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OHS honours excellence in Ontario's heritage with annual awards presentations



The Ontario Historical Society presented the annual awards on May 24 as a part of our conference, "Visions of the North, Voices of the North", co-sponsored with Nipissing University in North Bay. On hand to accept awards that evening were Liz Boyd and Robert Cardwell with the Pittsburgh Historical Society for the Scadding Award of Excellence; Thelma Miles of Matheson for the Carnochan Award; Jay Kaytar and Brian Wood with the Bell Homestead in Brantford for the Museum Award of Excellence and Ron Parlane with the Scarborough LACAC for the B. Napier Simpson Junior Award of Merit.

Story behind the "photo"

In the past several months, we have received a number of enquiries to clarify the "photo"

that accompanied the article "Chief Hearing Officer for Clendennen Appeal forced to withdraw" which appeared on page one of the January-February 1997 issue of the *OHS Bulletin*. You may remember that in the text where the photo was to appear, we stated that for close to a month we had tried to obtain the photograph, but despite our best efforts, we were unsuccessful.

The photo, "Swan Lake Breaks Ground", showed a number of dignitaries at a sod-turning ceremony at the Markham

development, where the Clendennen cemetery is located. The photo first appeared in the September 16, 1995 edition of the *Markham Economist and Sun*, which is where we began our search. After thoroughly checking their archives, the newspaper discovered that the photographer, a representative from Swan Lake, had reclaimed the photo after it appeared in the issue.

We were then directed to the Marketing Department of Swan Lake, where we were asked many

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GARAGE SALE

**Tuesday, July 1 Canada Day
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Several individuals, institutions and organizations demonstrating excellence in Ontario's heritage were honoured on Saturday, May 24 at Nipissing University in North Bay as part of The Ontario Historical Society's annual conference, "Visions of the North, Voices of the North", co-sponsored with the University. Receiving awards at the annual presentation were:

The Bell Homestead Museum of Brantford for the Museum Award of Excellence, given to a non-profit public museum in Ontario showing excellence in community programming and involvement.

The Scarborough LACAC for the B. Napier Simpson Junior Award of Merit, given to a LACAC in Ontario making a special contribution to heritage conservation in the recent past.

Thelma Miles of Matheson for the Carnochan Award presented to an individual who has contributed many years of service to the heritage community.

The Pittsburgh Historical Society for the Scadding Award of Excellence, conferred on an historical society making an outstanding contribution to the field of history.

Four other awards were announced that evening, with presentations to take place in the near

future:

Katherine Ashenburg for her 1996 book, *Going to Town: Architectural Walking Tours in Southern Ontario* for the Fred Landon Award given for the best book on Ontario's regional history.

Peggy Bristow (Coordinator) for the 1994 book, *We're Rooted Here and They Can't Pull Us Up: Essays in African Canadian Women's History* for the Joseph Brant Award presented for the best book on Ontario's multicultural history.

Patricia Jasen, author of *Wild Things: Nature, Culture and Tourism in Ontario, 1790-1914*, published in 1995 for the J.J. Talman Award given for the best book on Ontario's social, economic, political or cultural history.

Jennifer Connor for the article "Thomsonian Medical Books and the Culture of Dissent in Upper Canada", published in *Canadian Bulletin of Medical History* for the Riddell Award for the best article on Ontario history.

The Ontario Historical Society congratulates the winners of our 1996 awards, and reminds you that the deadline for nominations for our 1997 awards is **October 30**. Contact the Society for an application form and help to recognize excellence in Ontario's heritage.

Remembering the 1922 Fire

In 1922 a devastating fire swept through several communities in northeastern Ontario, leaving destruction in its wake. To commemorate this significant event in the area's history, the Haileybury Heritage Museum will present a weekend of tours,

exhibits, recollections, a special dinner and presentations on October 3, 4 and 5.

For further information, please contact the Museum at 451 Meridian Avenue, P.O. Bag D, Haileybury P0J 1K0, (705) 672-1922, fax 672-3200.

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Executive Director's report

By Dorothy Duncan, OHS Executive Director

Each month, about 300 newsletters from museums, historical societies and other historical and cultural organizations cross my desk. They come from Ontario, other provinces and yes, from the United States and overseas, as well. I read them all, not only to keep up with what is happening in our community - the heritage community - but to search out the news, the innovative programmes and the fundraising ideas for "Across the Province" that appears in each issue of the *OHS Bulletin*.

The newsletters are usually a joy to read, for every month, I am reminded again of what a great bunch of people (a modest estimate would be 100,000 in Ontario) are involved in making the news that appears in the newsletters. I know, too, that you not only exchange ideas, but adopt them from each other. Speakers, programmes, tours, money makers, new services for your communities can be tracked from month to month as they jump from community to community, thanks to "Across the Province", and to your own great newsletters and publicity.

During the last year, the newsletters have contained news of another kind, that describes how much your organizations and institutions are suffering, how you are stretched to the limit and how you are attempting to cope. Here is just a sampling from recent newsletters:

From the *Grenville Sentinel*, published by the Grenville

County Historical Society:

"The Executive are running out of ideas for fund raising events. If you have any ideas we would love to hear about them. Either let one of the Executive know or write in your ideas, we are looking for something unique that will bring in the crowds and be a good fund raiser and not too much work for our already over-worked volunteers."

From *Outlook*, published by the Hastings County Historical Society:

Grants evaporating: "Lower provincial grants to heritage groups (including the HCHS) are affecting programs. Our society passed a motion on Heritage Day calling on the province to reconsider its plan to cut funding by another 25 percent."

From the *Temiskaming Abitibi Heritage Newsletter*:

When 'Partner' Becomes a Verb: "The realities of working in the cultural/heritage sector in the 90s are challenging at best...Our library has made magnificent moves in the last year to align itself with like-minded community groups, broadened its appeal, developed a volunteer core - you name it. Is it enough? It's too close to call at this point. It certainly will never be the same. The Museum of Northern History at the Sir Harry Oakes Chateau is in the same boat. We have diversified into rentals and weddings and catering. We have introduced user fees for such things as research. The traditional functions of any museum - collection, con-

servation and interpretation are at best on the back burner. Research, temporary exhibitions and education are among the least important activities. One makes survival decisions. One day we hope to be back on track. Certainly, if we are not alive at all there is no hope.

And having said all this I have never seen such a willingness for groups to join forces...Of course, I think it first all started when we ran out of money and the noun "partner" became a verb, but more about this another day."

From *Newsleaf*, published by the Ontario Genealogical Society:

"Part of the operating expenses of the society have been covered by an operating grant from the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation. In 1996, this grant was slashed by over 32%. All special equipment/education/programme grants averaging \$8000.00 a year have been discontinued, or made subject to excessively onerous criteria to discourage applications. Interest rates are projected to remain low for the foreseeable future for all investments. There is no guarantee that sales in 1996 can be maintained in 1997 and beyond."

