

# The Ontario Historical Society



## Annual Report 2008

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## **Front Cover Photographs**

*(Top to Bottom)*

*Mr. Jim Brownell, (pictured second from right) MPP, Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry, and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Tourism consults with representatives and members of The Ontario Historical Society (OHS) and The Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) on his Private Member's Bill – Bill 149, Inactive Cemeteries Protection Act, 2009. Photo Credit: Office of Jim Brownell, MPP*

*The Ontario Historical Society was enthusiastically represented at Kingston's Second Annual 19th Century Fall Festival in October 2008. Pictured above are students of OHS Board Member Joe Stafford's Grade 10 History class, who, in addition to donning historical costumes, created a wonderfully informative and impressive display table promoting the Society and its Honours and Awards Programme. Many thanks for their support and enthusiasm! Photo Credit: Joe Stafford*

*On November 4th 2008, The Ontario Historical Society attended a special awards ceremony hosted by The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario for the Ontario Black History Society's (OBHS) Commemoration of the 175th Anniversary of the Abolition of Slavery. Pictured (left to right) are Rosemary Sadlier, OBHS President; The Honourable Margaret R. Best, Minister of Health Promotion; Rella Braithwaite, Past President, OBHS; Ms. Ruth Ann Onley; The Honourable David C. Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario; and Christina Perfetto, Membership Coordinator, The Ontario Historical Society.*

## **Back Cover Photographs**

*(Clockwise, from top left)*

*The Ojibwe Cultural Foundation (OCF), M'Chigeeng, Ontario, attended the OHS workshop "Making Ontario's Heritage Accessible for People with Disabilities" in Sudbury. Seen here (left) is Alan Corbiere, Operations Manager for the OCF, receiving Accessible Heritage – An Accessibility Tool Kit for Ontario's Heritage Organizations and Institutions. Photo Credit: Dorothy Duncan*

*The OHS in partnership with the Timber Village Museum and the Voyageur Heritage Network presented a very popular event entitled "Living History: A Basket Making Workshop" in Blind River. Pictured left is workshop leader, Judy McGonigal, historian, museum volunteer, curator, and an OHS Past President, helping Jim Fortin, Curator, Greater City of Sudbury Heritage Museums and a former OHS Board Member, to make a Great Lakes Spoked Basket. Thank you again Judy for a great workshop and your continued dedicated service to the OHS! Photo Credit: Rob Leverty*

*The OHS would like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to OHS Board Member Joe Stafford on his recent Governor General Award for Excellence in Teaching Canadian History. Pictured is Mr. Stafford receiving the Award from Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada. Mr. Stafford had encouraged his Grade 10 history students at St. Theresa Catholic Secondary School to re-enact the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation under the government of Mackenzie King. Students dressed in 1920's garb, prepared visual displays and staged vaudeville acts to highlight the accomplishments of Canada. Photo Credit: MCpl Jean-François Neron, Rideau Hall*

*The OPP Museum held a celebratory launch of the new organization, "Friends of The OPP Museum" on May 22, 2008 at Ontario Provincial Police Headquarters in Orillia. Provincial Constable Guy Higgott, OPP Commissioner Julian Fantino and OHS Executive Director Rob Leverty (left to right) discussed the plans for the OPP's 100th anniversary in 2009. Photo Credit: OPP Museum*

*The Sioux Lookout Volunteer Museum Curators Group hosted the Fall 2008 Meeting of The Sunset Country Museum Network. The OHS gave two presentations at this regional meeting and joined our colleagues in touring the Sioux Lookout Museum. Seen here is Vera Kameda-Lacroix, Volunteer Curator, with a truly magnificent First Nation Runner's Regalia. This garment is a prize example of two cultures coming together, as the tunic portion is constructed with mid-1800s Victorian fabric. Photo Credit: Rob Leverty*



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am pleased to say the 2008-2009 year has been a very positive one for The Ontario Historical Society. Our new Executive Director Robert Leverty has done an outstanding job in his first full year at the helm and our finances have not looked this good in a very long time.

I would also like to thank both our Office Manager and Membership Coordinator Christina Perfetto and OHS Bulletin Editor Andrea Izzo for all their hard work on behalf of the Society.

I personally feel that the main priority of the OHS is to proactively promote and preserve Ontario's history. Perhaps one of the Society's greatest accomplishments in that realm has been the success of keeping Ontario's historic cemeteries in their original locations.

After many long years of negotiation and lobbying, the OHS and our friends from the Ontario Genealogical Society are proud that Liberal MPP Jim Brownell has proposed Bill 149, *The Inactive Cemeteries Protection Act*. I feel that

this is a very necessary piece of legislation because it fills in the gaps between the *Ontario Cemeteries Act* and the *Ontario Heritage Act* with regard to protecting inactive historic cemeteries. Even though a cemetery is designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act* there is still a possibility sections or an entire cemetery can be dug up and relocated. Furthermore, the process of applying to dig up and move historic cemeteries under the *Ontario Cemeteries Act* is still problematic. As concerned members of the heritage community, we must strongly support the passage of Bill 149. This Bill gives specific recognition to the historical and cultural importance of cemeteries. It will also end the practice of the Province of Ontario spending taxpayer money in tribunals arguing the interests of private development under the guise of "public interest".

Our forefathers deserve better than having their remains dangled on the end of a backhoe as these private interests plunder their gravesites. At the time of this writing, Bill 149 has

passed second reading in the Ontario Legislature and is supported by all political parties. It will, however, take a concerted effort from all heritage minded persons to ensure this Bill becomes law. We hope you will support Mr. Brownell and The Ontario Historical Society and make your voice heard in support of Bill 149.

I was able to visit a few but not nearly as many regional historical societies as I would have liked to in my year as President. You all do an outstanding job and are the first line of defence across the province in helping the OHS with its mandate. Regional historical societies play an essential role in each area of the province. Monitoring local heritage issues and collecting and preserving the local history are essential to the success of the heritage movement. I urge all of you to become proactive and loudly stand up for the preservation of your region's history! We all know that our built and documentary heritage is threatened. Historic buildings are destroyed in this province at an alarming rate and ignorance of the importance of valuable historical documents cause them to be lost on a regular basis as well. Let us all support each other from one end of the province to the other in whatever heritage issues may arise. I encourage you to think of yourselves as guardians of our past. What we do – or do not do – now and in this generation, and at this critical time, will have a far reaching and profound impact on all future generations. It has been my pleasure and my honour to serve as your President.

**Ken Turner**  
President  
Ontario Historical Society



The OHS had a tremendously successful 2008 Conference and AGM thanks to the extraordinary efforts of volunteers from the Guelph Historical Society (GHS). Pictured above with OHS President Ken Turner (left to right) are: Ann Guthrie, Vice-President, GHS; Deb Nash-Chambers, President, GHS; Elysia DeLaurentis, Past-President, GHS; and Cynthia Comacchio, OHS Director. Photo: Sheila Creighton





## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

When you read this Annual Report, you will see why 2008 will be remembered as the year the OHS did a great deal more with fewer resources.

My pledge when I became Executive Director was to reduce costs and debt, ensure fiscal discipline, eliminate our operating deficit and work to ensure an operating surplus.

