

## 2019 Fall Speaker Series

**Date:** Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Speaker:** Dan Calinescu

**Background:** Retired teacher; a Dickens “enthusiast”

**Title:** “A Dickensian Christmas”



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**Description:** Although Dan Calinescu is an expert in all things Dickens and a world-renowned collector of books and Dickens memorabilia, he more often humbly describes himself as a Dickens “enthusiast.” His collection of over 5000 items has been exhibited by the University of Toronto and celebrated by the Toronto Star. Charles Dickens will forever be connected to Christmas, mainly through the popular A Christmas Carol. But Dickens wrote many other stories related to Christmas that are less well-known. We will learn about some “Christmas stories” that are not about Christmas at all. It will also be interesting to find out about how Dickens and his family celebrated Christmas in a surprisingly unique way.

**Link to more information:**

<http://www.bozandfriendsbooks.ca>