



ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2003



34 Parkview Avenue,
Willowdale, Ontario, M2N 3Y2
416.226.9011
Fax: 416.226.2740
ohs@ontariohistoricalsociety.ca
www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our year began auspiciously on a lovely afternoon in May 2003 with the Honours and Awards ceremony held at the John McKenzie House on the day after our annual meeting. Our special guest was our patron Lieutenant Governor James Bartleman, who was honoured along with other award recipients when he received the Joseph Brant Award for his book *Out of Muskoka*. Proving what a remarkable man he is, barely nine months later, on March 30, 2004, the Lieutenant Governor launched his second book *On Six Continents* at an event at the Munk Centre, University of Toronto, that I was happy to attend.

Editor Rae Fleming's first issue of *Ontario History* was unveiled at a reception after the November Board meeting when we welcomed contributors and members of the editorial committee. Rae's second issue, on an agricultural theme, is being presented on May 1, 2004 when we gather for tea after the annual meeting.

One of the highlights of the year was welcoming Ontario's new Minister of Culture Madeleine Meilleur, who chatted with the many guests and toured the newly-refurbished John McKenzie House when she attended our second Heritage Day celebration on February 16, 2004. Earlier in the day, the Executive Director and I attended the Minister's unveiling of a plaque commemorating the 90th anniversary of the Elgin and Winter Garden Theatres, restored by the Ontario Heritage Foundation.

Patricia Neal and I also had several meetings with Deputy Minister Terry Smith, both when she visited the John McKenzie House and at her office, when we were accompanied by Dorie Billich, Chair of the OHS Museums Committee.

It has been a busy and interesting year and I have enjoyed attending gatherings with members of a number of historical societies around the province. I thank them for their warm welcomes. I would also like to thank all of the Board for their help and cooperation, especially our past president Lydia Ross Alexander, who has devoted many years to the service of The Ontario Historical Society and is leaving the Board this year. I am grateful too for the strength and initiative of our Executive Director, Patricia Neal, who has met all challenges with grace. In passing the gavel to Professor Brian Osborne, I wish him well and hope that his term as OHS President will be a rewarding one.

Jean Murray Cole
President



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As I look back on 2003 it was a year of great achievement for The Ontario Historical Society.

The year began with hearings into the closure of St. Alban's cemetery in Palgrave, Ontario. The decision of the Licence Appeal Tribunal, issued in March 2003, was another victory for the OHS. The Tribunal ruled that the closure of St. Alban's Cemetery "is not in the public interest". None of our opponents appealed the Tribunal's decision within the 30-day limit. That was not to prevent the owner from re-applying later in the year. A decision on this action is still pending.

In February 2003, we held our first Heritage Day reception to kick off Heritage Week and to thank the many volunteers, donors, members and supporters of the OHS. In spite of the cold, snowy weather our event was well attended and guests were treated to an exceptional line-up of food, wine, truffles and music. The Honourable David Tsubouchi, Minister of Culture, joined our celebrations and shared his vision of Ontario's heritage.

Later that Spring the OHS and other heritage stakeholders joined Minister Tsubouchi to discuss proposed changes to the *Ontario Heritage Act*. New heritage legislation was introduced before the Ontario government's summer recess. Unfortunately an election was called before we could realize our goals for a new Act.

May is always a busy month and last year was no exception. Our AGM was held the first Saturday of the month followed by our Honours & Awards presentation on Sunday. Deputy Minister Theresa (Terry) Smith brought greetings from the Province and assisted in the awards' presentations. Perfect weather contributed to making this event the best ever! Our bus tour to Peterborough was 'sold out'. An enjoyable day was spent touring the Canadian Canoe Museum and Lang Pioneer Village with a delicious lunch stop at Hutchison House Museum. The month ended with our annual book sale during Doors Open. More than 600 visitors toured the John McKenzie House during this popular weekend event.

Three summer students assisted the OHS with a number of new initiatives in 2003. Rebecca Blackman began the formidable task of organizing the many boxes of files in the Society's possession and Harsha Raghuraman worked on the development of a media database. Wasay Rizwan returned to further develop the OHS website. Wasay continues to offer his services to the Society as a volunteer and we are grateful to him for sharing his time and expertise.

The OHS co-sponsored a workshop by the Canadian Conservation Institute in September entitled "Storage Planning for Cultural Facilities". This two-day workshop, held at the Simcoe County Museum in Minesing, was fully booked.

