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The Ontario Historical Society
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President's Report

This past year has been an exciting and eventful one for The Ontario Historical Society. As the committee reports and audited financial statements demonstrate, the Society remains a consistent and effective advocate for the presentation, preservation and promotion of the rich history of Ontario. Through its programme of workshops, publications, special events and input to policy development, the Society continues to respond to the diverse needs of the province's heritage community.

One of the most important policy developments in 1992 was the work of the Minister's Advisory Committee on a new Heritage Act. The committee's report, submitted to the Minister in August, provides a legislative framework for the future management of a broad range of cultural assets. The Society has actively participated in these discussions and will continue to encourage the government to act on the recommendations and bring in legislation for a new Act.

In addition, the Society responded to other government initiatives including the Sewell Commission on Land Use Planning, the Museum Standards Review and the introduction of a revised Common Curriculum as part of the Ministry of Education's destreaming programme. In each case, the Society advocated a recognition of the values of heritage conservation and stressed the social, economic and cultural benefits that the preservation and presentation of Ontario's history will bring to present and future generations.

The Society's workshops remain a perennial favourite among enthusiasts and specialists alike and bring the benefits of hands-on experience on various heritage themes to audiences all across the province. In 1993, the Society, in co-operation with the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation, will co-sponsor a new set of workshops on the theme of Ontario's industrial heritage. The Society gratefully acknowledges the financial assistance of the Ministry in creating these regional forums for dealing with the province's stock of significant industrial sites.

The Publications Committee had a successful year with the production of a new Directory of Heritage Organizations and Institutions in Ontario, additional technical leaflets in the Hometown History - highlighting your heritage series and the reissue of an updated and bilingual edition of Discovering Your Community. The reintroduction of local history column, "Across the Province" in the OHS Bulletin will ensure the Society's informative newsletter serves as an important forum for heritage issues. Furthermore, an expanded book review section in Ontario History will provide more coverage to the scholarly research and writing of Ontario's history.

The biggest challenge for the Society has been the acquisition of a new home and raising the necessary funds to cover the costs of renovations and relocation. The Fundraising and New Home Task Force Committees are deserving of special recognition for their diligent and creative work in generating funds to help cover the various costs associated with the move to Parkview. Despite the difficult economic times, the Society's friends and members have been generous in their support. The new home for the Society will provide an ideal venue for programmes on landscape research and restoration, heritage building rehabilitation and rotating exhibitions on local history programmes.

The Ontario Historical Society regularly reviews its programmes and the past year was no exception. The Honours and Awards Committee added a new information brochure to inform potential candidates of the various awards offered by the Society. The Board of Directors assessed the format of the annual meeting and agreed to revise the programme to help make the conference theme, The History of Medicine and the Healing Arts, more attractive and relevant to the membership. The special programme being offered by the Peterborough and area societies will add a new dimension to the programme and give members an opportunity to explore the heritage of the Kawarthas. As always, the comments and suggestions of our members on these and other programmes are appreciated.

1992 has witnessed many significant changes within government. One of the most important for our Society was the consolidation of two ministries into the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation. This change presents a unique opportunity to link culture and tourism as an example of sustainable development. Investments in the preservation of Ontario's diverse cultural legacy will add to the quality of life for all its citizens and help generate beneficial economic activity.

In looking ahead to these challenges, The Ontario Historical Society will continue to build upon its tradition of service to the province's heritage community to ensure a future for Ontario's past.

It is a pleasure for me to thank the Board members, the staff and the many volunteers who have willingly given of their time and talents to further the work of The Ontario Historical Society. The strength of any organization rests on the support and enthusiasm of its membership. I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with such a dedicated group. In particular, I wish to express my gratitude to Dorothy Duncan whose knowledge, energy and good humour have made my tasks this past year much easier.

Dennis Carter-Edwards
President

Executive Director's Report

History is alive and well in Ontario as the reports that follow will confirm. The Ontario Historical Society was involved in a myriad of projects and programmes that ranged from Ear Falls to Niagara Falls and from Cornwall to Windsor.

