

Annual Report

of
The Ontario Historical Society

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President's Report

The last year of the twentieth century saw The Ontario Historical Society continuing to face the challenges of helping to preserve Ontario's heritage, just as it has done since the nineteenth century. It will come as no surprise to our membership to learn that the first year of the twenty-first century is indicating no abatement of those challenges.

The society has become the 911 of the heritage field in the province. Daily the OHS staff receives requests for help and advice from our affiliated members, individuals, organizations and institutions as they, too, are faced with problems and dilemmas. For instance, our resounding victory when challenging the developers over the Clendennen Cemetery has resulted in an increasing number of appeals for assistance in dealing with cemetery problems across Ontario. For this reason the Society is continuing to take donations for the Cemetery Defence Fund.

In the past year, representatives of the OHS have travelled all over Ontario attending meetings, offering advice, support, and practical workshops to our member societies, institutions and interested individuals. It is a policy of the Society that we do not place ourselves at these events but that we respond only to requests for our attendance. Given the thousands of kilometers that have been logged by Dorothy Duncan and her staff, helped out occasionally by members of the Board, one can appreciate the reputation for practical support and advocacy which the OHS has earned.

That reputation has been confirmed in many ways over the years, but in 1999 it was given emphasis when we learned that we had inherited the family homestead of Sir Frederick Banting. Mr. Edward Banting had confidence that we could find a way to preserve the historic features of the farm. We are presently receiving and reviewing suggestions that we have acquired, both as a result of asking for our members' ideas and holding meetings both in Alliston (where the farm is situated) and at our headquarters. We have held, and are continuing to hold such meetings, some with special interest groups. Our goal is to arrive at a feasible plan that will prove both that Mr. Banting's faith in us was not misplaced and that will serve the aims and objectives of the Society.

In this Annual Report you will learn of the work that has been accomplished on your behalf. Little of this would be possible without the following groups. The Board of Directors who have contributed their considered expertise and advice and willingness to take on responsibilities when requested. That dedicated band of volunteers who can be relied upon to be there when needed, whether it be to represent the society at heritage events, to staff sales counters, or to prepare and serve food. Finally Dorothy Duncan and her staff, who have proved their devotion to the cause time and time again by the extra, extra miles that they have been willing to go. My personal thanks go to each of these people.

The year 2000 will, I am sure, continue to provide the trials and the triumphs that The Ontario Historical Society has experienced over the past century. We have come through with many more victories than defeats. Given the strength, efficiency and commitment of the membership to the health of heritage in Ontario, I have no doubt that we will maintain that standing over the next century.

Jeanne Hughes
President

Executive Director's Report

The Ontario Historical Society has now spanned three centuries and its members can look on its accomplishments with pride. As we report on the year 1999 and the early months of 2000, ever conscious of the beginning of the new millennium next year, there are many positive aspects of our work to report.

As our members know, we finally received the decision of the Tribunal who heard the appeal of the OHS and the Ontario Genealogical Society of the closing and moving of the tiny, historic Clendennen Cemetery in Markham. The headline "We Won!" on the front page of the *OHS Bulletin* proclaimed the relief and the pleasure of all of us, Board members, staff, volunteers, members and donors.

When the OHS was formally created with a Special Act in the legislature of Ontario on April 1, 1899, we were given the very special privilege of accepting "affiliated" members. This Act is unique, we believe, in all of North America, for, if we accept a "pioneer or historical society" as an affiliated member that organization is immediately incorporated in the Province of Ontario as a non-profit corporation with all the rights and privileges of the OHS. In these uncertain times, we are continually deluged with requests for affiliation leading to incorporation, with the resulting expansion of the heritage community and our service to it. Not only have we welcomed many new members this year, we have also expanded our circle of partners and dramatically increased our events and programmes.

The following pages will confirm the scope of our work. Your membership fees combined with the continued support of the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation made this possible. Well done!