From *Aldernews*, published by the Etobicoke Historical Society:

WANTED: "We are looking for a member who is (or was) a ticker and tier, a poster and voucher, an adder and cross adder, and who is an opinionated person and ready to express it. In short we seek to find an auditor in our membership. It is not that we are in any way dissatisfied with..., who have done the job for many years at a most reasonable fee. But, in the last few years we have seen our Ontario grants drop from \$2,250 down to \$900 which means that we must do everything possible to reduce expenditures and remain in the black. Our annual audit fee is about \$600 which amounts to about 1/3rd of our income from membership fees; if we could find a willing member to volunteer to do the job it would help considerably to offset our declining grants and postpone the necessity of having a sizable increase in our annual membership dues."

These are just a few examples of what is happening, and it is important that you not only let your members know, but let your MPP, your regional consultant and the Minister of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation know. The Minister's staff continues to claim that they are not hearing from anyone about the cuts, the loss of services and all the other changes to support and programmes.

WRITE! Have your members write! Send the OHS copies of your letters! In the meantime, the OHS continues to ask for a meeting with the Minister, as we have done since her appointment in June 1995. As we go to press, we have still not received a response to any of our letters.

What is Happening to Heritage in the Mega City?

There is no clear answer to that question, however, it is becoming increasingly apparent that the real heritage community in Metropolitan Toronto must get organized! There are dozens of committees, hundreds of reports and confusion on all sides as public meetings and focus groups sponsored by the municipalities, the transition team and specific interest groups attempt to clarify what is happening.

Having attended a few of these, it is apparent that, if those who know and understand the complexity and value of our rich and varied heritage resources, do not start a brisk publicity campaign **NOW**, a great deal will be lost. Those who know nothing about heritage will be making the decisions, and the organizations, institutions, programmes and services will either be diminished or vanish.

This is also a warning to the rest of Ontario to get organized, to have a clear, concise statement of the importance of heritage to community life and to the economy, and to publicize it! Letters, news releases, public statements, the works! This is another issue in which our community must be proactive, or we will see everything for which we have worked so hard go down the drain in the next few months.

How Many Heritage Buildings Does It Take to Produce a Sports Palace?

The heritage community has listened, watched, questioned,

protested, attended public meetings and written copious letters in the last few months as the two commercial corporations known as the Toronto Raptors and the Toronto Maple Leafs have waltzed, with Toronto City Council as their partners, over an assortment of historic buildings. To our dismay, it would appear that the historic Postal Delivery Building, Union Station (a national historic site designated under the Heritage Railway Protection Act), the whole of Front Street, including the Royal York Hotel, and Maple Leaf Gardens, also designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, have suddenly become disposable in their enthusiasm to create a new sports and entertainment centre.

A Notice of Disposition for Union Station appeared in the May 21, 1997 issue of the *Globe and Mail*, and if you have objections, write to: Minister of Canadian Heritage, Ottawa K1A 0M5. I also encourage you to write to Mayor Barbara Hall, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto M5H 2N2 if you have concerns about council's apparent seduction on this issue. This is not just a local issue, but a provincial one, for if this plan succeeds, local councils will use it as a model for decision making, and your community could be the next one to suffer.

On Your Mark!

As I said at the beginning of this report, we represent at least 100,000 people, who are also voters. We can make a difference on these issues. *Get Set. Go!*

Information wanted

Career Colleges and Business Schools

Shaw College in Toronto is producing a pamphlet on the history of career or business colleges in Ontario. They would like to receive any information about such institutions including the name of the school, duration of its existence, time of closing and any names and addresses of living descendants of owners or staff. Contact Don Pennell, Shaw College, 365 Bloor Street East, 9th Floor, Toronto M4W 3L4.

Florence Nightingale

Lynn McDonald, Professor with the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Guelph, is preparing a collected works of Florence Nightingale. She is interested in receiving information on new, unpublished sources or material not held in archives or museums. Contact Professor McDonald at the University, Guelph N1G 2W1.

Anomalous Aerial Phenomenon

Drew Williamson of Toronto is looking for any references to anomalous aerial phenomenon in Ontario's history, including mys-

terious lights, will-o-the-wisp, aerial visions, "angel hair", mysterious airships, airplanes or UFOs. References from books or journals on local history, newspapers, magazines, scrapbooks or stories that could lead to a printed reference are of interest. Contact Williamson at 105-357 Rusholme Road, Toronto M6H 2Z4.

Historic Inns and Taverns

Allen Sneath of Willowdale is compiling a book on Upper Canada's hostelrys, primarily located in southern Ontario. He is interested in receiving information on inns or taverns established pre-Confederation. The building should be restored and still be in use today. Forward any information, along with any stories or legends to Sneath at 61 Wimpole Drive, Willowdale M2L 2L2.

GTR Petersburg Station

Doon Heritage Crossroads near Kitchener is interested in receiving detailed, definitive information on restoring the GTR Petersburg Station, now at the historic site, to the circa 1914 period. Contact Mrs. E. Heinrichs, 25 Stafford Lane, Kitchener N2G 3W5.



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Across the Province

By Dorothy Duncan, OHS Executive Director

Congratulations to the **Clarke Museum and Archives** in Kirby on the grand opening of the new storage facility on April 13. Set up as a visible format, researchers, visitors and staff can access the collections more readily. The Museum also launched a newsletter in April. For information on upcoming events and exhibitions, call (905) 983-9243.

The **Aurora Museum** will be hosting History Camp again this summer. To learn more or to register, call (905) 727-8991.

A new **Fine Arts Society** has formed in Milton inspired by the successful art exhibit at the Mayor's Levee on January 1. Frank Sission, at (905) 878-9722, has been elected President and can provide information on the first project, Art in the Park.

In the Town of Kenora, the **Armoury**, which began its life as the courthouse and jail for the frontier town of Rat Portage, is looking for a new owner. Built in 1883, when the community was known as "one of the roughest towns in Canada", this historic structure is no longer needed by the federal government, the present owner.

If you are a murder mystery fan, you will not want to miss *The Xibalba Murders*, by Lyn Hamilton, Director, Cultural Programmes Branch, **Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation**. Set in Mérida, Mexico, it is an interesting combination of history, archaeology, romance, mystery and murder.

The **Uxbridge-Scott Historical Society** was formed in 1971 to promote local history, and immediately began to look for a permanent location to display historical artifacts as the community's centennial was to be celebrated the following year. The vacant, one-room school at Quaker Hill was officially opened as the Uxbridge-Scott Museum by Dr. Matthew Dymond, MPP on May 27, 1972. Congratulations on 25 years of service to the community and the people of Ontario.

The **Richmond Hill Heritage Centre**, located in the historic **Amos Wright House**, 19 Church Street North will officially open this fall. In the meantime, exhibits are being developed through the generosity of the **Richmond Hill Historical Society's** donation of over 600 artifacts, and a heritage garden has been planted. Contact Maggie MacKenzie, Heritage Centre Co-ordinator, (905) 780-3802 for information.

Did you graduate from **Manitoba Provincial Normal School** in 1952? The 45th Reunion will be held July 4 so call (204) 773-2578 for information.

Old Fort Niagara has an innovative sponsorship programme available for its special events. If you are looking for a way to honour someone, reach new customers or build community pride, learn the details by calling (716) 745-7611.