Participating in Heritage Showcases, special events and anniversaries; delivering programmes for young people and those with special needs; planning and presenting our workshop programmes; publishing our books, booklets and educational resources, Ontario History and the OHS Bulletin; and working with the local advisory committee to plan the Annual Conference in Guelph were all part of our ongoing activities. In addition, the Historic Structures Advisory Service and the History of Ontario's Peoples Programme, both in co-operation with the former Ministry of Culture and Communications continued apace.

New initiatives took place, as well; some of them surrounding our new home at 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale, while others were co-operative endeavours with cultural and heritage organizations, as we all learn to do more with less.

In November of 1992, after many months of discussion, the John Graves Simcoe Association joined The Ontario Historical Society at a ceremony in the Lieutenant Governor's suite at Queen's Park. The JGSA transferred its assets to the OHS, and the Society in turn, assumed responsibility for carrying out the Association's projects and programmes.

Our thanks to the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and Environment Canada, for their financial support, to our hundreds of donors, scores of volunteers and dedicated staff: Lois Chipper, Meribeth Clow, Cathy Febbraro, Barbara Kane, Rob Leverty, Lorraine Lowry and Barbara Truax, who made it all happen in 1992.

Happy New Year!

Dorothy Duncan
Executive Director

Communications Report

The Communications Department of The Ontario Historical Society had a busy year in 1992.

Our bimonthly newsletter, the OHS Bulletin, is now being produced electronically. Beginning with the September-October issue, we changed printers and started to provide him with material on a computer disk. The printer converted the information for use on a desk top publishing system, which enabled the page layout to be done in a fraction of the time, when compared to the manual process done previously. Consequently, the newsletter can now be produced in five to six weeks, as opposed to eight to ten weeks.

The news and events reported on are now more current, and the look of the publication is clearer and more readable.

The office has also been busy promoting our events in the media. Dorothy Duncan, our Executive Director, has had a continuous presence on "Breakfast Television", produced by Toronto's City TV. Since mid 1992, she has appeared almost monthly, publicizing our events and activities.

The Society occasionally utilized the advertising media to promote our events in 1992. The Society frequently appeared in the magazines, Century Home and Renew, published in Port Hope. The notices have resulted in enquiries about our activities from throughout Canada.

The use of the desk top publishing software, Pagemaker, has greatly enhanced the production of our printed materials. The system enables materials to be produced quickly, and the final results are clean and professional looking.

Watch your mail for more news from the Communications Department of the OHS. This next year is promising to be very busy, once again.

The Ontario Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the support of the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation for all our communications endeavours.

Meribeth Clow
Communications Co-ordinator

Fund Raising Report

New Home Task Force

After years of searching for a permanent home, The Ontario Historical Society and the City of North York developed a partnership in 1992 to preserve the John Mackenzie House at 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale, while providing the Society with an appropriate headquarters for the future.

The basis for the partnership has two main components: the Society agreed to cover the costs for meeting building and safety codes as well as the repair and restoration of the large home, carriage house and two small outbuildings on the property in return for a 25 year lease.

The Board of Directors of The Ontario Historical Society appointed Jim Clemens, Treasurer of the OHS, as the Chair of the New Home Task Force in September of 1992. Jim wasted no time in bringing together a dedicated group of people to initiate a number of fund raising strategies to reach our target of \$200,000.00. The committee includes Rowena Cooper, Ruth Keene, Robert Leverty, Marion Lick, Steven Price, David Epstein, Edith Saunders, Eileen Bunn and the staff of the Society. The campaign involved the membership and our affiliated societies, and reached over \$40,000.00 by the end of 1992.

Our horizons are broadening in 1993 as we approach business, corporations and other groups of donors.

1993 Conference

The Local Advisory Committee for the 1993 Conference was successful in finding support funding from a number of sources. These contributors are acknowledged in the kit for the Conference.

Dundurn Press

Due to the generous support of Dundurn Press Ltd., of Toronto and Oxford, England, in donating books from its inventory, a number of fund raising strategies were explored in 1992 and these initiatives will continue in the new year.

Our grateful thanks to all our donors and supporters for their continued interest.

