

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY



2002

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ongoing change and challenge characterize the past year. The eight affiliate societies in 1891 have grown to 269, and the membership is now some 4,000.

CEMETERIES

In the past year, I attended hearings regarding the preservation of St. Alban's Cemetery in Palgrave. I am pleased to report that the tribunal arrived at a favourable decision for the OHS. This has created a precedent re-enforcing the Clendennen Cemetery decision. Nonetheless, cemetery defense continues as an important concern as developers spread their net. The donation of \$15,000 by the Ontario Genealogical Society to help defray legal expenses is appreciated and lauded. Just as important is this evidence of a strategic alliance with a like-minded association. The indefatigable Marjorie Stuart raised some \$1,800 for Cemetery Defence in one morning with a yard sale. (Thank you Marjorie.) Your donations to the Cemetery Defence Fund remain the mainstay of these efforts and are most gratefully accepted.

WEB SITE

The Web site for the OHS www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca has undergone major reconstruction, thanks to the brilliant Wasay Rizwan. It is fast becoming a powerful resource for heritage information across the province.

Summer student Natasha Urlic updated the Ontario Heritage Directory. The revised Directory, to be published in 2003, now includes Email and Web addresses. A searchable version will be available to members on our Web site.

MINISTRY OF CULTURE

In the past year we met with Minister of Culture David Tsubouchi on two occasions, the second of which was to celebrate Heritage Week – a special thank you to all our volunteers, donors and friends. Minister Tsubouchi is held in high esteem, for his warmth, graciousness and sense of purpose - and this, across the political spectrum. This was the first occasion that an Ontario Cabinet Minister visited McKenzie House. May this be the first of many visits!

ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

We met with other provincial and national heritage organizations in the stunningly beautiful and acoustically challenged Royal Ontario Museum one November morning. Here, we explored potential revisions to the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The proposed revisions would go some distance in strengthening heritage preservation in the province; for instance, the mandate of the Municipal Heritage Committees (formerly Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committees) would be broadened, and controls on demolition strengthened.

Municipalities would be “empowered, rather than obligated to protect their local heritage.” In short, the intent of the revisions is to ensure consistency, streamline processes, improve clarity and update language. The work of Ministry staff on the Act is to be applauded.

BANTING

As you well know by now the Society inherited the family homestead of Sir Frederick Banting from Mr. Edward Banting. Mr. Banting had confidence that we would find a way to preserve the historic features of the farm. Of primary importance is the preservation of the Paleo-Indian archaeological site. A foundation was created in 2002 to oversee the administration of this estate. In this past year, Mr. Chris Oslund was appointed chair, replacing Dr. Bryan Walls who continues to serve in an advisory capacity. We seek a feasible plan which will both prove Mr. Banting’s faith in us was not misplaced and serve the aims and objectives of the Society. Deliberations are ongoing and we remain optimistic on the outcome.

POLICY GOVERNANCE

Pat Neal and I attended a policy governance workshop in October. We identified the need for the Board to undergo a process of re-examination. Short-term and long-term planning is central to the Board’s role. To that end, we arranged for Sue McLeod of the United Way to begin the process. In the meantime, a governance committee has been created to assist the Board in clarifying their roles and responsibilities.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their considered expertise, and willingness to take on responsibilities when requested.

Our new Executive Director, Pat Neal, has been challenged in this last year, and she has met that challenge with humour, sagacity, and style. Thank you Pat, and thank you to our volunteers across the province. Quite simply, what has been accomplished would not have been if it were not for you.

Lydia Ross Alexander
President

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

My first year as Executive Director of The Ontario Historical Society was busy and challenging. Day to day activities competed for time with long-range planning and strategies for revenue diversification. Financial realities made my priorities as your new Executive Director clear. The Society needed to reduce expenses and increase revenues. We made modest achievements in both areas.

Through Canada Post, we were able to reduce the cost of mailing the *OHS Bulletin* by 50%. By combining our telephone and Internet services we saw our telephone bills lowered and our long distance charges reduced. Email and our new Web site www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca have enabled the OHS to more effectively communicate to its members and beyond. Ten percent of the new members joining the Society in 2002 came via the World Wide Web. As we continue to apply new technologies our members will have improved access to information and communication links will strengthen.

A successful series of Tuesday lunch hour lectures brought many first-time visitors to the John McKenzie House and new revenues to the Society. Topics ranged from *The History Behind the Development of the Bathroom* by architectural historian Fred Cane and *Talking to Perennials* by Dennis Pollack to *Camp X* by Lynn-Philip Hodson and *Textiles from Cerro Esmeralda: An Inca Sacrifice Site in Northern Chile* by archaeologist Marilyn Baker. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped each week during the series.

The Ontario Historical Society recognizes the importance of effective government relations. Our willingness to work with government representatives to provide information that reflects the concerns of the heritage sector is demonstrated through our participation in consultations, workshops, meetings and other events. We attended information sessions on the planned changes to the *Cemeteries Act* and the proposed *Privacy of Personal Information Act*. The Ontario Historical Society was invited, with other provincial heritage organizations, to participate in stakeholder consultations regarding changes to The Ontario Heritage Act. We participated in the budget consultation process. Society representatives will continue to share information and work together with our government officials for the common good.

The second Provincial and Territorial Historical Societies (PATHS) conference took place in Quebec City in late February. The Ontario Historical Society's participation came courtesy of Canada's National History Society. President Lydia Alexander and I met representatives of historical societies from across Canada, attended sessions on fundraising and history education, and shared ideas and concerns.