We have achieved these critical goals while both maintaining and expanding our programmes and services. You will read that the OHS has responded to the rising demand to incorporate non-profit organizations through affiliation with the Society; implemented the new OHS Insurance Programme; published and launched the *Accessible Heritage Tool Kit* in communities across Ontario; worked in partnership with the City of Toronto's Clean and Beautiful Programme to design an urban community garden beside the historic John McKenzie House; held the OHS's first Environmental History Conference; collaborated with Counsel, Crown Law Office – Civil, Ministry of the Attorney General and other interested parties to resolve issues concerning the appeal of the City of Peterborough to relocate Confederation Square Cemetery; completed a Roots of Freedom Grant including launching *The Forging Freedom* Website and preparation of the manuscript for *Ontario's African-Canadian Heritage, Collected Writings of Fred Landon, 1918-1967*; developed a new OHS membership programme and website software under an Ontario Cultural Strategic Investment Fund; negotiated a new OHS Huguenot Society of Canada Award; collaborated with Jim Brownell MPP, Stormont-Dundas-

South Glengarry in the research and drafting of Bill 149, *The Inactive Cemeteries Protection Act* and became the new host organization for "Medals and Memories" The *Reading and Remembrance* Project.

I am very pleased with the increased volume of new members and especially gratified to report that many former members have rejoined the Society. In the previous 15 months, the OHS has incorporated 9 new non-profit historical organizations across Ontario. In the last two years, OHS has incorporated 16 new historical organizations, three in northern Ontario. All of this strengthens the OHS and gives us new confidence and energy to work every day on your behalf.

There have been many long days and I want to thank my dedicated colleagues, Christina Perfetto and Andrea Izzo for their steadfast work and dedication. I want to also thank Tharchika Krishnamoorthy, our University of Toronto at Scarborough Co-op Student, for her excellent work at the Society.

I greatly appreciate the leadership and advice of Chris Oslund and Ken Turner, the Presidents that I served in 2008. I want to thank our Treasurer, Naresh Khosla; our accountant Sheila Berzitz; and our auditor, Jim Browning, Akler, Browning, Frimet & Landzberg LLP for all their financial expertise and support this year. Because of the increased volume of applications to incorporate through affiliation, I want to thank Brad Rudachyk, Chair, OHS Affiliated Societies, for all his encouragement, thoughtful assistance and time spent on this critical file. I would also like to thank the entire OHS Board of Directors

for the many hours and human resources they have donated to ensure good governance for our Society.

Because of the dedicated work and scholarship of Tory Tronrud, Editor, and Thomas McIlwraith, Book Review Editor, OHS published two very fine editions of *Ontario History* including our 100th Anniversary Volume. We appreciate the generosity and skills of the Editorial Advisory Committee, translators, authors, writers and all those who reviewed articles and books for their contributions to *Ontario History*.

The OHS successfully published five editions of the *OHS Bulletin*. We appreciate the fine work of our Editor, Andrea Izzo and everyone who contributed articles and photos. For their donated work throughout 2008, there is a very special thank you for our regular Editors: Chris and Pat Raible, *From The Bookshelf*; Dorothy Duncan, *Across The Province*; and Marjorie Stuart, *Cemetery News*.

The OHS greatly appreciates the support of the Ontario Ministry of Culture which provided our provincial grant and also a grant under the Cultural Strategic Investment Fund. I would like to thank in particular Kate Oxley, Heritage Outreach Consultant, Ministry of Culture, for her encouragement and support. The OHS would also like to thank the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration for providing a Roots of Freedom Grant and, in addition, Alicia Edano at the Education and Partnerships Branch, Accessibility Directorate of Ontario, Ministry of

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

In 2008, the financial position of the Society improved considerably as a result of the sale of the Banting Property.

The 100 acres of property housing the Edward Banting Homestead was sold to the Town of New Tecumseth for \$600,000. The consideration consisted of \$200,000 cash and a non-interest bearing mortgage of \$400,000 secured by the Banting Property that is repayable in two equal installments due on June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2010. With the receipt of the \$200,000, the OHS was able to pay most of its old liabilities and improve its financial position.

Total revenue for 2008 was \$974,708 including \$600,000 for the sale of

Banting Property, compared to \$407,668 for 2007. Revenue was lower in both government grants and donations. The operating grant of \$242,000 for 2008 was the same as the previous year. Operating expenses excluding the Foundation expenses in 2008 were \$372,989 compared to \$448,151 in 2007. The lower expenses resulted from strong cost controls and reduced staff costs. It should be noted programme activity was maintained at the level of the previous years together with an increase in regular contacts and support for affiliates.

The statement of operations shows a surplus of revenue over expenses of \$570,308 compared to a deficit of \$134,387 last year. The surplus

was due to the income from the sale of the Banting Property. The OHS Foundation shows a surplus of \$579,301 compared to a deficit of \$52,996 in 2007. After adjusting for related expenses of the Foundation in earlier years \$430,140 has been placed in Restricted Funds.

Excluding revenue and expenses related to the Foundation, there was a small deficit of revenue over expenses \$8,993 (2007 deficit \$81,391).

The *Ontario History* publications showed a surplus of \$7,138 for 2008 against a surplus of \$10,115 last year.

**Naresh Khosla**  
Treasurer

## MEMBERSHIP

I cannot believe that another year has gone by, and it is already time for another AGM!

As Membership Coordinator, I would like to express my gratitude and say thank you to all of our members for their continued support during the 2008 year. Many of you have generously given us donations to help us during the year, while others have helped by volunteering their valuable time on special events, such as Doors Open, Heritage Day and other workshops across the province.

I would like to welcome our 81 new members and I sincerely hope that you will enjoy the newsletter and your subscription to *Ontario History*. With your membership renewal and donations, we are able to continue our great work across the province and share discoveries with you.

I am very excited to inform you that we have a new membership program software, provided by Virtuo.ca of Ottawa, that will enable us to serve our members, affiliated members, and subscribers more efficiently. With this new program, our membership service will improve in many ways, including an online event calendar for our member groups and instantly distributed charitable tax receipts.

I would also like to thank our board members for working so diligently and it is their help and knowledge that make the efforts of The Ontario Historical Society's possible.

Thank you again, and have a great year!

**Christina Perfetto**  
Membership Coordinator



Many thanks to the volunteers and to the Culinary Historians of Ontario (CHO) for making the 2008 Cookbook Caper event a success. Pictured above are (left to right): Lillian Methven, volunteer and costumed greeter for the event; Christina Perfetto, OHS Membership Coordinator; and CHO volunteer Zella Llerena. To learn more about the Cookbook Caper event, please see *Educational Programmes, Services and Public Outreach* (page 11).

Photo: Lillian Methven





## OHS INSURANCE PROGRAMME

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Directorate of Ontario, Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Finally, I want to thank you – our members, donors, and volunteers – who have been so generous and honest this year with your advice, insights and commitment to the preservation of history in Ontario. In whatever capacity over the years, it remains always a great honour and privilege to work on your behalf.

**Rob Leverty**  
Executive Director

In response to the needs and growing concerns of our membership, the OHS, in co-operation with Jones Deslauriers Insurance Management Inc. launched, in April 2008, an insurance programme. Any historical organization in Ontario that is a non-profit corporation and a member of the OHS “in good standing” is eligible to apply for General Liability Insurance and/or Directors and Officers Liability Insurance.

As of March 31, 2009, the OHS has reviewed and approved 55 non-profit corporations for the Society’s insurance programme. So far there are 19 historical organizations that have Directors and Officers Liability Insurance policies underwritten at a limit of \$2 million each and 22 have General Liability Insurance policies with liability limits of at least \$2

million each.

The OHS continues to process insurance applications on a regular basis. John Thomas, our Insurance Broker, Jones Deslauriers, consults each historical organization to ensure that insurance policies are tailored to address specific needs and local circumstances. There are many active applications and therefore, insurance policies for our members are underwritten and issued on an ongoing basis.