Everette Moore
Chair
Fund Raising Committee

History of Ontario's Peoples Programme Report

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

Through the programme, funding of up to \$5,000.00 was available for projects such as exhibits, educational resources and audio-visual materials which raised public awareness of the history in Ontario of a particular culture or cultures. The History of Ontario's Peoples Programme was funded by the Ministry of Culture and Communications.

In 1992 the Province of Ontario decided not to continue funding this grant programme. The History of Ontario's Peoples Programme officially ended March 31, 1993.

Robert Leverty
Programme Co-ordinator



History to Go Programme Report

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 History to Go are to stimulate interest in Ontario's heritage, to make heritage more accessible to those with special needs and to serve the community. A summary of programmes held in 1992 follows:

February 3	Early Toys and Games, Sheldrake Second Mile Club (seniors group), Toronto
February 20	Early Toys and Games, Number Four Teddington Park Avenue (retirement home), Toronto
March 12	Storytelling, Friendship Club, Farmer Memorial Baptist Church (seniors group), Toronto
March 23	Nineteenth Century Paper Crafts, Sheldrake Second Mile Club, Toronto
March 24	Home Entertaining in Victorian Toronto, Little Trinity Church Oral History Group (seniors group), Toronto
August 19	Nineteenth Century Paper Crafts, Seniors Outreach Programme, Lindsay Public Library, Lindsay
November 17	Storytelling, Number Four Teddington Park Avenue, Toronto
November 30	Deck the Halls, Sheldrake Second Mile Club, Toronto
December 14	Storytelling, Sheldrake Second Mile Club, Toronto
December 15	Storytelling, Lansing Retirement Residence, North York
December 18	Nineteenth Century Christmas Foods, George H. Locke Public Library (seniors programme), Toronto

Cathy Febbraro
History to Go Co-ordinator

Honours and Awards Committee Report

The Honours and Awards Committee is responsible for issuing an annual call for nominations for the awards presented by the Society, and for ensuring that appropriate procedures are followed for the selection of the winners.

The awards and recipients for 1992 are:

Special Award of Merit in recognition of the late **Dan Pine (Shingwauk)** whose life embodied all the traditional qualities of elderhood, and whose wisdom and teachings remain to guide others.

B. Napier Simpson Jr. Award of Merit in recognition of a LACAC for special contributions to heritage conservation in its municipality:
Petrolia Heritage Committee
Nominated by Rowena Cooper

Janet Carnochan Award for a significant contribution of service to the heritage community:
Sue and Harvey Anderson, Rama Township
Nominated by Tim Crawford
John and Diane Giangrande, Richmond Hill
Nominated by the Richmond Hill LACAC

Fred Landon Award for the best book on local or regional Ontario history published in the past three years, 1990 through 1992:
The City Beyond, A History of Nepean, Birthplace of Canada's Capital 1792-1900, Bruce Elliott
Nominated by the City of Nepean

Joseph Brant Award for the best book dealing with Ontario's multicultural history published in the past three years, 1990 through 1992:
The Ojibwa of Southern Ontario, Peter Schmalz
Nominated by the University of Toronto Press
Honourable Mention: **The Light of Nature and the Law of God: Antislavery in Ontario 1833-1877, Allen Stouffer**
Nominated by McGill-Queen's University Press

Museum Award of Excellence to a non-profit public museum in Ontario for excellence in community programming and involvement:
Woodland Cultural Centre Museum, Brantford
Nominated by Beth Hanna

President's Award to a business which contributes significantly to the awareness and promotion of Ontario's heritage:
James Reid Limited, Kingston
Nominated by Janet Oullahan

Riddell Award for the best article in any field of Ontario history published in Canada during 1992:

"Sedition in Upper Canada: Contested Legality", Barry Wright, published in Labour/Le Travail

Nominated by G. S. Kealy and Carl Benn

Scadding Award of Excellence in recognition of an historical society or heritage group making an outstanding contribution in the field of history:

Kingston Historical Society

Nominated by Frank Milledge

Waterloo Historical Society

Nominated by the Waterloo Historical Society's Board of Directors

The awards brochure and nomination form developed in 1992 along with promotion of the Society's Honours and Awards Programme generated an unprecedented number of nominations. The committee is pleased to recognize that so much worthwhile activity is taking place in the field of promotion and preservation of Ontario's heritage.