Looking for a new fundraising idea? The **Marmora Historical Foundation** raised over \$1000.00 selling space in a time capsule to support the new addition to the Marmora Public Library.

The **Guelph Arts Council** has recently reprinted *Where Guelph Began* and *Downtown Walkabout*, two of the popular series that is a key component of the Council's heritage programme. For information on the walking tours, books or the Council's award programme, call (519) 836-3280.

The **Peterborough Historical Society** is already planning the Third Annual Antique Show for October 17 to 19 at the new Evinrude Centre in Peterborough. If you can assist, call Don Willcock, (705) 743-9710.

A new **North Hastings Genealogy Club** has formed and meets the last Thursday of every month at Bancroft Public Library.

Jennifer Rosebrugh will be leaving the post of President of **Heritage Ottawa** in August. If the challenge of serving as the next President appeals to you, contact the Presidential Selection Committee, 2 Daly Avenue, Ottawa K1N 6E2.

A happy retirement to both Peter Grossart, leaving the **Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum** after 21 years of service and to Mary Karpinchik, Chief Executive Officer of the **Port Colborne Public Library**, who is also retiring.

The **Friends of the Trent Severn Waterway** has initiated a partnership with the **Peterborough Centennial Museum and Archives** by opening a year round gift shop located in the Museum foyer.

The **Huron Museum** will celebrate its 50th anniversary on July 12 with an Old Fashioned Garden Party. A new Kenneth Kidd Research Room will be opened this year in honour of the late Professor Kidd whose private reference library collection has been donated to the Museum by his widow, Martha Kidd.

The **Oxford County Museum School** in Burgessville is sponsoring "The Boys n' Girls Summer Club" in August for children 8 to 11 years old. For information: (519) 424-2321.

We were sorry that **The Gibson House** in Willowdale has cancelled the membership programme and *Newsletter*, as it has always been an informative, educational publication.

Congratulations to the **Aurora and District Historical Society** for winning a Civic Award for 34 years of commitment to heritage preservation. Plans are already underway for this year's Candlelight Tour of Homes on Saturday, September 6. Call (905) 727-8991 for details.

The **Kingston Irish Famine Commemoration Association** is appealing for donations to a Celtic Cross memorial to honour those who died in the Famine

(over 1400 victims were buried behind the Richardson Lab at the Kingston General Hospital). If you can help, make your cheque payable to the Kingston Irish Famine Commemoration Association and send to Treasurer Ann McConnell, 255 Queen Street, Kingston K7K 1B5. For information, contact President Tony O'Loughlin, (613) 389-0754.

"Acton Cemeteries" will be the topic for the September 10 meeting of the **Esquesing Historical Society** at Knox Presbyterian Church in Acton at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

The **Toronto and York Division, Canadian Railroad Historical Association** will hold the 25th Anniversary Annual Dinner on Saturday, October 25 at the York Banquet Hall in Toronto. Call (416) 368-3760 for details and tickets.

The **Kingston Historical Society** is calling for nominations for the Annual Award for a worthy person or organization. Call Jack Pike, Awards Chairman, (613) 546-9187 for details.

Dorothy's House Museum in Garden Hill is hosting a Heritage Flower Arrangement Show and Tea, August 16 and 17. For information about prizes, categories, programme or admission: (905) 885-5577.

The **Lennox and Addington Historical Society** will journey into the past on September 28 as members travel (by bus) from Napanee to Denbeigh on the old Addington Road with Larry Morris as commentator. For information, call (613) 377-6406.

Barnum House in Grafton will feature an exhibition of antique shoes from the **Bata Shoe Museum** from July to September. Information: (905) 349-2656.

The latest issue of the *Latchford and Area Moose Call* reports on the **Highway Book Shop** at Cobalt and proprietors Lois and Douglas Pollard. If you are travelling on Highway 11 this summer, visit one of Canada's biggest book stores and introduce yourself to the Pollards, great friends and supporters of the OHS.

The Proceedings from the Fort York Ideas Workshop, held last September, sponsored by the **City of Toronto's Urban Development Services**, the **Toronto Historical Board** (now **Heritage Toronto**) and the **Friends of Fort York and Garrison Common**, has now been published. For availability and cost: (416) 392-6907.

Elaine Todres, former Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation has been appointed President of the **Baycrest Centre Foundation**.

Mural Routes of Scarborough is a project of the **Scarborough Arts Council** that recognizes the unique historical features of many communities in Scarborough through art. For further information, (416) 698-7322.

Congratulations to the

President's message

By Rowena Cooper, OHS President

It has been a busy, exciting and occasionally worrisome year to have been President of The Ontario Historical Society. Starting with the wonderful, but modestly attended, Consuming Passions II in Ottawa at the beginning of May 1996; then the knowledge that we had lost over \$100,000.00 from our Provincial Grant; and behind everything we did, the constant feeling that we were (and still are) fighting a David and Goliath battle over the Clendennen Cemetery in Markham.

Not surprisingly, raising funds to complete restoration and repairs to the John McKenzie House and property was one of our top priorities in 1996. The July 1 Garage sale was an outstanding success, as were Tea on the Verandah in August and another garage sale in September.

Cook Book Caper, (one of my favourite "happenings"), the launch of our new publication *The Simcoe Legacy: The Life and Times of Yonge Street* and the results of a Silent Auction all coincided on the weekend of December 1 and 2. Generous bids on the auction items, lots of people enjoying good company and wonderful cookbooks made it a memorable weekend. February 14, 1997 - Valentine's Day - saw the reincarnation of Preserve the Pudding. Many of our volunteers donated tasty dishes to this dinner that was enjoyed by 40 delighted friends of the OHS.

Our workshop programmes take the staff and volunteers to all corners of Ontario. In the past year, we have visited Ottawa, North Bay, Milton, Hamilton, St. Catharines, Kars and many other communities. We have also held information workshops to assist

historical societies and museums to understand the cuts in Provincial funding that we have all faced. A new endeavour, and one that we shall repeat, was a lunchtime lecture series that took place at the John McKenzie House each Wednesday in February. On Saturday, April 12, the symposium "From Cathay to Canada: Chinese Cuisine in Transition" took place. This day-long event, co-sponsored by The Ontario Historical Society and the School of Hotel and Food Administration at the University of Guelph, was a fascinating study of Chinese food traditions from wedding feasts, to table manners and a marvelous lunch at Young Lok Restaurant in Willowdale - and nary a fortune cookie in sight!

In the past year, I have taken the message about our Society to both historical and genealogical societies. Each one has been treated to a "commercial" about The Ontario Historical Society - what it has accomplished in the past and what it will accomplish in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to our wonderful staff: Meribeth Clow, Cathy Febbraro, Barbara Truax, Rob Leverty and our super Executive Director, Dorothy Duncan. In the face of straitened circumstances, they are always cheerful, hardworking and constantly encouraging - thank you all. I would also like to thank the Board of Directors for their patience, hard work and many contributions to the Society over the past year.

The last word of thanks must go to our wonderful volunteers, those of you who work enthusiastically behind the scenes to make our events so successful.

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Fieldcote Memorial Park and Museum in Ancaster has announced a lively and varied workshop calendar for the year. Call (905) 648-8144 for details.

