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Call for nominations

Friday, October 30, 1998 is the deadline for receiving nominations for the 1998 OHS awards. We need your help to recognize the excellent work being done in heritage preservation, interpretation and publishing in your community and area of interest. Nominations are invited for the following categories:

Awards for Individuals

Cruikshank Gold Medal: presented on rare occasions to individuals who have performed with distinction on behalf of the OHS.
Carnochan Award: to an individual who has contributed many years of service to the heritage community.

Awards for Non-Profit Organizations

Scadding Award of Excellence: to an historical society or heritage group that has made an outstanding contribution to the field of history.

Museum Award of Excellence: to a non-profit public museum in Ontario showing excellence in community programming and involvement. Employees, paid or non-paid, may not nominate their own institution.

Dorothy Duncan Award: to a non-profit organization which must be nominated by a First Nations' Band Council or a Municipal Council for outstanding service to its region. A cash award accompanies the certificate.

Awards for LACACs

B. Napier Simpson Jr. Award of Merit: to a Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC) in Ontario for special contributions to heritage conservation in its municipality in the recent past.

Awards for Authors

Riddell Award: for the best article on Ontario's history published during the award year.

Joseph Brant Award: for the best book on multicultural history in Ontario published in the past three years. (1996 through 1998)

Fred Landon Award: for the best book on regional history in Ontario published in the past three years. (1996 through 1998)

Alison Prentice Award: honouring the best book on women's history in the last three years. (1996 through 1998)

J. J. Talman Award: for the best book on Ontario's social, economic, political or cultural history published in the past three years. (1996 through 1998)

Awards for Businesses

President's Award: to a corporation or business that has contributed to heritage conservation in the recent past.

The awards will be presented at the 1999 OHS Annual Meeting in May. Help recognize the excellent work being done by Ontario's heritage community by submitting your nomination today. For information and nomination forms, please contact The OHS at 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2 (416) 226-9011, fax 226-2740.



It all began in White River on September 3, 1986, when the OHS held a workshop there, "Local History: Where to Find It, How to Use It!" Within a few months, local residents formed the White River District Historical Society and began researching their local history resulting in the opening of a Mini Museum commemorating Winnie the Pooh, a former famous White River resident. The Museum Board is currently searching for larger quarters to accommodate the growing collection and the visitors Winnie attracts to the area. (Dorothy Duncan)

Calling kindred spirits

October will be a month long exploration by the OHS of the traditions, beliefs and folklore of our ancestors. From the beginning of time they tried to solve the mysteries that surrounded them and developed habits, rituals and ceremonies to ward off evil and ensure a safe and happy future.

At a series of four lectures, scheduled for October 7, 14, 21, and 28, between 12 noon and 1 P.M. the traditions our ancestors brought with them, their attempts to communicate with loved ones who had passed on to another world, the supernatural and healing qualities of foods and beverages and the ancient festival of Hallowe'en will be discussed. The cost is \$15.00 for the series or \$5.00 for single lectures, if space permits. Participants must bring their own lunches, beverages will be provided.

On Friday evening, October 30 the OHS will host a supper party featuring the traditional foods of celebration to mark the end of the harvest, the beginning of winter and the feast of the an-

cient New Year. As October draws to a close, our ancestors believed that spirits, ghosts and other phenomena became active and often returned to their old homes. The menu for the "Ghostly Gourmet" supper party will feature those traditional ingredients and dishes that were prepared for family, friends and returning spirits, as well as the foods and beverages that were served to fortell the future and

bring good luck in the coming year. Lyn Hamilton, author of *The Xibalba Murders* and *The Maltese Goddess* will speak on creating mysteries in a modern world. Tickets are \$35 per person with a tax receipt for a portion of the amount. We regret that special diets or food preferences cannot be accommodated. Tickets are limited for both events, so reserve immediately by calling (416) 226-9011.

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We're still waiting!

As we go to press, The Ontario Historical Society and the Ontario Genealogical Society have still not received the decision of the Tribunal that heard the appeal for the closing and the moving of the Clendennen Cemetery in Markham.

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OHS wins award

The restoration of the John McKenzie House, milk house, stable and Women's Canadian Historical Society Coach House will be recognized with an Award of Merit from Heritage Toronto on October 5 at the Winter Garden Theatre. Our thanks to the North York Historical Society who submitted the nomination for the Award that will be pre-

sented to OHS President Bruce Richard at the Third Annual William Kilbourn Memorial Lecture. Dr. Ursula Franklin, Professor Emeritus from the University of Toronto and an urban activist will present the lecture. For information on the lecture or the many award presentations, contact Heritage Toronto at (416) 392-6827.

President's Message

Bruce Richard, President

Think of the adventures that were had this summer. Across Ontario folks packed up the car and set out on the highway to explore their province and country. Those who did not travel settled into home and explored their community, seeking diversions in parks, theatres, and their own back yards. Thousands of tourists visited special events at museums, galleries and historic sites throughout Ontario. The economic impact of this influence has recently been illustrated by the OHS in a survey which published the fact that every visitor to one of these events leaves \$87 per day in the hosting community!

Yet far beyond economics is the impact of these places on both the community and on its visitors. A visit to the community's past, be it in a street tour, a library's archives, or a museum, connects the visitor with the community in a far more complete way. The experience allows the person in the present to glimpse how that place came to be and to see the people, both heroes and villains, who contributed their energy to make that place what it has become.

For this reason it is fundamental that we, as members of the community who work to preserve our past, ensure that our efforts are honest and effective. The man on the street must understand and believe in what we are doing; the woman who visits must feel confident that the stories we tell are true. There must exist a credibility in the portrayal of our history that speaks to all of our community and provides a picture of

why that place is important to them.

An interesting perspective has recently emerged which points to how we are looking at our past. The thrust is that the primary narrative today is one of a deficiency viewpoint—we lack history. As I referred to in my last message, the clamour for a new emphasis on history is finding its way into headlines. The release of the new Provincial Social Studies curriculum claims to enhance the opportunities for students to learn about their past; one example being the requirement to know and understand the Magna Carta in grade four. Despite our efforts, the OHS, like many other organizations, was unable to have any input on the new elementary curriculum.

This was unfortunate if for no other reason than to question how history was to be a part of what students learn. We have a choice of how we use history; the question is what are we using history to do? For the benefit of our community, and our descendants, it is important for us to renew the focus on the *big* picture of history. To celebrate our achievements and promote the role our past plays sustains the reason for being a community. We must have a sense of place to give some terms of reference to our future.

This may be focussed as "cultural capital" to awaken the attention of those fixated by economic terms of reference. The important point is that we have cultural capital and that it represents a major element of our social fabric. In the past decade,

there has been a retreat by our governments from the responsibilities of ensuring that our past—the investments of our forebears—has been adequately protected. Provincially, a letter from the Liberal Critic for Heritage, Michael Gravelle, MPP, to the present Minister of Citizenship, Culture, and Recreation pointed to "death by a thousand cuts" and the erosion of services suffered by the heritage community. We can only hope the renewed wave of interest in history and the call to attend to our cultural capital will draw the much needed attention it deserves.

The past is a powerful force; the voice or action of one individual can resonate for generations. One such person visited the John Freeman Walls Historic Site and Underground Railroad Museum this summer. I had the honour to meet Mrs. Rosa Parks, the woman who would not give up her seat on the bus, and sparked the modern civil rights movement in the United States. Now 85 years old, Mrs. Parks travels internationally with students on her "Pathways to Equity" tour to influence people to stand up for their rights and honour their neighbour.