A sponsor is still being sought for a proposed award which would recognize excellence in a general work on Ontario's history which cannot be considered under the terms of the existing Fred Landon and Joseph Brant awards.

Don Akenson
Judy McGonigal
Co-Chairs
Honours and Awards Committee

Local Societies Committee Report

When The Ontario Historical Society was created by an Act in the Legislature of Ontario on April 1, 1899, the Society was given, through Section 10 of the Act, the privilege of accepting affiliated members. If an organization is accepted by the OHS' Board of Directors as an affiliated member, it is automatically incorporated in the Province of Ontario as a non-profit corporation. As an organization with its own corporate identity, it is then legally responsible for all its obligations and undertakings.

Once again a number of societies sought affiliation through The Ontario Historical Society during 1992. The following groups met the criteria and were accepted:

Hamilton-Wentworth Heritage Association
Heritage Essex
Iona Community Preservation Association
Kagawong Historical Society
Prince Pioneer Society
Smith Township Historical Society
Society of Heritage Associates/La Société des Associes
du patrimoine
Sparrow Lake Historical Society
Webbwood Historical Society

In 1992, the column "Across the Province" was reintroduced to the OHS Bulletin after a lapse of several years. This column gives local societies an opportunity to describe programmes, projects and publications of interest, and to share their news and views on heritage matters.

Kenneth McLaughlin
Chair
Local Societies Committee

Membership Report

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

Having our membership computerized gives us easy access to membership statistics, for example, how many members live in certain regions; number of members that are schools, LACACs, archives, museums and historical societies.

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

This record-keeping method, of course, leads to wide fluctuations in statistics at any given time. The pattern is usually as follows: a member neglects to pay, 30 days later he or she is sent a second notice and removed from the membership roles. After 60 days pass the member realizes that he or she is no longer receiving material from the OHS. Most deleted members then renew their membership. As a result of this system our numbers fluctuate between 1800 and 3300, depending on the exact moment the count is taken.

In 1992 The Ontario Historical Society welcomed nearly 300 new members including three new life members. Also, many people who lapsed four or five years ago have rejoined our Society.

The OHS received a ruling from the Federal Government exempting membership from Goods and Services tax. Our new, updated membership brochure will include the cost of GST on Ontario History, our flagship publication.

Barbara Truax
Membership Co-ordinator

Museums Committee Report

Founded in 1953, Ontario's first organization for museum workers has become a standing committee of the OHS, assisting our province's diverse museum community. In our 39th year, we continued work on publications, workshops and the Museum News page of the OHS Bulletin.

Thank you to Committee members:

John Carter, Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation
Janet Cobban, John R. Park Homestead
Dorothy Duncan, OHS Executive Director
Fred Gamester, North Bay Area Museum
Jeanne Hughes, Black Creek Pioneer Village
Joan Johnston, Martintown
Bruce Richard, York Region Board of Education (Museum News page editor)

Kathryn Schwenger, Chatham Kent Museum.

Joan Murray of Toronto's First Post Office chaired the Committee for the first quarter of the year. Cathy Febbraro of the OHS supplied office support. Barbara Truax created excellent lunches. The Gibson House in North York provided our meeting place.

The Committee developed sessions for the Society's annual conferences in Guelph, and also for Peterborough in 1993. In Guelph, the Bill Todd Award for the museum worker travelling the furthest went to Norma Hall of Arnprior. All museum workers attending received resource material purchased from the Ruth Home Fund. Two publications were selected: "Coming Canadians": An Introduction to the History of Canada's Peoples by Jean Burnet with Howard Palmer and Making Your Own Traditions by Dette Hunter and Jocelyn Shipley.

Interest in the new Museum Award of Excellence for community programming and involvement continues to be strong. Several outstanding nominations were received, and the winner for the 1992 award is the Woodland Cultural Centre Museum in Brantford. Congratulations!