The **Pickering Township Historical Society** held its founding meeting on May 7. For information on future meetings, events and membership, contact President Tom Mohr at (905) 839-1221.

A day at Albion Hills

The Ontario Historical Society is sponsoring a day at the Albion Hills Conservation Area near Palgrave for members and friends on **Saturday, August 23**, featuring swimming and a barbeque. Call the OHS at (416) 226-9011 for details and tickets.

SALE OF LIMITED EDITIONS

The Champlain Society has for sale a number of the following volumes:

- **The Bank of Upper Canada*
- **The Eldon House Diaries*
- **The Rebellion of 1837 in Upper Canada*
- **The Upper Ottawa Valley to 1855*
- **The French Regime in the Upper Country in the 17th Century*

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Upcoming Events

Come one, come all to the Heritage and Historic Book Sale

Don't miss this opportunity to stock up on your history books at the **Heritage and Historic Book Sale** taking place on **Sunday, August 17** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at The Ontario Historical Society, 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale.

Several heritage organizations including the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, Ontario Archaeological Society, Ontario Association of Archivists, Ontario Genealogical Society and the OHS will have for sale a wide selection of their

current and past publications and a variety of history and heritage titles.

After the sale, relax on the Society's spacious verandah and enjoy tea served the traditional way with a selection of homebaking for \$5.00 per person. Sittings for **Tea on the Verandah** are at 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 p.m.

For further information, please contact The Ontario Historical Society at (416) 226-9011. The sale and tea take place rain or shine.

nic from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact the Park at (613) 476-3833.

July 20: The **4th Annual Scugog Festival of Herbs** at the Scugog Shores Museum Village features herb-related vendors and lecturers from across Ontario. The Museum is located on Island Road, 2 km. east of Port Perry. Contact (905) 985-3589.

July 24-27: Dundas is celebrating its **150th Birthday** with a weekend-long party. Contact the Dundas Sesquicentennial Committee, (905) 628-6327, ext 150.

July 26, 27: The County Town Museum and Pioneer Centre in Minden presents the first annual **Quilt and Rug Hooking Show** in the Minden Arena. Contact the Museum at (705) 286-3154.

July 27: If you enjoy historic crafts and skills, then the County of Grey Owen Sound Museum's **Spoke and Bustle** is for you. The event, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., includes demonstrations of lace making, butter churning blacksmithing and more. Contact the Museum at 975 6th Street East in Owen Sound, (519) 376-3690.

August 9, 10: Relive the thrill of an 1814 battle at Historic Fort Erie. The annual **Living History Weekend** recaptures the excitement and drama of the U.S. capture and occupation of the Fort in July of 1814, and the ensuing British siege. Contact the Fort on Lakeshore Road at Niagara Blvd. in Fort Erie, (905) 871-0540.

August 10: Myrtleville House

Keep your young people entertained this Summer

Ontario's museums, historic sites and heritage organizations have an abundance of activities and events for young people this Summer. Introduce your children

to history by enrolling them in one of these many programmes. Contact your local museum or historical society for further information.

Museum in Brantford presents a **Calvalcade of Corn**, including a folk festival and steam show. from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact the Museum at 34 Myrtleville Drive, (519) 752-3216.

August 14: The Ontario Archaeological Society and Bannerstone Educational Archaeology Services are offering a unique chance to experience the rich and varied archaeological heritage of China first hand with the 15-day **China Archaeological Heritage Tour**. Cost includes lectures, accommodation, tours and air transportation. Contact Peter Hamalainen , 39 Kilbride Road, Scarborough M1J 1X6, (416) 431-7999.

August 16: The Jordan Historical Museum announces the Re-opening of the **Jordan School House** at 4:00 p.m. The official ceremony is followed by a BBQ and performance of a new play about the School. Contact the Museum in Niagara at (905) 562-5242.

August 16: The Ontario Genealogical Society, Toronto Branch,

the Celtic Studies Programme at St. Michael's College, University of Toronto and the North York Central Library present **Ireland to Canada: A Seminar on Irish Migration**. Four experts of Irish history will commemorate the 150th anniversary of "Black '47", the most devastating year of the Irish Famine. Contact Deborah Cushing, 521-55 Ellerslie Avenue, Willowdale M2N 1X9.

August 21: Bear lovers of all ages are invited to the McCrae House in Guelph for a **Teddy Bear Picnic**. Enjoy games, contests, crafts and face painting for \$1.00 at the door. Contact the House at 108 Water Street, (519) 836-1482.

August 24: Car buffs are sure to enjoy the Wellington County Museum and Archives' **Antique and Classic Car Show** from noon to 4:00 p.m. Highlights include a parade, entertainment, food and displays. Contact the Museum, located between Fergus and Elora on County Road 18, (519) 846-0916.

Planning for the millennium

How will your organization, institution or community be celebrating the new millennium? Now is the time to start brainstorming about your activities and making your plans. Once you do, remember to let the *OHS Bulletin* know so that we can help publicize.

Our featured publications

The Ontario Historical Society has three publications in our "Approaching Ontario's Past" series that provide excellent technical and how-to advice for the beginner.

The Artifact: What Can It Tell Us About the Past details how an artifact can make a cultural and historical statement. Unlike oral and written accounts of history, the artifact does not lie. This 36-page booklet gives some helpful information for learning the most from an artifact, and sells

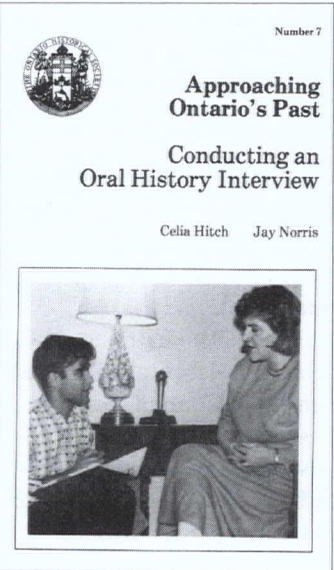
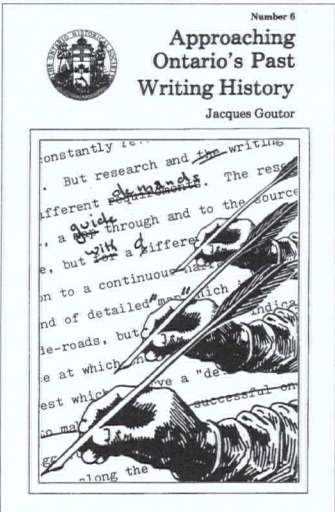
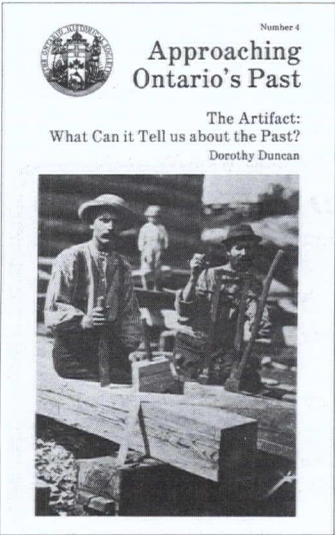
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Writing History by Jacques Goutor gives an excellent introduction to the historian's craft, from the outline to the final draft. The "nuts and bolts" approach takes into account the particular challenges for writing local history. Thirty-two pages in length, *Writing History* sells for \$4.00.

