

The Ontario Historical Society Annual Report 2006



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Front cover photographs:

Top: The Ontario Provincial Police Museum in Orillia was the recipient of the 2006 OHS Museum Award of Excellence. Left to right are: Sgt. Marc Lapointe, OPP Museum Curator Jeanie Tummon, and S/Sgt. Wayde Jacklin.
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Middle: Musicians Jonathon Craig (left) and Joowon Kim of Corda Ensemble entertain at the OHS' 2006 Heritage Day reception at the John McKenzie House.
Photo Sheila Creighton

Enjoying Heritage Day are left to right: Christina Perfetto, OHS Office Manager and Membership Coordinator; Brian Osborne, President, OHS (until May 2006, now Past President); and Natasha Urlic, OHS Office administrator (until May 2006).
Photo Sheila Creighton



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The past year has been one of transition for The Ontario Historical Society. In June of 2006 we regretfully accepted the resignation of our Executive Director, Patricia K. Neal. Our newly formed Human Resources Committee was charged with the task of finding a replacement. We interviewed some very impressive candidates for the position with a wide range of experience and qualifications. Our recommendation was brought forward to the Board for approval and, effective September 18, 2006, Dr. Karolyn Smardz Frost began her duties as the Society's new Executive Director.

Within a very short period of time, Karolyn has brought forward numerous administrative changes to increase the Society's efficiency and maximize the use of our limited financial resources to service our members and affiliated societies.

On behalf of the Board, I wish to thank Rob Leverty, Christina Perfetto and Sheila Creighton for the outstanding work they performed during the summer months of 2006. They undertook a wide variety of additional duties during this transitional period and ensured that the operation of the OHS was smooth and seamless in the absence of an Executive Director.

The Board continued its work in 2006 to develop and refine policies and think "strategically" about the future of the Society and its relevance to an ever-changing Provincial landscape. Building on the visioning exercise undertaken in the fall of 2005 and recent membership survey, the Board continues to work towards the development of a full Strategic Plan to address the long term growth and sustainability of the Society.

I am pleased to announce the return of the Society's annual Conference to be held in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting. *Forging Freedom: A Conference in Honour of the Bicentennial of the Abolition of the Atlantic Slave Trade* will be held at Brock University on June 22-23, 2007. We are grateful for the financial support we have received from the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration to host this exciting event.

The Ontario Historical Society Foundation continues to work towards a resolution regarding the disposition of the Banting Homestead in Alliston. The roof of the homestead was replaced in the summer/fall of 2006 along with extensive repairs to the porch. Additionally in 2006, an agreement of Purchase and Sale was entered into between the OHS Foundation and Solmar Developments. Included in the agreement

were conditions to ensure that the homestead was protected and that financial resources were made available to assist with the restoration of the structures. In December 2006, the Town of New Tecumseth provided notice of its intent to designate the entire property under the Ontario Heritage Act. While endorsing the Heritage Designation of the buildings on the Banting Homestead, the Society has filed an appeal against the Town of New Tecumseth Proposal with the Conservation Review Board and a Hearing is scheduled for September. It is my hope that a resolution will be found in the near future that respects the wishes of Edward Knight Banting to honour the memory of his uncle, Sir Frederick Banting, and ensure that the interests of the Society are protected.

Finally, I wish to thank the Board, Staff and membership for all your support during the past year. It has been a pleasure to work with such a dedicated group of individuals.

Chris Oslund
President





EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Greetings!

Looking back, The Ontario Historical Society accomplished a great deal in the past year. The John McKenzie House was the site of a number of important events, including MPP David Zimmer's New Year's Levee on January 15, 2006, with more than 475 people in attendance. On Monday, February 20th, President Brian Osborne attended the breakfast meeting at the Elgin Winter Garden Theatre hosted by Deputy Minister of Culture, Lucille Roche. The occasion was the adoption of the comprehensive amendments to Bill 60, the long awaited new Ontario Heritage Act that was passed in 2005. On the same day it was announced that Jean Murray Cole, a Past President of the OHS, would receive the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship.

Later on Monday, February 20th, the annual OHS Heritage Day reception at the John McKenzie House was held. More than 70 people attended, enjoying food and excellent musical entertainment. Earlier in the month, the Culinary Historians of Ontario and the OHS sponsored a lecture at the John McKenzie House entitled "Culinary Responses to Changing Foods in Panniqtuq, Nunavut" by University of California, Davis, professor Lynette Hunter.

Ontario History editor, Dr. Tory Tronrud of the Thunder Bay Museum, produced two fine issues in 2006. The new cover design and layout gives

a more up-to-date look for this venerable journal, which since 1899 has provided a forum for cutting-edge scholarship on the history of our great province. The new archival section has been very well received with a number of archives expressing an interest and willingness to participate in the future. We understand that professors recommend this section of *OH* to graduate students as a source for thesis topics.

The *OHS Bulletin* continues to be an important and respected forum for the discussion of heritage issues in the Province. Membership services remain paramount at the OHS. An OHS Membership Survey was conducted to establish the priorities and interests of members as part of the process of developing the much-needed new Strategic Plan for The Ontario Historical Society. Survey forms were distributed with the April 2006 issue of the *Bulletin*. 189 survey forms were returned, and responses entered into a database. The results are being analyzed for publication in the September 2007 *OHS Bulletin*. Of particular interest in 2006 was a *Bulletin* "Summer Heritage Events Pull-Out Section," which garnered 47 event listings and 21 new advertisers from affiliate and member organizations, as well as from friends and heritage partners.

Also early in 2006, the Board of Directors continued the work towards the development of a Strategic Plan, a

process which was initiated with the Board's September 2005 Visioning Retreat. Job descriptions were needed for Board Members as well as for Chairs of Board Committees. In particular, Terms of Reference were established for the newly-created Human Resources Committee. While the management of staff and day-to-day operations of the OHS remain the province of the Executive Director, the Human Resources Committee was created to provide oversight and set policy. This project was undertaken by Naresh Khosla and Joseph Martin, and the results, a draft entitled "Board of Directors – Powers, Responsibilities and Organization," was presented by Naresh Khosla at the May 6, 2006, Board meeting. Also, a new Awards Committee was struck to assist Chair John Sabeau in the work entailed in arranging each year's Honours and Awards program.