The Society attended a number of special functions over the year. Early March saw the installation of the James K. Bartleman as the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. It was an honour to attend this event on behalf of the Society. President Lydia Alexander and I attended the Festival of Ontario in October in honour of Her Majesty the Queen's Golden Jubilee. It was an exciting evening and we were well placed to see Her Majesty and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh.

The hearings regarding the preservation of St. Alban's cemetery in Palgrave was a costly undertaking in both time and money. Staff and volunteers devoted many hours to this issue throughout the course of 2002. The outcome was another win for The Ontario Historical Society.

To better serve the needs of our affiliated societies I have made an effort to attend local meetings to hear their concerns firsthand. Volunteer recruitment and retention and rising insurance costs are the key issues affecting our local societies.

An open door policy with respect to donations saw a variety of unique items being contributed to the Society. Household furnishings, books and burial plots are just a few of the items donated in the last twelve months. The ability to turn these items into cash helps our balance sheet. We also received a large donation of rare historical books. This collection nicely complements the Society's already impressive reference library.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their support and flexibility as we tested new initiatives and developed strategies for the future. Our volunteer base remains our greatest strength. I would also like to commend our dedicated staff who strive to serve you in a courteous and professional manner. Thank you Carlos, Christina, Natasha, Rob, and Sheila. And finally, I would like to thank you, our members and volunteers, for the opportunity to serve as your Executive Director. I look to a future of great opportunities and growth for the Society.

Patricia K. Neal
Executive Director

TREASURERS REPORT - YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002

This was a year of dramatic changes in The Ontario Historical Society, but at the same time one of maintaining the programs that are the history and lifeblood of our organization. All of this has affected the finances of the OHS. Often a treasurer begins a report like this with the overall financial position of the organization, but I'd like to reserve this for the end of my report because of all that has happened this year.

First, let's look at the revenue side, which is positive overall. The OHS continues to be grateful to the Ontario Ministry of Culture for their grant, which helps us run our programs and publish the *OHS Bulletin*. We positively report that our total number of individual memberships increased, as did the number of Affiliated Societies. The Board decided in November to increase membership dues nominally – a move long overdue – that will show on our revenue side next year. (Fees are still lower than most similar organizations.) Donations to the Cemetery Defense Fund were given a boost by a donation from the Ontario Genealogical Society payable over a period of five years. Sales of publications continued to be strong. *Ontario History* subscriptions increased from the previous year and as well, the publication received a SSHRC Grant. Interest revenue was unfortunately down because of overall interest rates. A financial strategy was developed to maximize our rate of return on investments while making sure our long-term investments are absolutely safe and secure.

Now let's look at expenses. Sometimes the easiest way to save money is to cut expenses – a no brainer! But sometimes expenses are cut at the cost of programmes and that we have avoided. Pat Neal carefully evaluated our administrative expenses and streamlined systems to save money but not cut vital programs and publications. We now have new accounting software along with built-in financial controls, a new bill-paying system, savings in mailing costs, and a pooling of internet and phone expenses at cost reductions. The use of new technology has enabled us to do this. Programmes are our most important expenses and the reason why the OHS exists, and as stated earlier, we did not limit these expenses. The OHS has spent money on workshops, seminars and speaking events. And, as well, the OHS continues the publication of our newsletter, the *OHS Bulletin*.

One expense that clearly had a major impact on our budget in 2002 and 2003 was our cemetery defense legal cost. The Board of Directors decided to go ahead with the St. Alban's case to solidify the value of the Clendennen case, which we won in 1999. This has been our major expense for 2002. The win in early 2003 with no appeal sets a strong precedent for future legal battles that may be encountered in our heritage community in the future.

Now let's look at our overall financial position. While costs have been cut and streamlining initiated, the OHS had major legal expenses this year, which will necessitate fundraising in the near future. While a hallmark case, the legal bills for St. Alban's defense now need to be paid. We would like to thank many of you who made donations to our Cemetery Defense Fund, but this fund cannot begin to cover our legal debt of more than \$100,000. In the coming year Pat Neal is planning initiatives to raise funds specifically for

this debt and we know that we can count on you to help pay for this very successful undertaking, whether in a major or small way. We also are optimistic that our legal bills will be paid quickly with no detrimental effect upon the organization. Be assured that the work of The Ontario Historical Society will continue with our publications, programmes, workshops, events and other services to members.

Jo Marie Powers
Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP

I have the pleasure to inform you that in the year 2002 we added to our membership, a total of 70 new members.

I would like thank you for joining and hope that you have enjoyed our newsletter, subscription, and publications.

Christina Perfetto
Membership Coordinator

COMMUNICATIONS

The *OHS Bulletin* continues to enjoy interest and support from the heritage community in all regions of Ontario. The *OHS Bulletin*, the main communication tool of the OHS, was published five times in 2002. Issues # 133 – 137 for February, May, July, September, and December 2002. Many heritage and arts organizations consistently send their newsletters, flyers, publications, Email notices and faxes, seeking publicity in this widely distributed OHS publication. Every attempt is made to include articles, events and exhibit notices that represent the diversity and range of the OHS membership.

Publicizing OHS events was also a main communications role through media releases, flyers, and notices in the *OHS Bulletin*. The Web site is also an excellent communication tool for the OHS and it is gradually evolving to include more content and functionality.