Conducting an Oral History Interview by Celia Hitch and Jay Norris is 28 pages of practical tips and techniques for gathering historical information through an interview. Oral history can be a

valuable tool for adding life to our past. This booklet sells for \$4.00, as well.

The OHS is pleased to offer you all three of these publications for the special rate of \$10.00. Purchased separately, they would cost \$12.00. To order your copies, please send your payment to The Ontario Historical Society, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2. Make cheques payable to The Ontario Historical Society.



Upcoming OHS Educational Programmes

DATE	WORKSHOP	LOCATION
July 12	Discover Your Community through Architecture (workshop)	Greenwood
August 7	Celebrations of the First Nations and Newcomers (workshop)	Sheguiandah
August 9	From Garden to Table: Success with Herbs (workshop)	Kagawong
September 20	Heritage Gardening (workshop)	Schomberg
October 4	Herbs in History: Medicine and Magic, Food and Fragrance (workshop)	Oshawa

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

Cemetery news

By Marjorie Stuart, OHS Cemetery News Editor

The **Toronto Branch, United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada** hosted a meeting to discuss "Closing of Cemeteries". Dorothy Duncan and I spoke to the issue and displayed photographs of Clendennen Cemetery.

The 1997 Diamond Jubilee Shaver Family Reunion was held recently in Ancaster. The 60th Anniversary Committee arranged for self-directed tours of the cemeteries where their ancestors lie buried. Among these are the **Book Cemetery** and the restored **Shaver Cemetery**, which both have many very early monuments.

St. James Anglican Church Cemetery Committee in Sutton is preparing to restore the cemetery. Those who have ancestors buried in this cemetery are requested to contact the Cemetery Committee, c/o Box 88, Sutton, Ontario L0E 1R0. The Committee is anxious to have names and locations of graves.

The St. Catharines Historical Society hosted two programmes to mark the centenary of the renaming of the St. Catharines Cemetery. In May 1897, the local Council passed a by-law to change the name of the cemetery to **St. Catharines Victoria Lawn Cemetery** in honour of Queen Victoria and the Diamond Jubilee of her accession to the British

throne. Bill Stevens presented an illustrated talk highlighting the 19 cemeteries which still exist within the city boundaries. On Sunday May 4, the Historical Society sponsored a walking tour of Victoria Lawn Cemetery, focusing on the historical and genealogical aspects of the cemetery.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Historical Society hosted a Volunteer Recognition Party for the **Cemetery Committee of the Toronto Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society** on May 24. Highlights were a tea party featuring a tombstone cake, tours of Stouffville Cemetery and the **Stouffville Monument Works** where a plaque had been unveiled on May 17.

The plaque commemorates three generations of the Wideman family - Philip, his son, Ludwig, and grandson, Bartholomew - who operated marble works in the area between 1839 and 1939. The works was first established in Ringwood, a short distance to the west of Stouffville. In 1885, Ludwig erected the shop portion of the present building on Main Street, Stouffville.

Percy Tarr and his son, Gordon, operated the Stouffville Marble and Granite Works from 1939 to 1977. During that time, the office was added and interior renovated. Vaughan Marks and his son, Wayne, have operated

Stouffville Monument Works since 1978, totalling three families who have carried on a tradition started in 1839 and from the same location since 1885. Monuments made in Stouffville can be found in cemeteries throughout Ontario.

The Peterborough Historical Society in co-operation with **Little Lake Cemetery** are preparing an historical pageant to take place in mid-1998. A script relating to the Bernardo Children is being prepared. Donations for this exciting new project should be sent to Don Willcock, Hutchison House Museum, 270 Brock Street, Peterborough, Ontario K9H 2P9. Please clearly indicate the donation is for the "Cemetery Project".

The Haileybury Heritage Museum is preparing to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Haileybury Fire on October 4, 1997. **Moore's Cove Pioneer Cemetery** contains the bodies of many who perished in fires further north and those who died in the Matheson Fire. Records were unfortunately burned, but some monuments and unmarked graves do exist.

A monument to **Catherine Ritter** who died in 1830 at age 68 has turned up in Unionville. Anyone with information is asked to contact The Ontario Historical Society at (416) 226-9011.

Ontario History - the June issue

By Terry Crowley, Editor

A growing ecological awareness that has developed in Western societies in the past quarter century is reflected in the June issue of *Ontario History*. The theme of "Historic Landscapes and Gardens" is sure to interest many people. Noted author Edwinna von Baeyer is guest editor.

The deforestation of the Ontario countryside in the 19th century to make way for farming created the sort of devastation that Mark Kuhlberg showed in his article on the province's foresters in the journal one year ago. In this issue, that theme is resumed in a study that reveals how the researchers at Ottawa's new experimental farm tried to combine physical beauty with science to produce an agriculture that was not only profitable but also more aesthetically pleasing.

Gardeners have long abounded in the province but few have examined how gardening has evolved. Pleasance

Crawford explains the origins of the Toronto Horticultural Society and how it developed during the 19th century to improve the city. Another article explores the ways in which landscape ideas influenced the growth of Ottawa from an obscure timber town into a national capital distinguished by a series of impressive vistas.

Human destruction of the landscape continues to create eyesores. Former OHS Board member Chris Andrae discusses problems surrounding derelict properties and develops criteria by which to assess whether they should be left to nature or whether they might be re-engineered. Andrae's timely and well-illustrated contribution is sure to help refine thinking about an important topic seldom considered in a balanced manner.

The beautiful and the ugly. They are both there in this special issue devoted to Ontario's historic landscapes and gardens.

Welcome new members

The Ontario Historical Society welcomes new members:

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By James Clemens, Chair, New Home Task Force

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Museum News



The OHS' Museum Award of Excellence for 1996 was presented to the Bell Homestead of Brantford at a ceremony in North Bay on May 24. Receiving the award were Brian Wood, Curator (holding certificate) and Curatorial Assistant, Jay Kaytar. Rowena Cooper, OHS President (left) and Lydia Alexander, Museums Committee Chair, assisted with the presentation of the award.

Bell Homestead of Brantford wins the OHS Museum Award of Excellence

Congratulations are extended to the Board, staff and volunteers of the Bell Homestead in Brantford. The Homestead is the 1996 recipient of The Ontario Historical Society's Museum Award of Excellence.

The award is presented annually to a non-profit public museum in Ontario for excellence in community programming and involvement. The Bell Homestead has amply demonstrated excellence through its creative educational programmes, membership campaign and restorative work.

Not only has the Homestead raised public awareness of the

invention of the telephone and its subsequent development, it has also documented and displayed the lifestyle of the Bell family during the latter half of the 19th century. A recent restoration project has helped to give visitors an even more accurate view of the property's history.

Group and school visits emphasize active learning through both interpretive tours and hands-on activities. The museum has also shown a high level of co-operation with community partners and has developed a membership programme which encourages members of the community to

participate in the operation of the museum.