Every day the past is a part of the present. How we use that history, how we support those who preserve and protect that history, and how we contribute to that history, are all questions upon which we must reflect. That the past contributes to the present is without argument. It is how we draw upon that knowledge and use the past that will prove its value tomorrow.

Executive Director's Report

Dorothy Duncan, Executive Director

HERITAGE = \$\$ AND \$ENSE

I am pleased to report that the economic impact survey which the OHS launched last year has drawn to a close and the summary has been sent to all those organizations and institutions that took part. The survey was designed by Lisa DiMarco as part of an Experience '97 placement supported by the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation. In these difficult times, heritage organizations and institutions need all the facts and figures available to make their cases with funding agencies. We hope that the OHS summary of the survey will be useful to everyone who was involved.

Changes

Two members of our staff, Cathy Febbraro and Meribeth Clow began maternity leaves late last year. Cathy and her husband Tony DiSanto welcomed a son, Daniel Anthony, as did Meribeth and her husband Wes Rochester, named Leyland Joseph. When their maternity leaves ended both Cathy and Meribeth decided to leave our staff and devote more time to the two charming new arrivals. Our best wishes and our thanks for their many contributions to our Society go with them in the future.

Northern Ontario Activities

This year has been incredibly busy with Northern Ontario projects and programmes. These have included workshops in Kirkland Lake and Fort Frances, new historical societies forming in Wawa and Blind River, a new museum under discussion in Wawa, new ones opened in Dubreville, and Marathon and an expansion of the mini-museum in White River under consideration. History and heritage are alive and well in the north!

A Toast to Our Volunteers

Our thanks also to our dedicated corps of volunteers who have assisted us over the summer months with our special events and fund raising so that we may continue to provide service to this enormous province. Our Canada Day Street Sale, Backyard Barbecue, Tea on the Verandah and History and Heritage Book Sale, participation at the Simcoe Day Celebrations at Todmorden Mills, presenting two programmes for children at Blacksmith Public School and Yorkwoods Community Centre, the How Does Your Garden Grow? plant sale, and participation in the Archives Association of Ontario Conference, York Region Heritage Fair, and the Heritage Weekend at Roy's Square were all made possible with volunteer support. Thank you to:

Sandra Archer, Glenn Bonnetta, Jean Burnet, John Carter, Barbara Efrat, Edith and Geoff Geduld, Jeanne Hughes, Neil Hughes, Rhinnan Hughes, Susan Hughes, Bev Hykel, Barbara Kane, Hazel Kitto, Margaret Machell, Grace Matthews, Bob McGregor, Dennis Pollock, Penny Potter, Susan Tracey, Adam and Glenn Truax, Sarah Walker, Wendy Woodsworth, and several members of the North York Horticultural Society.

Experience '98

Rinath Maman, a student at Ryerson Polytechnical University, joined the OHS for the summer to update our *Directory of Heritage Organizations and Institutions in Ontario*, a much needed project. Our thanks to the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation for support funding for this popular resource. The Directory will be available later this year. We will keep you posted.

Cookies, Candies and Cookbooks

This popular event returns to our headquarters, the John McKenzie House on Sunday November 22, between 1:00 and 4:00 P.M. There will be new, used, modern and historical cookbooks for sale and an opportunity to enjoy afternoon tea. Every half hour there will be demonstrations of preparations for the holiday season: Cold Weather Chocolate Cake at 1:30 P.M., Sugar Plums at 2:00 P.M., Sweetmeat Containers at 2:30 P.M., Gingerbread at 3:00 P.M. and Decorative Napkin Folding at 3:30 P.M. Afternoon Tea and homemade treats will be available for a toonie, and you will be asked to make a donation to attend the demonstrations. There is no admission to attend the sale.

Calling all Mugs

In June of 1999 Toronto will be the headquarters for the joint conference of the Association for the Study of Food and Society and The Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society. "Crossing Borders: Food and Agriculture in the Americas" is the topic and this is the first time these two organizations have met in Canada. As a member of the organizing committee I am looking for donations of mugs for the 300 delegates expected to attend. I know that many of you have produced mugs to publicize your museums, historical societies and special events. Would you be willing to donate one? Or more? Delegates will be given their mugs when they register, they will use them throughout the conference and take them home as a remembrance from Ontario and its heritage community.

Is your society incorporated?

One of the questions the OHS is asked most frequently is "How do we get incorporated?" As organizations and institutions are cut adrift by their municipalities, affected by amalgamations or questioned for the first time by funding agencies about their legal status, this is an increasingly important questions in the heritage community

What is Incorporation?

Incorporation is the setting up, or creation of, an organization that is a separate and legal entity recognized in law, and by various levels of government.

What are the benefits of Incorporation?

There are many benefits to having your Society incorporated. Just a few: the name is recognized and protected; qualifying for grants; individual members are not liable for debts or liabilities of the Society; potential donors/supporters are assured of the stability of the organization.

How do you get Incorporated?

There are several ways to incorporate, including federal incorporation; provincial incorporation with the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Rela-

tions, Suite 200, 393 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M5G 2M2, (416) 314-8880; a Special Act in the Legislature of Ontario; or by affiliation with the OHS.

How do you Affiliate with the OHS?

When the OHS was created by a Special Act in the Legislature of Ontario on April 1, 1899, the Society received the privilege of accepting "pioneer and historical societies" as affiliated members. If a Society is accepted as an affiliate by the Board of Directors, it is immediately incorporated in the Province of Ontario.

The Importance of Keeping Incorporated Status:

The Executive and membership of many organizations do not realize the importance of retaining their incorporated, legal status, until they find their Society has been dissolved by the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations because they did not comply with the regulations.

What are the Responsibilities of an Affiliated/Incorporated Society?

An affiliated society has responsibilities to both the OHS

and the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations. The OHS sends an annual reporting form to all affiliates, which should be completed and returned at the affiliate's year end, along with several supporting documents. Affiliates must keep their membership active with the OHS by paying the \$20 membership fee annually.

An affiliated society, like all other non-profit corporations in Ontario, must file both a Form 1 and a Schedule A with the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations to notify them of any changes in addresses, names of directors and/or officers, or a change of address for the society. These forms should be available at the office of your local MPP, from the Ministry and the OHS.

Further Information?

If you have a copy of *Hometown History*, published by the OHS, in your library, consult chapter 2, "An Introduction to Incorporation for Non-Profit Organizations," or call the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations, or call the OHS at (416) 226-9011.

Across the Province

Richard Gardiner, Chair, Local Societies Committee and Dorothy Duncan, OHS Executive Director

The Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte are raising funds to restore Christ Church, Her Majesty's Royal Chapel on the **Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory**, built in 1843. Further information: (613) 396-3627.

Two threatened historic structures appear to have a reprieve: the **Brampton CPR station** is to be dismantled and moved to Norval, while Baton Broadcasting has purchased the historic **Masonic Temple** in Toronto to use as a studio.

Many heritage organizations and institutions, including the **Lost Villages Association**, are hosting 40th anniversary exhibits and events to commemorate the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway. This project was one in which the OHS lobbied strenuously to preserve the architecture, archives and artifacts of the region. One of the many outcomes was the creation of **Upper Canada Village**.

Earlier this year Goldie Connell presented Awards for Excellence in Community Studies to six Grade 8 students at Maynard Public School on behalf of the **Grenville County Historical Society**: Crystal Throop, Laura Parrott, Stephanie Beach, Lorna Thain, Ashley Spicer and Natasha Ratajczak. For information about the Society: (613) 925-0489 or (613) 925-2941.