The Ontario Historical Society in cooperation with the Ontario Genealogical Society and local organizations across the province continues to be very concerned about the loss of historical cemeteries. At the Feb. 18, 2006, Board Meeting, \$4,500 was released from the Cemetery Defence Fund to pay legal fees associated with defending St. Alban's Cemetery, Palgrave, from being redeveloped. Further information on the progress of the case is to be found in the Report on Cemetery Preservation and in the 2006 *OHS Bulletin*. It was decided by the OHS Board





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that funds will continue to be solicited from concerned citizens to help support this important endeavour, although the organization cannot afford to engage in prolonged legal battles in the case of specific cemeteries. Rather, the OHS Board of Directors is working with staff to seek legislative revisions to ensure proper protections for existing and newly discovered historic cemeteries across Ontario.

Concerns about museum funding in Ontario prompted the Board to authorize the Executive Director to write a letter to the Ministry of Culture requesting an urgent increase in the Community Museum Operating Grant across the province. The Museums Committee joined in the protest against the MAP Program cuts announced by the federal government in the fall. Also, in 2006, Board Member and Museums Committee Member Janet Carlile was involved in a Canadian Conservation Institute workshop entitled "Preservation Housekeeping in Historic House Museums," which was a project of the OHS Museums Committee in partnership with the Ontario Museums Association. It was held at the Allan McPherson House in Napanee, October 24 and 25, 2006.

The staff worked with the Board throughout 2006 to provide a wide variety of services to affiliated societies and member societies, and to individual and institutional members. In particular, Rob Leverty led a workshop entitled "Making Ontario's Heritage Accessible

for People with Disabilities," at the York Region Headquarters on March 6, 2006, as part of the ongoing educational program associated with the EnAbling Change Grant. This was received by the OHS from the Ministry of Community and Social Services in 2004. The Heritage Accessibility Toolkit, a binder designed to assist heritage groups and museums in making their facilities accessible was produced by staff in consultation with the Accessibility Directorate for the Province of Ontario. This will be made available to workshop participants and interested heritage organizations late in 2007.

Fundraising is a year-round activity, of course, and in 2006 there were several important efforts. The Annual Book Sale took place during *Toronto Doors Open* on May 27 and 28, 2006, thanks to the hard work of volunteers and past Board Members Jeanne Hughes and Penny Potter. On August 12, 2006, the OHS held an Antique and Collectibles Auction, with many services donated by Board Member Janet Carlile, Curator of the Arnprior and District Museum, and also by auctioneer Heather Pigat. Co-op student Andrea Izzo of the Arts and Culture Management Program at the University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus, put long hours into preparing for the event, which raised more than \$5,000. Then, on November 12, 2006, the OHS and the Culinary Historians of Ontario held the annual Cookbook Caper at the John McKenzie House, with proceeds of almost \$1,000 going to the OHS.

A major project in 2006 was the effort of Executive Director Pat Neal to secure Directors and Officers Insurance as well as Liability Insurance at group rates for affiliated and member societies. However, the requisite 40-group enrollment could not be obtained and the matter was tabled for future consideration.

The 118th Annual General Meeting of The Ontario Historical Society was held on May 6, 2006, at the Auditorium of the OPP Headquarters in Orillia. Thanks were offered to Jeanie Tummon, Curator of the OPP Museum, to the Simcoe County Historical Society and to the Orillia Museum of Art and History for hosting the event. The OPP Museum was the recipient of the Museum Award of Excellence given at the Honours and Awards Ceremony later that same day. Speaker Charlie Garrad, formerly the Executive Director of the OAS, entertained and informed with his excellent talk on the history and archaeology of the region's First Nations peoples.

In the absence of an Executive Director throughout the summer months of 2006, permanent staff members Rob Leverty, Christina Perfetto and Sheila Creighton undertook a wide variety of additional duties to ensure smooth operation. Douglas Webster served as Administrative Assistant for the summer, with Adrienne Shadd, a noted historian and author, bringing her own love of our province's rich heritage to the position in the fall. We are most grateful to both of them





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for the enthusiasm and dedication they brought to the position.

The President and Board of Directors commended all the staff for their hard work and excellent management in the absence of an Executive Director. They were assisted by summer students Carol Ma (Promotions and Outreach Assistant) and Christy Chak (Membership Coordinator Assistant), and by co-op student Andrea Izzo. Our thanks and appreciation is extended to the summer students for the creativity they brought to their jobs, and for their hard work on behalf of the OHS!

I, Karolyn Smardz Frost, took up the duties as Executive Director of The Ontario Historical Society on September 18, 2006. One of my most pleasant tasks was to travel to London to be present when Steven Liggett, President of the London and Middlesex Historical Society, presented the Cruikshank Medal of The

Ontario Historical Society to Dr. Fred Armstrong, former President of the OHS and Professor Emeritus at the University of Western Ontario, on September 20, 2006.

I was given a mandate to increase membership and enhance membership services, to develop programs and member services, to encourage engagement on the part of an increasingly diverse Ontario public in the work of the OHS, to intensify fundraising efforts in order to expand program offerings, and to build partnerships with other heritage organizations and government agencies to further the goals outlined in The Ontario Historical Society's Constitution. The first task assigned was to "get the house in order," meaning not only the John McKenzie House and its associated outbuildings, but also to reassess and revitalize the various program areas of the OHS in preparation for the Board's work on the new Strategic Plan.

The November 18, 2006, Board Meeting was preceded by a "Board Clean Up" day during which the OHS Board and staff reorganized storage areas at the John McKenzie House. This was followed by a dinner to encourage positive interaction between staff and Board in an informal atmosphere. At the Board Meeting that followed, Cynthia Comacchio was appointed Recording Secretary of the OHS. At the same meeting, the Chair of the Human Resources Committee, Ken Turner, presented an Establishment Review of The Ontario Historical Society prepared in consultation with the Executive Director. This provided an overview of existing staffing in light of assigned duties and the projected needs of the organization as articulated in the Visioning Retreat held in September, 2005, by the Board and Executive Director of the OHS.

At the Heritage Toronto Awards held on October 31, 2006, OHS Board Member Edwin Rowse was honoured with an Award of Architectural Merit and Craftsmanship for his work at the new Toronto Police Services 51 Division Building, in the 1899 Consumer's Gas Purifying Building on Parliament Street in Toronto. The year ended on a high note with the annual Women's Canadian Historical Society Christmas luncheon that was held at the John McKenzie House, always a most enjoyable occasion.