In the Fall, Benjamin Moore & Co. Ltd. and Community Foundations of Canada announced the success of our grant application to repaint the interior of the John McKenzie House. We worked with our local Benjamin Moore paint retailer, Jane Gerbasi of Upper Canada Decorating Centre, and historian, George Duncan, to select an appropriate colour scheme. The grant covered the cost of the paint and supplies as well as funds to repair the plaster.

The long-awaited *Ontario Heritage Directory* was released in December 2003. This comprehensive guide to more than 1800 heritage sites and organizations in Ontario has been very well received and elicits much praise. The *Directory* has proven to be one of the more valuable reference guides and is useful for planning trips.

We continue to work with a local insurance broker to develop a low-cost Directors and Officers Liability Insurance package for our affiliated societies. More than 20% of our affiliated societies expressed an interest in this initiative when first contacted in late September. We hope that our efforts result in attractive insurance rates for our affiliates in the near future.

We continue to welcome all donations with open arms. Some of the more unusual donations in the last year include a large collection of toy soldiers, the contents of a home, and six burial plots. The burial plots are located in a non-denominational cemetery within the City of Toronto and are available for purchase below market value.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Executive Director of The Ontario Historical Society. It has been a pleasure to work with such a dedicated staff and informed Board of Directors. We have seen some positive results from new initiatives that will allow the organization to grow in 2004, particularly in the areas of member services and education. I look forward to our future accomplishments!

Patricia K. Neal
Executive Director

TREASURER'S REPORT - YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003

The 2003-year was another challenging year for the Ontario Historical Society.

The Society had to not only cover normal operating costs but also the legal costs relating to Cemetery Defence. The Society has taken great strides to meet this challenge and we are satisfied with the arrangements that have been made to pay down this debt.

In coming to grips with these issues it was agreed that the Society needed a sound Business Plan for 2004. As part of that Plan it was agreed that the Society had to have a realistic assessment of what had transpired in 2003.

2003 Achievements

In spite of considerable challenges, 2003 was marked by some significant achievements.

At the Board level, attention was paid to improving the climate of trust and openness.

The Executive Director clearly improved the operations of the office and the Society's relations with the Government of Ontario.

In the area of publications the new editor has produced improved editions of *Ontario History* and the Society issued an *Ontario Heritage Directory* that has been well received.

Steps were also taken to ensure that the Board had a better understanding of the financial situation of the Society.

2003 Disappointments

Amidst the achievements there were disappointments.

The issue of Cemetery Defence was the major disappointment of last year. The reason it was the major disappointment was that it relates to all of the other issues.

It impacted on the financial position of the Society, which has;

- Shown the importance of having a fundraising plan (this should have been in place previously)
- Consumed a lot of the Board's time as far as trying to come to terms with the financial statements relating to cemetery defence,
- Deflected, to a certain extent, the Board's ability to affectively set policy and direction for the Society

The whole issue of Cemetery Defence also brings up the issue of proper planning - funding strategy, budgeting, analyzing the potential outcomes, asking the question "Does this program benefit the Society's mandate?"

Financial Situation

Turning from broad issues to specific finances, in terms of **revenue** in 2003 the Society had gross revenues [including the Foundation] of just under \$390,000, a modest decrease from 2002. Gross **expenditures** [i.e. including the costs of the Foundation] were just over \$415,000. This was a reduction of nearly \$70,000 from the previous year as careful attention was paid to cost controls. While our operating grant was increased and publication sales increased by over 50% [because of the Directory] our Program revenue appears to have declined.¹

In spite of this prudent approach the Society still incurred a deficit of over \$25,000. While this was a significant improvement over 2002, when the Society's deficit was nearly \$90,000, it is obviously not sustainable. An analysis of the Balance Sheet shows that our Net Asset position has deteriorated by nearly 50% in the past two years, largely as a result of the expenditures on Cemetery Defence.

Our net assets cannot be allowed to deteriorate further. The Society will realize a modest surplus, and improved programming, in 2004 with the help of two new grants which were applied for in 2003 and received in 2004.

Key Objectives for 2004

Looking forward, we have three key objectives for 2004:

- 1] Continue to work with the Council of New Tecumseth on issues relating to the Banting Estate;
- 2] Settle outstanding legal issues;
- 3] Commit the Society to a planned program of Fund Raising.

Joe Martin
Treasurer

¹ 'Other' revenue more than doubled and the Society had a decline in revenue from Ontario History. The reason for this is that our royalty payments historically (prior to 2003) were entered as Ontario History revenues. In 2003 the royalty cheques went into Other Revenues rather than Ontario History Other. In 2004 we will revert to the status quo ante.

