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THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Executive Director's Report 1988

Technical Consulting Service:

The Ontario Historical Society continued to co-ordinate the Technical Consulting Service, initiated in 1983, in co-operation with the Ministry of Culture and Communications. This service, provided free of charge for designated properties in the Province of Ontario, is designed to give owners technical advice on specific problems related to their property. Since January of 1988, the following properties have been accepted for this service:

Old Mill, Scugog River, Town of Lindsay
Forwarders Museum, Prescott
Old Stone Mill, Twp. of Bastard & South Burgess
67, 69, 71-73 Princess Street, Kingston
Grey County Court House, Owen Sound
89 Grand Avenue, Cambridge
Macpherson House, Napanee
Crystal Palace, Prince Edward County
32 Water Street, Penetanguishene
171 Forest Avenue, Hamilton
Duplassie Residence, White River
Bourns Residence, Oakville
Guelph Civic Museum, Guelph
Caledon-Brock House, Belfountain
273 Dalhousie Street, Amherstburg
284 Ramsay Street, Amherstburg

Publicity and Public Relations:

During 1988 The Ontario Historical Society broadened its scope of activities and took part in over 40 fairs, festivals, special events, home shows, antique shows and other heritage related events. These initiatives would not have been possible without the unflagging support of our volunteers who give hundreds of hours of service to the Society in every possible way - by staffing exhibits, displays and book tables, giving lectures and slide shows, packing kits, and much, much more!

Thank you OHS volunteers!

POLARIS:

POLARIS, the Province of Ontario Land Registration and Information System, became a major concern to your Executive and staff again in 1988, as you the members voiced your dismay at the destruction of original land documents. Letters, telephone calls, meetings, and briefings replaced other priorities in our attempts to determine exactly what was happening to the land records, and how The Ontario Historical Society and other heritage organizations

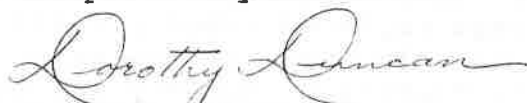
could prevent any further destruction. A press conference was held in the Queen's Park Press Gallery in February with representatives from national, provincial and local organizations representatives. A meeting was held with David Silcox, Deputy Minister of Culture and Communications and Ian Wilson, Archivist of Ontario, who authorized the destruction. Another meeting was held in April with The Honourable Lily Oddie Munro, Minister of Culture and Communications, and at the present time, the programme of destruction is temporarily halted, and Dr. Munro has invited each provincial heritage organization to appoint a representative to an Advisory Committee of Historical Land Registry Records to advise the Minister of solutions for this problem.

Thank You:

This report would not be complete without a word of appreciation to our staff - Meribeth Clow, Workshop Co-ordinator and OHS Bulletin editor; Cathy Febbraro, Co-ordinator of the Young Ontario Programme and History to Go!; Robert Leverty, Co-ordinator of the History of Ontario's Peoples Grant Programme; Lorraine Lowry, Co-ordinator of the LACAC Workshop Programme; Barbara Kane, in charge of publications and support staff for Ontario History and Barbara Truax, Membership Co-ordinator. In addition, we have been blessed during the last year with assistance from Susan Funston, a student from the Corporate Communications Programme at Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology; Daniel O'Brien, who is leaving us in a few days to take up his new position with the Ministry of Culture and Communications; Patricia Wood, who is serving an internship with us, supported by the Ministry of Culture and Communications, The Honourable Lily Oddie Munro, Minister; Janice Gibbins, who produces much of our graphic design work, Jean Harding, who keeps our ever-growing visual collection in order. In 1988 Joyce Lewis co-ordinated the first-ever Directory of Heritage Organizations and Institutions in Ontario and Alain Harvey co-ordinated our French programmes and workshops. Thank you all for your hard work, dedication and sense of humour.

The Ontario Historical Society has also been fortunate in 1988 with the support and encouragement provided by the Ministry of Culture and Communications, including The Honourable Lily Oddie Munro and her dedicated staff. To our colleagues at the Ministry, our sincere thanks for your patience and wise counsel.

Respectfully submitted,



Dorothy Duncan,
Executive Director.

**THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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History of Ontario's Peoples Grant Programme 1988**

Since August 1988, The Ontario Historical Society and The Multicultural History Society of Ontario have jointly administered a grant programme entitled the "History of Ontario's Peoples Programme". The grant programme is designed to help First Nations Band Councils and non-profit organizations and institutions, such as historical societies, museums, libraries and LACACs, in their efforts to promote a greater understanding and appreciation of the history of the diverse peoples of Ontario.

In September 1988, the OHS & the MHSO hired a Programme Co-ordinator and established an independent Advisory Committee. In late November 1988, over 1700 organizations and institutions in Ontario were sent a package of information containing a press release, details on how to apply for a project grant and the Basic Guidelines for all applicants. Approximately 2000 press releases were also sent to community newspapers, the ethnic media, and newsletter editors of non-profit corporations in Ontario.

In January 1989, over 50 project proposals were reviewed by the Advisory Committee. Grants totalling \$59,800 were subsequently awarded to various non-profit organizations and institutions. There was an even greater response a few months later to the second deadline for reviewing project proposals. In April 1989, the Advisory Committee had to consider over 80 applications. It approved twenty-three project proposals which were awarded over \$105,000 in grants to implement their projects.

The History of Ontario's Peoples Programme is funded by the Ministry of Culture and Communications. Financial assistance is available to support projects that raise public awareness of the history in Ontario of a particular culture or cultures. Successful applicants are eligible for grants up to \$5,000.00.

The History of Ontario's Peoples Programme has already generated remarkable interest across the Province of Ontario. The Advisory Committee will meet on two more occasions in 1989 to review project applications. The next two deadlines for applications are Friday, August 11, 1989 and Friday, November 10, 1989.

April 19, 1989

Submitted by Rob Leverty
Programme Co-ordinator

THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HISTORY TO GO PROGRAMME

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History to Go is an outreach programme which The Ontario Historical Society takes out to groups with special needs. People who reside in nursing homes, who are patients in hospitals or special care institutions, the physically disabled or others who face special challenges in accessing OHS services, are reached through this programme. The goals of the programme are to stimulate interest in Ontario's heritage, to make heritage more accessible to those with special needs and to serve the community.

One of our long term goals is to encourage other heritage groups in the province to develop their own History to Go programmes for their own communities. In 1988, with financial support from the Ministry of Culture and Communications, the OHS took an important step towards achieving this goal by launching a series of mini-workshops for heritage organizations. The purpose of the mini-workshops has been to share the Society's experience in the History to Go programme and to encourage heritage groups (historical societies, museums, LACACs, etc.) to develop History to Go or similar programmes. A summary of the mini-workshops held to date is included in part B of this report. So far, representatives from over 100 heritage groups have attended the mini-workshops. Many more have now heard about the Society's History to Go programme through coverage in various media. Articles have appeared in the Prescott Journal, the OHS Bulletin, Impact (a publication of the Heritage Canada Foundation), Heritage Dimensions (a newsletter of the Ontario Heritage Foundation), and Currently (newsletter of the Ontario Museum Association).

A. History to Go Programmes: January to December 1988

- Feb. 17 - "Hand-Made Paper", Ellesmere Statton Public School, Scarborough - presented by J. Gibbins
- April 26 - "Butter Making", Scarborough Village Public School, Scarborough - C. Febbraro, G. Matthews
- April 27 - "Hand-Made Paper", Scarborough Village Public School, Scarborough - J. Gibbins
- May 27 - "Sheep to Shawl", George St. L. McCall Chronic Care Wing, Queensway General Hospital, Etobicoke - J. Gibbins, C. Febbraro
- July 7 - "Ice Cream Making", Number 4 Teddington Park Avenue (seniors' residence), Toronto - D. Duncan, B. Truax
- July 22 - "From the Past, For the Future", North York Central Libray, Seniors' Programme, North York - M. Machell
- Nov. 29 - "Traditonal Christmas in Ontario", Number 4 Teddington Park Avenue, Toronto - J. Lewis, C. Febbraro

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B. History to Go Mini-workshops:

- Oct. 20, 1988, Peterborough - presented by D. Duncan, C. Febbraro
A brief session on the OHS History to Go programme was held at the Ontario Museum Association's Annual Conference, during the meeting of the Living History Sites Special Interest Group.
Attendance: 42
- Oct. 27, 1988, North Bay - D. Duncan, C. Febbraro. Attendance: 11
- Oct. 28, 1988, Cobalt - D. Duncan, C. Febbraro. Attendance: 7
- Nov. 1, 1988, Toronto - D. Duncan, C. Febbraro. Attendance: 4
- Nov. 2, 1988, 10:00 a.m., Toronto - D. Duncan, C. Febbraro. Attendance: 7
- Nov. 2, 1988, 1:30 p.m., Toronto - D. Duncan, C. Febbraro. Attendance: 4
- Nov. 24, 1988, Maitland - C. Febbraro, M. Clow. Attendance: 19
- Dec. 2, 1988, Kingston - C. Febbraro, L. Lowry. Attendance: 18
- Dec. 5, 1988, North Bay - C. Febbraro.
This day-long workshop was held, by special request, as a follow up to the first History to Go mini-workshop held in North Bay on October 27. Participants were given further information and hands-on experience with regards to some of the historical crafts which the OHS has used in its History to Go programmes.
Attendance: 11
- Jan. 9, 1989, Oakville - C. Febbraro, P. Wood. Attendance: 25

Upcoming History to Go Mini-workshops:

March 31, 1989, Chatham - C. Febbraro, P. Wood

Cathy Febbraro
Co-ordinator
History to Go

HONOURS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE 1988/89

The following are the recipients of the Ontario Historical Society's Honours and Awards for 1988, to be presented at the Annual Banquet held May 6, 1989:

Scadding Award of Excellence: Lake of the Woods Museum

B. Napier Simpson Jr. Award of Merit: The Town of Almonte and
Township of Ramsay LACAC

President's Award: Sears Canada Inc.

Riddell Award: Peter Oliver for "'A Terror to Evil Doers': The
Central Prison and the 'Criminal Class' in Late
Nineteenth-Century Ontario" published in Patterns
of the Past

Joseph Brant Award: Nin.Da.Waab.Jig for Walpole Island: The Soul
of Indian Territory

Fred Landon Award: John H. Taylor for Ottawa: An Illustrated
History

Janet Carnochan Award: Margaret Machell

Cruikshank Gold Medal: James Keith Johnson

My thanks go to the members of this year's Committee: David McNab,
Robert Nicholls, Steven Otto, Glenn Lockwood, Laurel Sefton
McDowell, and Dorothy Duncan.

I would also like to express my appreciation to Cathy Febbraro for
the fine work she does in hand lettering each of the award
certificates.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Hanna,
Honours and Awards Chairman

HONOURS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

The 1987 Awards of The Ontario Historical Society were presented at the Annual Banquet held at The Granite Club in Toronto, Ontario on Saturday, June 18, 1988. They were presented by The Honourable Lincoln Alexander, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

The Scadding Award of Excellence was presented to the Town of York Historical Society.

The B. Napier Simpson Jr. Award of Merit was presented to the Sault Ste. Marie LACAC.

The Janet Carnochan Award was awarded to Thomas Bouckley.

The Riddell Award was presented to Joy Parr for "The Skilled Emigrant and Her Kin: Gender, Culture, and Labour Recruitment", Canadian Historical Review, December, 1987.

The Fred Landon Award was awarded to W.R. Wightman for Forever on the Fringe.

The Joseph Brant Award was presented to Donald B. Smith for Sacred Feathers.

The President's Award was awarded to Redpath Sugars.

A special award was created in honour of the Society's Centennial to recognize individuals who have shown outstanding support of the heritage community in Ontario. The recipients of these special awards were John Carter, Russell Cooper, and Judith Burns.

The Ontario Historical Society Awards for 1988 will be presented at the Conference in Ottawa on May 6, 1989.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Hanna
Chairperson

Local Societies Annual Report, 1988 - 89

It is the responsibility of the Director for Affiliated Societies to make recommendations to the Executive Committee of the Society, in respect to those groups seeking affiliation. The following groups were accepted as affiliates in 1988:

Greater Harvey Historical Society
Rossport Historical Society
Whitchurch Stouffville History Group
United Empire Loyalists, Costume Branch
The Greater Hamilton Heritage Association
The Huntley Township Historical Society
The Eritrean Community London (Ontario)
The Bronte Historical Society
Thamesville Historical Society
United Empire Loyalists, Bicentennial Branch
White River District Historical Society
South Fredericksburgh Heritage Committee
Mossley Post Heritage and Citizenship Society