In addition to the award, this year had been exciting for the Homestead as it has been recognized as a nationally significant site by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, for the work conducted by Alexander Graham Bell in the invention of the telephone.

In an official ceremony which took place on June 28, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip stopped at the Homestead on their Canadian tour to unveil the new plaque and designate the site.

Black Creek Pioneer Village launches 37th season with Balloon Fever

"Balloon Fever" will be an exciting programme at Black Creek Pioneer Village in North York this Summer featuring acrobats, live theatre, tethered balloon rides, and "The Balloon Age", an international exhibition of historical hot-air ballooning artifacts and images.

"The Balloon Age" tells the stories of the Montgolfier brothers, Jeffries and Blanchard, and others who forever changed the course of history with the development of the world's first hot-air balloons.

The exhibit takes visitors back to the first hot-air balloon flights of the late 18th century and moves chronologically through the balloon craze of the 19th century. It includes more than 170 balloon artifacts and examines the proliferation of balloon technology and imagery in science, espionage, photography, fashion, entertainment, decorative arts and advertising.

Visit the Village at the corner of Steeles Avenue West and Jane Street in North York. Call (416) 736-1733 for information.

Historic Fryfogel Tavern to open this Summer

In a co-operative effort with the Perth County Historic Foundation and the Stratford-Perth Museum, the only surviving Tavern on the Huron Tract will come alive again since its closure in 1979.

Beginning June 26, visitors can tour the historic Fryfogel Tavern and learn about Perth County's first European settlers, Sebastian and Mary Fryfogel and

their 12 children. In addition to the summer programme of historic displays and tours, there will also be an opportunity for local crafters to show their "Perth Pride". Visitors can shop for keepsakes made by local crafters.

The Fryfogel Tavern is located in Shakespeare and will be open from Thursday to Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

OMA appoints new Executive Director

Marie Lalonde has been appointed to the position of Executive Director of the Ontario Museum Association, effective April 1, 1997.

Lalonde was previously Executive Director of Bravo!FACT (the Bravo! Network Foundation) from 1994 to 1997, and was Associate Director of development, annual and planned giving, at the Canadian Opera Company in 1993-94.

Prior to that, Lalonde was involved in fundraising, marketing and public relations for organizations such as the Canadian Cancer Society, Canadian Foundation for Ileitis and Colitis, TVOntario and l'Assemblée des centres culturels de l'Ontario. She is currently on the boards of Esprit Orchestra and le Cercle Canadien.

Rare artifact comes to Museum's attention

The Chatham Kent Museum recently received an interesting letter and photographs from a man in Medicine Hat, Alberta. He has, in his possession, a pump organ with a very old, cracked varnish finish patented in 1884. Over the keyboard in gold lettering is the name "W. Simons, Morpeth Ont."

Early Kent County directories list Mr. Simons as the owner of a flour mill. Later, in the 1880s, he is mentioned as a cabinetmaker.

The Museum has speculated how an organ from Morpeth could end up out in Alberta. The most reasonable answer comes through local history books that mention the many young people from Howard Township and other communities that left to homestead in the newly-opened Canadian west in the early 1900s.

It is likely that such a family, once established in their new home, would have sent for their favourite organ to be shipped to their new home by rail, much as

their ancestors must have done in obtaining family treasures from their country of origin.

At present, this organ is the only known example of Simon's work. The Museum is interested in learning of the existence of any other organs or furniture made by Mr. Simons.

If you can provide information, please contact Dave Benson, Museum Curator or Lynn Nettleton, Assistant Curator at the Chatham Kent Museum, 75 William Street North, Chatham, Ontario N7M 4L4, (519) 354-8338, fax 354-4170.

Two early forts on the Kente Portage at Carrying Place in the Quinte area are being restored. Recent circumstances, however, have required that the buildings be moved to a new location. Financial and volunteer assistance to make the move happen are needed. Donations can be sent to the Kente Portage Heritage Conservation Society, R.R. #2, Carrying Place K0K 1L0.

Bowmanville Museum makes giving memorial donations easier

The Bowmanville Museum has recently instituted a new way local residents can make a memorial donation in memory of a loved one. The Museum has placed special Museum Donation Cards at two local funeral homes, which are available upon request. Donations will be recognized through a special brass plaque, which will be displayed in the Museum.

Proceeds from these memorial donations will support the Museum's many programmes and activities, which help to instill local interest and pride in the community.

For further information,

please contact Charles Taws, Bowmanville Museum, Box 188, 37 Silver Street, Bowmanville, Ontario L1C 3K9, (905) 623-2734 or fax 623-5684.

Bill Todd Award presented

Each year, The Ontario Historical Society recognizes the museum worker who has travelled the furthest to attend the Annual Conference with the Bill Todd Cash Award. This year, the award was given to Tory Tronrud from the Thunder Bay Historical Museum. Congratulations!



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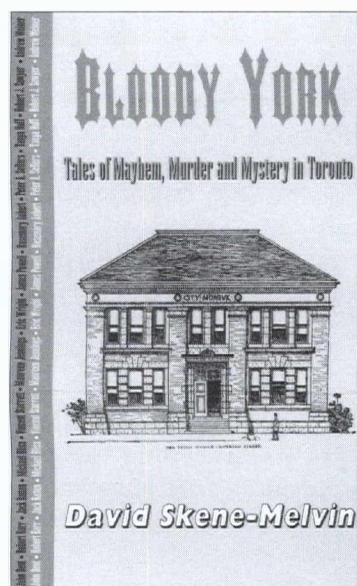
From the Bookshelf

By Pat and Chris Raible,
Editors

With Wit and Grace

All the Journey Through. By C.M. Blackstock. University of Toronto Press. 291 pages. Illustrations. \$29.95 hardbound.

C.M. Blackstock evokes the success story that was 19th century Canada in this personal history of her family (Blackstocks and Gooderhams). She notes, "They knew who they were; not for them the crises of identity that have beset later Canadians." There are extensive quotations from letters dating from 1817 to 1919 — letters which were earmarked "Destroy", but mercifully were not. The result is a superbly written family biography — bitter and sweet, sweet and bitter — that breathes life into Canadian history. The many charming photographs add a nostalgic touch.



Toronto the bad

Bloody York: Tales of Mayhem, Murder and Mystery in Toronto. Edited by David Skene-Melvin. Simon & Pierre (Dundurn Press). 216 pages. Illustrations. \$17.99 softbound.

The subtitle tells it all: Toronto was definitely not always "the good", or dull either, according to the 13 Canadian writers represented here. Their short stories, set from the 1860s to beyond the present, reveal plenty of intrigue and terror in the streets of Toronto. Crime writers include Jack Batten, Eric Wright and Tanya Huff. For the historically minded, David Skene-Melvin puts each story into geographic and historical context, and provides an appendix listing hundreds of crime novels set in Toronto.

Family Home

The Richardsons of 27 Old Kingston Road: An Early Scarborough Family and Their Home. By George W. J. Duncan. Descendants of John Henry Richardson. 66 pages. Illustrations. \$22.00 softbound.

