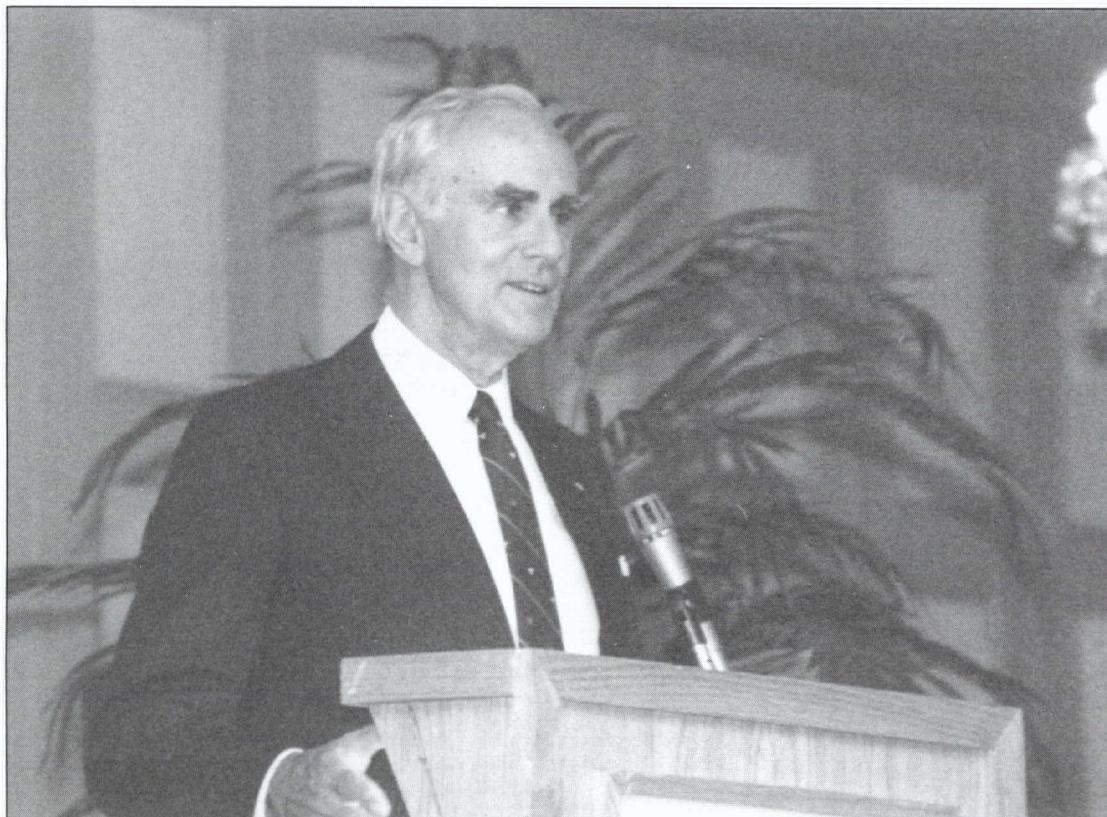




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The Honourable Henry N. R. Jackman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario addressed the guests at the International Dinner at the OHS' Annual Conference in Chatham. His remarks focused on the importance of history in Ontario, and encouraged all delegates to continue in their efforts to preserve our rich and diverse heritage. (Photo courtesy of Jim Clemens.)

## Good news for heritage centres and museums

Just when we all thought funding for new heritage facilities might be vanishing, the

Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation and the City of Hamilton show us we were wrong!

After seven years of planning, the Ontario Workers Arts and Heritage Centre has become a reality in the 1860 Custom House located on Stuart Street in Hamilton's north end. The Ministry has found 1.3 million dollars for the purchase and renovation of the 135 year-old site, and the City of Hamilton has agreed to provide \$650,000.00 towards the project at least for the first year.

The Centre, which was once owned by The Ontario Heritage Foundation, an agency of the Ministry, will function as a museum, exhibiting and preserving labour history. While renovations are underway, a small full-time staff will work to develop

educational and outreach programmes focusing on workers' history and culture which will be promoted to unions, as well as other heritage and cultural organizations locally and province-wide. As a museum, the OWAHC will also be eligible for the Ministry's annual operating grant programme.

The pre-renovation launch of the project took place on May 7, and included in the ceremony was a re-enactment of the 1872 march for a nine-hour work day. The centre is set to open officially in May of 1997 with four full-time staff to promote and interpret workers' arts and heritage.

Ontario's heritage community can take heart knowing this precedent-setting funding from the provincial level can only mean brighter days are ahead.

## More good stuff!

The OHS' new home at 34 Parkview Avenue is bursting at the seams with the many generous donations we have received towards our garage and book sales this summer. Our first sale, held June 3, was a resounding success with excited shoppers lining our sales tables at 9:00 a.m. sharp.

If you missed the sale, or were among the crowds and know of the bargains available, plan to return on Canada Day, July 1, for our next giant sale. We will be joining many other residents on Parkview Avenue in a **Street Sale** from 9:00 a.m.

to 1:00 p.m. The sale will feature a fine selection of books and miscellaneous items, all available at excellent prices. As an added attraction, you are invited to relax on our verandah during the sale and enjoy tea, coffee, homebaking and take home a complimentary publication, all for \$5.00.

We hope to see you on Saturday, July 1 at 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale for our second summer treasure trove for bargain hunters. For further information, please contact the OHS at (416) 226-9011.

## OHS awards programme recognizes excellence in preserving our heritage

By Jane Errington, Chair, Honours and Awards Committee

Congratulations to the winners of The Ontario Historical Society's 1994 Honours and Awards:

*B. Napier Simpson Junior Award of Merit:*

**Town of Aurora LACAC**, nominated by Jacqueline Stuart.

*Carnochan Award:*

**Josephine Morgan**, East York, nominated by Dorothy Edleston.

*Fred Landon Award:*

**Catharine Anne Wilson**, Guelph, for *A New Lease on Life: Landlords, Tenants, and Immigrants in Ireland and Canada*, nominated by McGill-Queen's University Press.

*Joseph Brant Award:*

**Donald B. Smith**, Calgary, and the late **Edward S. Rogers**, formerly of Burlington, for *Aboriginal Ontario: Historical Perspectives on the First Nations*, nominated by Dundurn Press.

*J. J. Talman Award:*

**Douglas McCalla**, Peterborough, for *Planting the Province: The Economic History of Upper Canada 1784-1870*, nominated by University of Toronto Press.

*Honourable Mention for the J. J. Talman Award* goes to **Katherine M.J. McKenna**, Kingston, for *A Life of Propriety: Anne Murray Powell and Her Family, 1755-1849*, nominated by McGill-Queen's University Press.

*Museum Award of Excellence:*

**Heritage House Museum**, Smiths Falls, nominated by Smiths Falls and District Historical Society.

*President's Award:*

**C. A. Ventin Architect Ltd.**, Simcoe, nominated by the Office of the Legislative Assembly.

*Riddell Award:*

**Carol Wilton**, Oakville, for "A Firebrand amongst the People": The Durham Meetings and Popular Politics in Upper Canada", published in *Canadian Historical Review*, nominated by Susan Houston and Linda Kealey.

*Scadding Award of Excellence:*

**Kent Historical Society**, nominated by Dorothy Duncan.

*Bill Todd Award:*

**Robin Omerod** of Timmins, the museum representative who travelled the furthest distance to attend the Conference.

The awards were presented at The Ontario Historical Society's Annual Conference in Chatham on May 6. Many thanks to all those who took the time to send a nomination. Do you know an individual, organization or a business that has made an outstanding contribution to heritage preservation in Ontario? Give them the recognition they deserve through the OHS' Honours and Awards programme. Contact the Society for nomination forms for the 1995 awards and begin planning for your nominations now.