An eye-catching brochure suggesting that we **Discover the Craft of Brewing on the Ale Trail** (Waterloo and Wellington Counties) listed attractions on the trail with nary a museum or historic site listed! To learn more, or to correct this oversight contact: Ale Trail, Box 21026, Campus Postal Outlet, 35 Harvard Road, Guelph, Ontario N1G 4T3.

With deep regret we learned of the passing of Frances Johnston, founder, President and CEO of the **Museum of Promotional Arts**. The Board of Trustees has cancelled all future events, meetings and membership subscriptions for 1998-1999. All correspondence should be directed to 310 Heath Street East, Toronto, Ontario M4T 1T4.

The **Association of Manitoba Museums** has published the

1998 Directory of Museums. Call (204) 947-1782 for costs and availability.

Bob Johns, Past President of the **Ontario Electric Railway Historical Association** has passed away. Our condolences to his family and colleagues in the Association.

When the **Hutchison House Museum**, a project of the **Peterborough Historical Society**, celebrated its 20th anniversary in May, Mayor Sylvia Sutherland and Society President Carol Koeslag, buried a time capsule that will be opened in 2078, the 100th anniversary of the House becoming a museum. If you are thinking of preparing a time capsule, you may want to know what this one contains: (705) 740-2600.

Researchers should note that the **Archives of the Presbyterian Church in Canada** has moved to 50 Wynford Drive, North York, Ontario M3C 1J7, (416) 441-1111, extension 310.

The **American Association for State and Local History** has moved as well to 1717 Church Street, Nashville, Tennessee, U.S.A., 37203-2991.

The **Ontario Black History Society** celebrates its 20th anniversary this year, the 50th anniversary of the International Declaration of Human Rights. The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held October 4 at 2:00 P.M. at the Gallery, 8 Adelaide Street East, Toronto (416) 867-9420.

Plans are underway in the year 2000 for a sesquicentenary celebration marking the opening of the **Provincial Lunatic Asylum**, 999 Queen Street West on January 26, 1850. Inquiries: Archivist Cynthia Cochrane (416) 535-8501.

Bovaird House in Brampton holds open house every Wednesday from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., and is the meeting place of the **Heartlake Watercolour Society** and the setting for Arts and Crafts courses. The **Friends of Bovaird House** was formed several years ago to plan House activities, raise funds and search for antique donations. For information (905) 874-2804.

Broom Hilda



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Court Noxon chairs the newly created **Prince Edward Heritage Committee (PEHC)**, by the new Municipality of the County of Prince Edward, to replace the former County and Picton LACACs. The new committee is composed of Councillor Peggy Burris and seven other citizen appointees besides Court, all volunteers with no remuneration. PEHC will maintain the existing municipal register of 60 designated buildings, planning applications that may affect those buildings, research, preservation and promotion of the County's heritage resources as recognized in the official plan and be responsible for that part of the Planning Act that requires the County "to have regard to the conservation of features of significant architectural, cultural, historical and scientific interest."

The Oshawa Sydenham Museum officially changed its name in July to the **Oshawa Community Museum and Archives**. Upcoming programmes include Union Cemetery Walks on October 3 and October 7, 1:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. and a Fall Fun Feast on October 18. Call (905) 436-7624 for costs and details.

Congratulations to Ken Smith, **East Gwillimbury Historical Society** on winning the 1998 Dorothy Eves Award in recognition of his outstanding service to the Society.

Simcoe County Museum staff have been testing the new outdoor bake oven and report spectacular results. Check it out when you visit the museum in October for the "Hauntings Spirit Walks" and the "Evenings of Hallowe'en." Call (705) 728-3721 for dates and costs.

Where were you in November 1979? **Heritage Mississauga** would like to know. A historic plaque to commemorate the Mississauga Train Derailment will be unveiled at a public event. If you have memories, contact Gay Pepin (905) 272-1432.

The **Orillia Historical Society** and the **Sir Sam Steele Art Gallery** are considering an amalgamation to form a joint historical society/museum/art gallery. Stay tuned for developments.

Allan Gotlieb, former Ambassador of Canada to the United States, has been appointed Chair of the **Ontario Heritage Foundation**.

The **Brant Historical Soci-**

ety is hosting an exhibition at the **Museum in the Square** "From Log Cabins to Yo-Yo's; an Air-ing of Quilts, Coverlets and Samplers from the Brant Historical Society and Harrison M. Sheak Collections" until next January. Call (519) 752-2483 for details.

Dr. Kenneth Earl Kidd's contributions to the fields of anthropology and Native studies were commemorated in July with a plaque unveiling at Kidd Lane in Cookstown sponsored by the **Simcoe County Historical Association** with the assistance of the Simcoe County Council and the co-operation of the Town of Innisfil.

Congratulations to Lyn Hamilton, Director, Cultural Programmes Branch, Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation who has successfully launched her second murder mystery, *The Maltese Goddess*.

The many friends and colleagues of Jane Turman were saddened to learn of her passing in July. An active and dedicated member of the **North York Historical Society** Jane was involved in preserving the Gibson House in Willowdale along with many other Society members.

Chiefswood National Historic Site, the home of Pauline Johnson, hosted a Grand Opening Ceremony in June that was attended by a very large crowd who came to see the restored mansion and to offer their congratulations to Chief Wellington Staats and the Six Nations Band Council. Special bookings: (519) 752-5005 or fax (519) 752-9578.

The **Regimental Museum**, relocated to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (lower level) at King and Simcoe Streets in Toronto is now open to the public on Thursdays. To learn more about this project of the **48th Highlanders of Canada**: (416) 485-7483.

The **Guelph Arts Council** has launched its fifth walking

tour booklet, *Brooklyn and the College Hill*. Call (519) 856-3280 for costs and availability.

"The Noble Experiment: Temperance and Prohibition" opens at the **Peterborough Centennial Museum and Archives** in the fall of 1999. Kim Reid, Curator, (705) 743-5180 is looking for artifacts, posters, flasks, stills, stories and legends.

The **Historic Restoration Society of Annapolis County** is sponsoring a celebration of the 225th anniversary of fifteen Yorkshire families to the Grenville, Nova Scotia area in 1774. A cairn will be dedicated in September of 1999. Contact Ian Lawrence (902) 532-7754.

Congratulations to the **Historical Society of Ottawa** celebrating a century of service to the community this year. A centennial lecture series is in progress. Call Eric Adams (613) 745-4887 for details.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Paul Bator, **Ontario Heritage Foundation** who passed away in August.

In August of 1990 The **Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation** opened a library in the former New Credit Indian Reserve and Mission, originally dedicated in 1882. The OHS donated a quantity of our publications to the new library at that time. In July of this year we had the pleasure of adding to the collection. The Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation toured Toronto's historic sites related to their history culminating in a buffet supper at Montgomery's Inn where presentations were made to Chief Carolyn King by several heritage organizations.

The **Ottawa Citizen** reports that the collection at the **Inverarden Regency Cottage Museum** in Cornwall is to be sold next year to finance a new museum with the emphasis on Cornwall. Contact Ian Bowering at (613) 938-9585.