Dorothy Duncan
Executive Director

Partners

Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society
Amesbury Summer Fun Camp
Association for the Study of Food and Society
Association of Museums of Canada
Architectural Conservancy of Ontario
Archives Association of Ontario
Archives of Ontario
Black Creek Pioneer Village
Brampton Historical Society
Brant Tourism Co-ordinating Committee
Burk's Falls Historical Society
Caledon East Historical Society
Canadian Association Mayflower Descendants
Canada's National History Society
Chemical Engineering Association
City of Toronto Archives
Commanda General Store
Connaught and District Historical Society
Cuisine Canada
Cultural Careers Council Ontario
Driftwood Community Centre
East York LACAC
Fenelon Falls and District Historical Society
Friends of the Ontario Archives
Global Genealogy
Gosford Elementary School
The Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society
Hastings Historical Society
Heritage Renfrew
Heritage Mount Pleasant
Heritage Toronto
Highview Public School
Huguenot Society of Canada
Hutchinson House Museum
Lennox & Addington Historical Society
Lennox & Addington County Museum and Archives
Lloydtown Rebellion Association
McGill Institute for the Study of Canada
Manvers Historical Society
Marathon & District Historical Society
Mildred M. Mahoney Silver Jubilee Dolls' House Museum
Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation

Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations
Muskoka Pioneer Village
North York Chamber of Commerce
North York Historical Society
North York Horticultural Society
Oakdale Community Centre
OHS Volunteers
Ojibwe Cultural Foundation, Manitoulin Island
Old Durham Road Pioneer Cemetery Association
Ontario Black History Society
Ontario Genealogical Society
Ontario Heritage Alliance
Ontario Heritage Foundation
Ontario Museum Association
O.P.P. Museum, Orillia
Oshawa Historical Society
Parks Canada
Peterborough Historical Society
Revenue Canada
Riverdale Farm
Scugog Shores Historical Village and Archives
Seeds of Diversity of Canada
Simcoe County Historical Society
Society for the Study of Food and Agriculture
Stanley Road Elementary School
Stratford Chef's School
Stratford-Perth Museum
Streetsville Historical Society
Southwest Ontario Heritage Council
Toronto Area Archivists Group
Toronto Association of Cyclists
The Toronto Food Research Network
Toronto Historical Association
Tweed & Area Heritage Centre
Tweed & Area Historical Society
University of Guelph, Department of Hotel and Food Administration
Voyageur Heritage Network
Waterloo Heritage Foundation
Waterloo Historical Society
Willowdale Ratepayer's Association
Women's Canadian Historical Society
Yorkminster-Oriole Outreach
York Region Board of Education
York Region Board, Ontario Genealogical Society

Programmes, Services, and Fundraising Events - 1999

<i>DATE</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>##</i>
January 20	Meeting – Heritage Mount Pleasant	Mount Pleasant	75
January 29-31	Colloquium – Giving Our Past a Future	Montreal	200
January 30	Workshop – Discover Your Community	Montreal	50
February 1	Special event – Education Fair	Toronto	200
February 5	Meeting – Willowdale Cemetery	Willowdale	20
February 5	Meeting – Crossing Borders Symposium	Toronto	20
February 9	Meeting – Willowdale Cemetery	Willowdale	20
February 13	Special event – Heritage Showcase	Waterloo	500
February 14	Celebration – <i>Ontario History's</i> 100th Birthday Party	Willowdale	125
February 15	Reception – Ontario Black History Society	Toronto	140
February 17	2 Workshops – <i>Money Matters!</i>	Peterborough	75
February 18	Meeting – Willowdale Cemetery	Willowdale	15
February 19-21	Special event – Heritage Showcase	Scarborough	1000
February 21	Special event – Heritage Fair	Port Hope	300
February 25	Meeting – Lloydtown Rebellion Association	Schomberg	55
February 27	Exhibit/Book table – Seedy Saturday at Black Creek Pioneer Village	Toronto	250
February 27	Meeting – Royal Canadian Heritage Trust	Toronto	22
March 1	Workshop – <i>Money Matters!</i>	Essex	50
March 1	Workshop – Cemetery Preservation	Essex	50
March 3	Meeting – Crossing Borders	Toronto	20
March 4	Fundraiser – Weekenders Fashion Show	Willowdale	20
March 6	Lecture – “Room with a View”	Toronto	50
March 8	Meeting – Ontario Heritage Alliance	Willowdale	18
March 9	Workshop – <i>Money Matters!</i>	Orillia	55
March 17	Fundraiser – St. Patrick's Supper	Willowdale	40
March 23	Launch – Liberal Cultural Policy	Toronto	80
April 9	Lecture – Historic Foods	Corvallis, Oregon	200
April 13	Meeting – Toronto Museums Alliance	Toronto	35
April 15	Meeting – Muskoka Pioneer Village	Huntsville	8
April 16	Meeting – Crossing Borders	Toronto	20
April 17	Meeting – Voyageur Heritage Network	Elliot Lake	60
April 17	Workshop – <i>Money Matters!</i>	Elliot Lake	45
April 17	Book table – York Region OGS	Angus	200
April 21	Meeting – Chemical Engineers	Willowdale	25