Three books in one: the generations of Richardsons since their arrival in Scarborough in 1822, a family album of interesting old photographs, and an architectural perspective of the Richardson house. The author/ar-

chitect's skills in drafting especially enhance this last section. Would that many another heritage home could have its history so well documented.

One Man's Family

James McMasters and Family: To Quinte and Beyond. By Brian Tackaberry. General Store Publishing House. 228 pages. Illustrations. \$34.95 softbound.

An extraordinarily comprehensive genealogy which lists the thousands of descendants of an early Loyalist family. The branches of the tree include Bonisteels, Clindinnins, Finkles, Irelands, Joneses, Kelleys, Lawrences, Snelgroves and more — all carefully indexed. Here also are maps, photographs and documents of historic interest.

Northern Outlook

Changing Lives: Women in Northern Ontario. Edited by Margaret Kechnie and Marge Reitsma-Street. Dundurn Press. 362 pages. Illustrations. \$24.99 softbound.

The theme of this anthology is that women are changed by life in the north, and that they, in turn have changed it. Personal reminiscences by pioneer and aboriginal women add colour to the four areas of concern: "Understanding diversity", "The worlds of work", "Daily Stresses", and "Sources of Change". This is the fifth in a series of publications sponsored by the Institute of Northern Ontario Research and Development.

Century Plus Farm

Ottawa's Farm: A History of the Central Experimental Farm. By Helen Smith. General Store Publishing. 148 pages. Illustrations. \$19.95 softbound.

When this government farm was started in the 1880s, four-fifths of the Canadian population lived on farms. Its purpose was to develop and to demonstrate agricultural techniques. A hundred years later, it continues to serve the public and, reportedly, is a fascinating place to visit, even for those of us (four-fifths of the present Canadian population) who are not on farms. Period photographs are intermingled with stunning modern photographs by Mary Bramley.

Small Town, Big Book

Reflections of West Wawanosh. Compiled by the West Wawanosh Township Historians. Natural Heritage/Natural History. 683 pages. Illustrations. \$50.00 hardbound.

An amazingly thorough local history. A group of volunteer West Wawanosh historians went everywhere and saw everyone — lot by lot, concession by concession — tracing the histories, naming the names, telling the stories, finding the photographs. Surely, this must be the most comprehensive history of a single township ever published. What a wonder it is!

Well Done

Bravi: A History of the Italian Community in the Town of St. Marys. By Loriana Rochetti and Robert Rose. St. Marys Museum (with the support of the St. Marys Historical Society). 121 pages. Illustrations. \$14.95 softbound.

When the Italian immigrants — brought to St. Marys in 1908 to help build the new railway — found that their pay cheques bounced, they took to the streets in protest. The *St. Marys Journal* complained of "foreigners" in the quiet "Anglo-Saxon" town being "excited and threatening trouble." In 1912, a new cement company repeatedly denied reports that it was hiring Italians (in fact, it was) and asserted that it employed "only white labour of a good class." Eventually, times changed and Italians came to be numbered among the town's most prominent citizens.

Great Guns

"Stick To The Guns" A Short History of the 10th Field Battery, Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery, St. Catharines, Ontario. By Colin K. Duquemin. Norman Enterprises. 134 pages. Illustrations. \$14.95 softbound.

Niagara gunners of the 10th Field Battery, fought first in the First World War — Ypres, Somme, Vimy Ridge, Arleux Loop, Hill 70 and many more, the list is a catalogue of battles of bravery, futility and ultimate victory. In World War II, flying the same flag of the 10th Field Battery, a new generation fought in Sicily, up through Italy and into Holland. Relying heavily on official reports and personal memoirs, Colin Duquemin has compiled a detailed history of this one artillery battery, "telling it like it was."



Worth Celebrating

Ontario's Heritage: A Celebration of Conservation. Ontario Heritage Foundation. 224 pages. Illustrations. \$29.95 softbound.

Since its inception in 1967, the Ontario Heritage Foundation (an agency of the Government of Ontario) has been working to conserve the cultural and natural heritage of our province. Most visible, perhaps, is the provincial plaque programme celebrating the contributions of individuals and communities throughout our history. But of course the Foundation has a broader mandate as it undertakes conservation

through a three-stage process from identification to preservation to interpretation and use. This handsome book, lavishly illustrated with photographs of many heritage sites, is a fitting celebration of the foundation's success.

Natural History

Two books which connect gardening with history, reviewed in earlier issues of the *OHS Bulletin*, are now available in less ex-

pensive editions. We highly recommend both of them:

Garden Voices: Two Centuries of Canadian Garden Writing. By Edwinna von Baeyer and Pleasance Crawford. Random House Canada. 334 pages. \$18.95 softbound.

Stonyground: The Making of a Canadian Garden. By Douglas Chambers. Random House of Canada. 230 pages. Illustrations. \$17.95 softbound

History Noted

Since our last issue of *From the Bookshelf*, we have received these flyers and notices describing publications of interest:

When Milk Came in Bottles: the History of Toronto Dairies Project. By Bob Marchant and Dave Thomas. Cowtown Publications. 260 pages. Illustrations. \$34.95 softbound.

Traces the Toronto dairy industry's growth from farmers going door to door with buckets to today's sprawling conglomerates.

A Dutch Coopers Legacy: A Ouderkerk Story. By Shirley E. Forth. Steward Publishing. 130 pages. Illustrations. \$50.00 hardbound.

The Ouderkerk family history from 1660 in New Amsterdam to the present day — many settled in Williamsburg, Bracebridge, Parry Sound and other parts of Ontario.

A series of Historic Preservation Information Booklets published by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in the United States at \$6.00 (U.S.) each — a complete catalogue is available.

The Story of Georgetown is one

of more than 20 booklets listed on a price list of publications available from the Esquesing Historical Society.

Industrial Archaeology: Techniques. Edited by Emory L. Kemp. Krieger Publishing. 212 pages. Illustrations. \$48.65 (U.S.).

A collection of essays which deal with the "how to" side of industrial archaeology.

Kitchener: An Illustrated History. By John English and Kenneth McLaughlin. Robin Brass Studio. 270 pages. Illustrations. \$19.95 softbound; \$34.95 hardbound.

Traces the development of Kitchener from the early Mennonite settlers and the rise of local industries to the modern period — includes two walking tours.

Where Right and Glory Lead! The Battle of Lundy's Lane, 1814. By Donald E. Graves. Robin Brass Studio. 352 pages. Illustrations. \$18.95 softbound.

This analysis of the still-controversial battle provides a thorough examination of the weaponry, tactics, organization and personalities of the opposing armies.

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Aboriginal heritage honoured

By Madeleine McDowell, Chair, Humber Heritage Committee

On Saturday, May 3, Humber Heritage Day, the Humber Heritage Committee conducted a walking tour down a portion of the Toronto Carrying Place. Despite the rain, close to 40 people participated in what was to be an historic event.

The tour followed in the footsteps of John Graves Simcoe, passing three registered aboriginal archaeological sites, Magasin Royal of 1720 at Baby Point and a stand of ancient oak trees. The tour met with representatives of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation at the site of a

former Mississauga village.