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Upcoming Events

September-November 8: The Joseph Schneider Haus celebrates the growth and development of the K-W Weavers' and Spinners' Guild with **50 Years of Warp and Weft**. Colourful testaments to the wide-ranging talents and adventuresome spirit of these craftspeople, the items in this exhibit illustrate changing tastes and lifestyles. Included are shag rugs, macrame wall hangings and fringed fashion accessories. Handweaving by Guild members is available in the gift shop. The Haus is located at 466 Queen Street South in Kitchener. For information on their many activities this fall, call (519) 742-7752.

September-November 15: Heritage House Museum in Smiths Falls presents the exhibition **Treasures in Stone**, a travelling exhibition from the Royal Ontario Museum and the Hawkesbury Nature Centre, examining some of the many kinds of fossils hidden in Ontario rocks. Heritage House Museum is located on Old Slys Road and open daily. Contact (613) 283-8560.

September 29-November 17: The Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto offers interest courses Tuesday evenings on several fascinating subjects. **From Ramses to Cleopatra: What Happened to Ancient Egypt?** explores the intriguing kings and queens in Egyptian history. **Discover Dinosaurs** is a hands-on workshop discovering how fossils are found, collected and mounted. The Museum's artifacts set the stage for the introductory course, **Journey Into Myth** exploring myths from the Eastern and Western traditions. For registration information (416) 586-5797.

October 2-October 2000: The Chatham Kent Museum hosts the exhibit **Flags Held High: The Military History Of The People Of Kent County**. Highlighted

are some of the personal effects from World War I officer Maj. Donald E.A. Rispin DSO, of Chatham, who served with the 18th Western Ontario Overseas Battalion and became the youngest Major in the Canadian Army in 1916. After the war he returned to Chatham to carry on the family business. The Chatham Kent Museum, 75 William Street North in Chatham, is open afternoons. Contact (519) 354-8338.

October 4-31: All month long there is something for everyone at Montgomery's Inn. Celebrate the fall harvest on **October 4** with a day of apple inspired activities and displays. Or register for a hands on workshop on **October 17** and prepare traditional mid 19th century tavern food and drink in an open-hearth kitchen. Sign up for a **Primitive Rug Hooking Course** Monday afternoons **October 19-November 23** with Jan Hastings of the Ontario Hooking Craft Guild. Bring the children on **October 25** for Hallowe'en stories during **Spooky Spells for Spunky Spirits** and again for **Pumpkin Party and Hallowe'en Tea** on **October 31**. For details on these and numerous musical evenings, contact Montgomery's Inn at 4709 Dundas Street West, Etobicoke (416) 394-8113.

October 6-November 17: Back by popular demand is the Clarke Museum's hands on **chair caning** programme operating on Tuesday evenings. Participants must supply their own chair, awl, and a sponge/cloth. For registration details contact Clarington Museums the Clarke Museum and Archives at 7086 Old Kirby School Road, Hwy 35/115 at Regional Road #9, Kirby (905) 983-9243.

October 9-12: Plan to attend the 24th annual **Thanksgiving Festival Craft Show and Sale** at

Ball's Falls for children's activities, live entertainment, over 140 juried exhibitors, heritage demonstrations and special prices. All funds raised support conservation efforts in Niagara. The Ball's Falls Conservation Area is located at QEW Niagara Exit 57, Victoria Road. Contact (905) 680-PARK.

October 10-12-November 28-29: Spend some time in 1851 Willow Dale and learn about old-fashioned puddings, sweet and savoury pies, and produce from the gardens of the Gibson House during the **Thanksgiving Week-end**. Return on **October 24** for the **Hearth Cooking Workshop** featuring Scottish Cookery; and **November 28-29** to begin preparations for the holiday season including stirring the traditional Christmas pudding. The Gibson House is located at 5172 Yonge Street in North York. Call (416) 395-7432.

October 11: The Toronto Field Naturalists and the Ontario Society for Industrial Archaeology sponsor a walking tour of **Davenport Ridge** meeting at 2:00 P.M. at the southwest corner of Lansdowne Avenue and St. Clair Avenue West. The walk will last approximately 4 hours and cover 8 km. A second walk is held on Sunday **October 18** meeting at the southwest corner of Bathurst and King Streets at 11:00 A.M. to follow the route of a projected island rail line, the **Toronto Islands Railway**. This will involve a long walk and a \$2 fare to cross the Ferry. A third walk, on **November 15** will tour the **Lost Ponds of Dentonia Park**, meeting at 1:00 P.M. at the entrance to the Main Street subway station. This visit to the lost village of Coleman and vicinity will last approximately 3 hours. For information contact the Toronto Field Naturalists at (416) 968-6255.

October 16-17: The Ontario Cultural Human Resources Council, The Centre for Entrepreneurship at Centennial College, and Women in Film and Television are hosting an intensive conference designed for self-employed or contract workers in the arts and cultural sector who wish to start a new business or improve their business skills. **Entrepreneurs in Arts and Culture: Advanced Tools for the Professional Creator** comprises a two day conference held on October 16 and 17, and five evening workshops October 22, 29, and November 5, 12, and 19. For information and registration, contact: Women in Film and Television - Toronto, 20 Eglinton Avenue West, Suite 902, Box 2009, Toronto, Ontario M4R 1K0, (416) 322-3430 ext 0.

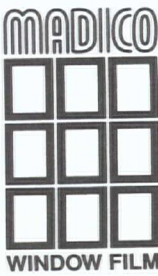
October 22: The Town of York Historical Society and the Citizens for the Old Town present a

recreation of the legendary **October 22, 1851 Jenny Lind concert in the Great Hall of St. Lawrence Hall**. This is the first in a planned series of lectures and concerts inspired by historic occasions and memorable events in the Old Town of Toronto. The show commences at 7:00 P.M. with a reception to follow. Tickets are \$100 each with a tax receipt issued for the maximum amount allowable, and may be purchased at Toronto's First Post Office, 260 Adelaide Street East, Toronto (416) 865-1833.

October 29: The Trent Port Historical Society invites you to their **5th Annual Dinner Auction** at Tommy's Dining Room on Front Street in Trenton at 6:30 P.M. The tickets cost \$25.00 per person and funds will go towards the restoration of the Trenton Town Hall, built in 1861. Call (613) 392-6322 or (613) 392-3746 to reserve your place.

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October 7	Calling all Spirits "Never on a Friday"	Willowdale
October 14	Calling all Spirits "Knock! Knock! Poltergeist or Humbug?"	Willowdale
October 21	Calling all Spirits "Fortelling the Future?"	Willowdale
October 28	Calling all Spirits "The Unpopular Toad, Origins, Symbols and Traditions of Hallowe'en"	Willowdale
October 30	Ghostly Gourmet	Willowdale
November 7	Family Photos - A Clinic	Willowdale
November 22	Cookies, Candies and Cookbooks	Willowdale
January 1999	Presentation of OHS Award	Montreal

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Cemetery News

Marjorie Stuart, OHS Cemetery News Editor

Cataraqui Cemetery, near Kingston, has had a busy summer. It started in June with the annual memorial service honouring Sir John A. Macdonald. The guest speaker was Hugh Segal speaking on "Sir John A. and The Canadian Dream." Then the Kingston Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society celebrated its 25th anniversary with a Cemetery picnic for its members and the public. There were tours giving the stories of Loyalists, politicians, Queen's University graduates and many other notables buried there. Others described the military section and rare trees. Original burial registers were on view. A Walking Tour brochure has been developed for those who like to take the self-guided tours.