The most significant development of the year was the adoption of the report of the Museum Standards Sub-Committee by the OHS Board. This report calls on the Provincial government to reaffirm its commitment to Ontario's museums. Improved communication between the Ministry and the museum community is the key to effective planning for the future. The Museum Standards Sub-Committee was capably chaired by Beth Hanna. Thanks also to Sub-Committee members: Jeanne Hughes, Tom Reitz, Joan Murray, Ellen Langlands, Jacquie Stuart, Dorothy Duncan and Cathy Febbraro.

As we enter our 40th year, the Museums Committee looks forward to many challenges and opportunities.

Janet Cobban
Chair
Museums Committee

Northern Ontario Report

The Ontario Historical Society co-operated and participated with local heritage organizations and institutions in many Northern Ontario activities, including:

January 31, February 1	Board Development workshop, Kenora
February 15	Heritage Showcase, New Liskeard
April 25	Transportation and Communications seminar, Haileybury
June 10	Principals workshop, East Parry Sound
June 18-21	Board of Education, South River
July 11, 12	Haileybury Heritage Festival
July 18, 19	Latchford's 85th Anniversary Homecoming
July 19	Earlton Steamshow
July 24	Blueberry Bounty programmes, Anderson Farm Museum, Lively
July 25	Family Folklore workshop, Kagawong
August 21-23	Presentation of Dorothy Duncan Award to the Kagawong Historical Society
August 28	Winne's Hometown Festival, White River
August 29	Prepare for a Victorian Christmas workshop, Kagawong
September 27	Marine Heritage workshop, Kagawong
October 2, 3	Workshop on presenting educational programmes for schools at Commanda General Store Museum
October 17	Anniversary of the Great Fire, Haileybury
November 22	Craft workshop, Voyageur Heritage Network, Parry Sound
	Deck the Halls/Serve It Forth workshop, Timmins

I would like to thank the Board of Directors, staff and volunteers who assisted in delivering these programmes, and many thanks to our co-sponsors, whose support is very much appreciated.

Lois Chipper
Northern Ontario Co-ordinator

Ontario History Report

Ontario History in 1992 consisted of three general issues and a thematic issue on biographies of women, prepared by guest editor, Diane Hallman. The four issues made a somewhat stouter volume than the volumes for 1990 and 1991, thanks to the thematic issue and also to a modest increase in the number of submissions. A small change in the format of the quarterly has taken place. It is now somewhat shorter and wider. 1993 will feature two special issues: one on First Nations history and one on educational history.

The members of the Editorial Advisory Committee have been of invaluable assistance both in assessing articles themselves and in advising me of appropriate assessors. I am grateful to them all. I am especially grateful to Dr. Elizabeth Bloomfield, who supervised the preparation of a supplement to the Index to the Publications of The Ontario Historical Society 1899 - 1992. The publication is available in hard copy or on diskette.

Jim Clemens has continued to look after book reviews with great efficiency. I thank him, and the hard-working and good humoured staff of The Ontario Historical Society, especially Lois Chipper. I also thank the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council for their ongoing support.

Jean Burnet
Editor, Ontario History

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Preservation Committee Report

The Preservation Committee of The Ontario Historical Society has had a busy year. Meetings with Mary Lou Evans, the Provincial LACAC Advisor, to determine how the Committee could best serve the heritage community, resulted in a series of workshops on industrial heritage to be held across Ontario during the spring and fall of 1993. The programmes in Sault Ste. Marie and Cornwall will be co-sponsored by the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario. We have welcomed the enthusiasm and knowledge of Julia Beck and Spencer Higgins of the ACO, who assisted with planning. We would also like to express our thanks to the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation for assisting with funding.

Each workshop will address specific local issues. Sault Ste. Marie, Thunder Bay, Welland, Sudbury, Cornwall, Toronto and Windsor were chosen for the problems each community faces in preserving and adapting their industrial heritage. We urge all members of the Society to attend one of these workshops:

April 24	Sault Ste. Marie
May 8	Thunder Bay
June 19	Welland
September 18	Sudbury
October 16	Cornwall
October 30	Toronto
November 20	Windsor

The Committee has also received many submissions involving such varied projects as road widening, Hydro lines in northern Ontario and a threatened bird sanctuary. We are also contacted, in many instances as a last resort, to intervene in the demolition of undesignated and designated heritage buildings. In most cases this task is impossible, and an article addressing this issue was written for the Spring 1993 edition of LACAC News, published by the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation.