New to this position in November, my intent is to continue where Colin Agnew left off with his excellent work by building the diverse content and distribution of the *OHS Bulletin*, acquiring more advertising, strengthening the design and technical elements, and introducing new features. A big thanks to everyone who contributes to the newsletter on a regular basis, especially contributing editors Marjorie Stuart, Pat and Chris Raible, and Rob Leverty for his interesting articles and photographs.

Sheila Creighton
Communications Coordinator/Editor

EDITOR'S REPORT FOR *ONTARIO HISTORY* FOR 2002

Ontario History, the journal of The Ontario Historical Society enjoyed a typically successful year in 2002. Manuscripts submitted for review for publication continued to be received at a constant pace and we were able to publish two good-quality issues of the journal in spring and autumn of the year.

The first of these was a special issue (volume 94, no. 1, Spring 2002) guest edited by Dr. John Carter and devoted to various aspects of museum history in Ontario. Dr. Carter himself contributed an interesting article for this issue titled *Ontario Conservation Authorities: Their Heritage Resources and Museums* in which he discussed the impact that the growth of the "conservation ethic" and the development of conservation authorities had on the establishment of Ontario museums and historic sites.

In addition to his own study, Dr. Carter brought together three other original contributions, including one by M. Christine Castle who presented an interesting look at the nature of "meaning-making" within the discipline of history, and its application to live or "face to face" teaching within a community history museum. Her article, *Talk About Teaching History in Museums* examines these issues through the perspectives of three historical interpreters/museum teachers and she explores the ways in which the interpreters themselves understand history and the museum, and then how they teach this to others. This article was followed by one by Lynne Teather who wrote about the development of one of Canada's oldest and longest operating museums. Titled *To Delight the Eye*, and *To Mend the Heart: Canadian Proprietary Museums of the Early Nineteenth Century* her case study focuses on the efforts of Thomas Barnett to establish the Niagara Falls Museum. The last article in this issue, titled *Dreams and Nightmares: Changing Visions of the Past at Doon Pioneer Village* was written by Mary Tivy and in it she analysed a specific example of a museum originally founded by a conservation authority. The article leads the reader through an insightful examination of the changes at Doon Pioneer Village (now Doon Heritage Crossroads), over a thirty-five year period.

The second issue for the year (volume 94, no. 2, Autumn 2002) brought together four articles that ranged widely in both time and subject matter. Arranged chronologically, the first article in the issue is Dr Bert den Boggende's *Harriet Martineau, Upper Canada, and Lord Durham*. In this Den Boggende presented an interesting account of the British political economist's writings about her travels in Upper Canada, her insights into life in the colony (including various observations based on her visit to Niagara Falls), and her possible contribution as an advisor to Durham before he began his appointment as governor general in 1838 to investigate colonial grievances in the Canadas. At about the same time in Upper Canada, the colonial government attempted to ensure that one of its largest assets, the land itself, was allocated in a manner that "reflected its vision for the future" of the colony. The land policies that resulted from this concern, and the local agents who were responsible for ensuring their administration, are the subject of an intriguing article by Michelle Vosburgh in this autumn issue of the journal. This study is followed by Anna Lathrop's *Contested Terrain: Gender and 'Movement' in Ontario Elementary Physical Education, 1940-70*. The author is an expert in the history of physical education and sport and in this article she traces the

origins and development of the contemporary curriculum for physical education in Ontario's primary and secondary schools. Her insightful account traces the challenge to "paramilitary methods of teaching" physical training posed by so-called "movement" training or education that was imported from Britain with emigrating teachers after the Second World War. Finally, the last article in this issue, Matthew Hayday's *Pas de Problème: The Development of French-Language Health Services in Ontario, 1968–86* is based on a careful examination of a variety of government and other record sources – in particular those of the Association canadienne-française de l'Ontario – to document how antipathy and sometimes outright hostility towards the provision of French-language health services in Ontario, were overcome.

In addition to these eight articles, the two issues of the journal for 2002 also included a total of 12 in-depth and useful book reviews as well as listings of books received for possible review. As in the past, Jim Clemens, the journal's book review editor, deserves a wholesome thank you for all of his efforts in organizing and supervising this work.

It remains for me to report to the membership of The Ontario Historical Society the end of my tenure as editor of *Ontario History*. By the time that this report is distributed at the annual general meeting those members who are also subscribers of the journal will have received volume 95, no. 1 (Spring 2003) which is the ninth and last issue of my contracted responsibility with the Society. In the four-plus years that I have served as editor, I have benefited from the willing collaboration of a broad range of competent and accommodating scholars across the province and across the country, all of whom have volunteered their time and expertise to ensure that the contents of the journal, through peer review, are as good as they could be. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them in particular. An equal vote of thanks is due to all of those who also graciously agreed to serve on the journal's editorial advisory committee as well as all of the book reviewers and anyone else who has contributed to the journal's success. I regret that there is not sufficient room here to thank everyone individually but it is in large part because of your efforts that *Ontario History* has maintained its very healthy subscription list over the last few years and that it was able to regain its much needed SSHRC funding support. I am confident that your dedication to Clio's muse will ensure your continued support for the journal. Finally, I would like to extend a last personal thank you to Jim Clemens whose contribution and support has been invaluable over the years.