Denise Mahoney, Heritage Co-ordinator for the City of Mississauga spoke to the Streetsville Historical Society outlining the history and challenges involved in caring for the eight cemeteries which the City maintains. One of these cemeteries is **Streetsville Pioneer Cemetery**, and improvements are planned. It has been suggested that there be a Cemetery Reunion for Streetsville Pioneer Cemetery. Volunteers are being sought for this project. Those interested should contact Monte Cook, (905) 826-1658.

Descendants of those buried in **Tranquility Cemetery** in Brantford are pleased that the dispute between the City and Vicano Construction Ltd. over damage caused by unwarranted trespassing of construction equipment has been resolved. However, the problems relating to the right of way across the cemetery have yet to be addressed. A search of the origins of the cemetery is in progress. It is possible that there were First Nations burials at the site prior to those of the Methodist Church members and the Batson family.

Oakville Museum hosted an Historical Cemetery Walking Tour of **St. Jude's Anglican** and **St. Mary's Roman Catholic** cemeteries in June. The Museum has developed an education program for school classes which has proven to be highly successful. Children from the grade 4 level visit local cemeteries and participate in many activities.

Charges have been laid against those who in April twice vandalized **B'nai Israel Cemetery** in St. Catharines. In early July the rededication ceremony for the cemetery was attended by many including Roman Catholic Church representatives, the Ontario Attorney General and the Israeli Consul-General.

St. Michael's Cemetery in Toronto was vandalized recently. This senseless act occurred during the night and a number of monuments were badly damaged. This old cemetery is the final resting place of many of Toronto's early Catholic families.

At the **Old Anglican Church Cemetery** in Fenelon Falls, a number of tombstones were sprayed with blue spray paint. Police were able to find the culprits, all minors, through debris left behind. Cleanup was provided quickly by Fenelon Falls Monuments.

Family historians should take photographs of their family tombstones before vandals destroy or deface the stone and the inscriptions are rendered illegible. Obviously acid rain and time are not the only culprits!

Sentence has been passed on the three adult men who vandalized **Little Lake Cemetery** in Peterborough two years ago. One received a six month jail sentence. The other two received conditional sentences of six months to be served at home with 25 and 50 hours of community service and an additional 100 hours community service each to be completed during probation.

The Ontario Government placed the **Ontario Hospital Cemetery** in Etobicoke for sale. A private developer has made an offer for the site on the condition that the property be rezoned to allow for the construction of a crematorium. Concern has been raised that it will be necessary to disinter some of those buried at the site in order to allow for this construction. The cemetery was established about 1891. It is believed that there were 1512 burials. Markers showing the burial locations date from 1957 to 1973 only, and, since accurate records and maps were not kept in many small cemeteries, the location of many who were buried may not be known.

The Hastings County Historical Society reported a successful witching for the **Horton family burial ground** near Stirling. Mr. Vandermeijer of Little Lake Cemetery, Peterborough located the site of 14 graves. These are believed to be the remains of the Horton family who settled in the area between 1803 and 1810.

The restoration of **The Pioneer Presbyterian Cemetery** has begun by a group of interested citizens in St. George. The Brantford Historical Society reports that the inscriptions were at first barely legible but are being restored to their original white colour by a specialist.

Former Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, Henry N.R. Jackman has had a plaque attached to his greatgrandfather's tombstone in **Maitland Cemetery**, Goderich Township. The plaque commemorates William Jackman 1797-1869 and gives a brief outline of his life story.

It has been suggested that local heritage groups meet with the Planning Department of their municipality to be certain that all area cemeteries are registered on the Official Town Plan and to determine what is being projected for the area. Ideally small cemeteries should be incorporated into the overall plan.

Harold Moore of Athens is to be commended for his 40 year interest and maintenance of the **Bolton and Hill** cemeteries in Elizabethtown Township. Mr. Moore is unable to continue and has asked the municipality to assume the responsibility for these two cemeteries.

Roach family descendants have located their family burial ground on Talbot Road near Leamington. Morris Roach, a Justice of the Peace, acquired the land in 1818 from Colonel Talbot. Seven generations of Roachs, including three veterans of the War of 1812 lie buried at the site. Efforts are being made to register the cemetery as an official burial site with the Cemeteries Regulation Section, Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations, and the local council of Mersea Township.

Donations are sought for the upkeep of **Christ Church Cemetery** in Raleigh Township. The church has been deconsecrated and concern has been raised for the preservation of the cemetery. Those interested should contact Ron Toll, Chairman, RR #5, Merlin, Ontario NOP 1W0 (519) 689-4537.

Last winter a tombstone was found on a Lake Erie Beach. Marilyn and Stan Wild of the Kent County Branch, OGS, with the help of many locally, found that this was the gravestone of Rolly Hopper, age 10 months, who died in June 1896. Arrangements were made through Liberty Monuments to have the stone installed at **Mount Pleasant Cemetery**

close to the burial site of his maternal grandparents.

A granite stone has been placed in the "Memory Wall" at Chaffey's Lock dedicated to the memory of author and historian Larry Turner.

The Lundy's Lane Historical Society will sponsor a walking tour of **Fairview Cemetery**, Niagara Falls on 14 September at 1.30 P.M. John Burtniak will be conducting the tour. Mr. Burtniak conducted a tour of **Lundy's Lane Cemetery** in the summer.

"Through the Garden Gate" was the theme of Guelph's **Woodlawn Cemetery** tour in June. This is a popular event every year. The cemetery hosted its 2nd "Spirit Walk" on September 13. A number of last year's spirits were joined by a rural postman, jeweller, lumberman and three women.

In the March 1998 issue I reported that charges had been laid under the **Ontario Cemeteries Act** for failure to report a

burial site at Sauble Beach. These charges were recently dismissed. The law requires that those who discover a burial site must not disturb it. They must report the discovery immediately to the police or a coroner.

In the July 1998 issue I referred to the **June Cemetery** in the Front of Escott Township. It has now been determined from family records and research by Joan Barrett of the Community Heritage Committee that the June children died c1825 and not in 1795. Simple unmarked field stones serve as foot and head stones for the four small graves. Unfortunately, the cemetery failed to meet the requirements as an historic site. It has been suggested that members of the community might erect a marker. The oldest cemetery in the township, **LaRue Mills Cemetery** was designated in 1995. The first known burial occurred in 1804. The historic marker tells the story of the LaRue family.

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Grade 4 pupils from St. Bernadette School, Oakville take part in the Historic Cemetery Tour Programme. (S. Creighton)

Museum News

An open letter to Ontario's Heritage Community

by Michael Gravelle MPP, Port Arthur, Liberal Culture & Heritage Critic

Over the course of the last six months, I've had the opportunity to meet and speak with many representatives from Ontario's heritage community as part of a "Culture Matters" consultation tour I am conducting on behalf of Dalton McGuinty, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party.

As part of this consultation, I am travelling the Province, meeting with cultural and heritage leaders in Ontario communities to discuss three key points:

- how they're being impacted by government policies;
- comments and suggestions they might have for an Ontario Liberal policy on arts, culture & heritage;
- ideas on the role that government can—and should—play in supporting the many forms of community arts & heritage.

To date, I've received tremendous input and feedback from heritage representatives across the Province. Clearly, the government of Ontario would be well served by taking the advice, counsel and dedication of our heritage partners to heart in order to ensure that heritage promotion and protection remains a potent and vital part of our community life.

The following letter, which summarizes many of the issues and concerns that I've heard across the Province, was written to Isabel Bassett, Minister of Citizenship, Culture & Recreation. Through this process of consultation, and with your assistance, I propose to come up with a plan and strategy that will truly make a difference with heritage and culture in Ontario. If you have any suggestions or comments, I would be most pleased to receive them.