MEMBERSHIP

2003 was a great year for The Ontario Historical Society.

Every year I have the pleasure of adding new members and subscribers to our list of existing valued members. This year we have added 115 new members, for a total membership of 1401 as of December 31, 2003.

With your support we were able to upgrade our computerized program, and our website. It is the continuous updating that enables all of us to retrieve and share valuable information and to communicate by phone, fax, mail and email.

The service we offer is constantly improving and your friendly response is a confirmation that you enjoy and appreciate what we do. I can assure you that your ideas and your concerns do receive my immediate attention.

As of January 2004 we are able to use the new membership software for our mailings. This new program will enable us to update our records with more accuracy, print members' correspondence, track our donors and generate tax receipts.

Effective June 2003, membership fees were increased as a result of increasing paper, postage and other costs. But the good news is that as of January 2004 your membership fee is tax deductible.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with you and making 2003 an interesting and enjoyable year. This was possible because of your great support, interest, and participation.

I sincerely hope that you will continue to be a partner of The Ontario Historical Society.

Christina Perfetto
Membership Coordinator

COMMUNICATIONS

2003 was an incredibly busy year for the communications aspect of the OHS, and my first full year as the part time Communications Director/Editor.

The *OHS Bulletin*, the main communications tool of the OHS, continues to enjoy support and interest from the heritage community in all regions of Ontario. It was published five times in 2003: Issues # 138 - 142 (February, April, June, September & December). Heritage and arts organizations regularly submit their material to the Bulletin. I enjoyed interviewing people for articles, editing and developing stories, working on the design and layout features, attracting new advertisers, and working with the regular contributors. Thank you to contributing editors Marjorie Stuart and Pat & Chris Raible, and to Rob Leverty for his articles and many interesting photographs. 2000 copies of the *OHS Bulletin* are printed each issue with many being distributed by Rob Leverty at programs and events. It is also posted on the OHS website. The newsletter continues to receive positive comments about its content and look.

In 2003, with the help of Natasha Urlic, we produced many publicity emails in the form of PDFs, a preferred format by many. A great deal of flyers, invitations, and handouts were produced for the various events hosted by the OHS. Natasha helped greatly in many ways in relation to communications, including her aptitude for computers and troubleshooting - thank you Natasha for all your help. Also thank you to Carlos Faria for regularly making photocopies of flyers and other promotional material for mailings and general distribution and for putting together information packages, carrying heavy boxes of directories, and helping with event set up. Thank you to volunteer Pearl Hui for taking time to organize and file members' newsletters.

Heritage Day 2003 was a great success. A first of its kind reception for the OHS, many people attended this event. I enjoyed the challenge of attracting new sponsors and suppliers including Chef Frederick Oh of Eidolon Catering and Terrence Tait of Joseph's Estate Wines. Both continue an excellent on-going relationship with the OHS which benefits all parties.

The 2004 edition of the *Ontario Heritage Directory* was launched in November, after much work. Natasha Urlic prepared the 1800+ listings through months of phone calls, emails, and other notices. I formatted each listing, compiled illustrations and laid out the 222 page book. Versatel Printing did an excellent job of designing a cover and printing and binding the Directory. This was a huge project but well worth the wait as it has been selling well and has received many comments on how useful it is. This is in part due to the fact that a detailed index was developed, and many organizations now have email and web addresses.

The OHS webmaster, Wasay Rizwan has spent a great deal of volunteer time keeping the website updated with a variety of requests including: links, events, special promotions, photographs, news items, and general updating of the site. Thank you Wasay for all your help with keeping the website current and relevant.

2003 was a busy year with a lot of communications work being done in all areas to get the OHS message out to our members and the general public.

Sheila Creighton
Communications Director/Editor

EDITOR'S REPORT FOR *ONTARIO HISTORY* 2003

Since taking over as editor on 9 May 2003, I have achieved several goals, the most important to give *Ontario History* more respect among readers inside and outside academic circles. More academics now seem interested in being published in the journal, and I no longer hear comments that the journal is only for graduate students. At the same time, the journal continues to welcome graduate students, for the role of a journal is to encourage young scholars. As far as I can see, the journal is promoting young scholars while attracting scholars who have been contributing to their fields for years.

I have increased the number of illustrations for each article, and have added colour to the cover both front and back, which makes the journal more attractive visually. The cut lines have become informative mini-essays, and have drawn favorable comments.