Gabriele Scardellato
Editor, *Ontario History*

HONOURS & AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Honours and Awards Committee is pleased to report for 2002. The Committee involves the whole Board and the Chair wishes to thank the Board members who gave their time, interest and expertise to read and select the Honours and Award recipients for this year. The Award categories, recipients and presenters are as follows:

AWARDS FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Scadding Award of Excellence to Brampton Historical Society,

Presented by Chris Oslund, Director

Museum Award of Excellence to Guelph Museums,

Presented by Gloria Taylor, Museums Chair

Dorothy Duncan Award to Thunder Bay Public Library,

Presented by Marcel Martel, Director

AWARDS FOR INDIVIDUALS

Carnochan Award to Mike Burns, Presented by Ross Wallace, Director

AWARDS FOR AUTHORS

Fred Landon Award to *Huntsville With Spirit and Resolve*, by Susan Pryke, Presented by Jean Murray Cole, President

Alison Prentice Award to *Algonquin Voices: Selected Stories of Canoe Lake Women*, by Gaye I.

Clemson, Presented by Lydia Alexander, Past President

J. J. Talman Award to *Doing Good: The Life of Toronto's General Hospital*, by J. T. H. Connor,

Presented by Brian Osborne, 1st Vice President

Joseph Brant Award to *Out of Muskoka*, by James K. Bartleman, Presented by Jo Marie Powers

The Honours and Awards Presentation and Reception will be held on Sunday, May 4, 2003 at 2 p.m. at John McKenzie House, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario. Now a separate event from the Annual General Meeting, this change from previous years will give more time to share with our honourees.

The Chair thanks Board members, staff and volunteers who have contributed to the hospitality to ensure that the reception for our honourees expresses the appreciation of The Ontario Historical Society.

In addition to the above, there are other categories for Honours and Awards; however, these awards are not being given this year. They include: Napier Simpson Jr. Award of Merit, Russell K. Cooper Living History Site Award, Cruikshank Gold Medal, Riddell Award and the President's Award.

On behalf of the OHS, the committee thanks all who submitted nominations in the various categories. We invite you to begin considering nominees for the next Honours and Awards. We expect to make some changes to the Honours and Awards brochure that will be available shortly for the upcoming year.

Mary Angela Tucker,

Chair, Honours & Awards Committee

PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Preservation Committee is pleased to present its report for 2002. At the present time, the committee members include Ann Marie MacLennan, John Keech and Mary Angela Tucker, Chair. It is to be noted that we consult with the President and Executive Director on a regular basis before taking any action.

Last Fall the Chair arranged for a meeting with the newly appointed Bishop of The Roman Catholic Diocese of London, Ronald P. Fabbro, C. S. B. Christopher Borgal, current President of The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario was invited to attend. The meeting took place on November 27, 2002 at the Chancery Offices in London. Bishop Fabbro inquired as to whether we could provide workshops for the Diocese. The Chair is currently drafting up a proposal for the Bishop's review and input. Mr. Borgal advised the Bishop of the advantages of keeping, maintaining and utilizing historic churches and related structures.

In June of 2002, the Executive Director, Pat Neal and the Chair made application for a Benjamin Moore Grant (for paint and paper); unfortunately, we were not successful in garnering a grant. We are looking at alternatives this year in order to begin a decorating program for John McKenzie House and site that will enhance flexibility and appeal; the proposal will come to the Board within the next few months. The driveway is in need of redoing and is currently being featured in a fundraising request from the OHS.

The Chair has written a number of letters to various Mayors, municipal councils and others to encourage preservation of Ontario's built heritage resources. Among these has been the City of Toronto. The committee is kept apprised of heritage issues through letters addressed to the OHS, Built Heritage News, Online feedback from the OHS Web site and other sources.

We appreciate the assistance of Board members, volunteers and staff who have helped make the John McKenzie House welcoming and hospitable for Heritage Day, the AGM, Honours and Awards Reception and for other events held there throughout the year.

The Chair thanks the committee members for contributing their time and dedication to the Preservation Committee.

Mary Angela Tucker,
Chair, Preservation Committee

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

2002 was a year of transition. I became in charge of the Publications Committee in August. The Ontario Historical Society continued to publish its scholarly journal, *Ontario History*, and its successful *OHS Bulletin*. However, I am sad to report that we had to find a new editor for *Ontario History*. Dr. Gabe Scardellato left the journal at the end of the year after many years of excellent work and dedication. Dr. Scardellato maintained the tradition of excellence that characterizes our scholarly journal. He was able to get back a SSHRC grant that most Canadian scholarly journals receive in order to function properly. I would like to thank Dr. Scardellato for his involvement and work and I wish him good luck with his projects. Merci pour votre dévouement et votre souci pour le maintien de la qualité scientifique de la revue.

There were no new publications in 2002 but our existing titles are still available. The most popular publications are as follows: *Celebrating 1000 Years of Ontario's History*, *Tombstone Tales from Ontario Cemeteries*, and *Conducting an Oral History Interview*.

Marcel Martel,
Chair, Publications Committee

MUSEUMS COMMITTEE

It was a very busy and satisfying year, as The Ontario Historical Society reached out to other community and government groups to partner and better spread Heritage throughout the Province.

The year started with the development of a series of courses directed towards the whole of the Heritage community. The main theme of all the courses is how different Heritage groups can work together to strengthen and further the goals of each organization. Museum committee members critiqued the draft course outlines and offered up a plethora of excellent suggestions and improvements. Many thanks go to Michele Alderton from Red Lake Museum who gave an insight into the needs of Northern Ontario potential users. After Committee input the Executive Director and the Museum Chair met with the Ontario Museums Association (OMA) to look at ways our organizations could partner to deliver these exciting new courses to all Heritage communities. We are currently working on identifying a grant program to help with costs and delivery.