The OHS insurance programme is a new service which enables and protects volunteers across Ontario who donate their time and skills serving on the Boards of Directors of our member organizations.

**Rob Leverty**  
Executive Director

## COMMUNICATIONS

The *OHS Bulletin* had a successful year in 2008 – the five issues published (Numbers 163 to 167: February, April, June, September, and December) communicated to our membership news about Ontario’s heritage sector from all corners of our vast province – from Sioux Lookout to Toronto; from Windsor to Ottawa – and everywhere in between. In its efforts to promote and preserve our collective heritage, the OHS strives to provide relevant and up-to-date information for its members, and is able to realize that goal through the *Bulletin*. If you would like to submit an article or event listing, please feel free to do so (with high resolution photographs) to the e-mail address below.

Increased efforts were made to

secure higher advertising revenues through the *Bulletin*. Thank you to the supporters of the OHS who have purchased advertising space. Space is available in future issues – please contact the *Bulletin* Editor at [izzo@ontariohistoricalsociety.ca](mailto:izzo@ontariohistoricalsociety.ca) for more information or a rate sheet.

Without the contributions of our guest writers and editors, the *OHS Bulletin* would not be possible. The OHS is very grateful to Chris and Pat Raible for reviewing recently published books on Ontario’s history in *From the Bookshelf*; Marjorie Stuart for receiving notices from concerned citizens province-wide and writing the Cemetery News column; Ken Turner for his President’s Report; and Rob Leverty for his Executive Director’s Report which keeps readers informed on

the OHS’s ongoing efforts. A special thank you is also due to Brenda Lennie and Liz Gjerek of Harmony Printing in Toronto.

The OHS is very excited to announce the arrival of a brand-new redeveloped website by [Virtuo.ca](http://Virtuo.ca) of Ottawa. A great deal of time was spent in 2008 planning and developing the webpage, which will include a member login, a province-wide events calendar which can be updated by members and affiliates, and many more features. Communication with our membership will improve in 2009 as a result of this new website. To learn more about this project, see page 11.

**Andrea Izzo**  
OHS Bulletin Editor





## OHS AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

*An Act to incorporate The Ontario Historical Society* (Assented to 1st April, 1899), Section 10, states: "Any historical or pioneer society hereafter becoming affiliated with the said society under the constitution and by-laws of the latter in that behalf, shall thereby become incorporated by the name under which it shall become affiliated, and with all the powers and privileges conferred by this Act upon the Ontario Historical Society." Any such organization may receive the benefits conferred by this clause by applying for affiliation to the Society and being granted the affiliation by resolution of the Board of Directors of the OHS.

In 2008, there were six historical organizations that incorporated in the Province of Ontario as Not-for-Profit Corporations through Affiliation with the OHS. The new OHS Affiliated Societies are:

### **Thornhill Heritage Foundation,** (Incorporated April 19, 2008)

The purpose of the foundation is to own and maintain all heritage, historic, cultural or significant/valuable assets donated to or purchased by the Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill; establish and administer an Endowment Fund to manage bequests, currency, testamentary or living trusts or other financial assets donated to the Foundation or through the Society; endeavour to acquire a suitable location to house the Society's Archives and Special Collections; maintain the building and property; make it a meeting location for the Society and develop it to become a "Heritage Centre" to feature on-going displays of significant heritage records as well as the many artifacts and antiques given to the Society.



*Directors of The Waterdown-East Flamborough Historical Society, which incorporated through affiliation with the OHS in 1983, met with Rob Levery to review their goals and strategic directions. Rob was given a tour of the Flamborough Archives and observed "this is one of the finest archives I have ever seen."* Photo: Len Snell

### **Weston Heritage Conservation District** (Incorporated June 13, 2008)

The purpose of the District is the preservation and protection of the built heritage of Weston through the policies and guidelines within the Weston Heritage Conservation District plan. Through the knowledge and information gained in this process, it is hoped that the neighbourhood will maintain its historical atmosphere and integrity.

### **Wollaston Heritage** (Incorporated September 20, 2008)

The purpose of Wollaston Heritage is to preserve and protect the unique heritage of the township for its citizens; to interview long-time residents of the community and preserve the oral history; to save the natural and built history including the pioneer cemeteries and to collect local artifacts which pertain to the township.

### **Bruce Mines and District Historical Society** (Incorporated November 22, 2008)

The purpose of this Society is to

bring together people interested in the diverse historical heritage of Bruce Mines and to research, codify, retain, preserve and present historical data pertaining to the region.

### **Credit Valley Heritage Society,** (Incorporated November 22, 2008)

The purpose of this Society is to bring together those people interested in the diverse historical and natural heritage of Halton Hills and the region and to undertake and promote the study of any phase of historical research for the purpose of protecting both the man-made and natural heritage of Halton Hills and in particular the Barber Mill and the Credit Valley.

### **Dunnville Culture and Heritage Foundation** (Incorporated November 22, 2008)

The purpose of this Foundation is to restore the Braund House as an historic building and public space for the promotion of the culture and heritage of Dunnville.

During 2008, the OHS gave advice

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## ONTARIO HISTORY

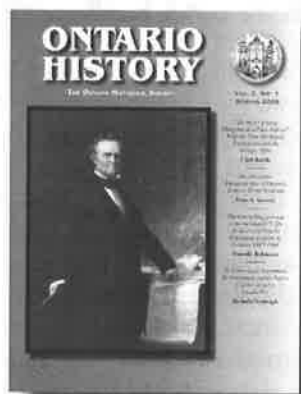
Beginning the hundredth volume of *Ontario History* in the spring of 2008 were four articles that set the tone for what proved to be an excellent year. Chris Raible, who knows William Lyon Mackenzie better than anyone else, led off with an exposé of the printer's battle with Freemasonry, a topic completely ignored by the man's many biographers. Two articles on the impact of the automobile on the province followed: Peter A. Stevens' examination of how cars transformed the summer home

tradition and Danielle Robinson's detailed analysis of the creation of the Ancaster-Dundas expressway in the 1960s. Finally, Michelle Vosburgh took us back to the mid nineteenth century with a study of the circumstances surrounding a dispute between the settlers of McNab Township and landowner Archibald McNab.

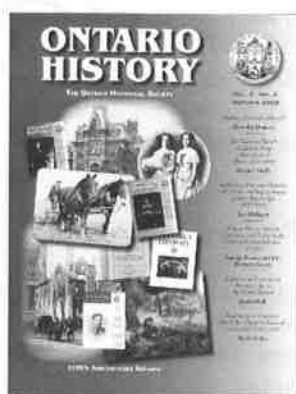
A special 100th anniversary volume *Ontario History* was published in the autumn of 2008 featuring a personal and insightful lead article by

Dorothy Duncan entitled "Nothing Short of a Miracle". It must have seemed that way at times considering the trials and tribulations the journal has undergone in its more than a century of existence, but there have been plenty of triumphs as well. Few journals anywhere in the country have contributed as much to scholarship.

Four other articles carried on the tradition in the autumn issue: Dennis Duffy's delightful and, at times, humorous discussion of Mackenzie King's obsession with his ancestor's monument; Ian Milligan's careful examination of an early 20th-century trial for sedition; an analysis of an 1851 election by George Emery and J.S. Herbert Emery; James Hull's study of political interference in Toronto's department of engineering, proving that some things never change; and Myles Leslie's detailed assessment of the works of William Fuller Alves Boys.