Karolyn Smardz Frost, PhD
Executive Director



Honours and Awards winners, presented in May 2006 at the Orillia Museum of Art and History, are from left to right: Jeanie Tummon, Curator OPP Museum; S/Sgt. Wayde Jacklin, OPP; Pam Dickey, President Greater Harvey Historical Society; Sgt. Marc Lapointe OPP; Gred Heil, Windsor Heritage Committee; Dr. L. R. Wilson; Guy St-Denis; John Honsberger; and A. Donald MacLeod.
Photo PKN





TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial report for year ending December 31, 2006:

Total revenue for 2006 was \$ 434,229 compared to \$412,569 for 2005. The increased revenue is attributed to donations. There was no increase in grant funding received from the Government of Ontario. Program expenses at \$133,482 were well below those for last year because expenditures were restricted to available funds and because considerable expenses in 2005 for workshops and brochures related to that year's special EnAbling Change grant were not incurred. Cemetery Defence expenditure increased to \$ 27,007 in 2006 and were covered by donations received for the purpose.

The *Ontario History* publications showed a surplus in 2006.

The operations show a deficit of \$39,246, which was due to the high cost incurred by the OHS Foundation for maintaining the Edward Knight Banting Homestead and legal expenses related to its designation as a Heritage site. The OHSF has directed the entire annual rental income derived from the farmland surrounding the buildings to defray taxes, insurance, routine maintenance and repairs to the structure. As rental income is not sufficient to fund these expenses the OHSF is fortunate that several generous donations were directed to this project.

While the OHS is strongly committed to the preservation of the existing buildings

and the cultural integrity of the Edward Knight Banting Homestead and its designation as heritage property, it is opposed to the designation of 100 acres of the farmland surrounding the buildings. The Society is endeavouring to develop a strategy to generate sufficient financial resources to preserve the Edward Knight Banting Homestead on an ongoing basis and has always striven to meet the terms of the Edward Knight Banting bequest.

Clearly the 2006 deficit has weakened the financial position of the Society. Every effort will be made to redress this problem in the coming year.

Naresh Khoshla
Treasurer



In the summer of 2006, early Willowdale residents, Don and Elinor Brown visited the John McKenzie House where Don's aunt and uncle lived. Photo Rob Leverty



Steve Liggett (left), President of the London and Middlesex Historical Society presents the OHS Cruikshank Medal to Dr. Fred Armstrong, at their September 2006 meeting. Photo Sheila Creighton





MEMBERSHIP

Dear members, affiliated societies, subscribers, donors, and volunteers.

I would like to thank you personally for your participation and support this past year.

In 2006 we welcomed 79 new members.

Some of the events I attended in 2006 included: Willowdale MPP David Zimmer's New Year's Levee; Heritage Day at the John McKenzie House; the OHS AGM and Honours and Awards presentation; *Toronto Doors Open* in conjunction with the OHS annual book sale; and the OHS Fundraising Auction.

In the past few years, with great pleasure, I have represented the Society at the annual Toronto Postcard Show in February. This is a special day where I meet our members, tell people about the OHS, and talk with other organizations.

It is always a pleasure to meet new summer students and help and encourage them to achieve their goals. I must say we are lucky to have with us great candidates. They work hard and are happy to be part of our Society. When we need help, they are there for us to volunteer in any special event or fundraising initiative, always with a smile and a lot of positive energy.

Every year we look forward to our annual Christmas luncheon with one of our favourite groups, the Women's Canadian Historical Society.

We are committed to doing everything possible to provide our members and the community with our service and to improve our programs in order to find and disseminate information more effectively.

I believe that 2007 will be an exciting time with new ideas, new programs, and much more. Thank you for being a part of The Ontario Historical Society.

Christina Perfetto
*Office Manager &
Membership Coordinator*



Christina Perfetto, OHS Office Manager & Membership Coordinator, at the annual Toronto Postcard Show, February 2006.



*In 2006, the OHS welcomed new affiliate member from St. Catharines, The Friends of Diana Sweets.
Photo Rob Leverty*



*Welcome to new OHS member the Tillsonburg and District Historical Society (TDHS). Seen here at Annandale House, a National Historic Site, are some of the TDHS Board Members.
Photo Rob Leverty*





COMMUNICATIONS

2006 was an active year for OHS Communications. It was a year of changes at the OHS – we said goodbye to Pat Neal as Executive Director, and welcomed Karolyn Smardz Frost to the helm. As usual, it was a busy twelve months with all the programs and services that the OHS provides its members.

The Heritage Day Reception 2006, our fourth annual event, was a wonderful success. Although it again snowed, that didn't stop a large crowd from attending. People really enjoyed themselves. We had the Corda Ensemble playing classical music and the catering was beautifully prepared by Sue Pie, of Pie Dough Catering.

The *OHS Bulletin*, the main communications tool of the OHS, published five issues in 2006 (Issues 153 – 157: February, May, Summer, September and December). It continues to enjoy support and interest from the heritage community in all regions of Ontario and beyond. Our members regularly send in their media releases, event notices, story ideas, photographs, and other information. Thanks to our members, affiliates, and friends for their continued involvement in making the *OHS Bulletin* a good forum for information about Ontario's heritage communities.

We attracted new advertisers in the *OHS Bulletin* "Summer 2006 Heritage Events Across

Ontario" supplement. This special supplement, which included four extra pages in the summer *Bulletin*, brought in over \$4000 in new advertising revenue. Many affiliate members took advantage of the free summer event listing. A big thanks to our major sponsors: Simcoe County Museum, U.E.L. Heritage Centre & Park, and Hamilton Civic Museums.

Thank you to all the regular *OHS Bulletin* contributors: Pat & Chris Raible for their interesting and informative column "From the Bookshelf"; Marjory Stuart for her popular "Cemetery News"; Chris Olsund for his President's Report; Karolyn Smardz Frost for the Executive Director's Report; and Rob Leverty for the many great cemetery defence articles and a wide variety of photographs from across the province of our members' events. 2000 issues of each *Bulletin* are printed with many being distributed at OHS workshops, programs and events. The newsletter is also posted on our website and is sent to many libraries.

In 2006, with the assistance of office administrator Natasha Urlic, we produced numerous publicity emails. Flyers, invitations, and handouts were done for various events hosted by the OHS. These were emailed, mailed and put on the website. Flyers and media releases were issued for a variety of events including: the Annual Book Sale, Heritage

Day, Honours & Awards, and Cookbook Caper.

Thank you Natasha for all your help and skill with computers, databases, publicity, as well as assistance organizing incoming *OHS Bulletin*-related mail. Natasha left the OHS in the spring to move to England. We wish her the very best - she is greatly missed. Thank you to Douglas Webster who served as office administrator until September. The help of our OHS summer students with flyers, databases, and other publicity was greatly appreciated – thanks to Andrea Izzo, Carol Ma, and Christy Chak. Thanks also to Adrienne Shadd who took over office administration in September, organizing incoming publicity mail and email, and helping communications in myriad ways. A big thanks to Christina Perfetto, for her continued assistance with mailing lists, addresses, new members, donations, and other member-related information. The OHS website was maintained in 2006 by volunteer Lydia Alexander. As always, thank you Lydia for your skill and time. Our "web curator" Lydia, is very much appreciated on the communications team.