A letter, dated July 8th,, 1988, was sent to all affiliated societies informing them of the appointment of the undersigned to this 'portfolio' and offering them his assistance in securing speakers, in developing a more fruitful relationship with The Society. Some fifteen groups responded and he was able to accept invitations to speak from the following:

Glengarry Historical Society, Alexandria
Heritage House Museum, Smiths Falls
Heritage Renfrew, Renfrew
Newcastle Village and District Historical Society, Newcastle
Rideau Township Historical Society, North Gower
United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada,
Governor Simcoe Branch, Toronto

In each instance he brought greetings from the Executive Committee of The Society, spoke about the advantages of affiliation with it, and distributed literature about membership and forthcoming events.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Nicholls

March, 1989.

The Ontario Historical Society

Annual Report: Membership

The membership files of The Ontario Historical Society were computerized in 1985. This has given us greater flexibility in our record keeping, as well as being an accurate, time saving measure.

Having our membership on computer gives us easy access to membership statistics, e.g. how many members live in certain regions, number of schools, LACACS, archives, museums, historical societies etc.

The positive or negative side of computerization, depending on how you look at it, is that we can identify immediately those members who have lapsed and those members are deleted after their membership has been lapsed for 60 days.

This of course, leads to wide fluctuations in statistics at any given time. The pattern is usually as follows: a member neglects to pay, 60 days later they are sent a second notice and removed from the membership roles. Another 60 days passes and they realise that they are no longer receiving anything from The OHS, and then most of them renew their membership. As a result of this system our membership fluctuates between 1660 and 3300 depending on the exact moment the count is taken.

In 1988 a new membership brochure designed by John Hall was introduced. This brochure seems to be having a very positive effect. During the single month of March 1989, we attracted 119 new members. The other interesting point regarding the new membership brochure is that it has stimulated many people who lapsed 4 or 5 years ago to rejoin our society. In addition, the new membership brochure has attracted our first Patron Member, Mr Ian K Woods, of I.K. Woods & Partners Ltd., Markham, Ontario.

Respectfully submitted
Barbara Truax
Membership Co-ordinator

Museums Committee Annual Report
The Ontario Historical Society

To mark the centennial year of The Ontario Historical Society, the 1988 Museums Committee planned to include in its activities a series of museum related workshops which went under the title of Profit from the Past. Such topics as Profit from Pictures, Museum Gift Shops, Sharing our Native Culture and Promotion and Presentation were each addressed in one day workshops held in various places across the province. As well, a major three day workshop was held in Toronto in conjunction with the OHS Annual Conference in June. This workshop dealt with the business aspects of running a museum, from hiring and training staff, through fund raising to the acceptance of new thoughts and ideas in terms of administration and sponsorship; it proved to be a popular program which attracted 41 registrants whose appraisals demonstrated the success of the event.

In all a total of 10 museum workshops were offered to the OHS membership, a good contribution to the Society's work as a whole.

The 1988/89 committee, formed after the Annual Meeting in June 1988, comprised the following members;
Beth Hanna, Gibson House, Toronto;
Reva Dolgoy, Victoria School Museum, Carleton Place;
Peter Ledwith, Ontario Agricultural Museum, Milton;
Kathryn Schwenger, Chatham-Kent Museum;
Cathy Tester, Ontario Trappers Association, North Bay, and
John Carter Ministry of Culture and Communications, until his sabbatical from the ministry commenced, at which time Marty Brent of the same ministry took over his position on the committee.

Chaired by Jeanne Hughes, Black Creek Pioneer Village, Toronto this committee has met 3 times in the past year to discuss matters of interest and concern to Ontario museums, plan workshops as they are requested from the membership and discuss museum input to the Bulletin. In all their activity the committee has been more than ably assisted by Dorothy Duncan and Meribeth Clow. Indeed, the support staff at the OHS office are, as with most OHS projects, the main "doers".