Last December, I met with Coach House Press and negotiated a good deal for printing the Spring issue. Since that press is small, I could deal directly with the owner, manager and designer. Unfortunately Coach House Press has no mailing service. I could have hired a mailing house but instead worked out a deal with a neighbouring couple who have had experience in mailing publications. We have spent many hours creating mailing labels, sticking labels to envelopes, stuffing them with OH and taking the envelopes to a nearby post office. It has been a good learning experience.

Thanks to the work of the Executive Director in creating special invitations and arranging for food and wine, we launched the Autumn issue of *Ontario History* on November 1, 2003 at the John McKenzie House, giving the journal added publicity. We hope to entertain an equally enthusiastic group of people on May 1, 2004 for the launch of the Spring issue.

While speaking to various clubs — the Canadian Club of Kingston, for instance, and various historical societies in the province — I hand out copies of our OHS membership and OH subscription flyer, encouraging members of these audiences to join the society and to subscribe to the journal. I have had some success.

The Spring issue 2004 of *Ontario History* is on the theme of agriculture. It contains the usual four articles with about ten book reviews, along with a colour cover front and back. By the time this report is read, most subscribers will have received their copies. The theme of the Autumn issue 2004 will be Ontario Natives, and for the Spring issue 2005, in all likelihood our theme will be Ontario architecture.

In conclusion, I am pleased with the direction of the journal, and look forward to four more issues.

R B Fleming,
Editor, *Ontario History*

MUSEUMS COMMITTEE

My first year as the Chair of the Museums Committee has been very exciting and satisfying, no small thanks to the very competent OHS staff, colleagues on the Board, and especially my fellow Committee members.

The Museums Committee began the year by brainstorming and prioritizing a number of potential ideas to share information and develop tools to help museums throughout the province. An outline of how museums can use their Business Numbers and Vendor Permits to access wholesale pricing was compiled; the feasibility of using Canada Post's business reply envelopes was investigated; the Artifact Identification Workshop Series was developed and launched; a workshop on the application of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act was organized; and the membership has been notified for input on the potential creation of a directory of heritage-related capital and endowment fundraising campaigns for promotion through the OHS Bulletin and website.

Our Committee took the opportunity of the recent provincial election and appointment of a new Minister of Culture to raise concerns regarding funding levels for the Community Museum Operating Grant program and the critical need for capital project funding as well as to encourage a review of the Development Charges Act and/or Ontario Trillium Foundation funding eligibility in order to increase capital funding sources for Ontario's museums. As part of the Society's delegation to Deputy Minister of Culture, Terry Smith, I was particularly pleased to be able to present these concerns directly to Ms. Smith and discuss potential strategies for improvement.

With the very capable assistance of my Committee members and OHS staff, as well as the invaluable input of the Society's members, I look forward to continuing our achievements next year to address the needs of the museum community in Ontario.

Dorie Billich
Chair, OHS Museums Committee

HONOURS & AWARDS 2004 WINNERS

Award	Winner	Book Title
Alison Prentice Award	Ellen Anderson	Judging Bertha Wilson: Law as Large as Life (2001)
B. Napier Simpson Jr. Award	Heritage Markham	
Carnochan Award	Rodger E. Renton	
Dorothy Duncan Award	Not awarded.	
Fred Landon Award	Heather Robertson	Magical, Mysterious: Lake of the Woods (2003)
	Kingsville-Gosfield Heritage Society	Kingsville 1790-2000: A Stroll Through Time(2003), volumes 1&2
J.J. Talman Award	Robert Cushman	Fifty Seasons at Stratford (2002)
Joseph Brant Award	John Bentley Mays	Arrivals: Stories from the History of Ontario
Museum Award of Excellence	Pickering Museum Village	
RK Cooper Living History Award	Not awarded.	
Scadding Award of Excellence	Curators, Women's Institutes Tweedsmuir History	

THE 2004 HONOURS & AWARDS
 WILL BE PRESENTED ON
 SUNDAY, JUNE 13 AT 2:30 P.M.
 AT THE JOHN MCKENZIE HOUSE,
 34 PARKVIEW AVENUE, WILLOWDALE, ONTARIO

RECEPTION FOLLOWS

LOCAL SOCIETIES COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors accepted the following organizations as affiliates of The Ontario Historical Society:

February 8, 2003

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

May 3, 2003

South Dumfries Historical Society
Museum Volunteer Group, Windsor

September 6, 2003

Salt Springs Church Heritage Society, Brantford

November 1, 2003

Heritage Pathways, Markdale
Manitouwadge Archival and Historical Society
Elgin and Area Heritage Society

February 14, 2004

The Culinary Historians of Ontario

Ross Wallace
Chair, Local Societies Committee



EDUCATION PROGRAMS

In the winter of 2003, the OHS presented numerous programs across Ontario. In partnership with the Sheffield Park Black History Museum, the OHS gave a workshop entitled *Cataloguing and Researching Your Museum Collection* at the Heritage Church in Collingwood. The OHS presented *Preserving Ontario's Heritage* to the Scarborough Rotary Club. The OHS organized an animated a two day workshop which was sponsored by the Archives Association of Ontario entitled *Different Approaches to Gathering Oral History* in London. The OHS gave another oral history workshop at Montgomery's Inn for the Etobicoke Collegiate Enrichment Class which was preparing to celebrate its 75th High School Anniversary. At the request of the Mnjikaning First Nation, the OHS gave a museum development workshop at Rama.

In the spring of 2003, the OHS participated in *Rants, Rails and Rogues*, at the Talbot Bi-Centennial Living History Conference which was held in St. Thomas. On Saturday, April 12, 2003 the OHS co-sponsored a *Victorian Gardening* workshop with Voyageur Heritage Network and the Clark House Museum in Powassan.

In May, the OHS again hosted *Doors Open Toronto* in partnership with the Culture Division, City of Toronto. OHS staff and volunteers conducted tours and a book sale at the John McKenzie House.

In June, the OHS participated in the 2nd Annual Grey County Black History Event - *Family History:Your Life Line* at Ayton. This event was co-sponsored by the Grey County Archives, the Durham and District Chamber of Commerce and the Bruce and Grey Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS). The OHS also participated in the inaugural meeting of Heritage Pathways which included a bus tour of the historic Old Durham Road and the recent reclamation and restoration of the Martin-Halstead Pioneer Cemetery near Kimberley.

In the summer of 2003, the OHS conducted seven workshops for youth from across Canada at Historica's National Heritage Fair (Sudbury 2003) in conjunction with the City of Greater Sudbury Heritage Museums. The OHS had a site visit and consultation with the Northern Ontario Railroad Museum and Heritage Centre in Capreol. The OHS and Anderson Farm Museum in Lively co-sponsored the workshop *The History and Culture of Blueberries in Northern Ontario*.

In the autumn of 2003, the OHS and the Voyageur Heritage Network co-sponsored the workshop *Interpreting and Preserving Family Photos and Documents* which was hosted by the Commanda General Store Museum in Commanda.

From May until December 2003, with the financial support of Canada's National History Society, the OHS presented a new program across the Province entitled *Ontario's Cemeteries -The Struggle for the Public Interest*. The following organizations and institutions invited the OHS to present this program: Oshawa-Whitby Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS), Aurora Rotary Club, Toronto Branch OGS, United Empire Loyalists, Old Durham Road Pioneer Cemetery Committee, Centennial Museum, York Region Branch OGS, Ontario Archaeological

Society, The Ontario Provincial Police Museum, Windsor's Community Museum, the Essex County Historical Cemeteries Preservation Society, Oxford Branch OGS, Pickering Township Historical Society, London-Middlesex Branch OGS, Lennox and Addington County Historical Society, Town of Huntsville and the Huntsville Cemetery Board and the Sault Ste. Marie Branch OGS. Well attended programs including tours and site visits to cemeteries and abandoned burial sites were held in the following towns, cities, township, counties and regions: Oshawa, Aurora, Toronto (2), Priceville, Collingwood, Grey County, Richmond Hill, York Region, Sheguindah, Manitoulin Island, Orillia, Huntsville, Muskoka, Woodstock, London, Windsor, Essex County, Napanee, Lennox and Addington County, Township of Stone Mills, King City, Pickering Township, Durham Region, Prince Township and Sault Ste. Marie.

In 2003, the OHS hosted numerous events at the John McKenzie House including: the Annual Women's Culinary Network Awards Night; the National Sales Conference for Dundurn Press; Canada's National History Society and judges from across Canada for the 2003 Governor General's Awards for excellence in Teaching Canadian History and the Annual Meeting and Luncheon of the Huguenot Society of Canada.