Friday, August 14th, 1998

The Honourable Isabel Bassett,
Minister of Citizenship, Culture & Recreation

Dear Minister:

As Heritage Critic for the Ontario Liberal Party, I have had the opportunity, over the last several months, to meet and speak with many representative from Ontario's heritage community.

I can tell you, Minister, that the feedback has been both enlightening and disheartening

when it came to discussions regarding the actions—and inactions—of your government.

I found in discussions with the administrators and curators and among the volunteers who work so hard and tirelessly to conserve and enhance heritage resources in their communities, that there is a developing sense that heritage issues do not matter to your government. I was told that your government has neither furthered the cause of heritage promotion in the Province of Ontario, nor ensured the ability of community museums or heritage organizations to maintain their collections and levels of activities.

In short, I was told that your government has virtually abandoned real support for heritage activities in the Province of Ontario.

I fear, as indeed the heritage community fears, that without immediate action on your part, Ontario's heritage will be irreparably damaged. To that end, I request that you actively consider:

1) Heritage Advisory Committee Last fall, you promised to strike a Heritage Advisory Committee that would help your government incorporate some positive initiatives to promote heritage in Ontario—to date, no such Committee has been set-up.

2) Ontario Heritage Act Amendments Minister, I can not possibly overstate the importance of and the need for a revised, updated and strengthened Ontario Heritage Act for Ontario. As I'm sure you are aware, the current Act, which has not been updated since 1974, is woefully inadequate, both in terms of the tools it provides to municipalities to protect heritage sites and the legislative path it prescribes for the preservation of Ontario's heritage resources.

Minister, I believe that Ontarians deserve and want a new legislative framework for the management and protection of our heritage. This was the message I heard across the Province and I ask that you move to re-open discussion and dialogue towards the creation of a new—and better—Heritage Act.

3) Provincial Funding Support It is clear to me that concerns about a lack of funding support from the Province have reached

new heights in the heritage community. Many have simply characterized your government's funding approach as "death by a thousand cuts."

I truly hope you understand that your cuts to museums, galleries & historical societies has seriously imperiled the ability of these organizations to do what they do best—the protection, promotion and presentation of our history and heritage. Among other concerns, I've heard that complete or partial collections are at risk, that institutions are in survival mode, that the volunteer base is burning out, and that new and smaller community museums are being shut out of the funding envelope. In addition, I've learned that LACACs no longer have the leverage to protect community heritage through designated property grants.

For those of us who believe strongly in the value of heritage in the lives of all Ontarians, I implore you to find ways to better support Ontario's heritage community.

4) Museum Act I was surprised to learn that Ontario does not have a Museum Act, and that support to our museum partners is determined through a "museum standards" process. As I understand it, these standards, when implemented in the early 1980s, were meant to be updated every five years, however, no subsequent updating has occurred. I would encourage you to seek the advice and guidance of our heritage community through a meaningful consultation process to address this long standing matter.

5) Ministry Conservation Lab A pressing concern among those in our archival and museum communities, and particularly to smaller-sized institutions, has been the steady decline of workshop programming and support through the Ministry's conservation laboratory. I understand that this reduction of support and service has come without any consultation with the community and that the upcoming move of your Ministry office might threaten its existence entirely. Minister, as Ontario does not have the benefit of a Provincial museum, and as community museums are maintaining "our" heritage responsibilities, it certainly seems both fair and proper that your Ministry moves to restore the important workshop and treatment aspects of the conservation laboratory.

6) Canadian TODS Signage I've heard from many in our heritage community who have been adversely affected by your government's highway signage program, administered by Canadian TODS Ltd. As all of Ontario's cultural and heritage institutions have been hit with successive and

brutal budget cuts by your government, few have had the luxury of being in a position to afford to pay for signs and annual fees while they struggle to maintain staff, programs and other marketing initiatives. It seems to me, Minister, that your active involvement is required to obtain the waiving of annual signage fee costs for our heritage community partners.

Minister, there is no doubt in my mind that heritage matters to the people of Ontario. People all across this Province, whether they live in Toronto, Thunder Bay, Kitchener-Waterloo, Peterborough, Ottawa, London, Hamilton, Almonte or Windsor, care

strongly about their heritage and they know that heritage is integral to the health and well-being of their communities.

They need a Minister who will stand up for heritage—a Minister who communicates a vision for heritage that all the people of Ontario can understand and support. They need a Minister who recognizes that much work has to be done to ensure that Ontarians are well-served by strong Heritage Act legislation and a healthy support system.

On behalf of our hard-working and dedicated heritage community, I ask you to take up that challenge.



Mrs. Charlotte-Igoe-Amar and Mrs. Maureen Charron (James Murphy's only grandchild) at the Dedication of the "James Murphy Room," Thunder Bay Museum, May 30, 1998 beside the portrait of James Murphy by Wylie Grier. (Thunder Bay Museum)

Stronger alliance formed

Kim Seward-Hannam, Woodside National Historic Site


A new initiative is underway to increase networking among the current 227 National Historic Sites in Ontario. Sites range from the Mnjikaning Fish Weirs at Atherley Narrows to cultural landscapes such as Ruthven Park in Cayuga, engineering structures such as the Sault Ste. Marie Canal, and Canadian symbols such as the Parliament Buildings. While some sites are better known than others, they are all equally important in presenting the mosaic of Canada's cultural sites in Ontario.

Recently, the National Historic Sites Alliance for Ontario drafted the following objectives: to provide a forum for communication between owner/managers of National Historic Sites and others (government, non-government organizations, foundations, etc.) who have an interest in these sites; to share information and expertise on best practices and opportunities in conservation, presentation, and financial sustainability; to share information on training and to provide training opportunities; to support sites whose commemorative integrity is threatened; to share information on relevant government programs (federal, provincial and municipal) and to provide input into the development and operation of these programs; to increase awareness of the national historic significance of National Historic Sites in Ontario and the national system of National Historic Sites; to raise awareness of the value of cultural heritage and in particular the value of National Historic Sites.

A newsletter will provide a forum for the exchange of information. For details and availability: John Grenville, Bellevue House National Historic Site, 35 Centre Street, Kingston, Ontario K7L 4E5 (613) 545-8666.

Reminder

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From the Bookshelf

Pat and Chris Raible, Editors

This Day in History

Simcoe County Book of Days, Vol. 1: Beginnings to 1919. By B.E.S. Rudachyk. DBS Heritage Consulting. \$12.95 softbound.

For any day of the year this volume will tell you everything of historical significance that happened in Simcoe County. For example, on December 7, in 1649, Jesuit Father Charles Garnier died at the capture of St. Jean in Tobacco nation; in 1814, Sir George Head, military commissary, left Halifax en route to Penetanguishene; in 1837, James Robert Gowan, later Simcoe County judge and senator, was present at Montgomery's Tavern in the Rebellion; in 1862, James Grant Chewett, surveyor of five Simcoe townships and later Surveyor General of Upper Canada, died; and in 1905, the *Northern Advance* reported "the smallpox scare is grossly exaggerated"—only seven cases were known in Barrie. What makes the book more valuable is its exhaustive (33 page) index.