All in all, 2006 was a busy year with plenty of challenges and changes. The OHS communications team met them all and looks forward to 2007 being as successful and interesting.

Sheila Creighton
*Communications Director/
Editor OHS Bulletin*





MUSEUMS COMMITTEE

In 2006, The Ontario Historical Society's Museums Committee worked in the following areas related to museums in Ontario:

Advocacy

Letters were sent to Minister for Canadian Heritage, Minister of Culture, and MPPs with regards to the provincial \$2M re-investment election promise.

Letters were sent to Minister for Canadian Heritage, MPs, and Minister of Culture with regards to the cuts to Museums Assistance Program.

Letters were sent to Minister for Canadian Heritage, Minister of Culture and MPPs in support of the proposed New Museums Policy.

Review of OHS Constitution

The committee is in the process of reviewing OHS Constitution Item (2) re: "collecting" and developing a "Collections Policy" for the OHS.

The Russell K. Cooper Living History Site Award

The Museums Committee will ensure direct mail out of award applications to suitable

candidates in 2008.

The eligibility criteria will be extended to include museums that deliver heritage-based programming.

Museums Celebrating 40th Anniversary in 2007

A call was put in the *OHS Bulletin* for Ontario museums that opened in 1967.

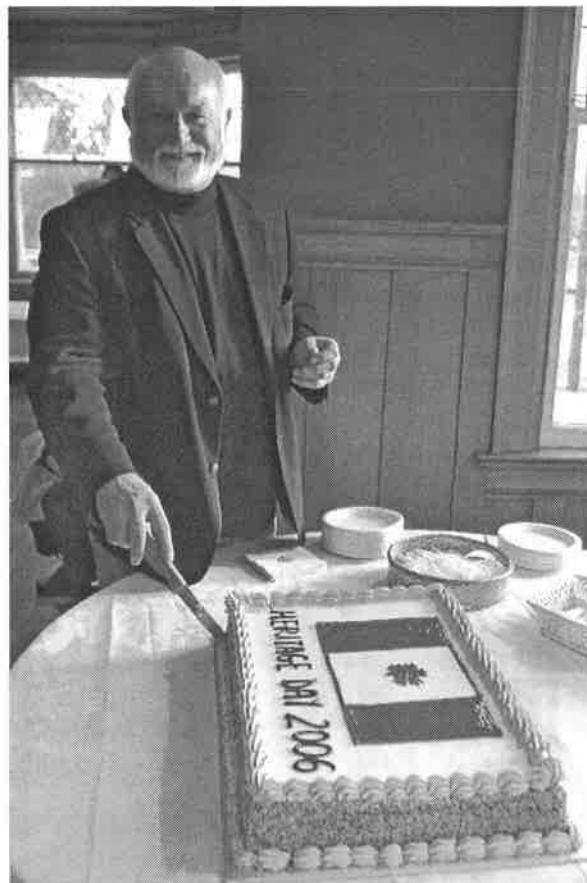
PCMA staff are completing the list through research and telephone calls.

Susan Neale
Museums Committee Chair



Above, OHS 2006 summer students Christy Chak (left) and Carol Ma take a moment for a photo on the front porch of the John McKenzie House. Photo Rob Leverty

At right, OHS President Brian Osborne (now Past President) cuts the delicious Heritage Day cake during the festivities at the John McKenzie House. Photo Sheila Creighton





ONTARIO HISTORY

The Autumn 2006 issue of *Ontario History* continued to present a diversified view of our province's past with five unique articles spanning a century of history. Mary Williamson began by focussing on James Bain's late nineteenth-century campaign to introduce art to the Toronto Public Library, a movement that had repercussions in libraries across the province. Lori Chambers asked how babies were acquired for adoption in Ontario in the twentieth century and, based on over 500 case studies, came up with some surprising answers. Two further articles, Joseph Dunlop's description of politics and patronage at the Provincial Lunatic Asylum and the personal battles between Dr. Joseph Workman and newspaper publisher George Brown, and Richard DuWor's analysis of how artisans lost political power in Toronto, take us back to the nineteenth century. Rounding out the issue was an interesting case study by Robert McGeachy of the creation of the Town of Ajax.

Throughout the year of 2007, the Province of Ontario has been celebrating the 200th anniversary of the passage by the British Parliament of *An Act for the Abolition of the Slave Trade*. The Ontario Historical Society has contributed in a major way to this celebration with a special issue of *Ontario History* (Spring 2007) on the subject of Black history in the province. Ours is the only historical journal in Canada to cover this important theme.

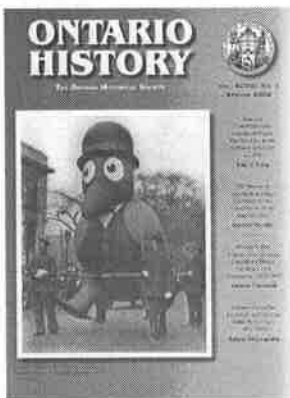
Under the guidance of guest editor Karolyn Smardz Frost, seven key articles were presented, all of them breaking new ground on the subject. Afua Cooper led off with an academic study of how men and women challenged slavery in Upper Canada, followed by two case studies by Bryan Prince and Hilary Dawson of Blacks who sought and achieved freedom in nineteenth-century Canada. Karolyn Smardz Frost's analysis of the Black community that grew up in antebellum Toronto set the

stage for Colin McFarquhar's description of how African Ontarians sought social and economic equality in the province's largest city in the 1880s, and Adrienne Shadd's case study of the campaign to desegregate Chatham's public schools in the 1890s. Bringing the topic well into the twentieth century was Daniel McNeil's description of how Daniel Hill III changed the way the Black community viewed itself and inspired others to greatness.

Book reviews continue to be important to *Ontario History* and one glance at the long lists of books received and reviewed in the past two issues of the journal point to a healthy interest in publishing books on the province's past. Tom McIlwraith continues a fine tradition of bringing to you the best of scholarly reviews.

I must thank the archivists who continue to submit descriptions to the Archival Sources section of the journal, and to the readers who have commented so favourably on this new feature. Thanks as well to my excellent editorial advisory committee for their sage advice and their willingness to give of themselves for the benefit of us all.