I would like to thank Christopher Andreae for accepting the task of chairing and speaking at each of the industrial heritage workshops, and for attending early morning meetings to discuss the many problems of preservation that have been submitted to this Committee.

Rowena Cooper
Chair
Preservation Committee

Programme Advisory Committee Report

1992 was a significant year, as the John Graves Simcoe Association became part of The Ontario Historical Society. Three former members of the Simcoe Association Board: Nona Macdonald, Ida Hewett and Gordon Coyne, joined our Committee to help plan Simcoe-related activities. A workshop in Niagara-on-the-Lake, an exhibition of Mrs. Simcoe's birchbark drawings, medals to secondary school students and a column in the OHS Bulletin, are some of the activities underway.

Our Committee held several meetings with the Local Advisory Group in Peterborough, planning for our 1993 annual conference. The theme, The History of Medicine and the Healing Arts, generated many exciting ideas. Our conference has a new format, and we look forward to hearing your comments.

A large vote of thanks goes to all the speakers, workshop leaders and other volunteers who help the OHS across the province. Our full calendar of activities would not be possible without you! Thank you also to the staff, especially Lorraine Lowry, Cathy Febraro and Dorothy Duncan, who keep us all organized.

Janet Cobban
Mary Lou Fox
Co-Chairs
Programme Advisory Committee



THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE AND THE HEALING ARTS

**May 13 to 15, 1993
Holiday Inn,
Peterborough, Ontario**

**105th Annual Conference
The Ontario Historical Society**

Publications Committee Report

1992 has been a very busy and productive year both for the Publications Committee and for the staff of The Ontario Historical Society. Several projects which have been in production for a number of years were completed, namely reprinting The Directory of Heritage Organizations and Institutions in Ontario, Discovering Your Community and producing the bilingual edition of the resource binder, Discovering Your Community/Découvre Ta Communauté.

Under the efficient eye of the OHS' Barbara Truax and Ontario History editor, Jean Burnet, the Directory was updated and completed. The resource now contains approximately 2000 entries of historical societies, museums, archives, First Nations Band Councils, and heritage and cultural groups and centres. A map and index were added for greater convenience.

Discovering Your Community, the Society's resource book of activities and suggestions for developing local history projects for young people, was completed at the end of the year. Originally published in 1984, the resource was updated and revised, and has been a popular seller since it became available.

In co-operation with Le Regroupement des organismes du patrimoine franco-ontarien, the OHS has produced a bilingual edition of Discovering Your Community. This document is certain to be an essential tool for developing projects in both official languages.

Hometown History - highlighting your heritage was launched at the 1992 Annual Conference in Guelph. The first three papers were "Designing a Walking Tour" by Mary M. Harvey of Brampton, "Forming a New Historical Society" and "An Introduction to Incorporation for Non-profit Organizations". Mary Harvey has written three additional papers which will be available soon: "Conducting a Walking Tour as a Special Event", "Creating and Maintaining the Image of Your Historical Society" and "Effective Newsletters". Another paper on museums and archaeology is currently being written by Debora Jackson of Prescott.

One copy of Hometown History is available free of charge to all heritage organizations and institutions in Ontario. Since its launch, approximately 300 sites and groups have received a copy. Future papers will be provided to all recipients at no cost.

Educational materials are often produced that are complementary to our many workshops, such as Let's Bake Bread and Blueberry Bounty, prepared in 1992. The Society held a breadmaking workshop and a complimentary copy of Let's Bake Bread was given to all registrants. For the July Blueberry Festival in the Sudbury area, the Society reprinted the recipe booklet, Blueberry Bounty originally published in 1991 in co-operation with The Anderson Farm Museum in Lively.

A number of projects are on the drawing board for the future. These resources include Restoring Your Own Home, a technical handbook being prepared by Ian K. Woods of Markham; the fourth edition in the Rainy Day Detectives series for children, which discusses our built heritage; and another booklet in the series Approaching Ontario's past, concerning the handling of sacred artifacts in museums. Watch your mail for news of these and future OHS publications.