Numerous OHS outreach programs and activities were held throughout 2003 including: *Preserving Ontario's Past* at the Leaside Branch of the Toronto Public Library and at the Presteign-Woodbine United Church in East York; *Tour of Historical Burial Sites from Sandwich to Kingsville* with the Essex County Historical Cemeteries Preservation Society and Windsor's Community Museum; *Celebrating the Life of Elijah Piecraft* with the Ontario Guild of Town Criers at the Sheffield Park Black History Museum; the slide show and lecture by Harvey Medland based on his book *Tombstone Tales from Ontario Cemeteries* at the Etobicoke Historical Society and the Muskoka Heritage Foundation; *Celebrating The Augustine Cemetery Dedication* in Kingsville with descendents; *The Antarctic Adventures of Thomas McLeod* at the Kingston Historical Society; *Celebrating the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award* to OHS member Carolynn Wilson; *Migration of Italians to Ontario* at the King Township Historical Society and *Bringing Local History Alive* for the Sault Ste. Marie Museum's Annual Volunteer Luncheon.

Rob Leverty
Program Director

PROGRAMS, SERVICES & EVENTS 2003

13-15 Jan	St. Alban's Cemetery Tribunal	Toronto
13-Jan	Human Resources Committee Meeting	Willowdale
13-Jan	United Way seminar	Whitby
14-Jan	Finance Committee Meeting	Willowdale
15-Jan	Meeting with Affiliated Society	Whitchurch-Stouffville
15-Jan	EnAbling Change Partnership Meeting	Willowdale
20-Jan	United Way seminar	Whitby
22-Jan	EnAbling Change Partnership Program Meeting	Toronto
23-Jan	Friends of Archives of Ontario Meeting	Willowdale
27-Jan	United Way seminar	Whitby
28-Jan	Human Resources Committee Meeting	Willowdale
28-Jan	Pre Budget Consultation	Toronto
29-Jan	Meeting with Donor	Toronto
04-Feb	Presentation to Scarboro Rotary Club	Scarborough
07-Feb	Meeting with Provincial Archivist	Willowdale
07-Feb	OHS Foundation Meeting	Willowdale
07-Feb	Admin & Finance Committee Meeting	Willowdale
08-Feb	Board of Director's Meeting	Willowdale
10-Feb	Workshop - Catalogue/Research Museum Collections	Collingwood
17-Feb	Heritage Day Launch & Reception	Willowdale
17-Feb	Editorial Search Committee Meeting	Willowdale
18-Feb	MTO Workshop 427 Extension	Alliston
18-Feb	Banting Meeting	Alliston
19-Feb	EnAbling Change Partnership Meeting	Toronto
24-Feb	Workshop - Oral History	Etobicoke
24-Feb	EnAbling Change Partnership Meeting	Toronto
1-2 Mar	Workshop - Oral History OHS/AAO partnership	London
18-Mar	EQAQ Focus Group	Toronto
19-Mar	OHS/CHO Regional Network Meeting	Belleville
19-Mar	Workshop - Est. a New Museum	Rama
19-Mar	Meeting with Affiliated Society	Sheddon
24-Mar	Editorial Search Committee	Willowdale
24-Mar	YDAMG Meeting	Bowmanville
26-Mar	Niagara Region Meetings/Museum/Fdn/Society	Niagara/Queenston
29-Mar	Heritage Marketplace	St. Thomas
29-Mar	Workshop - Fundraising in Challenging Times	St. Thomas
31-Mar	Meeting with New Affiliate	Utopia
01-Apr	Ministry of Culture Cemetery Preservation Meeting	Willowdale
08-Apr	Cdn Textile Museum meeting	Toronto
08-Apr	Nominations Committee Teleconference	Kirkland Lake/Rich. Hill/Toronto
09-Apr	Meeting with Heritage Partner	Willowdale
11-Apr	Meeting with Voyageur Heritage Network	Callander
11-Apr	OHS Foundation Teleconference	Haileybury/Toronto/Willowdale
12-Apr	Workshop - Victorian Gardening	Powassan
14-Apr	Editorial Search Committee Teleconference	Kingston/Indian River/Toronto
16-Apr	Finance Committee Meeting	Willowdale
22-Apr	Meeting with Ministry of Culture Representative	Toronto
26-Apr	Meeting with New Affiliate	St. George
26-Apr	CAPHC Conference/AGM	Brantford
27-Apr	Chiefswood Six Nations Reserve/Bell Homestead	Brant County
29-Apr	Meeting with Affiliated Society	Manvers Twp
30-Apr	Opening of the 4th Session of the 37th Parliament	Toronto