## Elizabeth Simcoe in Upper Canada

The Lynnwood Arts Centre in the Town of Simcoe will host The Ontario Historical Society's workshop, **The Simcoe Legacy: Elizabeth Simcoe in Upper Canada** on Saturday, July 15 from 10:00

a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This year, the workshop will highlight the life and times of Elizabeth, the wife of Upper Canada's first Lieutenant Governor. Topics will include

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## Executive Director's report

By Dorothy Duncan,  
OHS Executive Director

The Annual Conference of The Ontario Historical Society is always a time of review and reflection. During the year, we are caught up in the daily round of serving our members and subscribers, designing and presenting educational workshops, seminars and conferences, preparing publications and responding to a continuous and continual round of requests that arrive by mail, fax, telephone and in person. It is only now when there is a pause, and a time to count, to assess, to evaluate and to report every aspect of our activities. This is always a time of remembrance, of new partnerships forged, of old partnerships renewed, of preservation battles won and lost, of the unflagging work of our Board of Directors, various committees, staff and volunteers.

The OHS has much to be grateful for, in this successful year that has just been complet-

ed. The support of the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and Environment Canada all contributed to the success of the year. The repair and restoration of our new headquarters, the John McKenzie House, the two outbuildings, the dairy and the stable, the coach house and the grounds are made possible with support from jobsOntario, you, the membership, and the scores of volunteers who assist with the many fundraising events and with much of the actual work.

The Annual Conference in Chatham in May was an unqualified success, due to the co-operation and support of our heritage partners in Kent, Essex, Lambton and Middlesex counties, the splendid speakers and resource leaders and the financial support of Union Gas Limited. The Cultural Celebrations seminar was a wonderful learning experience for all those

attending. Don't miss the one in your area; I have now attended three, and each one has contained new information.

I would like to thank our partners, the City of North York, the other members of the Ontario Heritage Alliance, the First Nations, and the many cultural and historical organizations and institutions, provincial and federal ministries and municipalities who co-sponsored our projects, programmes and publications in the months past. Looking ahead, I want to thank Canada's National History Society for their support of our series of **Discover Your Community!** workshops, to be launched on Manitoulin Island on August 18. This is the first in a series of 18 workshops to be presented in northern and southern Ontario over the next three years. Details of the first workshop appear on page four of this issue.

Thank you for your support and thank you for sharing the dream.



The Milton Historical Society held its annual heritage awards ceremony in February. Seven people were recognized for their contributions to preserving the area's history, including (front to back): Vera and John Delacourt for the archives award for their donation of a 1927 set of coloured fire maps detailing the buildings and streets of Milton as produced by the Canadian Fire Underwriters Organization; Doris and Don Priddle for the architecture award for the restoration of their stone house in Nassagaweya; Campbellville artist, Chris Burnett, for the visual award for her painting of the Milton Fairgrounds and teacher, Donna Funnell and her two grade 8 classes for the education award for making clay replicas of historic Milton buildings. Absent when the photo was taken was Douglas Sloane of Etobicoke who won the writing award for his book about the prominent White and Sloane families of early Milton. (Photo courtesy of Graham Paine, the *Canadian Champion*.)

## Information wanted

### "IRENE"

In July of 1920, the cabin cruiser, "IRENE", was the first vessel to make a complete trip from Lake Ontario to Georgian Bay and back again through the newly-opened Trent-Severn Waterway. The boat belonged to Mr. Thomas Pizer of Toronto, and is described as being 30 feet in length and 8 feet, 2 inches wide. 1995 marks the 75th anniversary of through-navigation on the Waterway and Parks Canada is interested in learning more about the first vessel that made the trip. If you know the whereabouts of the "IRENE" or have photographs or knowledge of the trip, please contact Mike Jamieson at the Trent-Severn Waterway, Box 567, Peterborough, K9J 6Z6, (705) 742-9267.

al in 1996. Researchers are looking for personal accounts and recollections, memorabilia, photos, brochures, menus or any information reflecting how people spent their vacations at the resort. Your help is needed. Please contact Muskoka Pioneer Village, Box 2801, Huntsville P0A 1K0.

### Women's Benefit Association and Railway History

Brent Scollie of Ottawa has two requests for information. The first involves the American women's organization, the Women's Benefit Association. He is researching Mrs. George (Mary Ann or Marion) Slipper who was a Canadian representative in 1920, possibly based in Ottawa or Toronto. Scollie's

second enquiry involves L. L. Peltier (1853-1939), a labour leader with the first trainmen's organization on the Grand Trunk Railway at Montreal in 1879 and lodge 14 Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. Peltier later became chairman of the Order of Railway Conductors. If you can provide information for Mr. Scollie, please contact him at 33 Avocado Street, Ottawa K1V 9C8.

### Unusual Pen Knife

A supporter of the Clarke Museum and Archives in Kirby has enlisted the museum's assistance in identifying the origin of an unusual pen knife. The knife is three inches long and one-half inch wide in the closed position. It has two blades of steel: one long and one short, and the case

is made of cast bronze. Religious inscriptions are on both sides of the case. The owner believes the knife was originally her great-grandfather's, who emigrated to Canada from England in 1845, and was a Bible Christian. If you can help identify the knife, please contact Mark Jackman at the Clarke Museum and Archives, (905) 983-9243.

### Antique Furnishings Needed for Pearse House

The Rouge Valley Foundation in Scarborough is close to completing the transformation

of the historic James Pearse Jr. House into the Rouge Valley Conservation Centre. With the exterior restoration phase of the project finished, the furnishing of the building is now underway. Tables, cupboards, bookcases, picture frames and miscellaneous items dating between 1870 and 1900 are being sought as donations. Furnishings from old Scarborough Township, and particularly the Rouge Valley area, would be especially appreciated. If you can help, please contact Murray Johnston of the Foundation, (416) 291-1346.

### Deerhurst Centennial

The resort, Deerhurst, located near Huntsville is planning a number of exhibits and special events to celebrate its centennial.

### Elizabeth Simcoe in Upper Canada

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her early life, marriage and children, Elizabeth the romantic, her social life at Newark and York, her travels in the new province, and the Simcoe legacy that survives two centuries later.

Confirmed speakers include Ellen McIntosh Green, former gallery director, author and artist; Mary Beacock Fryer, author and historian; Jeanne Hughes, former Curator of Black Creek Pioneer Village; Dorothy Duncan, Executive Director of the OHS and others to be announced.

For further information and registration forms, please contact The Ontario Historical Society, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011 or fax (416) 226-2740.

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# Across the Province

By Dorothy Duncan,  
OHS Executive Director

Good news from St. Catharines with ten projects approved under the Canada/Ontario Infrastructure Works Programme. This will include upgrading the Welland Canal tourist and recreation area and building an **Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame** and Museum as an addition to the **St. Catharines Museum**.

The official opening of the **Tweed and Area Heritage Centre** takes place on July 1. The Centre is located in a Victorian Home on 40 Victoria Street North in Tweed, and provides a community meeting place, showcases local arts and crafts and houses an extensive archives of the area. Everyone is welcome!

Congratulations to Lorna Bergey who recently received **Wilmot Township LACAC's** first 1995 Heritage Award. Lorna is a well-known speaker at many OHS workshops and seminars, has served as president of the **Waterloo Historical Society**, archivist for the **Mennonite Archives of Ontario**, treasurer of the **Mennonite Historical Society**, on the publications committee of the **Pennsylvania German Folklore Society** and on the Board of Directors of **Doon Pioneer Village**.

The heritage community was relieved to learn that the **Jackman Foundation**, headed by the Honourable Henry N. R. Jackman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, had purchased a collection of John Beverley Robinson's papers when they were offered at auction recently, thus ensuring the collection remains in Ontario.

**Upper Canada Village** needs information on horse ferries in Eastern Ontario. Can you help? Write: Horse Ferry Project, Philip Gillesse, Stella, Ontario KOH 2S0.

And how about root cellars? Bob Mayer of **Mayer Heritage Consultants Inc.** is looking for information on root cellars and their smaller cousins called "coolers". Contact 1-800-645-9990.

The **St. Lawrence River Historical Foundation** returned this Spring to an 18th century ship lying at the bottom of the St. Lawrence River which is probably the H.M.S. Anson, that sank in October 1761.

The **Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society's** newsletter, *Toronto Tree*, brings news of two tours. A Genealogical Tour to England leaves September 23. Contact Frank Henkins, R. R. #2, Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 4V9, (905) 895-8438 for details. The Sixth Annual Family Tree Tour to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah leaves on October 15. Further information: Jane MacNamara, 11 Howland Road, Toronto, Ontario M4K 2Z4, (416) 463-9103.