April 21	Fundraiser – Weekenders Fashion Show	Willowdale	12
April 24	Meeting – Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants	Willowdale	35
April 28	Forum – Association of Museums in Canada	Toronto	60
May 2	Reception – Order of Canada recipient	Toronto	200
May 4	Meeting – Doors Open!	Willowdale	10
May 5	Meeting – Museum Educators	Peterborough	25
May 8	Meeting – OHS Annual General Meeting	Willowdale	50
May 8	Presentation – OHS Honours and Awards	Willowdale	75
May 13	4 Workshops – Heritage Fair, York Region Board of Education	Markham	100
May 15	Conference – Visions of the North	Temagami	100
May 17	Meeting – Ontario Heritage Alliance, Archives of Ontario, and Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations	Willowdale	20
May 18	Meeting – Toronto Heritage Alliance	Toronto	40
May 20	Meeting – Crossing Borders	Toronto	20
May 24	Presentation – David McFall	Bolton	100
May 25	Symposium – Ontario Black History Society	London	75
May 26	Lecture – Caledon East Historical Society	Caledon East	85
May 27	Meeting – Borden & Elliot	Toronto	75
May 27-29	Exhibit/Book Table – Ontario Genealogical Society	Peel	300
May 31	Meeting – Killarney Historical Society	Killarney	12
June 1	Meeting – Toronto Museum Alliance	Toronto	20
June 3	Fundraiser – Historic Food Tour of Toronto	Toronto	50
June 4-6	Conference – Crossing Borders	Toronto	200
June 5	Lecture – Toronto Cyclists	Willowdale	10
June 7	Lecture – Ontario Museums Association	Stratford	40
June 16	Meeting – Ontario Heritage Foundation	Toronto	125
June 17	Presentation – Honours and Awards	Toronto	40
June 27	Dedication – Mary Manning	Streetsville	125
July 1	Fundraiser – Canada Day Street Sale	Willowdale	200
July 1	Special event – Parkview Residents Barbecue	Willowdale	90
July 6	2 Meetings – Banting Educational Committee	Alliston	55
July 9	Programme – Gosford Summer Camp	Willowdale	50
July 11	Greetings – Scugog Shores Museum	Port Perry	90
July 16	Workshop – <i>Money Matters!</i>	Huntsville	60
July 17	Fundraiser – Commanda General Store Museum	Huntsville	60
July 19	Programme – Amesbury Public School Discover Your Community	Willowdale	55
July 30	Programme – Oakdale Community Centre Discover Your Community	Willowdale	44

August 5	Programme – Stanley Road Public School Discover Your Community	Willowdale	65
August 8	Fundraiser – Tea on the Verandah and History and Heritage Book Sale	Willowdale	160
August 19	Programme – Amesbury Public School Discover Your Community	North York	48
September 3	Presentation – Honours and Awards	West Bay	800
September 11-12	Book/Craft Table – Riverdale Fall Festival	Toronto	500
September 13	Meeting – Ontario Heritage Alliance	Willowdale	20
September 14	Meeting – Toronto Museum Alliance	Toronto	60
September 14	Meeting – Commanda General Store Museum	Willowdale	8
September 15	Presentation – Honours and Awards	Aurora	40
September 16	2 Meetings – OHS Volunteers	Willowdale	20
September 18	Crafts/Book table – Black Creek Pioneer Village	North York	400
September 18	Presentation – Honours and Awards	Kitchener	80
September 24	Reception and Recognition – OHS Volunteers	Willowdale	50
September 29	Workshop – <i>Money Matters!</i>	Tweed	55
September 30	Workshop – <i>Money Matters!</i>	Renfrew	60
October 2	Memorial service – Russ Cooper	Brampton	200
October 4-5	2 Workshops – Revenue Canada	Willowdale	25
October 5	Presentation – Honours and Awards	Guelph	85
October 6	Workshop – <i>Money Matters!</i>	Fort Erie	45
October 7	Meeting – Ontario 2000	Toronto	25
October 8	Meeting – Driftwood Community Centre	Willowdale	24
October 13	Meeting – Willowdale Cemetery	Willowdale	15
October 13	Reception – Honourable Helen Johns	Toronto	35
October 16-17	Book table – Global Genealogy Fair	Milton	200
October 19	Lecture – Simcoe County Historical Society	Barrie	95
October 20	Fundraiser – Harvest Supper	Willowdale	40
October 23	Meeting – Royal Canadian Heritage Trust	Toronto	18
October 26	Meeting – Owen Sound Historical Society	Owen Sound	80
October 28	Fundraiser – Weekenders Fashion Show	Willowdale	20
October 29	Fundraiser – Lloydtown Cemetery	King Township	150
October 31	Special event – Hallowe'en open house	Willowdale	140
November 2	Meeting – Toronto Museum Alliance	Willowdale	10
November 3	Programme – Oriole York Mills	Willowdale	70
November 5	Meeting – Parks Canada	Willowdale	20
November 6	Symposium – Buon appetito! A Symposium on Italian Foodways in Ontario	Willowdale	70
November 13	Workshop – Preparing for a Victorian Christmas and the Celebration of Hogmanay	Napanee	75
November 14	Brunch – Banting Education Committee	Alliston	125

