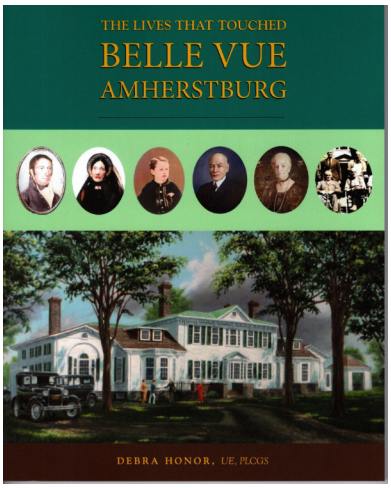
OHS Best Local History Book Award Runner Up: *The Lives That Touched Belle Vue Amherstburg*

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The OHS Awards Committee acknowledges and congratulates one of the runners up of the 2026 OHS Best Local History Book Award: Debra Honor's *The Lives That Touched Belle Vue Amherstburg,* a tribute to the people who lived and worked at the beautiful and historic Belle Vue Home. Built in the years after the War of 1812, this stunning, sprawling mansion served as a focal point for the politicians and society of Amherstburg throughout the 19th Century, and ably homed First World War Veterans and the Ukrainian Church of Canada in the 20th Century. Though recognized by The Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada in 1959 and the Ontario Archaeological and Historic Sites Board in 1962, the complex has sat empty since 2003. This book shares the story of Belle Vue so that it will be preserved for the future enjoyment of the community of Amherstburg and beyond.





The OHS Best Local History Book Award honourable mentions were presented at the 2026 OHS Awards Ceremony on November 14, 2026 at the Historic John McKenzie House in Willowdale, Toronto, Ontario. Left to right: Co-Chair of OHS Awards Committee Hans Bathija and Debra Honor.

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