Peter Lossing and Peter De Long. Peter Lossing's house was the first one in Norwich. In 1809, Peter Lossing, a member of the Society of Friends from Dutchess County New York, visited Norwich Township. In June 1910, with his brother-in-law Peter de Long, purchased 15,000 acres of land in this area. That fall Lossing brought his family to Upper Canada. The de Long family and nine others soon joined them. By 1820 an additional group of about fifty had settled here. These resourceful pioneers founded one of the most successful Quaker communities in Upper Canada. The township was divided into North and South Norwich Townships in 1855. In 1975, Oxford County underwent countywide municipal restructuring. The Village of Norwich and the Townships of East Oxford, North Norwich and South Norwich were amalgamated to create the Township of Norwich. Norwich includes the communities of Beaconsfield, Bond's Corners, Brown's Corners, Burgessville, Cornell, Creditville, Curries, Eastwood, Hawtrey, Hink's Corners, Holbrook, Milldale, Muir, Newark, New Durham, Norwich, Oriel, Otterville, Oxford Centre, Rock's Mills, Rosanna, Springford, Summerville, Blows, and Vandecar. On August 7, 1979, Norwich was struck by a large tornado. The storm cut a path of destruction across Norwich Township from Blows to New Durham, leaving the

community of Oxford Centre in a state of total destruction. On June 2, 1998, a tornado touched down in Holbrook and then Norwich, damaging trees, farm equipment, barns, and houses.



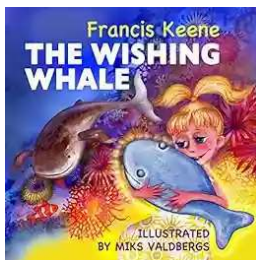
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