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**Thorold "Tory" Tronrud**  
Editor, *Ontario History*

## OHS AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

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and presentations to our Affiliated Societies on a wide variety of issues including income tax; applications for charitable status; changing the name of an organization; opening bank accounts; fundraising and grant proposals; redrafting of by-laws; distribution of assets on dissolution; insurance and general governance matters.

The OHS also provided letters of support and acted as a reference on various grant applications submitted by our Affiliates. The Executive

Director estimated that over the year more than 50% of his time was devoted to the central work of the development and support of affiliates.

As of March 7, 2009, the following three historical organizations have incorporated through affiliation with the OHS: **The Portland on the Rideau Historical Society**, incorporated January 17, 2009; **The Unionville Villagers' Association**, incorporated March 7, 2009; **The Canadian Royal Heritage Trust**, incorporated March 7, 2009.

In closing, I would like to thank Rob Leverty, Executive Director, for his unflagging devotion to our Affiliates and his enthusiastic assistance to me as Chair of the OHS Committee for Affiliated Societies. For many, Rob is the public face of the OHS. His broad knowledge and deep understanding of the issues facing not-for-profit heritage groups in the Province of Ontario is as highly regarded as he is personally respected.

**B.E.S. Rudachyk**  
Committee for Affiliated Societies





## CEMETERY PRESERVATION

In 2008, there were many accomplishments and a bold historic initiative to celebrate the OHS' efforts to preserve Ontario's Cemeteries.

In May 2007, the Ontario Registrar for Cemeteries made an unprecedented decision in favour of preserving an historic cemetery in Peterborough. Subsection 8 (2) of the *Cemeteries Act (Revised)* states "The Registrar (for Cemeteries) may order a cemetery closed if the closing is in the *public interest*." To close a cemetery means to dig up and relocate all human remains. Unfortunately, the Ontario Legislature has been unwilling to define the *public interest* and therefore, the OHS has for almost 17 years been engaged in a constant struggle to define the *public interest*.

The OHS had written the Registrar stating that "Further to a site visit and a review of relevant documents, the OHS has concluded that the removal of human remains from and the partial closing of Confederation Square Cemetery, Peterborough's only burial ground between 1825-1851, is not in the *public interest*." On May 25 2007, following the receipt of many submissions, the Registrar released his decision "that closing a part of Confederation Square Cemetery for the purpose of erecting a monument is not in the *public interest*. For this reason the application for an order for the partial closure of the cemetery is denied."

Under subsection 10 (b) of the *Cemeteries Act (Revised)*, any person with an interest may appeal a refusal to order a cemetery closed to the Licence Appeal Tribunal (LAT). Subsequently, the City of Peterborough appealed the order



'Cemetery News' Editor Marjorie Stuart (centre) with Ian Easterbrook (left), Secretary; and Rob Black (right), Vice-President, Wellington County Historical Society. The society hosted a panel discussion "Cemeteries: Care, Concern and Closings," prompted by the sale of the (Old) Anglican Cemetery by the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Elora. At the meeting, the new owner, a respected local developer, announced plans to preserve the cemetery.

Photo: Rob Leverty

of the Registrar to LAT.

The Registrar's order was an historic decision in that it was the first time since the *Cemeteries Act* 1992 was enacted that the Province of Ontario had ruled in support of the OHS's position in defence of the *public interest*. OHS members will remember that on several occasions the OHS has appealed to the LAT various Provincial orders to close and move cemeteries in the *public interest*. These were all lengthy and very costly public hearings. As recently as June 2006, the OHS, in partnership with the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS), even had to defend our appeal rights at the LAT against a Provincial motion to deny them.

On March 5, 2008, the OHS attended a pre-hearing in Peterborough and Laurie Sanford, Vice-Chair, LAT, immediately granted the Society party status. A full appeal hearing was ordered to commence

in September 2008. In the spring and summer of 2008, the OHS worked hard behind the scenes with Counsel, Crown Law Office – Civil, Ministry of the Attorney General; The Registrar for Cemeteries, Province of Ontario; OGS; Citizens for the Protection and Preservation of the Pioneer Cemetery (CPPPC) and other interested parties, to try and resolve this case. These efforts resulted in LAT ordering on August 8, 2008 an indefinite adjournment to the appeal hearing in order for all parties to find a solution to this very divisive issue which would negate the need for costly public hearings.

The OHS still continues to play an active role to ensure that any final settlement in the Peterborough case honours and safeguards the *public interest*. It is, however, disturbing that, between 2006 and 2008, the OHS has had to dedicate as much staff and volunteer time supporting the Province on a cemetery which is designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act* compared to when the OHS in previous cases opposed and appealed Provincial orders to relocate pioneer cemeteries.

In June 2008, Jim Brownell, MPP, (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry) contacted the OHS to inquire whether the Society was interested in working with him on a Private Member's Bill to protect Ontario's Cemeteries from relocation. The OHS accepted Brownell's offer. In the summer and fall of 2008, OHS worked closely with Jim Brownell and his staff and consulted with partners and volunteers in the research and drafting of new legislation. On February 19, 2009, Jim Brownell MPP tabled his historic Bill 149, *Inactive Cemeteries Protection Act*.





## CEMETERY PRESERVATION

OHS members will remember that in 2006-07, the Society worked closely with Mr. Brownell on his previous initiative, "An Act to preserve the gravesites of former Premiers of Ontario", helping to publicize Mr. Brownell's tour highlighting the former Ontario Premiers' burial sites. In June 2007, the Legislature adjourned before enacting Bill 25. However, on August 9, 2007, the OHS joined The Hon. Caroline Di Cocco, Minister of Culture and Jim Brownell to celebrate the announcement that the Government of Ontario will honour Ontario's deceased premiers by permanently marking their gravesites with flags and commemorative plaques. This programme is now being implemented and administered by the Ontario Heritage Trust. In August 2007, Rob Levery, OHS, congratulated Minister Di Cocco and Brownell stating "In our struggle for the public interest, the OHS and our partners across Ontario can and will build on this historic initiative to protect and preserve the gravesites

of all our fellow citizens in their original locations."

2008 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, *OHS Bulletin*, for example, remains very popular but the number of articles submitted far exceeds the space available for each publication. The OHS continued to help families and descendants who have relatives buried in pioneer cemeteries threatened by development.

In 2008, the OHS and the OGS continued their province-wide campaign to determine how many cemeteries are not registered with the Province of Ontario and are legally vulnerable. There has been a long and continuous exchange of information with the 30 branches of OGS and historical societies across Ontario. Many thanks to OHS and OGS volunteers 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. They have now determined that approximately 1,602 known cemeteries are not registered with the Province of Ontario. The OHS has no appeal rights with regard to these unregistered cemeteries and therefore, the Society cannot intervene legally to protect 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 Bob Crawford, Past President, OGS; John Sheehan, Chair, CPPPC; and Dorothy Duncan, an OHS expert witness on the *public interest* for their invaluable guidance, encouragement, dedication and support in 2008.

**Jim Leonard**  
Cemetery Preservation Committee

## MUSEUMS COMMITTEE

Originally started in 1953, the Museums Committee has been a Standing Committee of The Ontario Historical Society since 1985. One of its mandates is to present workshops and programming in all parts of Ontario. To this end, the OHS needs input from all Ontario museums. How best can the OHS service its members? What are the topics of interest and concern at the grass roots level? These are questions the Museums Committee will address over the next few months.

The Committee also participates

in the OHS annual Awards programme choosing the winner of the Russell K. Cooper Award and the Museum Award of Excellence in Community Programming. In the past year only one museum submitted an application for the Cooper award although many small museums throughout the province are obviously deserving of recognition. Another responsibility of the Museums Committee will be to bring more awareness to the OHS awards programme.

