



VIMY OAKS LEGACY

Salem Cemetery Decoration Day

June 18, 2017

**Memorial at 1:30
Heritage Church Salem**

Refreshments following in the Hall
Meet old friends and the board members

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Our board meets several times a year to work on various cemetery needs. Burials head the list, with all that it involves, together with maintenance which is never ending. This past year we have had the old section of the cemetery surveyed on the north side beside County Road 2; also we are been working on the papers for not for profit incorporation.

Work is on going to uncover, erect, and repair old monuments in the oldest section of the cemetery. It's interesting to take a walk up through that area and see.

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**Pianist : Cathy Galt
Soloist : Jeannie Mintz**

**Chair's Welcome
and
the story of the Vimy Oak**

Solo..... Consider the Lilies..... Jeannie Mintz

State of the Cemetery.....Allan Broatch

MessageLetter from Home..... Laura Haferkorn

Solo....To Touch the Masters Head..... Jeannie Mintz

Closing WordsLenna Broatch

The Maple Leaf Forever

Memorial White Carnation

Refreshments

Basket in front for donations

Tangled Routes of Vimy Oaks

Days after Canadians took back Vimy Ridge in 1917, a soldier, Lt. Leslie Miller walking along the barren battlefield, pocketed a few acorns from a shattered oak. He mailed them home to Scarborough where they were planted on a family farm. Now 100 years later, Vimy oaks descended from those very acorns, will once again rise again to honour Canada's remarkable Great War victory.

In 1919 Lt. Miller returned home to a 24 acre farm and his oaks. Miller married, he and Essie named their farm Vimy Oaks. In the mid 60's they sold and Miller died at Sunnybrook Veterans' Hospital in 1979 at age 90.

Today we have a Vimy Ridge sapling planted in the old section of our Salem Cemetery honouring all those who have taken part in the wars.

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