Things really got busy when the Executive Director and Museum Chair were invited to participate in a Ministry of Citizenship project named Enabling Change. This project would assist in educating Heritage professionals on the needs of the disabled. It would address everything from language concerns to access to buildings to exhibit design. After several intense meetings, it was decided that The Ontario Historical Society would proceed forward with the proposal as the Ontario Museum Association had several projects

on the go already. We are currently awaiting news from the Ministry of Citizenship on whether our proposal is accepted.

In closing, many thanks to my colleagues who helped throughout this year and to the Executive Director who made this an enjoyable experience.

Gloria Taylor,
Chair, Museums Committee

LOCAL SOCIETIES COMMITTEE

During the past year, the Board approved the following organizations for affiliation with The Ontario Historical Society:

May 4, 2002

Bonnechere Arts and Historical Society, Eganville
Dryden and District Historical Society, Dryden

November 9, 2002

Bromley Historical Society, Cobdon
Canadian Industrial Heritage Foundation, Brantford
Bradford – West Gwillimbury Local History Association, Bradford
Stirling – Rawdon Historical Society, Stirling

February 8, 2003

Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society, Creemore
Friends of Glanmore National Historic Site, Belleville
Friends of St. Andrews Stone Church, Caledon East
Finnish Canadian Historical Society, Sudbury
Brougham Pioneer Christian Church Cemetery, Brougham

At the November 9, 2002 meeting, the Board approved increasing the fee to apply for affiliation from \$100 to \$300.

Jean Murray Cole
Chair, Local Societies Committee

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES

In the winter of 2002, the OHS gave a professional development workshop on Black History for staff of the Warkworth Correctional Institution near Campbellford. The OHS presented a workshop on innovative teaching methods for teaching history to teacher education students at York University's Faculty of Education. The OHS gave a presentation at a fundraising workshop sponsored by the Simcoe County Historical Association, which was held at the Simcoe County Museum in Minesing. The OHS participated in honouring families and volunteers for their contributions to Black History Month at the Heritage Community Church in Collingwood. The OHS gave the feature presentation at the Family Recognition Evening organized by the C. S. Wilson Centre and the Sheffield Park Black History & Cultural Museum.

During 2002, with the support of Canada's National History Society, the OHS presented a series of five workshops entitled *Everything That You Ever Wanted to Know About a Heritage Organization or Institution by Were Afraid to Ask!* The OHS co-sponsored these workshops with the Sunset Country Museums Network, the Red Rock Historical Society, the Haileybury Heritage Museum, the Pelee Island Heritage Centre, and the Friends of Glanmore National Historic Site. These workshops were held in Fort Frances, Red Rock, Haileybury, Pelee Island and Belleville. Interested individuals and representatives from the following organizations and institutions participated in these five workshops: Friends of Glanmore National Historic Site, Glanmore Historic Site, Verona Area Heritage Society, U.E.L. Bay of Quinte, Seventh Town Historical Society, Rose House Museum, Procter House Museum, McCauley Heritage Park, Heritage Belleville, Hastings & Prince Edward Regiment Museum, Cloyne & District Historical Society, Ameliasburg Museum Site Committee, Wellington Historical Museum, Heritage Cramahe, Pelee Island Heritage Centre, Serbian Heritage Museum, Serbian Heritage Women's Society, Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum, Thelma Miles Museum, Haileybury Heritage Museum, Temiskaming-Abitibi Heritage Association, Cobalt Historical Society, Museum of Northern History - Sir Harry Oakes Chateau, Temiskaming Art Gallery, Voyageur Heritage Network, Iroquois Falls Historical Society, Cochrane-Temiskaming Museums & Galleries Association, Northern Ontario Railroad Museum & Heritage Centre, Advisory Board of City of Greater Sudbury Heritage Museums, Red Rock Historical Society, Kenora Regional Office of the Ministry of Culture, Fort Frances Museum, Town of Sioux Lookout, Chapple Museum, Bergland-Rainy River District Women's Institute and the Atikokan Centennial Museum.

On May 25-26, 2002, the OHS again hosted *Doors Open* in partnership with Heritage Toronto. OHS staff and volunteers conducted tours and a book sale at the John McKenzie House, Willowdale.

In early June 2002, the OHS held a workshop entitled *Bringing History Alive* in conjunction with the Fort Frances Museum and the Fort Frances Little Theatre. The OHS co-sponsored another workshop entitled *Celebrating Gardens - Creating a Showcase Garden for the Centennial* with the Fort Frances Horticultural Society, the Fort Frances Museum, the Rainy Lake Conservancy and Native Orchid Conservation Inc. of Manitoba. While in northwestern Ontario, the OHS also participated in events at the Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung Historical Centre, toured the Manitou Mounds at Rainy River First Nation, met

the International Museums Association of the Rainy River District and toured the Koochiching County Museum, International Falls, Minnesota, U.S.A.