Thorold "Tory" Tronrud
Editor, Ontario History



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HONOURS AND AWARDS

Honours and Awards Winners for 2006, awarded in 2007

Awards for Non-Profit Organizations

Museum Award of Excellence	Not awarded in 2007
Dorothy Duncan Award	Tyrconnell Heritage Society
B. Napier Simpson Jr. Award	Not awarded in 2007
Scadding Award	Not awarded in 2007
Russell K. Cooper Award	Not awarded in 2007

Award for Business

President's Award	Not awarded in 2007
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Awards for Service

Cruikshank Medal	Bryan Walls
Carnochan Award	Allan McGillivray

Awards for Authors

Fred Landon Award	Su Murdoch, B.E.S. Rudachyk & Kurt H. Schick for <i>Beautiful Barrie</i>
Alison Prentice Award	Judy Rebick for <i>Ten Thousand Roses</i>
J.J. Talman Award	Kerry M. Abel for <i>Changing Places</i>
Riddell Award	Not awarded in 2007
Donald Grant Creighton Award	Charlotte Gray for <i>Reluctant Genius</i>

Special Award

President's Letter of Commendation	Lydia Ross Alexander
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CEMETERY PRESERVATION

June 19, 2006

The Editor (OHS Bulletin)
Ontario Historical Society

Dear Sir/Madam:

As a member of OHS, I am very pleased to see the active, dynamic role that OHS plays in regard to Cemetery Preservation and Recognition. The recent, Summer 2006, OHS Bulletin contains an excellent article by Marjorie Stuart (Cemetery News). Maintenance and preservation of cemetery sites as well as the accompanying tombstones is a critical part, if not a pillar, of our historical heritage. Kudos to your organization for taking the lead in Ontario on these issues.

Very sincerely,
Richard Johnston, M.D., F.R.C.S.
Orillia, Ontario

Burial places and cemeteries in Ontario have, for centuries, been considered sacred places by both the First Nations and the newcomers to the province. They have been, and continue to be, not only the final resting places of our ancestors, but rich natural, cultural and historical resources that are of great importance to all Ontarians. The OHS, founded in 1888 as the Pioneer Association of Ontario, has been concerned about the identification, interpretation and preservation of every aspect of Ontario's history. If you examine the history of the OHS itself, you will soon realize that for well over a century, the society's Directors and membership have faithfully supported various initiatives to preserve buildings and cemeteries across Ontario.

Among the first initiatives of the OHS in the late 19th century was the preservation of the burial places, cemeteries and monuments which recognize and honour our ancestors and their accomplishments. Early in the 20th century, the membership of the OHS became very concerned about the dilapidated state of many of the pioneer cemeteries. The OHS alerted its member societies to lobby local authorities and arouse public concern in their communities about their care and maintenance.

In the last fifty years these sacred places have become more and more vulnerable as land values have risen dramatically. The owners of some cemeteries have tried to pretend that these aging burial sites are vacant land i.e. real estate waiting to be sold for a profit. Since 1989, OHS has consistently maintained its position that our cemeteries should remain in their original locations, using every means at its disposal, including publicity, publications, workshops, seminars, the *OHS Bulletin* ("Cemetery News"), Honours and Awards Program, and encouraging the formation of new local organizations to uphold this principle.

Since 1995, as the infringement and the threats to relocate our burial places have accelerated, the OHS has also been forced on numerous occasions to resort to the only means left available to defend our cemeteries – legal action. 2006 has been again a very busy year for the OHS

concerning cemetery protection with far greater demands and requests than resources. The "Cemetery News" column, for example, remains popular but the number of articles submitted far exceeds the space available for each publication.

The OHS presentation: *Ontario's Cemeteries – The Struggle for the Public Interest* received many invitations, with programs given in Brussels, Chatham, Pickering, Ancaster, Chaffey's Lock and Southampton. Numerous phone consultations took place including site visits to cemeteries in Kent County, Grey County, City of Greater Sudbury, Region of Peel, City of Peterborough, City of Hamilton, City of Mississauga, Toronto, Prince Edward County, Leeds and Grenville and Wellington County. New OHS affiliated societies emerged such as the Mapleton Historical Society and the Green Bay Heritage Cemetery Association dedicated to preserving pioneer cemeteries.

The Hon. Jim Brownell, MPP (Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh) and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Tourism, invited Marjorie Stuart and I to the Ontario Legislature to witness the historic debate on his Private Member's Bill 25 entitled, "An Act to preserve the gravesites of former Premiers of Ontario." OHS has also publicized Mr. Brownell's tour highlighting the former Ontario Premiers' burial sites.





CEMETERY PRESERVATION

In November 2005, the Ontario Registrar for Cemeteries ordered that it was in the public interest to relocate the entire St. Alban's Anglican Church Cemetery so that the owner could build a house. The OHS and the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) appealed this decision to the Licence Appeal Tribunal (LAT). In March 2006, all parties had a pre-hearing. On May 15, 2006, the OHS and OGS were served with a motion from the Province which would deny our right to a full appeal hearing. On June 29, 2006, with the assistance of a law student, the OHS and OGS attended a hearing on this motion at LAT. On July 4, 2006, Vice-Chair Irvin H. Sherman Q.C. ruled decisively in favour of OHS/OGS upholding the right of both societies to a full and fair appeal hearing.

On October 23, 24 and November 6, 8 and 9, 2006, OHS/OGS attended appeal hearings at the LAT in Toronto. Full written final arguments

were jointly submitted by OHS/OGS in early 2007. Regrettably, for the first time since 1995, the OHS/OGS lost a cemetery appeal as another hearing officer on February, 27, 2007, ruled that it was in the public interest to relocate this pioneer cemetery for private real estate development. Although there were grounds for judicial review, OHS/OGS did not have the financial resources to proceed. I would like to thank our four witnesses: Dorothy Duncan, Diane Clendenan, Paul Johnston and Jim Leonard who generously donated their time and expertise.

The OHS continues to work with families and descendants who have relatives buried in pioneer cemeteries threatened by development such as the Cooley-Hatt Cemetery.

There are many, many cemeteries that are not registered with the Province of Ontario and therefore are highly vulnerable as they do not legally exist. OHS/OGS are continuing their Province-wide campaign to register all cemeteries and I would like to thank OHS/OGS members Diane and Steve Clendenan, Marjorie Stuart, Anna Clapp, Phyllis Bowen and Marie Burk who have donated their expertise and countless hours to this historic initiative.

In the 2005 Annual Report, I reported that, at the request of an OHS member and donor, I had visited and worked to

rectify the damage to the Harrison-Hewgill Cemetery in the City of Brampton where a work crew dumped tons of frozen earth onto that pioneer cemetery. I am pleased to report in 2006 that the City of Brampton has now shown exceptional leadership in designating not only this burial site but all cemeteries in its jurisdiction under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as properties of cultural heritage value and interest. I consider this work another crucial part of the struggle for the public interest.