The Museums Committee is currently in a state of transition.

One of our members is retiring from the committee as of June, 2009. Dorie Billich, Manager of Culture & Museum Services, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, has served the Museums Committee and the OHS well, and her expertise will be missed.

If you are in the museum field, and are interested in sitting on this committee, please contact Andrea at [izzo@ontariohistoricalsociety.ca](mailto:izzo@ontariohistoricalsociety.ca)

**Linda Kelly**  
Museums Committee





## HONOURS AND AWARDS

### Honours and Awards Winners for 2008, awarded in 2009

#### Awards for Non-Profit Organizations

Scadding Award	Not awarded in 2008
Museum Award of Excellence	Not awarded in 2008
B. Napier Simpson Jr. Award	Not awarded in 2008
Dorothy Duncan Award	Sunderland and District Historical Society
Russell K. Cooper Award	Cumberland Heritage Village Museum

#### Award for Business

President's Award	Barry Penhale, Natural Heritage Books
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#### Awards for Service

Cruikshank Medal	Marjorie Stuart
Carnochan Award	Brian Winter
Certificate of Merit	Margaret Boyce

#### Awards for Authors

Brant Award	James Bartleman, for <i>Raisin Wine : A Boyhood in a Different Muskoka</i> , McClelland & Stewart
Fred Landon Award	Gerry Boyce, for <i>Belleville: A Popular History</i> , Dundurn Press
Alison Prentice Award	Not awarded in 2008
J.J. Talman Award	Catharine Anne Wilson, for <i>Tenants in Time: Family Strategies, Land, and Liberalism in Upper Canada, 1799-1871</i> , McGill-Queen's University Press
Riddell Award	Not awarded in 2008
Donald Grant Creighton Award	A.B. McKillop, for <i>Pierre Berton</i> , McClelland & Stewart





## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES, SERVICES AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

In 2008, the OHS was invited by both old and new heritage partners across Ontario to present numerous educational programmes and provide services to help preserve our history.

We held successful public meetings for provincial incorporation through affiliation with the OHS in Dunnville, Weston, Glen Williams, Thornhill, Blind River and Coe Hill.

The OHS launched its new insurance programme for member organizations that are non-profit incorporations in good standing with the Society (see page 5).

The OHS published and launched its new *Accessible Heritage Tool Kit* in Ottawa, Blind River, Stouffville, Fort Frances and Sioux Lookout. The OHS was also responsible for distributing *Tool Kits* across Ontario to any individuals and heritage organizations that participated in the OHS workshops with the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario entitled *Making Ontario's History Accessible for People with Disabilities*.

In 2008, the Society had many more invitations than it could accept to give its presentation "Ontario's Cemeteries – The Struggle for the Public Interest". Public events were held in Warton, King City, Scarborough and Ameliasburgh. A cemetery workshop was held for interested individuals and heritage organizations and institutions in Bracebridge.

The OHS, with its new affiliated member, The Silvershoe Historical Society, in partnership with the Township of Clearview and the Emancipation Festival Committee, participated in the Juneteenth Celebration. This event comm-

emorated the unveiling of its "Roots of Freedom Project". This special event was held in New Lowell, Clearview Township.



*Dennis Scott, Chair, The Emancipation Festival (EF) presents the "EF Community Recognition Award" to Janie Cooper-Wilson, Executive Director, The SilverShoe Historical Society (SSHS) at the Bethel-Union Pioneer Cemetery, in Clearview Township, at the Juneteenth Memorial Service, on June 21, 2008. Both SSHS and EF incorporated through affiliation with the OHS and worked together to commemorate the Bicentennial of The Abolition of The Atlantic Slave Trade.*

*Photo: Rob Leverty*

The OHS participated in the 9th Annual Doors Open Toronto. Both days were constantly busy with over 700 guests visiting the historic John McKenzie House in Willowdale – including families from Argentina, Russia, the United States, Quebec, various regions of Ontario and new local neighbours. This successful event depended on dedicated OHS volunteers who donated their time to give tours.

In 1992, the OHS worked to save

the John McKenzie House from demolition. The OHS negotiated a 25 year lease with the former City of North York and had the house, stable, milk house and coach house designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The Society is responsible for the restoration and maintenance of this historic property. In 2008, the OHS conducted necessary and costly repairs on the buildings.

The 120th Anniversary OHS Conference *Celebrating Ontario's Environmental Heritage* was held in Guelph. I would like to thank again the Guelph local planning committee: Dr. Deb Nash-Chambers, President, Guelph Historical Society (GHS); Elysia DeLaurentis, Past President, GHS; Ann Guthrie, Vice-President, GHS and Dr. Cynthia Comacchio for the countless hours they donated to make OHS's first environmental history conference such a tremendous success (see picture on page 2).

In 2008, the OHS became the host organization of the *Reading and Remembrance Programme*. Begun in 2005 by Angie Littlefield, Educational Developer, and Mary Cook, Artistic and Technical Developer, this initiative aims to cultivate a deeper understanding of and appreciation for the efforts and sacrifices of so many Canadian men and women during the World Wars. The goal of the programme is to provide learning materials and educational curriculum to school boards across the province so that students are exposed to these important lessons. The project is funded through a grant from Ontario Power Generation with support from the West Durham Arts Centre, and the OHS has recently become the host organization. The Society believes the *Reading and*







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*Remembrance* Programme will be an integral part of its efforts to promote Ontario's history among youth and students.

A major undertaking to improve how the Society handles its membership database and website began in 2008. The previously used software for both systems had become sorely outdated and without technical support, underlining the need for a system overhaul. After consulting with other PHO's and conducting industry research, the OHS determined that Virtuo.ca of Ottawa presented the most suitable package for the Society at an affordable cost.

Virtuo.ca has developed a brand new membership software program for the OHS that will help provide better service to our members. For example, it will facilitate the issuing of instant CRA charitable tax receipts. Virtuo.ca has also created a completely new website with increased functionality and ease of use. This website will include a member login function, an online calendar that can be edited by members and affiliated societies, and improved utilities for purchasing publications or becoming a member online. Combined, the two systems will allow OHS staff to send out member e-mails and allow members to renew their memberships online, reducing paper use and the Society's ecological footprint.

The Virtuo.ca project was funded in part by the Ministry of Culture's Cultural Strategic Investment Fund, and the Society would like to acknowledge their support in this important initiative.

A further addition to the OHS website was made - the *Forging*

*Freedom* page. Thanks to a Roots of Freedom Grant from the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, we were able to publish the proceedings of the 2007 Conference online, including school curriculum materials and a bibliography.

The OHS again participated in the Ontario Provincial Historical Youth Fair in Ottawa and presented the OHS participation ribbon at the public showcase of student projects held at the Library and Archives Canada.

The OHS in partnership with the Voyageur Heritage Network (VHN) and Timber Village Museum held *Living History: A Basket Making Workshop* in Blind River. The OHS in partnership with the VHN and Centennial Museum sponsored the workshop *Manitoulin at Table* in Sheguiandah. The OHS in partnership with the Sunset Country Museum gave a workshop on *Accessibility and Customer Service* in Sioux Lookout.

The OHS had a site visit and held a strategic planning session for the Board of Directors of the MacTier Railroad Heritage Society (MRHS) to discuss the development of a new railroad museum in MacTier. Representatives from the Moon River Metis Council and the Town of MacTier also participated in this meeting.