PROGRAMS, SERVICES & EVENTS 2003

02-May	Admin & Finance Committee Meeting	Willowdale
03-May	Board of Director's Meeting	Willowdale
03-May	OHS Annual General Meeting	Willowdale
04-May	Honours & Awards Presentation	Willowdale
05-May	OHS Bus Tour	Peterborough
06-May	Presentation to Whitby Oshawa OGS	Oshawa
07-May	OHA info session Ministry of Culture	Toronto
09-May	Meeting with Heritage Partner	Willowdale
09-May	Editorial Meeting of OH	Willowdale
11-May	25th Anniv Eng. Historical Museum	Englehart
12-May	Meeting with Heritage Partner	Willowdale
14-May	Presentation to York Region OGS	Richmond Hill
14-May	Meeting with Heritage Partner	Willowdale
15-May	427 Extension Stakeholder Meeting	Barrie
20-May	Meeting with Donor	Peterborough
21-May	Presentation to UEL Toronto Branch	Toronto
21-May	ROM tour Christ Church Community Museum	Lakefield
24-May	Hutchison House Museum Anniversary	Peterborough
24/25 May	Doors Open Toronto	Willowdale
24/25 May	OHS Book Sale	Willowdale
26-May	Presentation to Toronto Branch OGS	North York
29-May	Archives of Ont 100th anniversary	Toronto
30-May	Museums Committee Meeting	Aurora
02-Jun	Meeting with Affiliated Society	Unionville
06-Jun	Admin & Finance Committee Meeting	Willowdale
06-Jun	OHS Foundation Meeting	Willowdale
07-Jun	Board of Director's Meeting	Willowdale
09-Jun	Archives Assn of Ont Anniversary	Toronto
10-Jun	Presentation at East York Community Council	Toronto
14-Jun	Ont. Military Modeling Assn partnership	Oakville
16-Jun	Donor Visit	Toronto
17-Jun	OTMP Marketing Seminar	Peterborough
19-Jun	Ontario History Editorial Meeting	Willowdale
22-Jun	Rental Women's Culinary Network	Willowdale
23-Jun	Regional Heritage Network Partnership	Napanee
23-Jun	Presentation to Aurora Rotary Club	Aurora
24-Jun	Meeting with Friends of Archives	Willowdale
25-Jun	Finance Committee Meeting	Toronto
25-Jun	Donor Relationship Management Seminar	Toronto
26-Jun	Labour & Employment Workshop	Toronto
26-Jun	100th Anniv. & Opening Cerem. OHF Plaque Unveiling	New Liskeard
08-Jul	Donor Meeting	Willowdale
08-Jul	Presentation to City of Toronto	Toronto
10-Jul	Deloro Mine Site Clean-up Project with Min of Env	Deloro
13-Jul	Workshops (7 presented) Ntl Youth Heritage Fair	Sudbury
14-Jul	Northern Railroad Museum Tour	Capreol
15-Jul	Workshop - Blueberries	Lively
15-Jul	OH meeting with University of Toronto	Toronto
17-Jul	Meeting of Cemetery Preservation Committee	Toronto
20-Jul	Talbot Settlement rededication of cairn	St. Thomas
24-Jul	Meeting with Corporate Sponsor	Oakville
24-27 Jul	Cdn Ntl History Society rental	Willowdale
28-Jul	Manvers Twp Historical Society Awards	Bethany
29-Jul	North York Rotary Club rental	Willowdale
30-Jul	Meeting with Ministry of Culture Representative	Toronto