The **Glengarry Historical Society Newsletter** brings two good news stories describing how the **Friends of the Ruins of St. Raphaels** have erected fine new iron gates at the well-

known historic site, and that a group of Williamstowners have formed the **John Johnson Manor House Committee** to re-establish the historic house in the community. Restoration, archival and grounds work are all on the agenda. Contact Box 217, Williamstown, Ontario K0C 2J0.

The **Lake-of-the-Woods Historical Society** is putting together a walking tour of Keewatin and also organizing a committee called **Friends of Mather-Walls** to assist with special events. Can you help? Contact Box 720, Keewatin, Ontario P0X 1C0.

The **Temiskaming Genealogical Group** meets monthly (except December, July and August) on the third Wednesday of every month in the library of the Temiskaming District Secondary School in New Liskeard. For more information, contact Bruce Taylor, (705) 647-6558.

This is the time of year when many historical societies, museums and cultural institutions and organizations host a special event to thank their dedicated volunteers. Remember your volunteers and the contributions they make to your programmes and projects.

The Board of Directors of the **Toronto Museum of Childhood** has announced it has found a permanent home at the historic Gooderham and Worts distillery complex. Walter Davies, president of Davies Associates, the management company for Gooderham and Worts, announced, "For a dollar a year for the next 99 years the museum will be a central focus of our exciting development. We will transform Rackhouse D into a first class museum building without compromising historical details." For details, contact (416) 964-8255.

Canadian Heritage Minister, Michel Dupuy, has announced a federal grant of \$140,000.00 for the restoration of **Chiefswood**, home of George Johnson, the famous chief of the Six Nations and father of Pauline Johnson. The **Grand River Branch of the United Empire Loyalists** made a generous contribution to this project, as well.

The **Art Gallery of Ontario** recently received a collection of photographs of paintings, pastels and drawings by Mary Alexandra (Bell) Eastlake (1864-1961) and her husband, Charles Herbert Eastlake. Researchers should contact Karen McKensie, (416) 977-0414.

The **Latchford/Montreal River Heritage Preservation Society** has created the George A. Lefebvre Memorial Fund, for special heritage projects. The late Mr. Lefebvre was the father of George L. Lefebvre, who has been spearheading the organization. Donations may be sent to Box 100, Latchford P0J 1N0.

The **Allan Macpherson House and Park** in Napanee offers a most innovative membership programme for 1995. There are three membership packages ranging from \$10.00 to \$125.00 with some irresistible benefits. Contact Box 183,

Napanee, Ontario K7R 3M3 for details and consider revamping your organization or institution's membership benefits.

The **Oakville Historical Society** is looking to expand to the cottage at 108 King Street, adjoining their fine premises. Commodore Owen Connor Struan Robertson had lifetime tenancy of the cottage and, with his passing, the Society will carry out renovations to make it part of the office and Archival Storage Facility.

Calling all nurses! Do you know about the **Ontario Society for the History of Nursing/Margaret M. Allemang Centre for the History of Nursing**? If you would like more information, contact Natalie Riegler, 3 Dromore Crescent, Willowdale, Ontario M2R 2H4.

From the **Kingston Historical Society** newsletter, *Then*, we learn that the members of the Community Advisory Panel for the Eastern Region of the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation have been announced. These panels will determine regional priorities for the allocation of funds for the Cultural Projects Grant Programme. Have the members of the Panel for your region been announced? Call your regional Ministry office for details.

An invitation is extended to all who may be connected by name, blood, marriage or affection to **George and Catherine (Snider) Patience** who settled north of Lansdowne in the mid-1800s, to attend a reunion on July 28 and 29 in Lansdowne and on July 30 in Vennacher. Contact Danny Chisamore, (613) 382-2212 for details.

Good news from the **Presbyterian Church Archives of Canada** offering service again from a new location at 11 Soho Street, Suite 104, Toronto, Ontario M5T 1Z6, (416) 595-1277.

"Bad news from Toronto" was the title of an article in *Archaeology*, the monthly journal of the Archaeological Institute of America. Contributing editor, Brian Fagan, is referring to the decision of the Toronto Board of Education to cut the budget of the **Archaeological Resource Centre** to one staff salary last year. This, despite the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation's initial grant of \$250,000.00 to support the programme for 20 years. Fagan asks some perceptive questions of the Board of Education. "Are its members afraid of educational innovation, of programs that encourage people from diverse cultural backgrounds to explore a common past? Are they terrified of success, or suspicious of teaching that involves artifacts and crumbling foundations rather than historical documents? Do they think interactive programs do not lie on the cutting edge of educational reform?" Yes, Brian Fagan, the closing of the ARC where close to 100,000 students learned about the past, was bad news for Toronto and indeed all of Ontario.

The **Tool Group of Canada**

## President's message

By Janet Cobban,  
OHS President

The theme of this year's OHS conference was "Presenting History". When our Society was founded over 100 years ago, presenting history meant collecting and publishing early documents, erecting monuments and statues, and making picnic pilgrimages to Queenston Heights. Wouldn't our ancestors be amazed to see the many forms history takes today? It seems that everyone from interior decorators to theme park operators use history to sell their products. We can watch battle re-enactments and historical television docudramas, and pick up all the latest information on the Internet. School children

make field trips to museums, trace their family trees and enter history fair competitions. More people than ever before have hobbies that relate to history in some form.

While history is enjoying a popularity boost, there's still much work to be done. Dedicated people are needed to save buildings and artifacts, to record oral histories, to research what really happened, to write and to publish, and to pass on the love of history to the next generation.

You are those people. Take a moment to pat yourselves on the back. Your accomplishments are impressive and your work is important. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as your president this year. Thank you.



Janet Cobban (right) concluded a successful year as President of the OHS at the Annual Meeting held in May in Chatham. Judy McGonigal (left), who is the Curator of the Sault Ste. Marie Museum, became the new President. (Photo courtesy of Jim Clemens.)

will hold its October 21 meeting at Black Creek Pioneer Village in Metro Toronto with the topic Cabinet Making. Interested? Call Dan Wentworth, President, (905) 648-3596.

Our sympathy goes out to the families of Lorna Proctor, Toronto Reference Librarian and Valerie Swain, former Mayor of Kingston and Board Member of **Heritage Canada**, who both passed away earlier this year.

The **Lundy's Lane Historical Society** has a busy schedule with a Commemorative Service of the Battle of Lundy's Lane on July 23 and a Walking Tour of Historic Chippewa on August 27. Further information: (905) 356-7926.

The **South Simcoe Railway Heritage Corporation** has trains running on a regular Sunday through Wednesday schedule during July and August. Call (905) 936-5815 for details.

Congratulations to **Heritage Mississauga** on celebrating 35 years of service to the community this year.

The **Aurora and District Historical Society** has announced that the Hillary House Committee has revised the Master Plan for the House, and has scheduled the next fundraising event as a Candlelight Tour

of Homes on Saturday evening, September 9. Call (905) 727-8991 to reserve your tickets at \$15.00 each.

The **Old Fort Niagara Association** asks, "Who will carry the flag one last mile?", as the end of the campaign to pay for the 1812 garrison flag and its conservation is in view. If you can help: Box 169, Youngstown, New York, 17174-0169.

Jacques Dalibard, Executive Director of **Heritage Canada** since 1978, retired in April. To Jacques and Rina go our best wishes for the future, which will no doubt be a busy one.

The first Lincoln motorcar rolled out of the door of the Lincoln plant in Detroit 75 years ago. In celebration, the **Lincoln and Continental Owners Club** has a series of parades, reunions and meets planned. Call (416) 461-6032 for details.

The **Canadian Museum of Health and Medicine** needs volunteers to help unpack the collection. If you can help, call Felicity Pope, Curator at (416) 603-5044.

Take note of the new address for the **Huguenot Society of Canada**: Suite 105, 4936 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 6S3. Welcome to the City of North York!



# Upcoming Events

**June-September 30:** The Brant County Museum and Archives recreates **Downtown Days**, highlighting the bustle of Brantford's commercial core during its heyday. Contact the Museum at 57 Charlotte Street, Brantford, (519) 752-2483.