Pellatt's Folly

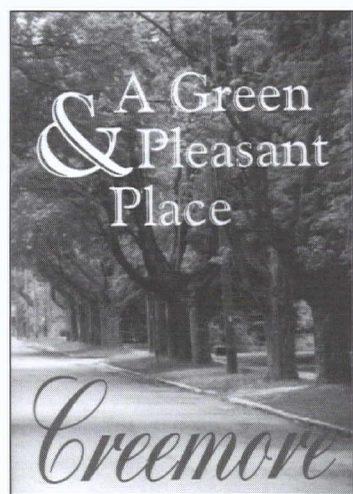
Casa Loma: Toronto's Fairytale Castle and its Owner, Sir Henry Pellatt. By Bill Freeman. James Lorimer & Company. 72 pages. Illustrations. \$12.95 softbound. The biggest private home ever built in Canada cost \$3,500,000 (who knows how much in today's dollars) and was never completely finished. Its creator, Sir Henry Pellatt, was a man some might say had more money than sense. He had barely moved into Casa Loma when he went bankrupt. Today his castle is a Toronto landmark and major tourist attraction. This delightfully written and attractively produced book tells the story of both the building and the builder.

Protected Legacy

Changing Parks: The History, Future and Cultural Content of Parks and Heritage Landscapes. Edited by John S. Marsh and Bruce W. Hodgins. Natural Heritage/Natural History. 311 pages. Illustrations. \$19.95 softbound.

In 1993, to mark the 100th anniversary of Ontario's first provincial park, Algonquin, an academic symposium was held to reflect on the changing significance of non-urban parks to Canadian society. Of particular interest to *OHS Bulletin* readers are the historical reflections of OHS past presidents Dennis Carter-

Edwards (on national parks in Ontario) and Gerald Killan (on our provincial parks). As the publisher's name suggests, our natural heritage and our natural history are clearly intertwined.



Local Focus

A Green & Pleasant Place: A Glimpse of Creemore & Area. Purple Hills Arts & Heritage Society. 238 pages. Illustrations. \$14.95 softbound.

At least fifty persons (your "From the Bookshelf" editors among them) were involved in creating this guide to the quaint and charming Simcoe County village of Creemore. In 1616 Champlain, while visiting a Petun native community, praised the "green & pleasant" valley that now includes Creemore. In 1987 the Creemore Springs microbrewery opened for business. Much happened in the interim (and since) as the book's many summaries and memories reveal. The focus is largely historical, but it also includes notes on the natural history of the area.

Amherstburg 1796-1996: the New Town on the Garrison Grounds, BOOK II. Amherstburg Bicentennial Book Committee. Marsh Collection Society. 516 pages. Illustrations. \$40.00 hardbound.

Two years ago we reviewed with delight a splendid history of an important Ontario community. Not surprisingly, that first volume sold out (thankfully, it has been reprinted) and now the second volume is available. Its chapters focus on Amherstburg's churches, schools, municipal history, transportation, health & medicine, sports, parks and heritage locations, and service clubs. A final section records the memories of twenty long-time residents. This may be the most comprehensive and complete local history ever published in our

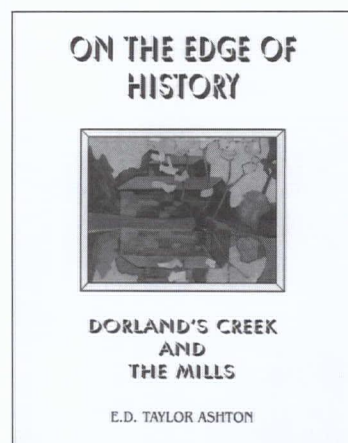
province. In words and pictures, it is truly fascinating.

Street Names of Downtown Sudbury: A Historical Directory. By Lionel Bonin and Gwenda Hallsworth. Your Scrivener Press. 100 pages. Illustrations. \$20.00 softbound.

Some streets are named for famous people: Wellington, Durham, Jeanne d'Arc, or Gandhi. The names of others might be almost anybody: Mark, Mazie, Eddie, or Eva. Some are generic: Mill, Lake, Cross, or Duke. Others are quite specific: Red Cross, Kitchener, Abinson or Tanguay. Every avenue, road, lane and court has its history, as this extensive Sudbury directory clearly indicates.

Port Dover: A Place in the Sun, Volume 1: 1669-1914. By Cheryl MacDonald. Port Dover Board of Trade. 120 pages. Illustrations. \$15.00 softbound.

The tourism industry is hardly a modern phenomenon, as this neatly designed and nicely produced book well testifies. People have been enjoying the waters and entertainments of Port Dover for well over a hundred years. The many pictures are charming, the text is delightful. Cheryl MacDonald, author of many historical books and booklets, once again proves that local history can be related in interesting ways.



On the Edge of History: Dorland's Creek and the Mills. By E.D. Taylor Ashton. Hermitage Publishing. 200 pages. Illustrations. \$39.95 hardbound.

The recorded history of this Prince Edward County community begins August 4, 1795, with the granting of 1,200 acres to one Joseph Forsyth. But there is evidence of native habitation over many hundreds of years before, as well as French visits to the area in the 17th and 18th centuries. This lavishly illustrated volume (many pictures in colour) traces the changes, from the early mills to the development of the Loyalist Parkway. An additional section profiles fifteen persons and families who have made their mark on the area.

Algonquin

Lake Opeongo: Untold Stories of Algonquin Park's Largest Lake. By S. Bernard Shaw. General Store Publishing House. 114

pages. Illustrations. \$19.95 softbound.

Don't let the title fool you—this is not a collection of Algonquin anecdotes. It is a thoroughly researched, unified and comprehensive history of a great lake. It begins by sketching native and European exploration and goes on to chronicle the extensive logging industry with its (by today's standards) environmentally destructive practices. The development of Algonquin Park opened the area for camping and cottaging, fishing and hunting, but also as a field for natural research (Robert Bateman got his start at Lake Opeongo). Nearly a hundred heritage photographs, snapshots and maps enhance the narrative.

History Noted

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

Rosedale. By William M. Gray. Boston Mills Press. 160 pages. Illustrations. \$39.95 hardbound. Announced for publication in October, this history of one of Toronto's most prestigious neighborhoods promises to be full of marvellous historic photographs and entertaining anecdotes.

From Pathway to Skyway Revisited: The Story of Burlington. By Claire Emery Machlan. Burlington Historical Society. 341 Illustrations. \$25.00. The original 1967 Centennial history has been revised and updated to the present time.

South Monaghan: The Garden of Eden. By Jean Murray Cole. Township of South Monaghan. 300 pages. Illustrations. \$30.00 hardbound. This history of a Peterborough County township discusses the experience of the native people, the surveyors and the settlers, the influence of the lake and river on their lives, and the development of a community in a new land.

The Heritage Directory 1994. Heritage Canada. \$44.95 paper. A listing of over 1,000 contacts and more than 600 Canadian national and provincial organizations, government

A Nineteenth-Century Algonquin Adventure. By James Dickson. Edited with an Introduction and Notes by Gary Long. Fox Meadow Creations. 189 pages. Illustrations. \$19.95 softbound.

In 1886, surveyor James Dickson took a long holiday canoe trip through the highlands of what is now Algonquin Park (Dickson helped create the park a few years later). His description of his journey was published and appreciated—indeed, it helped lure many to come and explore the wilderness landscape—but in more recent years it has been all-but-forgotten. Thanks to the efforts and helpful annotations of Gary Long, it can be read anew.

departments and agencies.

Look and Learn about our Collections of Objects: Descriptive and Visual Dictionary of Objects - Volume I. Parks Canada. 315 pages. Illustrations. \$45.95 hardbound. The first of a multi-volume series published in both English and French, this is a thematic tool for discovering objects of everyday life, past and present; identifying and cataloguing material culture objects; managing collections of objects; and sharing and appreciating Canadian heritage.