In July, the OHS had a site inspection and tour of Red Cloud Tallgrass Prairie Cemetery in Cramahe Township and Russ' Creek Cemetery in the Municipality of Alnwick-Haldimand. In September, the OHS and the Essex County Historical Cemeteries Preservation Society gave a tour of the successful restoration of various pioneer cemeteries in Essex County. Representatives from the Essex County Black Historical Society, the Harrow Early Immigrant Research Society, The U.E.L. Bicentennial Branch, the Southwest Regional Office of the Ministry of Culture, the BME Church, family historians and descendants participated in this unique event. In November, the OHS and the Township of Stone Mills conducted a tour of abandoned cemeteries and presented a workshop for the municipality's the newly created Abandoned Cemeteries Committee.

In co-operation with the Voyageur Heritage Network, the OHS held in April 2002 a *Heritage of Ontario's Cemeteries* workshop at the Elliot Lake Nuclear and Mining Museum. The OHS attended the Annual Meeting of the Voyageur Heritage Network in Sudbury in October 2002 and co-sponsored with the City of Greater Sudbury Heritage Museums the workshop *Food Traditions That Tie Us Together*.

During 2002, the OHS held over 15 lectures at the John McKenzie House on various topics including: Heritage on the Move; History of the Bathroom; Talking to Perennials; Camp X and Heritage along the Talbot Trail.

The slide show and lecture by Harvey Medland based on his book *Tombstone Tales from Ontario Cemeteries* continued to be very popular and was presented at the Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) in North York, the Hamilton Branch of the OGS, Amica of Swan Lake in Markham and at the John McKenzie House, Willowdale.

The OHS gave two training workshops on understanding and conducting oral history. Our co-sponsors were the King Township Historical Society's Archives Project and Heritage Caledon.

Numerous outreach programmes were held throughout 2002 including a *Young Ontario* event for the City of Toronto's Parks and Recreation Department, an *Early Games and Toys* workshop for the Scarborough Elderly Services Community Centre, a Needs Assessment for the Sheffield Park Black History & Cultural Museum and a *Hometown History* presentation at the Dundas Museum.

Rob Leverty,
Director, Programmes

PROGRAMS, SERVICES & EVENTS 2002

09-Jan	Fed. Govt. Census Meeting	Toronto
11-Jan	St. Alban's Cemetery Meeting	Willowdale
12-Jan	Governance Committee	Willowdale
12-Jan	Financial Strategies Committee	Willowdale
15-Jan	Gardening Committee Meeting	Willowdale
16-Jan	Meeting with Bulletin printer/mailer	Toronto
18-Jan	Meeting with Ministry Representative	Willowdale
21-Jan	Meeting with Ministry Representative	Willowdale
22-Jan	Financial Independence Program	Willowdale
23-Jan	Meeting Cemetery Workshop	Willowdale
24-Jan	Honours & Awards Committee	Willowdale
24-Jan	Toronto Preservation Board	Toronto
25-Jan	Parks Canada Rental	Willowdale
28-Jan	Meeting with Ministry Officials	Toronto
29-Jan	Internet Committee Meeting	Willowdale
29-Jan	Printshop Tour & Computerization Seminar	Toronto
30-Jan	Volunteerism III Provincial Workshop	Toronto
31-Jan	Policy & Finance Committee Meeting	Toronto
01-Feb	Ontario Library Association Meeting	Toronto
01-Feb	Oral History Meeting	Toronto
04-Feb	Donor visit	Toronto
05-Feb	St. Lawrence Starch Co. Donation	Port Credit
07-Feb	Media Event Participant - Heritage Tax Relief	Beamsville
07-Feb	St. James Cemetery meeting	Willowdale
08-Feb	OHS Foundation Meeting	Willowdale
08-Feb	Admin & Finance Committee	Willowdale
09-Feb	Internet Committee Meeting	Willowdale
09-Feb	Board of Director's Meeting	Willowdale
11-Feb	Stirling Historical Society Affiliate Meeting	Stirling
12-Feb	Preservation Committee	Willowdale
13-Feb	Provincial Archivist Meeting	Toronto
15-Feb	Cemetery Preservation Committee Meeting	Willowdale
15-Feb	Policy & Finance Committee Meeting	Toronto
16-Feb	Heritage Showcase	Waterloo
18-Feb	Simcoe Co. Museum Workshop	Barrie
19-Feb	Faculty Education York University	Toronto
20-Feb	Preservation Committee	Willowdale
21-Feb	McKenzie House Fundraiser	Willowdale
21-Feb	Doors Open Ontario Launch	Niagara OTL
22-Feb	Mossley Post Heritage Awards Presentation	Belmont
22-24 Feb	Canada's Natl History Society Workshop	Quebec City
26-Feb	Corrections Canada Workshop	Trenton
27-Feb	Agincourt History Exhibition & Launch	Scarborough
28-Feb	Sheffield Park Black History Museum Workshop	Collingwood
01-Mar	PreBudget Consultation Participant	Toronto
04-Mar	Cemetery Preservation Meeting	Toronto
04-Mar	Museum for Textiles Exhibit Opening	Toronto
05-Mar	Community History Project Meeting	Toronto
06-Mar	Ontario Heritage Alliance Meeting	Richmond Hill
07-Mar	Chinese Newcomers Group	Willowdale
07-Mar	Installation of Lt. Gov. J.K. Bartleman	Toronto