The Culinary Historians of Ontario (CHO) assisted the OHS once again with the *Cookbook Caper* fundraiser by pricing books and sponsoring a delicious afternoon tea. The OHS also held a successful fundraiser for the CHO at the John McKenzie House entitled *Mrs. Beeton's Famous Cookbook - 'Recipes Revised: 19th Century Editions of Mrs. Beeton's Book*

*of Household Management'*. The OHS and CHO continue to develop a partnership that appeals to members from both societies and the general public.

The OHS and the Huguenot Society of Canada (HSC) successfully negotiated an agreement to establish a new OHS Award in honour of HSC's members. The new Huguenot Society of Canada Award will honour the best book or substantial article in a major publication in Ontario in the past three years which has brought public awareness to the principles of freedom of conscience and freedom of thought.

The OHS worked with the City of Toronto's Clean and Beautiful Secretariat to plan and develop a community garden on city-owned land beside the John McKenzie House. The OHS gardening committee assisted the City in designing a sustainable urban garden. I would like to thank OHS volunteers Wendy Woodworth, Dorothy Duncan and Dennis Pollock who generously donated their time and expertise on heritage gardening. The Society hosted five public meetings in order to consult with the community on this unique initiative to promote local food production.

Throughout 2008, many OHS member organizations requested that the Society act as a reference for grant applications, discuss strategic directions, explore heritage designations and easements, review their constitution and by-laws and support their efforts to obtain charitable tax status.

**Rob Leverty**  
Executive Director





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7-9-Jan	John McKenzie House Rental - Centre for International Nurses	20-Mar	Meeting - Harmony Printing - Accessible Heritage Toolkit - Toronto
11-Jan	Cities of the Future - Series Organizer - Kingston	24-Mar	Editing Committee - Accessible Heritage Toolkit - Willowdale
14-16-Jan	John McKenzie House Rental - Centre for International Nurses	26-Mar	Guelph Annual Conference Committee - Conference Call
21-Jan	Kingston's: Past, Present, Future - Workshop - Queen's University	27-Mar	John McKenzie House Rental - Optime International - Willowdale
4-Feb	Public Meeting - Affiliation - Thornhill Historical Society - Thornhill	27-Mar	Symposium - Environment in 21st Century - RMC, Kingston
6-Feb	Lieutenant Governor's Unveiling Queen's Portrait - Queen's Park	27-Mar	Meet City of Toronto/Cultural Real Estate Supervisor - Willowdale
7-Feb	Niagara Escarpment Foundation Meeting - Hamilton	28-Mar	John McKenzie House Rental - Optime International - Willowdale
7-Feb	Reading Ontario's Past - Reading Series Part 2 - Willowdale	31-Mar	Consultation - Brampton Historical Society - Brampton
11-Feb	OHS Presentation to Stayner Historical Society - Stayner	3-Apr	Insurance Consultation - Paris Museum & Historical Society - Willowdale-Paris
13-Feb	Meeting - War of 1812 Sault Ste. Marie Historic Sites Board - Toronto	3-Apr	Insurance Consultation - Brampton Historical Society - Brampton-Acton
13-Feb	Workshop Planning - Ermatinger-Clergue Museum - Toronto	3-Apr	Insurance Consultation - Ship's Company of Penetanguishene - Willowdale-Penetanguishene
13-Feb	Thinking About Place - Workshop - Carleton University, Ottawa	3-Apr	Insurance Consultation - Hastings County Historical Society - Willowdale-Cannifton
19-Feb	Heritage Day Reception - Willowdale	4-Apr	Insurance Consultation - Waterloo Historical Society - Willowdale-Waterloo
19-Feb	Rideau Canal Workshop - Fort Henry, Kingston	4-Apr	Meeting with Auditors - Willowdale
20-Feb	Meeting - Curator, Paris Museum - Paris	5-Apr	OHS Presentation - Etobicoke Heritage Roundtable - Etobicoke
20-Feb	Tour & Consultation - Paris Archives - Paris	9-Apr	Meeting - Ministry of Culture - Willowdale
20-Feb	Presentation - Board Paris Museum & His. Soc. Affiliate - Paris	9-Apr	Consultation - Black Creek Pioneer Village - Downsview
21-Feb	Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards - Queen's Park	10-Apr	Insurance Consultation - North Lanark His. Soc. - Willowdale-Almonte
26-Feb	Meeting - Charity Property Tax Rebate, City Toronto - Toronto	10-Apr	Insurance Consultation - Simcoe County Assoc. - Willowdale-Barrie
3-Mar	Meeting - President, Voyageur Heritage Network - Toronto	10-Apr	Insurance Consultation - Gurd & Area Historical Corporation - Willowdale-Commanda
4-Mar	Meeting - Citizens Protection of Pioneer Cemetery - Peterborough	10-Apr	OHS-Hosted Meeting with Counsel, Attorney General, Provincial Registrar Cemeteries, OGS, Expert Witnesses - Willowdale
4-Mar	OHS Consultation - Counsel, Attorney General - Peterborough-Toronto	15-Apr	Insurance Consultation - King Township His. Soc. - Willowdale-King
4-Mar	OHS Meeting - President, OGS - Peterborough	15-Apr	Insurance Consultation - Waterdown-East Flamborough Heritage - Willowdale-Dundas
5-Mar	OHS Presentation at Pre-Hearing Licence Appeal Tribunal - Peterborough	15-Apr	Lecture - Queen's University Women's Association - Kingston
9-Mar	Site Visit - Old Anglican Cemetery - Elora	16-Apr	Insurance Consultation - Association Des Volontaires du Musee - Willowdale-Sturgeon Falls
9-Mar	Meeting - Executive Wellington County Historical Society - Elora	17-Apr	OHS Audit Committee Meeting - Willowdale
9-Mar	OHS Presentation - Public Meeting - Wellington County Historical Society - Elora	17-Apr	Insurance Consultation - Swansea Historical Society - Willowdale
12-Mar	Meeting - Harmony Printing - Accessible Heritage Toolkit - Toronto	19-Apr	OHS Board of Directors Meeting & Committees - Willowdale
13-Mar	UTSC Co-op Student Interviews - Willowdale	19-Apr	Incorporation of Thornhill Heritage Foundation - Willowdale
13-Mar	OHS Audit Committee Conference Call	19-Apr	Insurance Consultation - Georgian Bay Township Historical Society - Willowdale-Georgian Bay
15-Mar	OHS Board of Directors Meeting & Committees - Willowdale		
18-Mar	Affiliation Meeting - Interim Board of Directors - Thornhill		
20-Mar	Editing Committee - Accessible Heritage Toolkit - Willowdale		