**June-October 15:** The South Norwich Historical Society offers **Tours of the Historic Village of Otterville** including visits to a grist mill, station, octagonal cottage, genealogically interesting cemeteries and much more. Contact Gayle Lewis, Box 162, Otterville N0J 1R0, (519) 879-6804.

**June-November 2:** The exhibition, **Forging Frontiers - The Establishment of Upper Canada** is on in the North Heritage Room of the Legislative Building at Queen's Park. The exhibit contrasts the idealism of the British parliamentary traditions and institutions brought to Upper Canada by the first Lieutenant Governor, John Graves Simcoe, with the reality of the establishment of settlement. Contact Marjorie Rebane at Queen's Park, (416) 325-7500.

**June-March 1996:** Remember your school days at **The Nature of Schoolyards: Planked, Paved or Plowed** taking place at Toronto's Sesquicentennial Museum and Archives. Through early photographs, documents and artifacts, the exhibition shows how schoolyards, school gardening, environmental education and nature study have changed over the past century. Contact the Museum at the Toronto Board of Education, 155 College St., (416) 397-3680.

**June 30 - July 2:** The **125th Year Alumni Reunion** for the Sir James Whitney School takes place in Belleville. When the school first opened in 1870, it was known as the Ontario School for the Deaf (and Dumb) and was the first of four in Ontario. The event features tours, a golf tournament, guest speaker MPP Gary Malkowski and a plaque unveiling commemorating Samuel Thomas Greene, the first deaf teacher to teach deaf children in Ontario. Most events take place at the OSD-JWS Campus, 350 Dundas Street West. Contact the OSD-JWS Alumni Reunion Committee, 350 Dundas Street West, Belleville K8P 1B2.

**July:** Black Creek Pioneer Village is presenting **Traditions Through the Eye of a Needle**, a festival of the living folklore and traditions represented in the needle crafts of Toronto's cultural groups. Contact the Village at Jane Street and Steeles Avenue in North York, (416) 736-1733.

**July-August:** Plan to visit the John R. Park Homestead and Conservation Area over the summer months for some special events ranging from **Bicycle Day to Clean Sweep Day** (you get to help clean house the old-fashioned way) and **Craft Fair and Blueberry Social**. For dates, times and admission fees, contact Janet Cobban at the Homestead in Harrow, (519) 738-2029.

**July-August:** Children and adults can enjoy **Wednesday Evenings at the Museum**, presented by the Wilson MacDonald Memorial School Museum. Each evening from 7:00 to 9:00 features a different exciting experience. Contact the Museum in Cheapside, (905) 776-3319.

**July-August:** The Ontario Agricultural Museum in Milton

hosts several special activities throughout these months. On July 14-16, come for **Great Canadian Antique Tractor Field Days**; return on August 4-13 for **Country Quilt Fest**; on August 20, sink your teeth into **Family Corn Festival** and take a drive through history at **C.A.R.S. in Motion** on August 26 and 27. Contact the Museum at (905) 878-8151.

**July 23:** Don't miss **Spoke and Bustle** at the County of Grey-Owen Sound Museum. From 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., enjoy a variety of activities including butter churning, lace making, soap making, blacksmithing, wagon rides and much more. Contact the Museum at 975 6th Street East in Owen Sound, (519) 376-3690.

**August 12-13:** The **17th Annual Quilt and Craft Sale**, sponsored by the Cannington and Area Historical Society, takes place at the Cannington Community Centre. The event features the work of over 60 exhibitors, Central Ontario's largest display and sale of quilts, a quilt raffle, craft demonstrations and much more. Contact Angela Hennessey, (705) 432-3053.

**August 19:** Heritage House Museum in Smiths Falls has developed an innovative approach to fundraising with its first annual **Observation Run for History**. Motorcycle clubs in the area are being invited to participate in the three hour event that tours through winding country roads along which historical spots are located, and skill testing questions about each site are asked. Contact the Museum on Old Slys Road, (613) 283-8560.

**August 25-27:** Trafalgar Castle in Whitby hosts its fourth annual **Antiques Fair**. On the 26th, Brian Musselwhite, Curator of the Royal Ontario Museum, continues his lecture series, this year focusing on centrepieces and the role they played in 18th and 19th century homes. As an additional highlight, a Treasure Identification Clinic takes place throughout Saturday and Sunday. The fair is sponsored by the Alumnae Association of Trafalgar Castle School and all proceeds from the weekend are returned to the Castle. Contact Beve Robertson, (905) 844-7062.

## Discover your community!

At a workshop on Friday, August 18 at the Little Current-Howland Recreation Centre, Little Current, Manitoulin Island. This workshop, co-sponsored by the OHS and the Little Current Howland Centennial Museum, is based on the resource book, *Discovering Your Community*, developed to assist teachers, youth leaders, parents, museum curators and historical society workers in designing interesting and exciting programmes for young people based on your own community and its unique history.

This day is filled with ideas for programmes and projects. Sessions will highlight the environment using the Swap Shop as a model; Local History: Where to

Find It, How to Use It; Turn Local History into Living History and Get Everyone Involved and the Local Community and the Common Curriculum.

Speakers will include Judith McGonigal, Sault Ste. Marie Museum; Bruce Richard, Heritage Schoolhouse, Markham; Jim Fortin and Allison Roberts, Anderson Farm Museum, Lively; Colin Agnew, formerly of the Historic Naval and Military Establishments, Penetanguishene and Hutchison House Museum, Peterborough and Dorothy Duncan of the OHS.

The registration fee is \$25.00 and includes a copy of *Discovering Your Community*, (either bilingual or English only), and lunch. It is possible

to offer this day-long workshop and provide all registrants with *Discovering Your Community*, (which usually sells for \$25.00), for this modest fee because of the financial support from Canada's National History Society, for which The Ontario Historical Society is most grateful. Please register in advance, and register early as space is limited. For further information, please contact The Ontario Historical Society, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011 or fax (416) 226-2740 or Linda Kelly, Curator/Director, Little Current-Howland Centennial Museum, Sheguiandah, Ontario P0P 1W0, (705) 368-2367 or fax (705) 368-3017.

## How does your heritage garden grow?

Right now, gardens are in full bloom; vegetables are ripening and flowers are blossoming. What would our ancestors' gardens have looked like now? Would they have had the same crops and plants or have used the same gardening techniques we use today? What would their tools have looked like?

If you are interested in growing an appropriate heritage garden for your historical organization or institution, your community or for your own pleasure, the workshop, **Heritage Gardening**, is for you. The Ontario Historical Society, the Little Current-Howland Centennial Museum and the

Grassroots Gardening Club present this informative programme on Saturday, August 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Seniors Hall in Sheguiandah on Manitoulin Island.

Programme highlights will include an introduction to historic gardens in Ontario, researching historic gardens, where to get appropriate seeds, developing Victorian gardens, from greenhouse to garden and herbs in foods and beverages. Speakers will include Katharine Smith, Landscape Architect, Sault Ste. Marie; Dennis Pollock, Head Gardener, Black Creek Pioneer Village in Metropolitan Toronto;

Linda Kelly, Curator/Director, Little Current-Howland Centennial Museum and Dorothy Duncan, Executive Director of the OHS.

The fee for the workshop is \$10.00 for members of any of the co-sponsors and \$20.00 for non-members, and includes a kit of resource materials, all sessions and breaks. Lunch will be available for an extra cost.

For further information and to register, please contact Linda Kelly at the Little Current-Howland Centennial Museum, (705) 368-2367 or Lorraine Lowry, Workshop Co-ordinator at the OHS, (416) 226-9011.

## Learn to lead at this workshop series

The Ontario Genealogical Society is presenting a series of seven workshops this year designed to assist volunteer organizations in developing leadership skills. The topics to be covered include running an effective meet-

ing, getting and keeping volunteers, planning programmes to attract members and effective communication tools. The series is scheduled to begin in August and run until November with workshops located in Brantford, Sault

Ste. Marie, North Bay, Ottawa, Peterborough, Niagara Falls and Samia. For further information on dates, times and fees, please contact workshop leader, Alison Lobb in Clinton at (519) 482-7167 or the OGS at (416) 489-0734.

