

HISTORY OF G.E.CO.
March 23, 2010

Programme Review

It was an astounding response to the brief programme announcement when an audience of 165 came to hear the history of **G.E.CO.**, presented by Rick Schofield, Archivist with the Scarborough Historical Society. Through a PowerPoint presentation, Rick related **G.E.CO.**'s proud history in Scarborough during wartime, where some local employment ads pleaded for 1,500 women to fill fuzes to save lives; where desperately needed workers were offered transportation, clothing and housing, foodservices, etc. It was no small enterprise as **G.E.CO.** consisted of 172 buildings of which covered over 350 acres of farmland that bordered by Eglinton Ave. to the north, CNR to the south, Birchmount Rd. to the east and Warden Ave. to the west.

The audience learned of the munitions plant's dangers and duties, strict security measures and prohibited items, to the proud record number of filled fuzes and of the famous visitors; also of the buildings that exist today and finally, of particular interest, the mysterious labyrinth of underground tunnels. We were especially honoured to have had a few former **G.E.CO.** employees present who added some of their personal experiences, and answered some questions and we thank you for sharing some of your special moments with us.

We thank all our members and visitors for supporting **The Scarborough Historical Society** and the programmes we bring to the community. Please refer to our website for upcoming events and we look forward to seeing you.

April 27th - 7:30 p.m.

“Getting from Here to There: Identifying the Origin of Immigrants to Canada”

Guest Speaker: Fawne Stratford-Devai, Genealogist and Author

Well-known for her appearances on History TV's, “Ancestors in the Attic”.

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