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08-Mar	Site Development Meeting	Willowdale
11-Mar	Black Creek Pioneer Village Meeting	North York
13-Mar	Nominations Committee Meeting	Willowdale
13-Mar	Historic Gardens Meeting	Toronto
16-Mar	Site Visit - Cemetery Preservation	Alliston
19-Mar	Lecture - Heritage on the Move	Willowdale
20-Mar	Black Creek Pioneer Village Meeting	North York
21-Mar	Honours & Awards Committee	Willowdale
21-Mar	Basketry Workshop	Willowdale
22-Mar	MTCR Meeting - Special Projects	Willowdale
25-Mar	Donor visit	Toronto
26-Mar	Lecture - Textiles from Cierro Esmeralda	Willowdale
28-Mar	King Twp. Historical Society Meeting	King
02-Apr	Lecture - Tea King of America	Willowdale
03-Apr	Oshawa Museum Meeting	Oshawa
04-Apr	OHS Foundation Meeting	Willowdale
05-Apr	Cemetery Licence Tribunal	Toronto
09-Apr	Lecture - History of the Bathroom	Willowdale
10-Apr	Donor visit	Toronto
11-Apr	Toronto Historical Association	Toronto
11-14 Apr	Cemetery Heritage - Voyageur Heritage Network	Elliott Lake
12-Apr	Underground Railroad Exhibit Opening ROM	Toronto
12-13 Apr	Industrial Heritage Symposium	Port Hope
16-Apr	Lecture - A.B. Ramer, cabinetmaker	Willowdale
17-Apr	Chinese Cultural Centre	Toronto
17-Apr	Bonnechere Arts & Heritage Meeting	Eganville
19-Apr	Finances Committee	Willowdale
19-Apr	Ontario Historical Society Foundation	Willowdale
22-26 Apr	St. Alban's Cemetery Hearing	Toronto
23-Apr	Lecture - William Morris, designer	Willowdale
27-Apr	Joseph Cummer House Preservation Meeting	Willowdale
30-Apr	Old Durham Rd. Pioneer Evening Presentation	Grey County
02-May	Oral History Workshop	King
03-May	OHS Foundation	Willowdale
03-May	Admin & Finance Committee	Willowdale
04-May	Annual General Meeting	Willowdale
04-May	Honours & Awards Presentation	Willowdale
05-May	Geneology Presentation	Hamilton
08-May	Financial Independence Program	Toronto
08-May	Community History Project Meeting	Toronto
08-May	Cemetery Preservation Meeting	Palgrave
09-May	OHS Foundation Meeting	Alliston
13-May	Meeting Finance Subcommittee	Willowdale
13-May	Chinese Cultural Centre Meeting	Toronto
14-May	Support Services for the Elderly	Scarborough
14-May	Ministry Meeting with Representative	Willowdale
15-May	Cdn Industrial Heritage Association	Brantford
15-May	Community History Project Meeting	Toronto
16-May	Milton Historical Society Presentation	Milton
17-May	Meeting Architectural Historian Workshop	Willowdale
18-May	Bonnechere Arts & Heritage Opening	Eganville

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19-May	Bromley & District Historical Society	Bromley
21-May	Lecture - Talking to Perennials	Willowdale
21-May	Simcoe Co. Historical Association AGM	Barrie
22-May	Heritage Network Meeting	Toronto
23-May	Internet Committee Meeting	Toronto
24-26 May	OGS Conference	Alliston
25-26 May	Doors Open Toronto	Willowdale
25-26 May	McKenzie House Fundraiser	Willowdale
27-May	Meeting Marketing Representative	Willowdale
27-May	Corporate Sponsorship Meeting	Toronto
28-May	Lecture - Heritage along the Talbot Trail	Willowdale
29-May	Internet Committee Meeting	Willowdale
29-31 May	Heritage Workshop	Ft. Francis
30-May	Internet Committee Meeting	Willowdale
31-May	Admin & Finance Committee	Willowdale
31-May	Human Resources Committee Meeting	Willowdale
01-Jun	Heritage Workshop	Ft. Francis
01-Jun	Board of Director's Meeting	Willowdale
1-3 Jun	Heritage Workshop & Meetings	Red Rock
04-Jun	Lecture - More Tombstone Tales	Willowdale
04-Jun	Museum Restoration Tour	Thunder Bay
05-Jun	Ministry Meeting with Representative	Willowdale
06-Jun	Dundurn Press Rental	Willowdale
06-Jun	Chinese History Network	Willowdale
07-Jun	Museum Educators Meeting	Peterborough
11-Jun	Lecture - Camp X	Willowdale
12-Jun	Visit to Ministry of Culture Offices	Toronto
13-Jun	Community History Project Meeting	Toronto
13-Jun	Conference Call Administrative & Finance Comm	Kirkland Lake
17-Jun	Host - Ontario Heritage Alliance Meeting	Willowdale
17-Jun	Participant, Gibson House Museum Interviews	Willowdale
19-Jun	Ministry Meeting with Representative/CHO	Willowdale
20-Jun	OHS Foundation Meeting	Alliston
23-Jun	Women's Culinary Network Meeting	Willowdale
01-Jul	Canada Day Fundraiser	Willowdale
03-Jul	Cdn Assoc. Professional Heritage Consultants	Toronto
04-Jul	Book fundraiser meeting	Willowdale
05-Jul	Donor visit	Toronto
08-Jul	Bata Shoe Museum networking	Port Perry
09-Jul	HRDC/CCRA/Ministry of Labour	North York
10-Jul	Donor visit	Willowdale
11-Jul	Privacy Act Workshop	Toronto
11-Jul	Ontario Museums Association meeting	Toronto
12-14 Jul	CNHS Governor General Awards Meeting	Willowdale
16-Jul	Heritage Toronto meeting	Willowdale
17-Jul	Internet Committee Meeting	Willowdale
18-Jul	Cemetery Preservation Meeting	Cobourg
18-Jul	Ontario Heritage Foundation meeting	Toronto
25-Jul	Heritage Outreach Program	Toronto
26-Jul	MacPherson House meeting	Napanee
27-Jul	Donor visit	Belleville