## Upcoming OHS Workshops and Seminars

DATE	WORKSHOP	LOCATION
July 15	The Simcoe Legacy: Elizabeth Simcoe in Upper Canada	Simcoe
July 24	Education and the Common Curriculum	Aurora
August 18	Discover Your Community!	Little Current
August 19	Heritage Gardening	Sheguiandah
August 21	Education and the Common Curriculum	Chatham
September 16	Gardens of the Golden Age	Oshawa
September 22, 23	Holidays and Holy Days - Cultural Celebrations in Ontario	Brockville
October 27, 28	Holidays and Holy Days - Cultural Celebrations in Ontario	Thunder Bay
November 17, 18	Holidays and Holy Days - Cultural Celebrations in Ontario	Midland
November 18	Making it Look Good: Displays, Graphics and Labels	Ottawa

For further information on these training programmes and others in the planning stages, please contact Lorraine Lowry, Workshop Co-ordinator, The Ontario Historical Society, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011 or fax (416) 226-2740.





At the end of this year, Jean Burnet (left) will hand the editorship of *Ontario History* over to Terry Crowley of the University of Guelph. To demonstrate the OHS' appreciation for Jean's many years of service, Mary Lou Fox (right) of the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation on Manitoulin Island, conducted a special eagle feather ceremony at the Annual Conference in Chatham. Mary Lou also handcrafted a beautiful leather shield which she presented to Jean. (Photo courtesy of Rob Levery.)

## New membership fees

At the annual business meeting of The Ontario Historical Society held May 6 at the Wheels Inn, Chatham, a motion was put forward to change the membership fees. Effective immediately, the annual fees are as follows:

- Individual - \$20.00

- Family - \$25.00

- Institution/Organization (including affiliate) - \$20.00

The other categories will remain the same, and the subscription rates to *Ontario History* have not changed. For further information, please contact the OHS office.

## Call for antiques and collectibles

The Ontario Historical Society is planning to hold a **Coach House Auction** of antiques and collectibles to take place this autumn, and would welcome donations of small items. All funds raised will go

towards the restoration of the coach house on the John McKenzie property, the headquarters of the OHS. If you can help, please contact the Society at (416) 226-9011 to arrange for pick-up or delivery.

## Welcome new OHS Board members

At the annual business meeting of the OHS held May 6 at the Wheels Inn in Chatham, the election of the Board of Directors took place. Five new directors were elected including Linda Ambrose of the Department of History, Laurentian University in Sudbury; Bruce Elliott of the History Department, Carleton University in Ottawa; and Wyn Millar of the Faculty of Education, University of Western Ontario in London. Laura Suchan, Director of the

Oshawa Sydenham Museum was elected Secretary and Robert Surtees of the History Department of Nipissing University in North Bay was elected Second Vice President.

Retiring from the Board are Christopher Andreae, Paul Delaney, Mary Lou Fox and Everett Moore. Welcome new Board members and many thanks to those who are retiring for your support and hard work during your term of office.

## Architectural conservation advice available

By Paul Dilse, Consulting Heritage Manager for the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario Inc.

Whether learning more about our architectural heritage or organizing to save an important building in the community, historical societies can benefit from three technical service programmes run by the Architectural Conservancy, including the Advisory Board, training and publications.

Since 1972, the Advisory Board has been providing preliminary advice on a wide range of heritage conservation matters. The programme is essentially a referral service. A client is matched with a member from the Advisory Board, consisting of conservation architects, engineers, landscape architects and histori-

ans who volunteer their time. The Advisory Board member spends up to one day in the field and another day writing a brief illustrated report.

A nominal fee of \$150.00 is charged for the service, made as a donation to the Architectural Conservancy. The client is also responsible for the out-of-pocket expenses (mileage, long-distance calls, etc.) of the Advisory Board member who does the work. As the programme is not self-supporting and relies on additional assistance from the general revenue of the Architectural Conservancy, donations in excess of \$150.00 are welcomed.

Historical societies and their friends can also ask for a special workshop where they can acquire a new skill in architectural conservation. Custom-made but non-

profit, the workshop addresses a specific need of volunteer practitioners in their community. A rate card pricing training services is available.

The Architectural Conservancy's publications include well-prepared and readable books, monographs and booklets. *Terra Cotta: Artful Deceivers*, for example, traces the story of a common building material used between 1884 and 1924 throughout Ontario, but one now often misidentified. An annotated list of the publications is available.

For more information about the three programmes offered by the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, please contact Paul Dilse at Suite 929, 85 Bleecker Street, Toronto, Ontario M4X 1X1, (416) 921-5324 and fax (416) 921-6909.

## Peter Erb House available for sale or for donation

The Regional Municipality of Waterloo recently approved the deaccessioning of the Peter Erb House located at Doon Heritage Crossroads in Kitchener. The house was built about 1820 for Peter Erb and his wife, Susannah, near the village of Bridgeport, which is now part of Kitchener.

The superstructure of the timber frame and wood clad house appears to be in sound condition, however the concrete block foundation is crumbling and poses severe risk to the building. The perimeter walls, which are beyond repair, are caving inward and the building is being supported on a cantilever joist which rests on a foundation wall running down the centre of the structure. It is only a matter of time before the foundation collapses and with it the building.

The house is not being consid-

ered for restoration at Doon because similar examples of architecture and time frame have already been preserved at the site and at other locations throughout the region. The Erb House, therefore, is being offered as a gift to any non-profit museum or heritage agency, subject to their taking the house in "as is" condition. The group acquiring the structure will be responsible for all conditions involved in its relocation. If no group shows interest in the house, it will be offered for sale for \$1.00, with the same conditions involved as the donation above.

Whether the building is donated or sold for renovation, proposals to acquire the house will be evaluated on the basis of the final location of the house, financial ability to undertake the project and sensitivity to the treatment of architectural features.

Preference will be given to individuals or groups proposing to preserve the house within the geographic boundaries of the Region of Waterloo.

If no suitable proposals are brought forward, the house will be sold for material salvage and any funds raised in excess of expenses will go to the Doon Heritage Crossroads Artifact Reserve Fund.

For further information, please contact Tom Reitz, Manager/Curator, Doon Heritage Crossroads, R. R. #2, Kitchener N2G 3W5, (519) 748-1914.

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## Welcome new members

The Ontario Historical Society welcomes new members:

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*Hamilton:* Tim Boyd, The Hamilton Ships Company of 1812

*Kitchener:* Sophie McCann

*London:* Michael Fediw, M. Audrey Varty, Randy P. Warden

*Merrickville:* Liola Limeback

*Minden:* Carol A. Moffatt

*Mississauga:* City of Mississauga Community Services Department Heritage Section, Marian Ross

*New Liskeard:* Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum

*North Bay:* Mark Cortiula and Charlotte Doud

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By James Clemens, Chair, New Home Task Force

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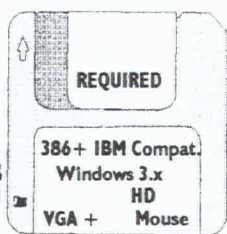
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# Museum News

## Reports from the Museums Committee's open meeting

The Museums Committee of The Ontario Historical Society has been actively pursuing a number of issues affecting the museum community in Ontario. On May 5, at the Annual Conference in Chatham, an open meeting was held to discuss present initiatives and future directions. Members of the Committee presented reports of their progress to date. The following is a short summary of some of those reports.

### Museums and Property Tax - Bill 46

Karen VandenBrink

This private members bill was introduced on June 8, 1993 by Leo Jordan, MPP for Lanark-Renfrew. It would empower local municipalities to enact a by-law granting those museums making significant contributions to their communities an exemption from municipal and school taxation for the land they occupy. While some municipalities presently provide grants to offset property taxes, Bill 46 would enable them to circumvent this inefficient process at their discretion. Thus far, the Bill has not yet had second reading.

The passing of Bill 46 would have a significant impact on the operation of many local sites, and the OHS' Museums Committee is examining ways to hasten the passage of this bill. If you have had success lobbying your local government for a tax shelter, the OHS would like to hear from you. Please contact the Committee, c/o the OHS, 34

Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011.