Our cemetery preservation work depends on donations to the Cemetery Defence Fund and all the time and effort donated by our dedicated volunteers and expert witnesses. I would also like to thank the OHS Past President, Dr. Fred Armstrong and OHS First Vice-President, Ken Turner (Chair, OHS Cemetery Committee) for their invaluable guidance, encouragement and support in 2006.

The OHS works very closely with OGS, our provincial partner, on cemetery issues. OGS also generously donates each year to our Cemetery Defence Fund. I would like to thank in particular the current President of OGS and a member of the OHS, Bob Crawford, for his total dedication, hard work and personal support throughout 2006 for cemetery preservation in Ontario.

Rob Leverty
Deputy Executive Director



Cooley Hatt descendants with Marjorie Stuart.

Photo Rob Leverty





EDUCATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

In 2006, the OHS was invited by both old and new heritage partners across Ontario to present numerous educational programs and to help preserve our history.

The OHS continued its project, "Making Ontario's Heritage Accessible to People with Disabilities" (2004-2006) in partnership with the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario, Ministry of Community and Social Services. The OHS organized and implemented heritage accessibility workshops in Ottawa and Newmarket with the support of the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario. Our partners for these accessibility workshops were The Council of Heritage Organizations in Ottawa/ Conseil des organismes du patrimoine d'Ottawa (CHOO/COPO), The Library and Archives of Canada's Diversity and Employment Equity Committee, the York Durham Association of Museums and Archives, York Region Tourism and the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee.



Accessibility workshop held in Ottawa, 2006. Photo Rob Leverty

These workshops attracted historical societies, museums, libraries, archives, genealogical societies,

municipal heritage committees, accessibility consultants, pioneer villages, art galleries, cultural centres, regional consultants from the Ministry of Culture, Citizenship & Immigration and Tourism, municipal accessibility advisory committees and people with disabilities. The OHS has now submitted a final draft of the Accessibility Information and Resource Tool Kit to the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario for approval by the Ministry of Community and Social Services.



The Culinary Historians of Ontario are seen here at the annual Cookbook Caper at the John McKenzie House. Photo Rob Leverty

In 2006, the OHS hosted numerous events at the John McKenzie House in Willowdale. In January, David Zimmer, MPP (Willowdale) and Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney General, held his 2006 New Year's Levee with over 475 of Mr. Zimmer's Willowdale constituents attending this special event. In February, the OHS and the Culinary Historians of Ontario sponsored a special lecture entitled "Community Responses to Changing Foods in Panniqtuuq, Nunavut." The OHS held its Annual Heritage Day reception at the historic John McKenzie House. In May,



Mel Swart (centre) MPP for Welland-Thorold from 1975-1988 receives the prestigious Lyn MacMillan Award for Niagara Escarpment Protection at an April 11, 2006 reception in St. Catharines. Photo Phyllis Lee

the OHS again hosted *Doors Open Toronto* in partnership with the Culture Division, City of Toronto. OHS staff and volunteers conducted tours and managed a book sale. In August, the OHS held an Antique and Collectibles Auction. In November 2006, the OHS and the Culinary Historians of Ontario held the Annual Cookbook Caper. In December, the OHS hosted its Annual Luncheon for the Women's Canadian Historical Society.

During 2006, the Toronto Postcard Club, the Green Party of Canada, Gibson House Museum, Hincks-Dellcrest Institute and the Canadian Diabetes Association held events at the OHS's headquarters.

In the spring of 2006, the OHS in collaboration with the Sturgeon River House Museum and the Voyageur Heritage Network organized a workshop on the history of the fur trade. Sessions focused



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on the ecology of the trade, its material culture, its business practices and its impact on First Nations and European participants. I appreciated the assistance of the staff and volunteers of our local partner, The Sturgeon River House Museum.

Also in April, the OHS participated with the Grey County Archives, Bruce-Grey Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) and Durham Chamber of Commerce in the 5th Annual Grey County Black History Event in Durham.

In May, OHS was invited by the Owen Sound Field Naturalists to give a presentation to its members on protecting Ontario's Natural Heritage.

In June, the OHS attended the 50th Anniversary of the United Empire Loyalist Association, Bay of Quinte Branch at their heritage property, the U.E.L.



Sharon Miller of Gananoque "sells her wares" at the Loyalist Landing and Market Days at the U.E.L. Heritage Centre and Park in Adolphustown. Photo Rob Leverty

Heritage Centre & Park in Adolphustown. An official parade then led to the 1784 Loyalist Cemetery and after a service of dedication I laid a wreath on behalf of the OHS at the obelisk. Later in my speech, I referred to an



U.E.L. Loyalist Fifes and Drums celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the United Empire Loyalists Association, Bay of Quinte Branch, on June 17, 2006. Photo Rob Leverty

Ontario History article (Vol. XLVII Autumn 1955) and spoke of the vital role the volunteers of the Bay of Quinte Branch have played in the past and today in promoting and protecting the 1784 landing site and cemetery. To mark their anniversary year the U.E.L. Centre has formed the Loyalist Fifes and Drums.

On September 28th, 2006, the Sault Ste. Marie (SSM) Museum hosted a Gala Evening to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the "Old Post Office" building, a designated heritage site which houses the Museum. I was an invited guest of the evening and spoke on the important role non-government organizations play in preserving our local heritage and the invaluable contribution of volunteers. At



The Sault Ste. Marie Museum hosted a Gala Evening Sept. 28, 2006, to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the "Old Post Office" building. Photo Rob Leverty

this event the SSM Museum officially launched its Trust Fund established to assist the Museum in meeting its mandate in the years ahead. The SSM Museum is owned and operated by the SSM & 49th Field Regiment R.C.A. Historical Society, incorporated on March 17th, 1962, through affiliation with the OHS.

At the October Annual Meeting of the Voyageur Heritage Network in Sudbury, Jim



Jim Fortin (left) Curator of Museums, City of Greater Sudbury, and Connie LePage, Heritage and Exhibits Programmer, Greater Sudbury Public Library pose with their Museum in a Suitcase education kits. Photo Rob Leverty





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Fortin, Curator, City of Greater Sudbury Heritage Museums and I led a workshop entitled "A Practical Guide to the Collection Methods & Use of Oral History." In conjunction with the Voyageur Heritage Network's educational program, the OHS also attended the Ministry of Culture's Maintenance and Emergency Planning for Heritage and Cultural Facilities workshop at the YMCA Sudbury.