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22-Apr	AGM - Volunteer Planning Meeting - Guelph	28-May	Insurance Consultation - Elgin & Area Heritage Society - Elgin
22-Apr	Meeting Guelph Annual Conference Committee - Guelph	29-May	Incorporation Meeting - Ministry Government Services - Toronto
23-Apr	Insurance Consultation - Brampton Historical Society - Willowdale-Brampton	30-May	Rental of John McKenzie House - Willowdale
23-Apr	Insurance Consultation - Golden Horseshoe Antique Soc. - Willowdale	3-Jun	Insurance Consultation - Chesterville & District H.S. - Chesterville
24-Apr	Affiliation Meeting - Ministry Government Services - Toronto	4-Jun	Insurance Consultation - North York Historical Soc. - North York
29-Apr	OHS Presentation - Staff Orientation for Black Creek Pioneer Village	4-Jun	Insurance Consultation - Port Rowan/S. Walsingham Heritage - Port Rowan
30-Apr	Affiliation Meeting - Ministry Government Services - Toronto	5-Jun	University of Toronto at Scarborough - Co-op Employers Meeting
30-Apr	Insurance Consultation - Rydal Bank Historical Society - Rydal	12-Jun	Planning Meeting with Guelph Historical Society re: AGM - Guelph
5-Apr	Insurance Consultation - Cloyne & District Historical Soc. - Northbrook	12-Jun	Ontario Historica Fairs - OHS Student Ribbon Awards - Ottawa
1-May	Meet Curator & Tour Timber Village Museum - Blind River	13-Jun	OHS's Conference Gala Evening - Guelph
2-May	Affiliation Presentation to Heritage Groups - Blind River	14-Jun	OHS 120th Anniversary AGM and Conference - Guelph University
2-May	Meet Board of Voyageur Heritage Network (VHN) - Blind River	14-Jun	OHS-Hosted Graduate Student Presentations - Guelph University
2-May	Meet Regional Consultant, Ministry of Culture - Blind River	22-Jun	Revenue Canada - GST Consultation - Willowdale
3-May	Launch Accessible Heritage Toolkit with Mayor - Blind River	25-Jun	Meeting - City of Toronto Culture Division - Toronto
3-May	OHS Presentation on Heritage Designation to VHN - Blind River	1-Jul	Official Opening and Speech - Tollkeeper's Cottage - Toronto
3-May	OHS/VHN Basket Making Workshop with Museum - Blind River	3-Jul	Meeting - Coldwater Museum - Coldwater
6-May	Fundraiser for Culinary Historians of Ontario - Willowdale	3-Jul	Public Meeting - MacTier Heritage Railroad Society and Moon River Metis Council
7-May	AGM Toronto Heritage Assoc. - Enoch Turner Schoolhouse, Toronto	9-Jul	Meeting - Campbell House Museum - Toronto
7-May	Insurance Consultation - Innisfil Historical Society - Willowdale-Innisfil	9-Jul	Insurance Consultation - North Lanark Historical Society - Almonte
12-May	Grant Application Consultation - Lake Scugog Historical Society - Willowdale-Port Perry	22-Jul	OHS Presentation at Doane Family Association Dinner - Barrie
14-May	Trillium Application Consultation - Township of Scugog	23-Jul	Insurance Consultation - Toronto Railway Historical Assoc. - Toronto
14-May	Affiliation Meeting - Weston Heritage District Association - Willowdale	28-Jul	Insurance Consultation - Culinary Historians of Ontario - Toronto
14-May	Trillium Foundation Interview for Lake Scugog Historical Society Application - Willowdale-Peterborough	30-Jul	Wilmot Township Heritage Preservation - Wilmont Township
15-May	Insurance Consultation - Weston Historical Society - Willowdale-Weston	1-Aug	Final Report - Roots of Freedom - Ministry of Citizenship/Imm.
15-May	Presentation - Mississauga - Alderville First Nation - Alderville	8-Aug	License Appeal Tribunal Adjournment - Toronto
21-May	Award Announcement - Grey County Historical Society - Keady	11-Aug	Presentation of Accessible Heritage Toolkit - Meaford Museum
21-May	4th Annual Dinner Grey County Historical Society - Keady	12-Aug	OHS-Attorney General Office - Peterborough Pioneer Cemetery
22-May	Inauguration of Friends of OPP Museum - Orillia	14-Aug	OHS & OGS - Counsel Attorney General - Toronto
24-25-May	9th Annual Doors Open Toronto & Book Sale - John McKenzie House	15-Aug	OHS - Peterborough Pioneer Cemetery Group - Peterborough
26-May	Meeting with Guelph Conference Committee - Guelph	19-Aug	OHS - Counsel Attorney General - Toronto
26-May	Meeting - Jones Deslauriers Insurance Brokers - Willowdale-Belleville	22-Aug	Insurance Consultation - Goulbourn Township Historical Society & Museum - Goulbourn
27-May	Public Affiliation Mtg - Weston Heritage Conservation Assoc. - Weston	25-Aug	Insurance Consultation - Heritage Fairs Association - Kingston
28-May	Planning - June Cemetery Workshop in Muskoka - Leaside	25-Aug	OHS Launches new <i>Forging Freedom</i> Website online - Willowdale





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27-Aug	Meeting - City of Toronto Clean and Beautiful Program - Willowdale	23-Sep	Tour of Historic Sites and Train Station Restoration - Sioux Lookout
27-Aug	Insurance Consultation - Emancipation Festival - Toronto	24-Sep	Meeting with Volunteers and Curators, Sioux Lookout Museum
28-Aug	Insurance Consultation - West Toronto Junction His. Soc. - Toronto	24-Sep	Media Interview - <i>Sioux Lookout</i> Bulletin - Sioux Lookout
2-Sep	OHS Insurance Programme - Jones Deslauriers - Belleville	24-Sep	OHS Tour of Hudson Historic Sites - Hudson
3-Sep	Meeting of OHS Volunteers - Willowdale	25-Sep	OHS Affiliation Meeting - Sioux Lookout Museum Volunteers - Sioux Lookout
3-Sep	Meeting with Stone Masons re: chimney - Willowdale	27-Sep	OHS attends Heritage Toronto Awards & Kilbourne Lecture - Toronto
4-Sep	Insurance Consultation - Seventh Town His. Society - Ameliasburgh	28-Sep	Annual Meeting of Coalition on the Niagara Escarpment - Kimberly
5-Sep	Impact Volunteer Day - Deloitte and Touche - Willowdale	30-Sep	Public Meeting - Credit Valley Heritage Society - Glen Williams
5-Sep	Launch of <i>Manitoulin - Island of Great Spirit</i> - M'Chigeeng	30-Sep	Tour Credit Valley Mill - Georgetown
8-Sep	Insurance Consultation - Maidstone Historical Society - Belle River	30-Sep	Insurance Consultation- Friends of Fort George - Niagara-on-the-Lake
8-Sep	John McKenzie House Rental - Nestlé Canada - Willowdale	30-Sep	Meeting - Ministry of Government Services re: Incorporation- Toronto
9-Sep	Affiliation Public Meeting - Wollaston Heritage - Coe Hill	1-Oct	Affiliation Consultation - Dunnville Heritage Society - Dunnville
9-Sep	Insurance Consultation - Waterdown-East Flamborough Historical Society - Waterdown	2-Oct	Affiliation Consultation - Bruce Mines
10-Sep	PHO Organizations - Knowledge Management Workshop with Ministry of Culture - Toronto	3-Oct	Meeting with Ministry of Government Services re: Incorporation - Toronto
12-Sep	Insurance Consultation- Hamilton Mountain Heritage Soc.-Hamilton	3-Oct	Consultation with Wolfe Island Historical Society - Wolfe Island
13-Sep	OHS Booksale and Fundraiser - Willowdale	4-Oct	OHS Table at Kingston 19th Century Fall Festival - Kingston
15-17 Sep	City of Toronto Clean and Beautiful/OHS Garden Committee - Willowdale	7-Oct	Insurance Consultation - Wollaston Heritage - Bancroft
18-Sep	OHS Audit Committee Meeting - Willowdale	9-Oct	Insurance Consultation - Milton Historical Society - Willowdale-Milton
19-Sep	Affiliation Consultation - Mississauga First Nations Library - Hagersville	16-Oct	Huguenot Society Meeting - Honours and Awards - Toronto
20-Sep	OHS Board of Directors Meeting - Willowdale	21-Oct	City of Toronto Clean and Beautiful/OHS Garden Committee - Willowdale
20-Sep	OHS Admin. and Finance Committee Meeting - Willowdale	21-23-Oct	John McKenzie House - Chimney Restoration - Willowdale
20-Sep	OHS Approves Incorporation of Wollaston Heritage - Willowdale	24-Oct	Voyageur Heritage Network Executive Meeting - Manitoulin Island
22-Sep	Accessibility Tool Kit Launch - Fort Frances	24-Oct	Ojibwe Cultural Centre - Accessible Heritage Consultation - Manitoulin Island
22-Sep	Tour of Fort Frances Museum - Fort Frances	24-Oct	Kagawong Museum Tour and Consultation - Manitoulin Island
22-Sep	Fort Frances Museum, Accessibility Advisory Committee - Launch Accessible Heritage Toolkit - Fort Frances	25-Oct	OHS-Workshop: <i>Manitoulin at Table</i> - Manitoulin Island
22-Sep	Media Interview - <i>Fort Frances Times &amp; Rainy Lake Herald</i> - Fort Frances	28-Oct	OHS Workshop - Scarborough Historical Society - Scarborough
22-Sep	Accessibility Meeting - Northwestern Health Unit - Fort Frances	30-Oct	Trinity College Fundraising Organization - Toronto
22-Sep	Tour Accessibility Project at Dryden Museum - Dryden	1-Nov	Hastings County Historical Society Annual Banquet - Belleville
22-Sep	Dinner Meeting with Sioux Lookout Volunteers - Sioux Lookout	3-Nov	York-Durham Museum Association Accessibility Heritage Workshop - Stouffville
22-Sep	"Great Refridgerator Roundup" - John McKenzie House	4-Nov	Lt. Governor Awards Ceremony - Queen's Park
23-Sep	OHS Presentation: Sunset Country Museum Network - Sioux Lookout	4-Nov	Public Meeting - Affiliation of Dunnville Heritage Fdn. - Dunnville
23-Sep	Accessible Heritage Toolkit Launch - Sioux Lookout	6-Nov	Doors Open Toronto Consultation - Toronto