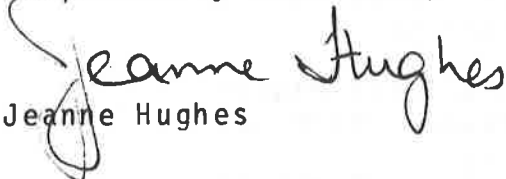
Neither staff nor the committee, however, can be successful without the full acceptance and cooperation of the museum community as a whole. Museums in Ontario are judged to have attained standards of excellence that can compare well with any others. This situation is brought about by the willingness and

generosity of people who will share their expertise and knowledge combined with the eagerness of museum workers to increase their knowledge and skills and the encouragement and assistance of the Heritage Section of the Ministry of Culture and Communications. Each of these links needs the others to forge the strong chain of commitment to excellence.

Your Museums Committee is grateful to all these, instructors and learners, doers and planners, and, of course, to the museum visitors who motivate us all to keep improving our museum displays and programs. The committee also urges those of you who are involved in museum work to let us know now what topics you would like to see addressed in our future program of workshops. We are here to respond to your needs, but our budget does not allow for a crystal ball and so we need to have your needs expressed to us.

In conclusion I would like, on behalf of the OHS membership and especially from this individual member, to convey to the 1988/ 89 Museums Committee our gratitude for their contributions to the work of The Ontario Historical Society in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,


Jeanne Hughes

Ontario History

Annual Report to OHS Members

The publication of the June issue marks the beginning of my second year as editor. In the past year, we have run articles on a wide variety of topics ranging from the Loyalist tradition to the Children of Peace, from the impact of technology on the Toronto police force, to the fate of a crown corporation called Research Enterprises Ltd. Readers interested in social history could read about the delivery system of medical services to small Ontario communities during the interwar period. For those interested in native studies and historiography, we published a fascinating account of some oral narratives amongst the Cree about their encounters with Europeans. For those interested in modern Ontario, there have been papers about the concerns of teachers, farmers and workers.

The articles have covered time periods from the years of the French regime to the modern period of the post Second World War years. It is our aim to continue to provide readers with an eclectic mix of subjects by way of demonstrating the richness of our heritage, as well as different aspects of historical writing whether it be political, military, economic or social history in all of its facets.

In addition to publishing the journal, the editors and the OHS have been working closely together to put Ontario History on a sounder financial footing. We are pleased to announce that the journal has been awarded SSHRC funding for another three years, in recognition of the improvements in the content and appearance of the journal in the last few years.

The editors have endeavoured to reach out to potential new readers to increase our subscriptions. They have tried

also to reach out to OHS members by publishing columns regularly in the OHS Bulletin about Ontario History. OH welcomes comments from readers and is always happy to receive submissions of articles to the journal, or notices of conferences and events which would be of interest to our readers, or books on Ontario's history which are suitable for review.

Ontario History staff also noted with pleasure the publication in November, 1988 of Patterns of the Past: Interpreting Ontario's Past which was edited by the past and present editors of Ontario History. This book was a project to mark the OHS centennial and it is hoped that it will stimulate not only greater interest in the history of the province but that it will be used in courses about Ontario and will be read with pleasure by OHS members.

Laurel Sefton MacDowell
Editor

Preservation Committee Report 1988-89

In 1988-89 the Preservation Committee of The Ontario Historical Society was asked to consider the following heritage issues:

Renovation and expansion plans of the Art Gallery of Ontario affecting The Grange

The re-internment of the remains of Col. William Caldwell

The establishment of a bronze monument for Col. Butler at Niagara-on-the-Lake

The determination of Col. Butler's gravesite

The establishment of a Butler's Rangers Museum in Butler's Barracks at Niagara-on-the-Lake

The displaying of a portrait of Col. Butler in the Legislative Buildings' foyer at Queen's Park

The controversy over the proposed de-designation of a historic plaque commemorating the wintering site of the Sulpician missionaries in 1669-79 at Port Dover

The proposed abandonment by the CPR of the rail line between Peterborough and Omemee

The proposed development of a housing project close to the Stephen Leacock Home in Orillia

The preservation and restoration of Victoria Hall, Petrolia

The preservation of the Ottawa to Arnprior to Parry Sound rail corridor

The proposed demolition of the Lawlor bridge over the east branch of the Severn River at Washago

Planning Study for Hwy. 410, from Bovaird Drive to Hwy. 10, Peel County

Music Building, Canadian Exhibition Grounds, Toronto

An unique stone barn, Burnside Property, Hwy. 2, Augusta Twp.