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30-Jul	Cemetery Preservation Meeting	Bolton
31-Jul	Heritage Partnership Meeting - OGS	Toronto
09-Aug	Admin & Finance Committee	Willowdale
09-Aug	OHS Foundation Meeting	North York
10-Aug	Board of Director's Meeting	Willowdale
12-Aug	Meeting w/ Parliamentary Asst/Min of Citizenship	Willowdale
15-Aug	Mackenzie Heritage Printery Museum tour	Queenston
17-Aug	OHS Fundraiser	North York
20-Aug	Meeting with Affiliated Society	Toronto
20-Aug	Bereavement Sectory Workshop	Toronto
05-Sep	Meeting Heritage Network	Toronto
06-Sep	Museum Educators Meeting	Willowdale
10-Sep	Meeting North York Rotary	Willowdale
13-14 Sep	Book table APTi Conference	Toronto
15-Sep	Presentation H&A Westfield Heritage Village	Rockton
17-Sep	Heritage Community Network Meeting	Willowdale
17-20 Sep	St. Alban's Cemetery Hearing	Willowdale
19-Sep	Heritage Partnership Meeting - Genovese	Toronto
20-Sep	CNHS Workshop	Haileybury
21-Sep	BCPV Pioneer Fair	Downsview
22-Sep	North York Rotary Club tour	Willowdale
22-Sep	Toronto's First Parliament Meeting	Toronto
26-Sep	Heritage Partnership Meeting - Heritage Toronto	Toronto
26-Sep	Workshop	Essex Co.
27-Sep	BCPV Fall Frolic	Downsview
27-Sep	Meeting with Donor	Willowdale
28-Sep	Workshop	Pelee Island
29-Sep	Affiliates Meeting - Heritage Tour	Napanee
01-Oct	Museums Committee Meeting	Barrie
02-Oct	Heritage Partnership Meeting - Campbell House	Willowdale
02-Oct	Meeting with Donor	Toronto
05-Oct	Fundraiser - Whitchurch Stouffville Museum	Ballantrae
08-Oct	Meeting with Donor	Toronto
08-Oct	Board Workshop - Policy Governance	Toronto
09-Oct	Meeting with Ministry Representative	Willowdale
09-Oct	Festival of Ontario reception with HRH QEII	Toronto
10-Oct	Meeting with Affiliated Society	Bradford
10-Oct	Toronto Historical Association	Toronto
16-Oct	Museums Committee Meeting	Mississauga
16-Oct	Meeting with Donor	Toronto
16-Oct	Meeting with Affiliated Society	Brantford
19-Oct	CNHS Workshop - Glanmore	Belleville
22-Oct	Lecture - 100 years of the Teddy Bear	Willowdale
24-Oct	Milroy Burial Site visit	Milroy
26-Oct	Workshop - Voyageur Heritage Network	Sudbury
29-Oct	OHF Reception - Jackman reception	Toronto
29-Oct	Lecture - New Uses for Old & Difficult Buildings	Willowdale
04-Nov	Meeting with Affiliated Society	Unionville
05-Nov	Lecture - History of Canadian Cookbooks	Willowdale
07-Nov	Meeting with Deputy Minister of Culture	Toronto
08-Nov	Heritage Partnership Meeting	Toronto

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08-Nov	OHS Foundation Meeting	Willowdale
08-Nov	Admin & Finance Committee	Willowdale
09-Nov	Board of Director's Meeting	Willowdale
12-Nov	Lecture - Mennonite Cooking	Willowdale
13-Nov	Dundas Historical Society	Dundas
14-Nov	BLG Symposium - Labour & Employment	Toronto
16-Nov	OHS Fundraiser "Cookbook Caper"	Willowdale
18-Nov	Ontario Heritage Alliance Meeting	Toronto
19-Nov	Lecture - Caribbean Cooking	Willowdale
20-Nov	Workshop - Human Resources	Oshawa
22-Nov	Education Assessments Grades 3 & 6	Toronto
22-Nov	Tour of Abandoned Cemeteries	Stone Mills
23-Nov	Sheffield Park Black History Catalog Assessment	Sheffield
28-Nov	Minister's Roundtable	Toronto
28-Nov	Oral History Workshop	Caledon
02-Dec	Meeting with Affiliated Society	Unionville
04-Dec	Heritage Sector Meeting - Stakeholder Consultation	Toronto
04-Dec	Meeting with Minister of Culture	Toronto
05-Dec	OHS Foundation Meeting	Willowdale
05-Dec	Nominations Committee Teleconference	Various
9-11 Dec	St. Alban's Cemetery Hearing	Toronto
11-Dec	EnAbling Change Partnership Program Meeting	Toronto
16-Dec	Woman's Cdn Historical Society luncheon	Willowdale
17-Dec	Publication Committee Meeting	Willowdale
17-Dec	EnAbling Change Partnership Teleconference	Various
18-Dec	EnAbling Change Partnership Program Meeting	Toronto

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