### Foundation Fundraising

Nicole Weppeler

I wish to provide a summary of the research I am undertaking on behalf of the the Museums Committee with respect to how small and medium-sized museums can access philanthropic foundations as funding sources. The first step requires an investment to purchase research sources including the *Canadian Directory to Foundations* and *Building Foundation Partnerships*, at a cost of \$200.00 and \$50.00 respectively. (You might also consider using these resources at your local library.) The *Canadian Directory to Foundations* lists the major philanthropic foundations with detailed information regarding the size and scope of the foundations and their specific areas of interest. There is other critical information to research; for example, foundations might be geographically specific and only fund museums in certain cities or regions in Ontario or Canada.

There are some 30 foundations who do consider funding museums in general, but it is necessary to research which of those foundations will fund museums in Ontario and in your particular area. Another 28 foundations will consider grants for historical preservation and four will provide funding for historical research. Thus you have to determine your needs and then research which foundations offer

funding to meet the particular need in your geographical area.

The book prepared by the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy, entitled *Building Foundation Partnerships*, is useful for assisting in the process of developing the proposal. This book contains profiles of foundations and general information on how foundations operate. It also includes a checklist on how to go about the process of fundraising, conducting the preliminary research and, in particular, the grant giving history of foundations. The proposal for the funding can then be tailored to meet the criteria and interest of specific foundations. Both the *Canadian Directory to Foundations* and *Building Foundation Partnerships* have updates with respect to the activities of the foundations, usually on an annual basis.

In addition, there is a third book, entitled *The Grant Report* which gives detailed listing of grants over \$5,000.00. The 1995 grant report, for example, lists some 5,200 grants. This book gives information on what area is being funded by specific foundations, providing further accuracy for your funding proposals. This book can also be purchased from the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy.

After acquiring the above reference books, an important part of preparing a philanthropic proposal would be to visit the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy located at 1329 Bay

Street in Toronto. This centre has an extensive library which is most helpful in providing research on various foundations. However, the centre is not a reference library and requires you to conduct your own research on a self-serve basis.

I will continue my research on the philanthropic foundations themselves to see which would be most suited to small and medium-sized museums in Ontario. As

well as my initial research, I also plan to investigate capital campaigns, planned giving and endowment creation. These three areas require more complex legal planning to carry out, but are interrelated with philanthropic foundation sources. At a time when government funding is under such economic stress, museums should explore alternative funding other than traditional sources.

## Museums, historic sites and education



One of the OHS' most successful workshops is **Education and the Common Curriculum** presented by John Carter, Museum Advisor with the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation and Bruce Richard, Curator of the Heritage Schoolhouse in Markham. At a programme held in Aylmer in April, John Carter quizzed participants on their knowledge of Ministry of Education and Training documents and school officials in their area. (Photo courtesy of Lorraine Lowry.)

### By Bruce Richard, Chair, Museums Committee

The Ministry of Education and Training recently released the final policy document on curriculum, entitled *The Common Curriculum: Policies and Outcomes, Grades 1-9*, marking a new era for education in Ontario. Explicit in this document is an unprecedented opportunity for museums to fulfill their roles as educational resources and learning centres for their communities.

Thanks to the interest and concerted efforts of members of the museums community, museums, historic sites and galleries have been identified as specific educational partners with which school boards can work to meet essential curriculum needs. Heritage resources have been recognized as being able to provide students with experiences that contribute to a range of specific "Learning Outcomes". Not only does the *Common Curriculum* promote the unique educational value of museums and historic sites, it is also now mandatory for schools to seek out community resources that encourage learning. There is a natural fit between these demands in education and the services available through the museums.

The fundamental change of approach in the *Common Curriculum* addresses the importance of understanding the integration of subjects and applied relevance of experience for student learning. This unique combination of knowledge, skills and attitudes is inherent in

the museum experience. Museums must take responsibility for finding these curriculum connections in the diverse programmes taking place within the school system. This includes the importance of recognizing the needs of the educational system and modifying programmes to meet some of these goals.

Museums must become familiar with the theories and structure of curriculum and identify the relevance of their resources, including the possible knowledge, skills and attitudes students can gain by experiencing their programmes. Museums must also explore the wealth of new possibilities available for designing innovative programming alternatives to meet specific Outcomes in all four "Core Programme Areas".

To continue to build this partnership with the education field, museums must evaluate their present successes in meeting the newly-defined Outcomes and work diligently to create alternate approaches within their programmes to ensure they are providing the student (and every visitor) with a valuable and relevant learning experience. If museums expect to continue as important resources to their communities, they must adapt to meet the needs of their client base. Not only will this contribute to continued funding possibilities, it will expose the future generation of taxpayers, board members, politicians and volunteers to the real value of their local heritage and cultural resources.

## New military gallery opens

On June 17, the Bruce County Museum in Southampton officially opened its new Military Gallery in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of VE Day. The gallery provides a compre-

hensive look into the impact of war on the communities of Bruce County from 1865 to the Korean War. The exhibition is based on period artifacts, personal memorabilia and recollec-

tions of the veterans and those who experienced war on the homefront.

For further information, contact the Museum at 33 Victoria Street, (519) 797-2080.

## Destination Sault Ste. Marie

Sault Ste. Marie has always been a popular destination for anyone interested in history. Now the opening of two new

heritage facilities makes it even more interesting.

The Bushplane Heritage Museum is under development

in the historic waterfront aviation hangar that was once home to the Ontario Provincial Air Services. The site highlights the accomplishments of the bushplane and the hardy group of adventurous aviators (many World War I veterans) who opened up the north with lifelines and supply lines.

Stretching back in time to the arrival of the first settlers in the area is the Prince Township Museum, named for Colonel John Prince, the first Judge for the Algoma District. Located on the Second Line West of Sault Ste. Marie, the museum includes a school classroom, church and the Conway Homestead.

As well as visits to these new facilities, don't miss the Sault Ste. Marie Museum, the Algoma Art Gallery, the Sault Ste. Marie Canal National Historic Site, the Ermatinger Old Stone House, Mr. Magic's Double Decker Bus and much, much more.

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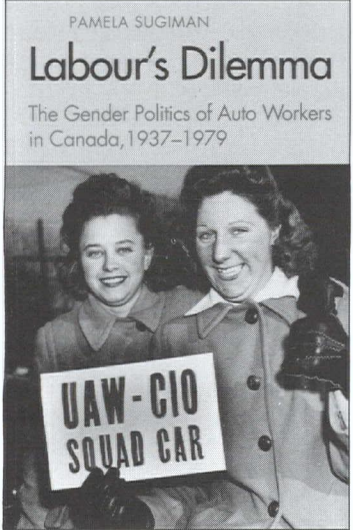
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# From the Bookshelf

By Pat and Chris Raible,  
Editors



## Women's Work

**Labour's Dilemma: The Gender Politics of Auto Workers in Canada, 1937-1979.** By Pamela Sugiman. University of Toronto Press. 293 pages. Illustrations. \$19.95 paper.

In spite of the United Auto Workers' impressive bargaining gains during the period under review, blatant gender inequality remained in both union and workplace. Sugiman draws on archival material and personal interviews to show how women in southern Ontario auto plants sought dignity, respect and recognition.

## Civil Servants

**From Arm's Length to Hands-On: The Formative Years of Ontario's Public Service, 1867-1940.** By J. E. Hodgetts. University of Toronto Press. 298 pages. \$24.95 paper.

This study focuses on the evolution of the province's public service from its modest emergence in 1867, as outlined in the British North America Act, to the complexity of agencies serving a wide variety of social needs by the beginning of the Second World War. Here we see the evolution of, and rationale for, the myriad boards, commissions and crown corporations serving the people of Ontario.

## Family

**Simon, Peter and Polly, 1775-1825: A Chronicle of Malott and Girty Families.** By Madeline Hilborn Malott. Illustrations. \$25.00 cloth.

This poignant tale is based on the experiences of three American colonists who had spent their childhood years separately along the Susquehanna, the Potomac and Dunkard's Creek. Malott tells of their abduction by the First Nations, their life with their captors and their eventual settlement on British Crown Lands in Essex County, Upper Canada. This is a story of family and roots.