The Lines House, Kingston

The Fleming House and the Plater-Fleming Archaeological Site, Craigleith

Toronto Generating Station, Niagara Falls

John Duncan House, City of North York

Douglas Leighton and Colin Read
Co-chairs, Preservation Committee

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PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

1988-89 has been a momentous publishing year for The Ontario Historical Society as it moves into its second century. Our focus continues to be one of showing people how they can participate in exploring Ontario's fascinating past by encouraging them to publish articles and essays about that past.

At our centennial annual meeting in Toronto in June 1988 we launched the seventh in our Approaching Ontario's Past series of technical booklets, Conducting an Oral History Interview written by Celia Hitch and Jay Norris. This series is designed to serve the interests of local historical society members, museum workers, teachers, researchers and architectural conservationists by providing technical information and advice on topics of current concern.

A major publication in preparation over the past three years was finally released late in 1988. Patterns of the Past: Interpreting Ontario's History is a volume of essays on Ontario's past celebrating the OHS centennial, compiled by the editors of Ontario History.

We are awaiting the release of a cumulative bibliography of everything published relating to Ontario's history between 1976 and 1986. In 1989 OHS ceased to continue funding for the Annual Bibliography of Ontario History, retaining copyright, while agreeing that the editors should seek available funding elsewhere.

On 22 July 1988 at the Children's Museum in Hamilton, with the Honourable Lily Munro in attendance, OHS launched the second of its Rainy Day Detective booklets for youth, Searching For Your Family's Past created by Janice Gibbins. Nous préparons une édition française de notre estimable publication pour les instructeurs et guides de jeunesse, Discovering Your Community.

The papers presented at the "1837 Rebellion Remembered" conference have been published in a book bearing the same title, and consisting of 180 pages. It was launched at Gibson House Museum in Willowdale on 7 December 1988.

On 18 February 1989 at fourteen locations across Ontario the Directory of Heritage Organizations and Institutions in Ontario compiled by Joyce Lewis was launched at the Heritage Showcases. A reprint of this very useful publication is anticipated for 1990 with substantial additions of entries.

In 1989 The Ontario Historical Society is weighing the merits of commissioning and publishing an extensive handbook guiding adults in the writing of local and community history in Ontario.

Our two flagship publications, Ontario History and the OHS Bulletin, continue to provide our membership with articles and news about Ontario's past. At this time we regretfully announce that Sandra Sims no longer will be editing the Bulletin due to her already heavy workload. We thank Sandra for her magnificent work in editing the OHS Bulletin during the past decade.

We wish to recognise the contribution of Barry Gough as OHS Publications chairman from June to December 1988.

As ever, we continue to be grateful to the Ontario Ministry of Culture & Communications, The Honourable Lily Oddie Munro, Minister, for supporting the various publishing endeavours of The Ontario Historical Society.

Respectfully submitted
Glenn J Lockwood

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WORKSHOP PROGRAMME 1988

The Ontario Historical Society presented a programme of thirty-six one-day workshops in 1988 on topics ranging from social history themes such as traditional Christmas foods and celebrations to very specific themes focused at teachers, youth leaders and museum personnel such as "Local History: Where To Find It; How To Use It". The OHS' workshops were offered on a request basis by local organizations, such as historical societies, museums, libraries or LACACs (Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committees), interested in presenting an educational programme in the local community. These groups contacted the OHS and selected a theme from the WORKSHOPS TO GO list. If the programmes on this list were not satisfactory to the group's needs, then a workshop was tailor-made. Workshops, such as these, were held in two series, the Spring and the Autumn, throughout Northern and Southern Ontario.

Twenty-four workshops in English were presented in the following communities: Arnprior, Brockville, Capreol, Chatham, Etobicoke, Mattawa, Midland, Minden, North Bay (3), Ottawa (2), Sharon, Simcoe (2), Smiths Falls, Timmins (2), Toronto (2), Vandorf, Virginiatown and Woodstock. In addition, a pilot project of six french workshops was launched in Northeastern Ontario in the autumn in the following communities: Midland, Moonbeam, North Bay, Sturgeon Falls, Sudbury and Virginiatown. Also, as 1988 was the OHS's Centennial year and the Museums' Committee's 35th Anniversary, the Committee developed six special workshops on the theme "Profit from the Past". These programmes were held in Aylmer (2), Brantford, Port Colborne, Timmins and Toronto.