In October, the Allan Macpherson House in Napanee hosted on behalf of the OHS and the Ontario Museums Association the two-day Canadian Conservation Institute workshop "Preserving Housekeeping in Historic House Museums."

The OHS also participated in a networking event in Ottawa for students enrolled in the Applied Museums Studies Program at Algonquin College. As a result of this workshop, seven students and one instructor applied for OHS membership.

The OHS assisted numerous heritage organizations to incorporate in the Province through affiliation with the OHS. In 2006, the OHS worked with and welcomed the following new affiliated societies: The Mapleton Historical Society; The Friends of Diana Sweets; The Emancipation Festival; Citizens for Riverdale Hospital and The Wolfe Island Historical Society. As part of the affiliation application for incorporation, the OHS

attended public meetings in Goldstone, St. Catharines, Durham, Toronto and Wolfe Island.

The OHS responded to numerous and diverse requests from our member organizations for assistance in preserving and promoting their local history.

In February, the OHS participated in the Annual Postcard Club Show in Toronto. In March, the OHS was the guest speaker at the AGM of the Fieldcote Society held at Ancaster's Old Town Hall. In June, the OHS had meetings in Chatham with our affiliated society, The Chatham-Kent Black Historical Society, which had recently celebrated the official twinning of Chatham-Kent and Harpers Ferry, West Virginia.



Gwen Robinson of the Chatham Kent Black Historical Society, shows us a message that resonates with many organizations. Photo Rob Leverty

The OHS advised and acted as a reference for the Ontario Jewish Archives' Small Jewish

Communities Project funded by the Trillium Foundation. OHS toured heritage sites, had meetings and gave a presentation to Chaffey's Lock & Area Heritage Society, an OHS affiliate. OHS conducted a strategic review with the Executive of the Tillsonburg & District Historical Society and also gave a presentation to its members at the Tillsonburg Museum, Annandale House, a national historic site.

The OHS attended numerous book launches in support of Natural Heritage Books and Dundurn Press, both OHS members.

The OHS toured the restored Ermatinger-Clergue National Historic Site and discussed future partnerships with staff. OHS conducted a heritage resource assessment for the Committee to Save and Restore the O'Connor Irish Heritage House.

I would also like to thank Carol Ma who helped me last June and July as our Promotions and Outreach Assistant in providing services for our members. Carol was one of our summer students funded by a grant from the Ministry of Culture under the Summer Experience 2006 Program.

Rob Leverty
Deputy Executive Director





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4-Jan	OHS Meeting Queen's Park	Toronto
11-Jan	Meeting with Ontario Genealogical Society	Willowdale
15-Jan	New Year's Levee – Zimmer MPP Willowdale	Willowdale



David Zimmer, MPP Willowdale, hosted his New Year's Levee at the John McKenzie House January 15, 2006. Photo Diane Dore

18-Jan	Meeting with Provincial Facilitator	Toronto
19-Jan	Ontario Nature Meeting	Toronto
20-Jan	Cemetery site visit	Palgrave
23-Jan	Natural heritage site visit	Clarksburg
23-Jan	U of T Arts Mgmt. Co-op Student Interviews	Scarborough
27-Jan	Meeting with Min of Social & Community Services	Toronto
30-Jan	Honours & Awards Presentation	Kingston
30-Jan	Cemetery Meeting with OGS & City Peterborough	Peterborough
31-Jan	Cemetery Preservation Meeting	Toronto
31-Jan	Meeting of OHSF with Provincial Facilitator	Toronto
1-Feb	York Region Planning Meeting	Stouffville
7-Feb	Meeting with Provincial Facilitator	Toronto
8-Feb	Meeting with Toronto Volunteer Centre	Scarborough
9-Feb	Meeting with Ontario Genealogical Society	Willowdale
9-Feb	Meeting with Affiliated Society	Unionville
13-Feb	Meeting with Provincial Archives	Willowdale
13-Feb	Fundraiser Culinary Historians of Ontario Lecture	Willowdale
14-Feb	Meeting at Teplitsky, Colson Barristers	Toronto
17-Feb	Meeting of OHS Foundation	Willowdale
17-Feb	A&F Committee Meeting	Willowdale
18-Feb	OHS Board of Directors Meeting	Willowdale
19-Feb	Toronto Post Card Show	Toronto
20-Feb	Heritage Day Celebrations at the OHS	Willowdale
20-Feb	Ontario Heritage Trust Heritage Day Event	Toronto
22-Feb	Meeting with Affiliated Society	Fenelon Falls
28-Feb	OHS Accessibility Workshop	Ottawa
6-Mar	OHS Accessibility Workshop	Newmarket
22-Mar	Accessibility Directorate Ontario	Toronto
25-Mar	Meeting with new affiliate – Wolfe Island HS	Wolfe Island
27-Mar	Preservation Meeting	Brampton
30-Mar	OHS/OGS at Licence Appeal Tribunal Pre-hearing	Toronto
6-Apr	OHS Presentation at AGM of Fieldcote Society	Ancaster
7-Apr	OHS at Ontario Legislature Bill 25	Queen's Park
11-Apr	OHS-AGM Preservation Agricultural Lands Society	St. Catharines





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12-Apr	Accessibility Directorate Ontario	Toronto
18-Apr	OHS Meeting at Ontario Jewish Archives	Toronto
19-Apr	OHS at Dundurn Press Meeting	Toronto
21-23-Apr	OHS presentation at Voyageur Heritage Network	Sturgeon Falls
21-23-Apr	Fur Trade Workshop Sturgeon River House Mus.	Sturgeon Falls
28-29-Apr	OHS Presentation at OGS Regional Meeting	Brussels
29-Apr	OHS at Grey County Black History Meeting	Durham
4-May	OHS – Dedication Ceremony Heritage Mississauga	Mississauga
5-May	OHS Site Inspection O'Connor Irish Heritage House	Toronto
6-May	OHS AGM & Honours & Awards	Orillia
10-May	OHS at Ont. Environmental Commissioner	Flesherton
11-May	OHS Presentation – Owen Sound Field Naturalists	Owen Sound
16-May	OHS Preservation Meeting	Willowdale
18-May	OHS Workshop – Encouragers	Pickering
24-May	OHS/OGS Cemetery Meeting	Palgrave
27-May	Toronto Doors Open with OHS Fundraiser	Willowdale
30-May	OHS at East York Historical Society	Toronto
31-May	OHS Meeting – Citizens for Riverdale Hospital	Toronto
5-6-Jun	OHS Presentation Chaffey's Lock Heritage Society	Chaffey's Lock
6-Jun	OHS Meeting Law Student Queen's University	Kingston
8-Jun	Descendants visit John McKenzie House	Willowdale
8-Jun	OHS Presentation/Rental – Toronto Postcard Club	Willowdale
9-Jun	OHS Tour and Presentation – Chatham/Kent OGS	Chatham
9-10-Jun	OHS Board of Directors Meeting	Willowdale
13-Jun	OHS with Jim Brownell MPP Bill 25	Toronto
14-15-June	Interviews Ont. Summer Employment Program	Willowdale
15-Jun	OHS – Meeting with Developers & Descendants	Ancaster
16-Jun	OHS – Rental for Gibson House	Willowdale
17-Jun	50th Anniversary UEL Bay of Quinte – OHS Speech	Adolphustown
21-Jun	Canadian Diabetes Association Rental	Willowdale
22-Jun	Hincks-Dellcrest Rental	Willowdale
29-Jun	OHS/OGS Licence Appeal Tribunal	Toronto
4-Jul	OHS/OGS site visit with Jim Brownell MPP	Toronto
13-Jul	OHS/OGS Licence Appeal Tribunal	Toronto