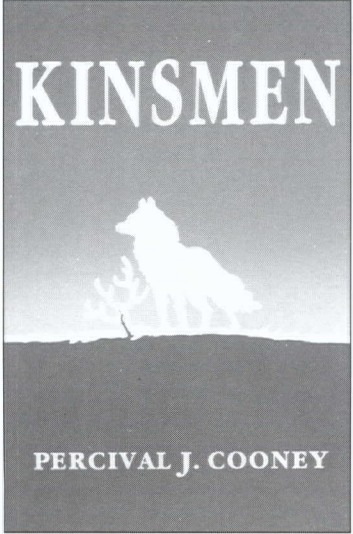
## Boo!

**Ghost Stories of Ontario.** By John Robert Colombo. Hounslow. 239 pages. \$16.99 paper.

Chills and thrills galore in these "true" stories of haunted houses, ghosts, poltergeists, apparitions and other eerie events. Just the book to take to bed when the night wind howls in the chimney cowl!

## Grimsby History

In the past few years, the Grimsby Historical Society has put out a number of impressive publications, including *Annals of the Forty*, the history of Grimsby and West Lincoln from 1783 to 1873 in ten volumes, \$7.00 each; *Indian Oratory and Letters of Rev. Abram Nelles*, the letters of a missionary to the Six Nations, \$4.00; and *Ride Through the Garden of Canada*, a history of the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Railway, \$10.00. For a complete list, write the Society.



## Bully

**Kinsmen.** By Percival J. Cooney. General Store Publishing House. 303 pages. \$16.95 paper.

For 20 years, since 1823, the Laird of McNab has ruled a feudal fiefdom in the Canadian wilderness. The settlers of McNab township struggle to regain their rights and freedoms in this fictional retelling, replete with blood feuds, courtroom battles and pioneer courage.

## Plaque Promotion

**Huron Historical Notes, Volume XXX.** Huron County Historical Society. 72 pages. Illustrations. \$2.50 paper.

The blue and bronze heritage plaques which dot our province all commemorate particular places or persons, but their brief inscriptions can only trace a few facts. Here for Huron County is much more information about each of the 21 Ontario plaques, the four Federal Government plaques, and the more than 50 municipal and private plaques and cairns. (It would be wonderful if other historical societies would do the same for all the plaques in their areas!) Volume XXIX of the notes, devoted to articles on the county's railway history, is also available.

## Ontariana

**High Victorian Windsor: Essays on Windsor and Area 1880-1895.** By Patrick Brode. Essex County Historical Society. 45 pages. Illustrations. \$4.50

Author Patrick Brode has drawn on his polished skills as both a legal historian and a biographer to produce essays telling two fascinating tales of Windsor life more than a century ago. If history is story, this is history at its best.

**A Coleman Township Road Guide to Historic Cobalt Mines.** By Peter Fancy. Temiskaming Abitibi Heritage Association. 50 pages. Illustrations. \$4.50 paper

Touring Temiskaming has

been made easier, educational and more enjoyable thanks to this, the fifth in a series of guides. Its many heritage illustrations make it interesting even to those afar and unable to take the tours.

**Dundas Street Waterdown 1793-1993.** By Sylvia Wray and Maurice H. Green. Waterdown - East Flamborough Heritage Society. 64 pages. Illustrations. \$18.00 paper.

Historical and matching present-day photographs combine with a lucid and informative text to trace the history of Highway 5, reinforcing its claim as the

oldest highway in the province. A highly attractive celebration of a most important heritage.

**Boosting the Bay.** By Wilston Steer. North Bay and District Chamber of Commerce. 166 pages. Illustrations. \$12.00 paper.

The normally forward-looking North Bay Board of Trade/District Chamber of Commerce celebrated its centennial year by looking backward. One welcome consequence was the production of this marvelous volume. How the area has changed, yet how much of the old is still familiar.

**A Pioneer Ministry: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church New Liskeard, Ontario.** By Bruce W. Taylor. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 100th Anniversary Committee. 188 pages. Illustrations. \$10.00 paper.

The same year that the first settlers arrived in Temiskaming, the isolated frontier of "New Ontario", a Presbyterian student missionary began work in the area. Within four years in New Liskeard, a church was established. This is its story, with special emphasis on those early years.

## History Noted

In recent months, flyers and notices have been received describing a number of publications of interest to *From the Bookshelf* readers:

**Kingsway Park: Triumph in Design.** By Elizabeth Ingolfssrud and Alec Keefer. Toronto Region Architectural Conservancy. Illustrations. \$20.00. A fully illustrated architectural study of a planned Etobicoke community.

**Old Auto Tales.** By Gord Hazlett. Quad Printing. Illustrations. \$20.00. The experiences of a car and truck mechanic, culled from his columns in the newspaper *Old Autos*.

**Culture, Justice and Law.** Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice. 251 pages. \$35.00 paper. A collection of papers dealing with cultural differences as they are treated in recent legislation, court experiences and administrative decisions.

**Winners: 150 Years of the Peterborough Exhibition.** By Elwood H. Jones. Peterborough Agricultural Society. \$22.00. A lavishly illustrated history of the association with local fairs from 1842 to the present.

**The Child Letters: Public and Private Life in a Canadian Merchant-Politician's Family 1841-1845.** By J. I. Little. McGill-Queen's University Press. \$39.95. The first detailed history of this period's politics in the Eastern Townships, as seen through the thoughts of a Canadian family outside the small British-born elite.

**A Reference to Projectile Points of Southern Manitoba.** By Michael M. Dobson. \$9.50. A book designed to help identify and date spearpoints, dartpoints and arrowheads.

**Ontario Archaeological Report for 1896-1897 (reprint).** Cornacchia Photo Services. 117 pages. Illustrations. \$16.00.

Numerous articles on artifacts, burial mounds, and excavations of both First Nations and European settler sites.

**200 Years of Tradition: The Story of Canadian Whiskey.** By Lorraine Brown. Fitzhenry and Whiteside. Illustrations \$35.00 cloth. A history written to accompany the exhibition at the Seagram Museum in Waterloo.

**North for Gold: The Red Lake Gold Rush of 1926.** By Ruth Weber Russell. Crystal Clear Communications. \$20.00. An account of the people, the experience, the technology and the economic significance of the Red Lake gold rush.

**Census of 1851 of the Province of Quebec.** Archiv-Histo. Volumes for *The Parish of Chambly*, \$15.00; *The Parish of La Prairie*, \$15.00; and *The Parish of St-Constant* \$12.00. Each volume is complete with an index and other guides to tracing source information.

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**Cornacchia Photo Services.** Box 72, Kingston, Ontario K7L 4V6.