For God and Home: A History of the Oxford Rifles Regiment, 1798-1954. By Philip MacQuarrie. Woodstock Museum. Illustrated. Traces the history of the involvement of Oxford men and women in the local militia.

Bowmanville: Then And Now. By Clayton Morgan. Bowmanville Museum. 40 pages. Illustrations. \$10.00. A wide selection of photographs, both old and new, to illustrate the fascinating history of Clarington's largest town.

Guelph: Origin of City Street Names. By Ross W. Irwin. \$10.00. Complete with 10 reference maps and 17 pages of introduction, this book contains information on some 1,440 Guelph street names.

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Bowmanville Museum, Box 188, 37 Silver Street, Bowmanville, Ontario L1C 3K9.

Burlington Historical Society, c/o Len Nordby, 1131 Carol Street, Burlington, Ontario L7S 1Z9.

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Fox Meadow Creations, Box 5401, Huntsville, Ontario P1H 2K7.

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Ontario History

Terry Crowley, Editor

A hundred years ago the Ontario Historical Society adopted the name that it has continued to bear. In 1899, it began its publication programme that continues today with *Ontario History*, the *OHS Bulletin*, and various books that appear intermittently.

To celebrate these developments, the Autumn 1998 *Ontario History* is a special centenary issue. In planning for more than two years, and guest edited by Syd Wise, this volume reflects on the writing of the province's history. Keith Johnston, now retired from Carleton University, returns to Gerald Craig's landmark *Upper Canada* to see how that monograph has stood up after the quarter century since it first appeared. In assessing how the values and interests of historians have changed since that time, Johnston provides revealing portraits of early Upper Canadians never heard from before.

As historians have tried to capture the lives of more people in the past, no particular group has gained greater attention than women. Jane Errington, head of the history department at the Royal Military College and who has written a study of women in Upper Canada, analyzes writings in women's history. In particular, she points out difficulties inher-

ent in conveying women's lives during the colonial period prior to the mid-nineteenth century.

Economic history is another area in which old presuppositions have been challenged and new questions raised. At one time an interest in staples (exports) predominated, but more recently economic historians have turned towards revealing a much greater variety of economic activity. Doug McCalla of Trent University, an author who has contributed to the development of new ideas and approaches in economic history, tackles these issues in a stimulating article.

If a student had asked a university historian a quarter century ago about sports, the response would have been that the subject did not belong within the discipline. Various sports historians like the University of Toronto's Bruce Kidd have done much to change that notion through their research and publications. Sports fans will find much of interest in this contribution.

With the advent of so many new subjects within history, fewer historians write political history any more. One of the best is Sid Noel of the University of Western Ontario, as his book *Patrons, Clients, and Brokers* showed. In this issue of *Ontario*

History, Noel strikes at another enduring theme in the province's past. Opening with the present government and the extra-parliamentary opposition that it has aroused, Noel shows that conflict between populism and constitutionalism stemmed from the very beginning of Upper Canada as a province. In a piece that is likely to attract a broad audience, Noel also manages to rehabilitate the reputation of "gadfly" Robert Gourlay.

The centenary issue is a celebration marking one hundred years of the OHS and one hundred years of publishing history. The contributions of these distinguished historians are sure to engage a wide readership. A double landmark deserves such attention.



The OHS is inviting applications or nominations for the position of Editor of *Ontario History* for the three year period 1999-2002. Written applications or nominations may be forwarded to the Search Committee at 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2 by September 30, 1998. Inquiries may be made by contacting (416) 226-9011, fax 226-2740.



Many residents of Wawa attended a public meeting in the Michipicoten Memorial Community Centre in July to discuss forming an historical society and establishing a museum. Shown here are Reeve Jim McQuino, Councillors Gail Roberts, Helen Lamain and Fred Gatz, Museum Advisor John Carter, Ministry of Citizenship Culture and Recreation and resident John Cureatz discussing the various options to preserve Wawa's rich history. (Dorothy Duncan)

Call for papers

The Joint Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Food and Society and The Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society will be held at Ryerson Polytechnic University in Toronto from June 3 to 6, 1999 with the theme "Crossing Borders: Food and Agriculture in the Americas."

The committee would welcome ideas for papers, posters, proposals for panels, and other submissions for the conference. Topics for submission could include but are not limited to: biodiversity; biotechnology; edu-

cational approaches to food, nutrition, agriculture, social change and social movements; food and health; food security and hunger; food safety; globalization; local/regional food systems and rural/urban food connections; public policy in agriculture and social welfare; and sustainable food systems.

The deadline for submissions is March 1, 1999. For information, or to submit abstracts, contact: Jo Marie Powers, Hotel and Food Administration, University of Guelph, N1G 2W1 (519) 822-3086, fax 822-6534.

Eric Arthur Colloquium to be held in Toronto

The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario and the UC Alumni Association at the University of Toronto host the Eric Arthur Colloquium "Conservation in Context: to want a better city..... passionately" on Saturday, November 14 at the University College from 10:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Presenters include Howard Walker, Robert Murray, Dr. Angela Carr, Michael McClelland, Edna Hudson and Alec Keefer.

The \$65 registration fee includes lunch and admission to the Eric Arthur Exhibit at the Mar-

ket Gallery exhibit space above the St. Lawrence Market

Later that evening, the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario holds their 65th Anniversary Gala Dinner at the St. Lawrence Hall, King and Jarvis Streets with guest speaker Bruce Kuwabara, Architect. The cost is \$55.

You must register in advance for both of these events. Space is limited. Contact (416) 425-9298 or (519) 837-8082. Special rates are available and includes a tax receipted donation to the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario.

The exhibit at the Market

Gallery is also titled Conservation in Context: "to want a better city.....passionately" and is organized by the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario. It celebrates the life and achievements of Eric Arthur, examining his influential career as educator, author, designer and advocate. This year marks the 100th anniversary of his birth and the exhibit brings together public and private archival collections of photographs, drawings and paintings to celebrate his life.

The exhibit runs from October 31, 1998 to March 7, 1999.

History's Mysteries Footprints in Time

The Ontario Archaeological Society presents an evening of archaeological and historical fiction in Toronto at the Columbus Centre Rotunda, 901 Lawrence Avenue West, 7:30 P.M. on November 26.

This is a unique opportunity to meet four of the hottest and most knowledgeable authors in the field. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Kathleen O'Neal Gear and W. Michael Gear, in their first Canadian appearance, will read from *People of the Mask*, the latest book in their series on *The First North Americans*. Lyn Hamilton is the author of *The*

Xibalba Murders and *The Maltese Goddess*, an archaeological mystery series. Her work has been described as "a smooth blend of history and mystery, an exotically absorbing and culturally colourful archaeological thrillers." Maureen Jennings has authored two historic plays, several short stories and two murder mysteries, *Except the Dying* and *Under the Dragon's Tail* set in Victorian Toronto.

Tickets are \$15.00 and \$12.00 for students and seniors. To order tickets contact the Ontario Archaeological Society, 126 Willowdale Road, North York, M2N 4Y2 (416) 730-0797.

Congratulations!

Thomas H.B. Symonds was presented with The Governor General's International Award for Canadian Studies on May 27, 1998 in Ottawa. Dr. Symonds has served with distinction as the Founding President and Vanier Professor Emeritus of Trent University, Chairman of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, and in a number of other appointments.

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