A dedication ceremony commemorated the Tuhbenahneequay Grove, in honour of the daughter of Wahbanosay, the Mississauga Chief who participated in the Toronto Purchase.

Born in 1781 at Burlington Bay, Tuhbenahneequay acted as guide to Augustus Jones, Simcoe's surveyor who mapped the Carrying Place in 1793. She bore two of Jones' sons, John and Peter, who later became a chief of the Mississaugas.

One hundred and fifty trees have been identified in associa-

tion with the Carrying Place trail. The Grove was proclaimed by Metro Chair Alan Tonks and City of York Mayor Frances Nunziata. Chief Larry Sault of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation gave the prayer and dedication. He then planted an oak, assisted by Alan Tonks, symbolizing the renewal of the Grove.

A brochure describing the Grove, its history, the trail and Tuhbenahneequay is in production, and will hopefully be available to compliment the nomination of the Humber as a Canadian Heritage River this year.



Chief Larry Sault of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation (left) and last Metro Toronto Chair Alan Tonks plant an oak tree in Tuhbenahneequay Grove symbolizing the renewal of the ancient stand of trees that runs along the Toronto Carrying Place trail. (Photo courtesy of Madeleine McDowell.)

Chinese cuisine in transition

By Jo Marie Powers, University of Guelph

In the 1880's a total of only ten Chinese were recorded to be living in Toronto according to Valerie Mah, Principal, Bruce Public School, Toronto. In contrast are the estimated 400,000 Chinese in the area today, many affluent businesspeople, who have changed the face of Toronto and it's cuisine.

Chinese-Canadian cuisine — the topic of a recent symposium co-sponsored by the OHS and the University of Guelph School of Hotel and Food Administration — is influencing the way we dine and has added a myriad of ingredients to our food pantry.

Dr. Jacqueline M. Newman, editor of *Flavor & Fortune* magazine, New York, explained the cultural significance and symbolism of "usual and unusual" Chinese ingredients.

Well-known Canadian cookbook author, Stephen Wong (*HeartSmart Chinese Cooking*), on the subject of Chinese food in contemporary society, noted that "food to the Chinese is much more than what feeds the body."

"Governing a great nation is much like cooking a small fish", stated Dr. Huiping Zou, Visiting Associate Professor at the University of Guelph Hotel School from

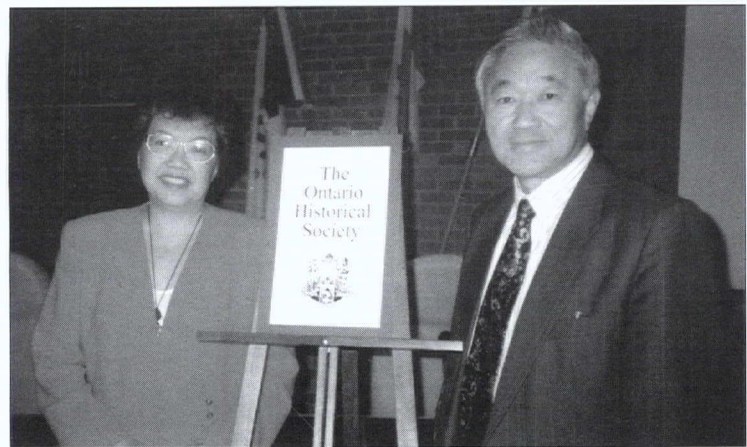
Xi'an Jiaotong University in China, referring to the complexity of Chinese cookery.

"About 2,000 varieties of Dim Sum offerings are available to the Chinese cook", said Professor Bill Wong, Co-ordinator the Chinese Chef Training Programme at George Brown College. Dim Sum at Young Lok Restaurant was later enjoyed by the delegates.

Jean Hume, Food Instructor at the University of Guelph, discussed the various foods and customs she and her husband encountered during a visit with Chinese government officials in China. Rana Chow, Applied Human Nutrition student at the University of Guelph highlighted vegetarian Buddhist cuisine, while Karen Fan, also at the University of Guelph, commented on the number of restrictions placed on chopstick usage during her session on manners.

Food Specialist Ella Yoa demonstrated the secrets of "red cookery" and Judy Seto, Applied Human Nutrition student, University of Guelph, showed how to stir-fry and steam foods. Diana Hsieh, Graduate Student at Guelph illustrated the complexities of the Chinese wedding feast.

The symposium ended at O Mei Restaurant with a sampling of Chinese teas, described by Shirley Lum of "A Taste of the World" tours.



Valerie Mah of Bruce Public School in Toronto and Bill Wong, Co-ordinator of the Chinese Chef Training Programme at George Brown College in Toronto were featured speakers at the symposium, "From Cathay to Canada: Chinese Cuisine in Transition" presented by the OHS and the University of Guelph School of Hotel and Food Administration. (Photo courtesy of Rob Leverty.)

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questions pertaining to the use of the photo. We were also asked to forward a copy of the article, which the photo would accompany to Swan Lake for their information, and we complied. During these conversations, we were told that the photo probably was in Swan Lake's historical files, but it would take staff a while to locate the particular one in which we were interested.

We requested a fairly quick decision about whether we could obtain the photo, as our publication deadline was approaching. After a number of follow-up telephone calls, we were finally told that the photographer had the photo in his or her possession, and that this person was out of the country on a holiday. We were

also told that as the issue was fairly controversial, Swan Lake did not want to be associated with an article about the cemetery.

As the publication deadline was upon us at this time, we decided to print a description of the photo we wanted to run with a brief explanation why we were unable to publish it.

The Ontario Historical Society and Ontario Genealogical Society's appeal against closing and moving the Clendennen Cemetery in Markham is still being heard by the Commercial Registration Appeal Tribunal. Perhaps by the July-August issue of the *OHS Bulletin*, we will be able to report the final outcome of this intriguing and, at many times very disturbing, story.

TOPAZ and City of Vaughan show leadership in cemetery preservation

At Seminar 1997 in Alliston, the Ontario Genealogical Society presented an Award of Merit jointly to the City of Vaughan and TOPAZ Group Development Corporation in recognition of their efforts to preserve the McNaughton Family Cemetery in Vaughan.

In August 1995, the OGS and The Ontario Historical Society received notices concerning the closure and removal of the McNaughton Family Cemetery in Vaughan to accommodate a new

subdivision. After a series of meetings with the City and the developer and a formal submission to Vaughan Council, the decision was made to redesign the subdivision so that the burial plot, monument and 150 year old maple tree could be preserved.

The spirit of co-operation demonstrated by the City and TOPAZ during the planning stages was the key to the successful preservation of this portion of Ontario's fast disappearing pioneer history.

Champlain Society has been publishing for 90 years

1997 marks the 90th anniversary of the first publication of The Champlain Society. Lescarbot's *The History of New France* initiated over 90 volumes. During the intervening years, the Society has produced a cross section of documentary history of Canadian events and people from coast to coast.

This year, the Society will mark the 500th anniversary of

John Cabot's visit to Newfoundland with *The Reminiscences of J.P. Howley*, a late 19th century Newfoundland geologist and explorer.

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