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- 7-Nov Affiliation Consultation - Bruce Mines
- 9-Nov OHS Presentation - King Township Historical Society - King City
- 12-Nov Strategic Consultation - Waterdown-East Flamborough H.S. - Dundas
- 12-Nov OHS Tour of Waterdown - East Flamborough Archives - Dundas
- 14-Nov Consultation - Council of Heritage Organizations in Ottawa - Willowdale-Ottawa
- 15-Nov OHS Workshop - Seventh Township Historical Society - Ameliasburgh
- 17-Nov Senator O'Connor Irish Heritage House Consultation- Don Mills
- 18-Nov City of Toronto Clean and Beautiful/OHS Garden Committee - Willowdale
- 18-Nov OHS Audit Committee Meeting Conference Call - Willowdale
- 18-Nov OHS Board of Directors Meeting & Committees - Willowdale
- 18-Nov Pick up of Donated Cookbooks from Trinity College - Toronto
- 21-Nov Governor General Awards for teaching history -OHS Board Member - Ottawa
- 22-Nov Approval of three new OHS affiliates - Toronto
- 23-Nov OHS & Culinary Historians of Ontario Fundraiser *Cookbook Caper* - Willowdale
- 25-Nov Insurance Consultation - Friends of the OPP Museum - Orillia
- 26-Nov Conference Call and Demonstration - Virtuo.ca's new CMS Software - Willowdale-Ottawa
- 28-Nov Correspondance - Mayor and Members of Council, City of Ottawa - Willowdale-Ottawa
- 2-Dec Meeting with OHS Board Member re: new CMS Software - Willowdale
- 2-Dec Meeting with Ministry of Government Services re: Incorporation
- 3-Dec Affiliation Consultation - Halton Hills
- 4-Dec OHS and OGS Meeting - Toronto
- 5-Dec OHS-Hosted Christmas Luncheon honouring Volunteers and WCHS - Willowdale
- 10-Dec Ontario Trillium Foundation Reference - Essex Research - Willowdale
- 10-Dec Conference Call - *Reading and Remembrance* Project - Willowdale
- 12-Dec Meeting - Library and Archives Canada - Ottawa
- 12-Dec Accessible Heritage Toolkit Launch - Council of Heritage Organizations in Ottawa - Ottawa
- 15-Dec Meeting with Huguenot Society - Honours and Awards - Toronto
- 15-Dec Conference Call - Virtuo.ca - Willowdale-Ottawa
- 17-Dec Meeting - OHS, OGS, and Jim Brownell, MPP - Toronto
- 18-Dec Restoration Consultation - Elgin Heritage Society - Willowdale-Elgin
- 19-Dec Consultation - Ontario Archaeological Society - Willowdale

- 21-Dec Membership/Insurance Consultation - Friends of South Luther School - Toronto
- 22-Dec Dundurn Press Publishers/Authors Reception - Toronto

### The OHS – Working with Heritage Organizations and Institutions across Ontario in 2008

*Black Creek Pioneer Village, Downsview; Timber Village Museum and the Voyageur Heritage Network, Blind River; Culinary Historians of Ontario; Weston Heritage Conservation, District Weston; Lake Scugog Historical Society; Paris Museum and Historical Society; Grey County Historical Society, Keady; Friends of the OPP Museum, Orillia; Muskoka and Parry Sound Genealogy Group, Bracebridge; Doors Open Toronto; TD Friends of the Environment; Guelph Historical Society; Guelph Museums; History Department, University of Guelph; Save The Children Canada; Old Durham Road Pioneer Cemetery Committee, Collingwood; Accessibility Directorate of Ontario; Ontario Genealogical Society; Citizens for the Protection and Preservation of the Pioneer Cemetery, Peterborough; Corporations Branch, Ministry of Government Services; Thornhill Historical Foundation; Silvershoe Historical Society, New Lowell; The Roots of Freedom Project, Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration; Wellington County Historical Society, Elora; Crown Law Office – Civil, Ministry of the Attorney General; Ontario Ministry of Culture; Tollkeeper's Cottage Museum, Toronto; Coldwater Heritage Canadiana Museum; MacTier Railway Heritage Society, Town of MacTier and the Moon River Metis Council; Consul General of the United States of America in cooperation with The Ontario Black History Society; the Doane Association of America, Barrie; Meaford Museum; the Bruce-Grey Genealogical Society, Wiarton; Wollaston Heritage Committee, Coe Hill, Centennial Museum, Sheguiandah; King Township Historical Society; Scarborough Historical Society; 7th Township Historical Society, Ameliasburgh; Senator O'Connor Irish House, Don Mills; Coalition on the Niagara Escarpment, Kimberley; City of Toronto, Clean and Beautiful Program and Community Volunteers, Willowdale; Bruce Mines Historical Society; Unionville Historical Society; Credit Valley Heritage Society, Glen Williams; Jim Brownell, MPP, Stormount-Dundas-South Glengarry; Dunnville Cultural & Heritage Foundation; Waterdown-East Flamborough Historical Society, Waterdown; Kagawong Museum, Manitoulin Island; Ojibwe Cultural Centre, West Bay; York-Durham Museum Association, Stouffville; Council of Heritage Organizations in Ottawa; Sunset Country Museum Network, Sioux Lookout; Sioux Lookout Museum Volunteers and the Fort Frances Museum.*

*Please note: The above list does not include meetings and consultations with over 60 non-profit historical corporations that have applied for the new OHS Insurance Programme and with our Insurance Broker, John Thomas, Jones Deslauriers.*





## 2008/2009 OHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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