*Seen here at the Licence Appeal Tribunal are (left to right) Rob Leverty, Jesse Kugler and Bob Crawford.
Photo Diane Clendenan*

20-Jul	Rental – Green Party of Canada	Willowdale
24-Jul	OHS Presentation – Fundraiser Irish Community	Toronto
25-Jul	OHS Meeting with Kentridge Johnson Planning	Toronto
31-Jul	OHS Community Meeting Mapelton His. Society	Goldstone





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12-Aug	OHS Auction Fundraiser	Willowdale
8-9-Sep	OHS Admin & Finance & Board Meeting	Willowdale
15-Sep	OHS/OGS meeting	Willowdale
20-Sep	OHS at London Middelsex H.S. Award Ceremony	London
26-Sep	OHS Presentation at Bruce County Archives	Southampton
26-Sept-1Oct	Assoc. for the Study of African American Life and History	Atlanta, Ga.
28-Sep	OHS Speaker 100th Anniver. Sault Ste. Marie Mus.	Sault Ste. Marie
29-Sep	Meeting Ermatinger-Clergue Nat. Historic Site	Sault Ste. Marie



*In 2006, the OHS toured Ermatinger-Clergue National Historic Site and discussed future partnerships with Kathy Fisher, Curator (right) and Pauline Pennett, Assistant Curator.
Photo Rob Levery*

30-Sep	OHS at Sault Ste. Marie Art Gallery	Sault Ste. Marie
30-Sep	Canadian Consulate Speech – Ontario Black History	Atlanta, Ga.
11-Oct	Meeting Ministry of Culture	Toronto
23-24-Oct	OHS/OGS Licence Appeal Tribunal Hearing	Toronto
24-Oct	Archivist of Ontario and staff	Toronto
24-25 Oct	OHS/OMA and Can. Conservation Institute Wksp	Napanee
26-Oct	OHS Meeting Regional Consultant Min. Culture	Sudbury
27-Oct	OHS Meeting City of Sudbury Heritage Museums	Sudbury
28-Oct	OHS at Voyageur Heritage Network AGM	Sudbury
28-Oct	OHS at Maintenance/Emergency Planning Wksp	Sudbury
28-Oct	OHS Workshop Oral History	Sudbury
30-Oct	OHS at Algonquin College Opportunities Seminar	Ottawa
31-Oct	OHS at City of Brampton Heritage Dept.	Brampton
31-Oct	Audit Committee Meeting	Willowdale
1-Nov	OHS Public meeting for Affiliate – Diana Sweets	St. Catharines
6-9-Nov	OHS/OGS At Licence Appeal Tribunal Hearing	Toronto
7-Nov	Meeting Canadian Consulate – Ontario Black History	Toronto
12-Nov	Annual Cookbook Caper Fundraiser	Willowdale
15-Nov	Ontario Heritage Connection Meeting	Toronto
17-18	OHS Staff Dinner, Executive & Board of Directors Meeting	Willowdale
20-Nov	OHS tour Annandale Nat. Historic Site	Tillsonburg
20-Nov	OHS Meeting Executive of Tillsonburg His. Soc.	Tillsonburg
20-Nov	OHS Presentation to Tillsonburg Historical Society	Tillsonburg
26-27-Nov	Heritage Planning for Toronto – Expert Advisor Consultation	Fort York
30-Nov	Historica Fairs Ontario – Affiliation Meeting	Toronto
30-Nov	OHS/OGS Meeting	Georgetown
30-Nov	Artist meeting re: Queen Street Mental Health Project	Toronto
1-Dec	OHS Meeting – Corp. Branch, Min. Gov't Services	Toronto
1-Dec	Women's Canadian Historical Society Luncheon	Willowdale
9-Dec	Black History Teachers' Workshop delivered by KS Frost	Cincinnati
12-Dec	OHS/OGS Meeting	Willowdale
12-Dec	Meeting re: Roots & Drums Festival/Tourism Grant	Pickering





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Caterer Sue Pie makes her culinary creations for the annual Heritage Day reception at John McKenzie House.

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OHS Past President Brian Osborne presents an Ontario Historical Society ribbon to an Ontario Provincial Historica Fair participant in Ottawa, May 2007, continuing the OHS' involvement in the important work of Historica.
Photo Courtesy of Historica

In March the OHS presented the workshop "Making Ontario's Heritage Accessible for People with Disabilities" in Newmarket. Special guests included service dogs Major (black Lab) and Crawford (yellow Lab) with left to right: Wendy Pizzardi, Library and Archives Canada and Dog Guides of Canada; Brenda McGowan, Tourism Promotion Coordinator, York Region; and Donna Snow, Dog Guides of Canada.
Photo Rob Leverty

The Hon. Jim Brownell, Liberal MPP for Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Tourism, in 2006 tabled a Private member's Bill 25 entitled "An Act to preserve the gravesites of former Ontario Premiers of Ontario." Seen here (fourth from left), Jim Brownell poses at the gravesite of Sir Oliver Mowat in Mount Pleasant Cemetery with (left to right) Rob Leverty (OHS); Kerry Towndrow and Andrei Metelkine (office of Jim Brownell); Bob Crawford (President OGS); Christy Chak (OHS Summer Experience Student); Anna Clapp (OHS member, volunteer & donor); Marjorie Stuart (Editor, *OHS Bulletin* Cemetery News) and Ari Pottens (office of Hon. Michael Bryant, Attorney General).
Photo Courtesy Office of Jim Brownell MPP