November 16	Programme – Preparing for a Victorian Christmas	Stratford	100
November 17	Workshop – <i>Money Matters!</i>	Hastings	25
November 20	Business Meeting – Gurd and Area Historical Corp	Commanda	55
November 21	Fundraiser – Cookies, Candies Cook Books	Willowdale	120
November 28	Lecture – Manvers Historical Society	Janetville	55
November 29	Meeting – Ontario Heritage Alliance	Toronto	20
November 30	Meeting – Toronto Heritage Policy	Toronto	40
December 2-3	Meeting – Revenue Canada	Willowdale	20
December 5	Programme – Huguenot Society of Canada	Willowdale	20
December 8	2 Community Meetings – re Banting estate	Alliston	110
December 9	Special event – Women’s Canadian Historical Society Christmas Tea	Willowdale	10
December 10	Official Visit – Governor General of Canada	Toronto	225
December 10	Meeting – Parks Canada	Willowdale	15
December 15	Recognition – Celendennen Descendants	Willowdale	25
December 16	Plaque unveiling – Toronto’s Teachers College	East York	35

Committee and Programme Reports

Honours and Awards

The call for nominations for the Society's Honours and Awards again met with enthusiasm from the heritage community. We thank everyone who took part in submitting a nomination. The next deadline is October 27, 2000.

Recipients of Honours and Awards

Awards for Individuals:

Carnochan Award: John Stuart Hulbig of Kinmount, and Aureen Richardson of Warkworth

Cruikshank Gold Medal: not presented

Awards for non-profit Organizations and Institutions:

Dorothy Duncan Award: not presented

Museum Award of Excellence: Mississippi Valley Textile Museum, Almonte

Scadding Award of Excellence: The 75th Anniversary of the Great Fire of 1922 Committee, of the Haileybury Heritage Museum, Haileybury

Award for LACACs:

B. Napier Simpson Jr. Award of Merit: not presented

Awards for Authors:

Alison Prentice Award: Charlotte Gray for *Mrs King: The Life and Times of Isabel Mackenzie King* (Penguin Press)

Fred Landon Award: C.M. Blackstock for *All the Journey Through* (University of Toronto Press)

Joseph Brant Award: Mark G. McGowan for *The Waning of the Green: Catholics, the Irish, and Identity in Toronto, 1887-1922* (McGill-Queen's University Press)

J. J. Talman Award: Christopher Andreae for *Lines of Country: An Atlas of Railway and Waterway History in Canada* (Boston Mills Press)

Riddell Award: Helen Smith and Pam Wakewich for "Beauty and the Helldivers": Regulating Women's Work and Identities in a Warplant Newspaper" in *Labour/Le Travail*

Award for Business:

President's Award: Rick Lovekin and Ron Moreland of # 122035 Ontario Inc.

Special Award of Merit: Margaret Angus of Kingston, William LeSurf of Smiths Falls, Mary Evans of Woodstock

Publicity

Publicizing OHS events and programmes would not be possible without the dedication and assistance of our co-sponsors, volunteers, Board and the media in Ontario. During the course of the year, we produced over 25 news releases which were mailed, faxed and hand-delivered to the media across the province. Flyers, brochures, posters and other promotional items numbered close to 20 different types, and over 20,000 copies were distributed throughout Ontario.

Our newsletter, the *OHS Bulletin*, continues to enjoy interest and support from the heritage community, and, at times, we are overwhelmed by the notices, news releases and flyers submitted by historical organizations and institutions seeking publicity in this major communications tool. A special thank you is extended to contributing editors: Cindy Crawford, Chris and Pat Raible, and Marjorie Stuart.