Approximately 700 people attended these workshops and over 90 instructors shared their skills with the participants and volunteered their time for the workshop programme.

From July 18 to 22, the Society held its Third Annual SUMMER IN THE VILLAGE programme at Muskoka Pioneer Village in Huntsville. REFLECTIONS OF OUR PAST: A LOOK AT LIFE IN 1888 was composed of five workshops focusing on life in Ontario in 1888. The attendance for each day's programme approximated 25. The event was so successful that Muskoka Pioneer Village has invited the Society to return in 1989 to present its fourth annual Summer in the Village programme, focusing on life in the early 1900's.

March 9, 1989

Submitted by Meribeth Clow
Workshop Co-ordinator

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YOUNG ONTARIO PROGRAMME

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The Young Ontario Programme consists of special events, programmes and publications for young people between the ages of 6 and 16 as well as for teachers and youth leaders.

Programmes and Events, January to December 1988

- Jan. 8 - Heritage Week Marketplace, part of a Professional Development Day for Scarborough Board of Education; OHS publications and information about services displayed.
- Feb. 13-14 - Winter Past Times, Play Times, North York Winter Carnival, Black Creek Pioneer Village, North York.
- Feb. 14 - Heritage Day Open House, Gibson House, North York; OHS exhibit, demonstration.
- Mar. 14-18 - Winter Past Times, Play Times, March Break programme at Black Creek Pioneer Village, North York.
- June 1-3 - Workshops for teachers, White River, Ontario.
- June 16 - Presentation of Ontario's Environment, Then and Now, a compilation of artwork produced by young people for the Society's Environment Week 1987 project. The book was presented to a representative of the federal Minister of the Environment.
- June 17-18 - Home Sweet Home; programme for young people, held concurrently with OHS Annual Conference, Toronto.
- June 25 - Great Ontario Book Sale; proceeds to Young Ontario Programme.
- *Mar. - June 30 - OHS Centennial Button Design Contest (for ages 6 to 16).
- *July 22 - Book Launch: Searching For Your Family's Past (part of Rainy Day Detectives series) and birthday celebration for OHS and Children's Museum, Hamilton. Event took place in Hamilton.
- Aug. 1 - Simcoe Day Celebration, St. James Park, Toronto; stencilling demonstration.
- Sept. 10-11 - Riverdale Farm Fall Festival; stencilling.
- *Sept. 11 - Launch of OHS Centennial buttons and birthday celebration (for OHS Centennial), co-hosted with Espanola Historical Society. Event held in Espanola.
- Sept. 11 - Gibson House Fall Festival, North York; activities for children.
- Sept. 17 - Pioneer Festival, Black Creek Pioneer Village; activities for children.
- *Oct. 7 - Presentation to Rachel Lewis, winner of OHS Centennial Button Contest, Stouffville.
- Nov. 26 - Christmas Bazaar, York Public Library; demonstration of making traditional Christmas decorations.
- *Dec. 9 - Presentation to Charlene Joseph, winner of OHS Centennial Button Contest, Ottawa.
- Dec. 17 - Traditional Christmas Crafts, York Public Library; a demonstration and workshop for children.
- *Centennial events or projects.

Programmes and Events, January to March 1989

- Feb. 1 - Mini-workshop for teachers, Henry Hudson Public School, Scarborough.
- Feb. 10 - Local History workshop for teachers, Holy Name School, Toronto.
- Feb. 11-12 - Winter Past Times, Play Times, North York Winter Carnival, Black Creek Pioneer Village, North York.
- Feb. 21-22 - Heritage Week programmes (Early Games and Toys, Paper Crafts and What Is It?) for 12 classes (JK to grade 4), Macklin Public School, Scarborough.
- Feb. 26 - Parenting Fair, sponsored by East York Community Development Council; OHS display of services and publications for young people, parents, teachers and youth leaders.
- March 20-24 - Winter Past Times, Play Times, March Break programme at Black Creek Pioneer Village, North York.

Programmes and Events Upcoming or in Progress

- "Food Glorious Food!", a two-day programme for young people, to be held May 5-6, 1989, in conjunction with the "Consuming Passions" Conference in Ottawa.
- Rainy Day Detectives Series. Food traditions will be the next topic covered in this series of booklets for young people aged 6 to 16.

Cathy Febbraro
Co-ordinator
Young Ontario Programme