PROGRAMS, SERVICES & EVENTS 2003

30-Jul	Meeting with proposed Affiliated Society	Elgin
30-Jul	Meeting with Affiliated Society	Manvers Twp
02-Aug	Lang Pioneer Reenactment with 49th Regiment	Keene
09-Aug	Burleigh Rd. Hist.Society fundraiser & Book launch	Apsley
12-Aug	Meeting with Corporate Sponsor	Willowdale
12/13 Aug	Strickland Family Homecoming, CC Community Mus.	Lakefield
28-Aug	Meeting with Corporate Sponsor	Willowdale
03-Sep	First Parliament Site Meeting	Toronto
05-Sep	OHS Foundation Meeting	Alliston
05-Sep	Admin & Finance Committee Meeting	Willowdale
06-Sep	Board of Director's Meeting	Willowdale
07-Sep	Doors Open Vaughan	Maple
16-Sep	Campbell House Museum	Toronto
17-Sep	Meeting with Heritage Partner	Willowdale
18-Sep	Meeting with London Archdiocese	London
20-Sep	Children's programs - Pioneer Days at BCPV	Toronto
21-Sep	Old Durham Rd Pioneer Cemetery Ceremony	Priceville
21-Sep	Christ Church Museum Volunteer Appreciation	Peterborough
21-Sep	Tour of Lakefield and Burleigh Falls	Burleigh Falls/Lakefield
22-Sep	YDAMG Meeting	Oshawa
23-Sep	Presentation to Cobourg Historical Society	Cobourg
24-Sep	Outreach Subcommittee Meeting	Willowdale
25-Sep	Non-Profit law seminar	Toronto
25-Sep	Presentation - N. Kawartha Lifelong Learning Centre	Apsley
26-Sep	Meeting of Web Development Committee	Willowdale
28-Sep	Meeting with Affiliated Society	Beaverton
28-Sep	Lloydtown Rebellion Assoc. Statue Unveiling	Lloydtown
28-Sep	Presentation - Sheffield Park Black Museum	Collingwood
29-Sep	Presentation - C.S. Wilson Centre	Collingwood
29/30 Sep	CCI Workshop sponsored by OHS and OMA	Minesing
30-Sep	Preservation Subcommittee Meeting	Willowdale
30-Sep	Anniversary Celebrations TO's First Post Office	Toronto
03-Oct	Presentation - Voyageur Heritage Network	Commanda
04-Oct	Voyageur Heritage Network AGM	Commanda
04-Oct	Workshop with Voyageur Heritage Network	Commanda
05-Oct	Presentation at Centennial Museum	Sheguiandah
06-Oct	Meeting with Trillium Fdn representative	Toronto
08-Oct	Meeting with Affiliated Society	Manitouwadge
09-Oct	Finance Committee Meeting	Willowdale
15-Oct	Archives symposium meeting	Willowdale
16-Oct	Presentation - King Twp Historical Society	King City
17-Oct	Preservation Subcommittee Meeting	Willowdale
25/26 Oct	Presentation at OAS symposium at OPP Museum	Orillia
27-Oct	Ontario Heritage Alliance Meeting	Toronto
28-Oct	Finance Committee Meeting	Willowdale
28-Oct	Workshop at Windsor Museum	Windsor
29-Oct	Cemetery Tour	Essex County
31-Oct	Admin & Finance Committee Meeting	Willowdale
01-Nov	Board of Director's Meeting	Willowdale
01-Nov	Ontario History Launch Reception	Willowdale
02-Nov	Meeting with Affiliated Society	Cambridge
04-Nov	Meeting with Heritage Partner	Willowdale
05-Nov	Bata Shoe Museum meeting	Toronto
06-Nov	Canadian University Art Reception at UofT	Toronto

PROGRAMS, SERVICES & EVENTS 2003

13-Nov	OHS Foundation Meeting	Willowdale
13-Nov	First Parliament Site Reception	Toronto
16-Nov	Cookbook Caper	Willowdale
19-Nov	Meeting with Ontario Heritage Foundation	Toronto
20-Nov	Ontario Trillium Fdn Great Grants Awards	Toronto
01-Dec	Education Subcommittee Meeting	Toronto
03-Dec	Meeting with Heritage Partner	Willowdale
3/4 Dec	Parks Canada Rental	Willowdale
05-Dec	OHS Foundation Meeting	Alliston
06-Dec	Ontario Archaeological Society Meeting	Willowdale
08-Dec	Women's Cdn Historical Society Luncheon	Willowdale
11-Dec	Cdn Assoc. of Prof. Heritage Consultants Reception	Toronto
14-Dec	Whitby LACAC Anniversary Celebration	Whitby
17-Dec	Minister of Culture's Reception at OHF	Toronto
19-Dec	York Pioneers Historical Society Meeting	Schomberg
19-Dec	Museums Committee Meeting	Vandorf

OHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2003/04

Jean Murray Cole	President
Brian Osborne	First Vice President
Chris Oslund	Second Vice President
Lydia Ross Alexander	Past President
Joe Martin	Treasurer
Penny Potter	Secretary
Dorie Billich	Museums Chair
Jack Cecillon	Director
Donna Davies	Director
Mary Angela Tucker	Director
Gloria Taylor	Director
Marcel Martel	Director
Ross Wallace	Director



ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY
34 PARKVIEW AVENUE
WILLOWDALE, ONTARIO
M2N 3Y2
416.226.9011