Lorraine Lowry
Communications Co-ordinator

Publications

The Ontario Historical Society publications continue to sell well across Canada with sales doubling in 1999 over the previous year. Three of our popular booklets have been reprinted since January of 1999 *Writing History*, *Deck the Halls*, and *Serve it Forth!* Changes to our *Directory of Heritage Organizations and Institutions in Ontario* are made on computer as they occur and this will be the basis for reprinting the *Directory* in the coming months.

Buon appetito! A Symposium on Italian Foodways in Ontario, held November 6 at our headquarters was an unqualified success and the papers presented there will be introduced today, May 6, 2000, in our newest publication *Buon appetito! Italian Foodways in Ontario*, edited by Jo Marie Powers. Professor Powers has also agreed to edit *Tombstone Tales from Ontario's Cemeteries* by Harvey Medland.

The OHS received partial support from Ontario 2000, the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation in 1999 for several initiatives celebrating the coming new millennium; one of them a publication based on the **Celebrating One Thousand Years of Ontario's History** symposium held April 14, 15, 16, 2000 in Willowdale. Work will begin on the publication immediately as it must be published before the end of the year, to comply with support criteria.

Bryan Walls
Publications Chair

Ontario History

Much of my first year as editor of *Ontario History* was spent catching up with the backlog that resulted in part from the change over from a publication schedule of four issues of the journal annually to two issues. Two issues were produced in 1999 (Spring and Autumn) and each was made up of four articles (and lengthy book review sections) which ranged widely in time and subject matter. In the closing months of 1999 much time was devoted also to preparing the special issue for Spring 2000. This issue, guest-edited by Dr Dean Jacobs, director of Nin.Da.Waab.Jig/Walpole Island Heritage Centre, is titled "Continuity and the Unbroken Chain: Issues in the Aboriginal History of Ontario" and is the first in the journal's long history to be edited by a Native Canadian.

Through this first year of my editorship I also engaged in discussions with the Society's Board of Directors concerning the layout and format of the journal. The 1999 issues were printed as previous ones had been but the Board agreed to a change in format (to a trim size of six inches by nine inches) beginning with the Spring 2000 issue. This will bring the journal into line with other, similar publications.

The Editorial Advisory Committee for the journal for 1999 was made up of ten members: Linda Ambrose, Nancy Christie, Cynthia Comacchio, Sharon Cook, Donald Graves, Dean Jacobs, Patricia Jasen, Jan Noel, Carmela Patrias, and Randall White. All members are to be thanked for their dedication to the journal and to their work on its behalf. Three members of the committee; Sharon Cook, Dean Jacobs, and Patricia Jasen have completed their terms this year and their replacements will be announced shortly. As in the past, Jim Clemens has continued as the journal's book review editor and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his wonderful effort. Like my predecessor, I continue to be amazed by Jim's ability to find readers for the very broad range of volumes that are reviewed in each issue.

*Gabriele Scardellato, Editor
Ontario History*

Museums

The Museums Committee of the OHS gained momentum in 1999–2000 as its members collectively worked to bring issues and concerns to the forefront of the political agenda. The committee was comprised of Elmer Pilon, Bytown Museum, Ottawa; Sally Warren, Peterborough Centennial Museum and Archives, Peterborough; Elizabeth Hunter, Brant County Museum, Brantford; Cindy Crawford, St. Joseph Island's Museum; and Sharon Heath-Trottier, Timber Village Museum, Blind River. I want to thank John Carter who worked with the committee and served as a government liaison from the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation, and the OHS staff Dorothy Duncan and Lorraine Lowry.

A number of key issues for the committee related to the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation's proposed changes to the Community Museum Operating Grant and Regulation 877 R.R.O 1990, governing grants to museums, the review of the *Standards for Community Museums in Ontario* and the development of additional new standards. The revisions and changes to both the granting programme and the standards will have a profound impact on the way in which many museums are operated in the future. We participated in a consultation session with Ministry staff and advocated for further meetings in order to involve additional colleagues from the entire Province in these discussions. We prepared a formal response to the Ministry citing key concerns with the process and proposed changes, and urging for an extension in the development and changes to the *Standards for Community Museums in Ontario*.

Furthermore, the Committee worked to revise and clarify the criteria for the Museum Award of Excellence in Community Programming. Collectively we developed Board approved terms of reference to enable the Museums Committee to advocate in a more formal, consistent and proactive approach to the OHS position on museums in Ontario.