**Crystal Clear Communications.** Box 611, Red Lake, Ontario P0V 2M0.

**Essex County Historical Society.** 243 Buckingham Drive, Windsor, Ontario N8S 2C5.

**Fitzhenry and Whiteside.** 195 Allstate Parkway, Markham, Ontario L3R 4T8.

**General Store Publishing House.** 1 Main Street, Burnstown, Ontario K0J 1G0.

**Grimsby Historical Society.** Box 294, Grimsby Ontario L3M 4G5.

**Hounslow Press.** 2181 Queen Street East, Suite 301, Toronto, Ontario M4E 1E5.

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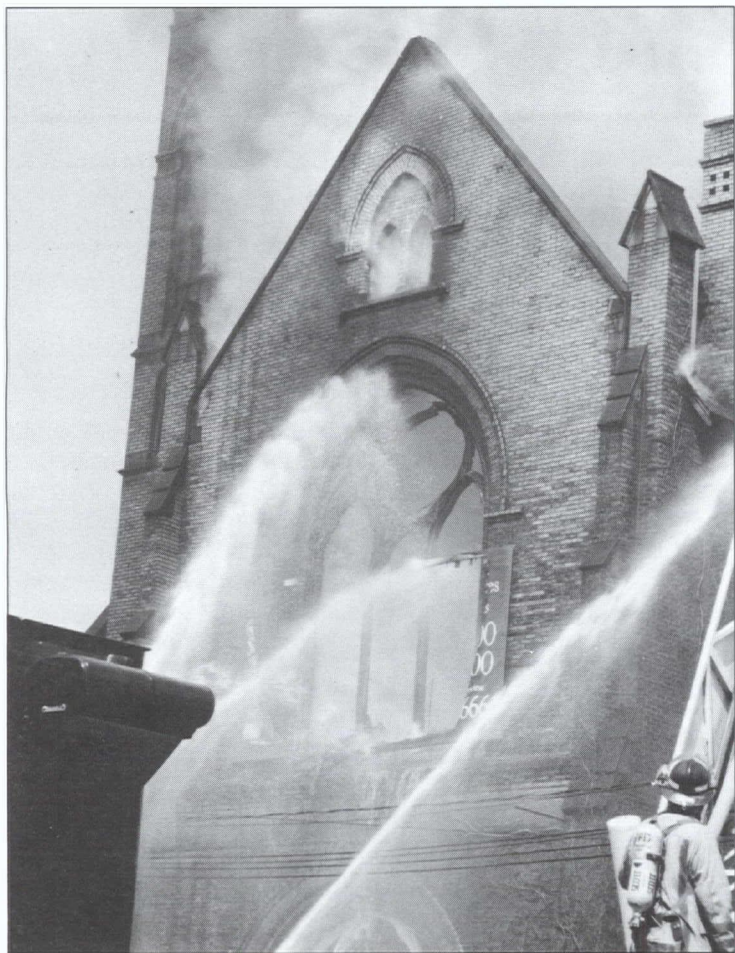
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## Library is stocking up!

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cal journals and purchases all monographs relevant to its collection. If you are interested in some American dollars flowing north to your organization or institution's bank account, send your publication flyers to Ryan Taylor, Historical Genealogy Department, Allen County Public Library, 900 Webster St., Box 2270, Fort Wayne, IN 46801-2270.





On Monday, April 24, one of Toronto's heritage treasures was consumed by fire and has since been demolished. St. Paul's Avenue Road church was built in 1886 and was widely acclaimed for its ceiling murals painted by Gustav Hahn in 1890. A subsequent investigation into the fire has proven that it was arson. (Photo courtesy of Margaret Crawford, Ontario Black History Society.)

## National treasure vanishes

By Jane Beecroft,  
CHP Heritage Centre

On Monday, April 24, smoke and fire were spotted issuing from the famous St. Paul's church, located on Avenue Road in Toronto. Soon after, the church's interior was virtually destroyed, and with it vanished the great ceiling murals by Gustav Hahn.

Designed by architect, John Gemmell in 1886, St. Paul's had the first glass doors used in a public building in Toronto, handmade cherry and walnut pews with wrought iron, a raked floor and excellent acoustics. It was St. Paul's ceiling, however, which brought wider fame. Painted in 1890 by Gustav Hahn, the murals were white and gold angels bearing pairs of candelabra, each representing a theme such as goodness and joy. They were painted in the finest graphic style of Art Nouveau at its peak.

The loss of St. Paul's illustrates the inadequacies of heritage preservation in Toronto

and in Ontario. The City of Toronto has had a number of years to take action to preserve the church and has been warned that problems with the property were serious. A motion put before the City's Neighbourhoods Committee promising to do everything possible to protect the church was never implemented, despite being supported by a unanimous vote

at that Committee and passed to full Council as a recommendation. Council, however, did not address the issue because of questions raised by the Councillor for the area where the church stood.

Since the fire, the church has been totally demolished because it was deemed unsafe. A subsequent investigation has proven arson.

## OHS needs your help to restore John McKenzie grounds and gardens

The Ontario Historical Society is planning to restore the gardens and grounds of its new headquarters, the John McKenzie House at 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale. The OHS is interested in seeing photographs, illustrations or any memorabilia relating to the property as it would have appeared in the past. If you have memories, or know of someone who would, the Society also would like to hear from you so that an interview can be arranged.

Please contact the OHS at 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011 or fax (416) 226-2740.

## Congratulations on 100 years

Congratulations to the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto, organized on November 19, 1895 and incorporated a few months later on February 14, 1896, for celebrating 100 years of preserving heritage.

Under the leadership of the first President, Mrs. S. A. Curzon, the Society became an important force for the preservation of history and heritage in Ontario almost immediately. Archival and museum collections were started, a publication programme was undertaken, lobbying for the erection of historical plaques and monuments and the preservation of historic structures such as Fort York was begun. The Society was a strong advocate and supporter of the Great Historical Exhibition sponsored by the OHS at Victoria College in Toronto in 1899 in the hope that a Provincial Museum for Ontario could be established.

In 1925, the Society became concerned about the condition of Colborne Lodge, home of the late John Howard and his wife, Jemima, and left by them to the City of Toronto. With frugal

resources and a great deal of love, Society members worked on refurbishing the Lodge and opening it to the public.

The Women's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto has served both Toronto and Ontario for close to a century and our sincere thanks go out to them in this important anniversary year.

## Come for tea on our verandah

Looking for a pleasant and quiet Sunday afternoon activity? The Ontario Historical Society is presenting "Tea on the Verandah" from 2:00 to 4:00 on Sunday, August 13 at our headquarters, 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale.

Relax on our spacious verandah and enjoy tea, coffee, a selection of homebaking and take home a complimentary publication, all for \$5.00.

What better way to spend a Sunday afternoon? We look forward to seeing you here. For further information and directions, please contact the OHS at (416) 226-9011.

## Cemetery news

By Marjorie Stuart,  
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Now that the nice weather has arrived, many of us will be visiting cemeteries. There has been much controversy over the best and safest methods to read faint and weathered gravestones. The following information was noted in *Timberline*, the newsletter of the Upper Ottawa Genealogical Group. The recommendations come from The Association for Gravestone Studies, 30 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609, USA.

- Do not use:
- Shaving creams. They are acidic.
- Magic markers. They contain harmful chemicals.
- Chalk, crayon or paint. These can all do irreparable damage.

There is one harmless method to highlight inscriptions. Use a brush to place some type of powder into the crevasses of the stone. For dark stones, use confectionary sugar or flour. For light stones, use powdered graphite. To outline inscriptions, use wax or graphite rubbings, which is time consuming, but can be used to read stones of artistic

value or special family stones.

Let us all take heed; many gravestones are becoming very difficult to read due to chemical erosion and acid rain. Don't accelerate the process.

### Congratulations to:

- David Faux and Dale Goldhawk of CTV News. Due to their efforts, the burial location of David's ancestors will remain undisturbed. Members of the Young and Nelles family were buried at an unmarked site on a farm in the Hagersville area. The owner of the property has agreed not to plough the small cemetery.
- Woodlawn Cemetery in Guelph for continuing their annual cemetery tour. These popular tours always have a theme and the material is thoroughly researched and published in a brochure. The theme for this year's tour was "Physicians and Healers", and took place on Decoration Sunday, June 11.
- The Oshawa Sydenham Museum for preparing an interesting exhibit outlining the history of Harmony Road (Farewell) Pioneer Cemetery. Road widening necessitated the removal and relocation of remains in 1970 and again in 1994. This exhibit,

"Cemetery and Society", offers a wealth of information, particularly for students. The Museum is located at 1450 Sydenham Street South in Oshawa. Call (905) 436-7624 for details.

As reported in the last issue of the *OHS Bulletin*, the OHS and The Ontario Genealogical Society have appealed the decision of the Registrar, Cemeteries Act, to declare Clendennen Cemetery, Lot 17, Concession 8, Town of Markham closed. Under the Notice of Closure, the cemetery will be moved. We are searching for descendants of those buried there, including William Clendenen and his wife Susannah Stover, their three married daughters: Margaret, wife of Cornelius Johnson, Magdalene, wife of Sincler Holden and Mary, wife of John McKinnon. It should be noted the spelling of Clendenen has varied over the years. Please contact OHS with any information.

In April, Rob Levery of the OHS and I were invited by the Kiwanis Club of Islington to speak on "The Heritage of Ontario's Cemeteries". We were delighted by both the enthusiastic reception and large turnout; over 96 members were in attendance.

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