The provision of training seminars and workshops form an important part of the Museums Committee's role. We have been defining topics that reflect both the needs of museum workers and timely topics of interest such as funding authorities, and municipal amalgamation issues.

Finally, the role of the *OHS Bulletin* as a vehicle for disseminating museum information has been strengthened through the development of a strong Museum News page. We anticipate that the enhanced content of the page will be a resource for everyone involved in the diverse field of museum work.

Susan Hughes
Museums Committee Chair

Preservation

As noted in previous reports, the heart of preservation efforts continues to rest with its staff who provide assistance in response to the large number of calls that the OHS receives each year requesting help. As in the past, some issues were referred to the Preservation Committee for monitoring or action. Where appropriate, the committee provided advice and advocacy when the Society's support was needed.

After the great success of last year's Clendennen Cemetery decision in favour of the OHS position, 1999-2000 was a less happy year, largely because of an ongoing lack of action by government to address the pressing heritage issues in the province and because of the emergence of some distressing trends that have had a negative effect in allowing citizens and their representatives to protect our vulnerable heritage resources.

One major issue of increasing importance is the need to provide assistance in tax and other matters to help foster heritage preservation among private property owners. While there have been positive steps in this direction by some municipalities, such as the City of Toronto, as well as by the federal government, the OHS is concerned over the lack of initiative on the part of the government of Ontario on this subject. This concern is shared broadly within the heritage field, as exemplified, to cite but one example, of a resolution received from the Town of Midland calling upon the OHS to lobby the province 'for financial incentives to assist private property owners to maintain, preserve and enhance heritage properties.'¹

In addition, efforts by Ontarians to protect their past are hindered significantly by the fact that the badly-outdated Ontario Heritage Act continues in effect when it ought to have been replaced to address the changing needs of the province at this time and in the years to come. Furthermore, downsizing and other such issues have created problems in parts of the municipal sector relating to heritage preservation. In some municipalities, support for Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committees has been withdrawn, making it difficult, if not impossible for some LACACs to continue functioning. In other municipalities, funding has been withdrawn from local museums, thus casting them adrift with potentially disastrous consequences for the health of the heritage resources in their care.

At this time of distress in preservation, the OHS will continue to fulfill its role in promoting good preservation practices. As a part of its larger programme, the OHS would like to invite its members to nominate particularly active LACACs for its B. Napier Simpson Jr. Award of Merit to honour hard work and celebrate success.

*Carl Benn
Preservation Chair*

¹Resolution No. 2000-46 of the Corporation of the Town of Midland, 28 February 2000.

Membership and Local Societies

At the beginning of 1999 it was noted that as municipalities divest themselves of their heritage responsibilities the OHS is receiving an ever increasing number of applications.

Subsequent to a site visit the following Local Societies were accepted for affiliation by the Board of Directors of the OHS:

Connaught and District Historical Society
Brampton Historical Society
Hamilton Mountain Historical Society
Thorold and Beaverdams Historical Society
Grey County Heritage Alliance
Burk's Falls Historical Society
Heritage Mount Pleasant
The Marine Heritage Association

The Society welcomed 78 new members in 1999. We are pleased to see that some people who lapsed years ago have rejoined the Society. Welcome back!

Cristina Perfetto, Membership
Mary Simonds, Local Societies Chair

A Member of the Board of Directors Reports

The last year has been an exciting one for the OHS and has seen significant changes with the establishment of the OHS Foundation and publishing incentives. I was happy to be present at the Banting luncheon in Alliston and meet with some of the descendents of both Sir Frederick Banting and Edward Knight Banting. I also attended the Toronto hearings on the estate to obtain a feel from members for possible uses of the Banting property.

A major task I accepted this year was the editing of *Buon appetito! Italian Foodways in Ontario* from the symposium held in November 1999. I hope that in the future we will see a series of booklets published about the foodways of cultural groups in Ontario. A major initiative for the OHS is the commitment to publish *Tombstone Tales from Ontario's Cemeteries* by Harvey Medland, an excellent book which I have agreed to edit as well.

The OHS has an obligation to see that remains in cemeteries are treated with respect. This often becomes an issue when cemetery lands become development sites. In this regard I spent time researching the disposition of remains from the Prospect Hill Cemetery in Newmarket, Ontario.

Jo Marie Powers
Member, OHS Board of Directors

Board of Directors

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