The Ontario Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the support of the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation for all of our publishing endeavours.

Christopher Andreae
Chair
Publications Committee and
Meribeth Clow
Communications Co-ordinator

Workshop Programme Report

The Ontario Historical Society presented a programme of 38 workshops in 1992 on a wide variety of topics including "New Partners in Museum Interpretation: The First Nations" and "The Heritage of Ontario Cemeteries".

The OHS' workshops were offered on a request basis by local organizations and institutions, such as historical societies, museums, libraries, Boards of Education and LACACs, 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 did not meet the group's needs, then a workshop was tailor-made. Workshops were held throughout northern and southern Ontario in the spring and autumn series.

One-day programmes were presented in the following communities: Bothwell (2), Brockville, Campbellford, Fergus, Haileybury (2), Hamilton, Harrow, Kagawong (3), Lake-of-the-Woods, Lively, London, Minden, Oakville, Parry Sound (2), Peterborough, Perth, Port Perry (2), Prescott, St. Catharines, St. Thomas, Southampton, Thunder Bay, Timmins, Toronto (6), Wallaceburg and Winnipeg, Manitoba (2).

From July 6 to 9, the Society held its Seventh Annual SUMMER IN THE VILLAGE programme, Ontario's Folklore, at Black Creek Pioneer Village in Metro Toronto. Each day participants explored different themes through lectures, tours and a variety of hands-on activities.

Workshops have traditionally taken place in the spring and autumn only, however, three programmes were scheduled during the winter and early spring in the Metro Toronto area, and met with howling success. "Designing and Using Costumes" held in January was co-sponsored by the Museums Committee and Todmorden Mills Museum in East York. "Let's Bake Bread!" was held for two days in February at The Gibson House, North York, and a recipe booklet was produced to complement the programme. In April, at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton, a special workshop took place to a capacity crowd. "Heritage Gardening Today: A Symposium Celebrating the Life of John Bradshaw" was dedicated to the memory of John Bradshaw who was a constant friend to the heritage gardening community.

Approximately 3000 people attended these workshops and 227 instructors shared their skills with the participants and volunteered their time for the workshop programme. Our sincere thanks for their interest and support.

Lorraine Lowry
Workshop Co-ordinator

Young Ontario Special Events Report

The Young Ontario Programme of The Ontario Historical Society consists of special events, projects and publications for young people between the ages of 6 and 16, and for teachers and youth leaders. The special events undertaken in 1992 are as follows:

February 15	Heritage Showcase, Toronto; stencilling demonstration, OHS display
February 15, 16	Winter Past Times, Play Times, North York Winter Carnival, North York; hands-on programme on pioneer clothing and making bookmarks
February 18	Heritage Week Programme, St. Mary's School, Almonte; hands-on programme on "Early Toys and Games"
February 19	Student's History Conference, Ellesmere Statton Public School, Scarborough; artifact programme using a penny
February 26	19th Century Sweetmeats, Midland Avenue Collegiate Institute, Scarborough; demonstration and samples of 19th century sweetmeats
March 16-20	Spring Past Times, Play Times, March Break Programme at Black Creek Pioneer Village, Metro Toronto; hands-on programme on pioneer clothing and making bookmarks
March 29	Parenting Fair, sponsored by East York Community Development Council; OHS display of services and publications for young people, parents, teachers and youth leaders
April 5	Historically Speaking, Oakville Museum; stencilling demonstration, OHS display
May 1, 2	Hopscotch and Hickorysticks; programme for young people, held concurrently with OHS Annual Conference, Guelph; site visits, seed planting
June 10	Principal's workshop, East Parry Sound Board of Education; workshop on how museum programmes can benefit schools
June 15-20	Eaton's Canadian Celebration, Don Mills; stencilling demonstration for children, OHS display

July 1	Once Upon a Time in Canada, NCC, Ottawa; stencilling, OHS display
June 18-21	Haileybury Heritage Festival, Haileybury; hands-on programme on kites, making bookmarks, stencilling
July 18, 19	Earlton Steamshow, Earlton; hands-on programme on kites, stencilling, games
August 3	Simcoe Day Celebration, Riverdale Park, East Toronto; hands-on programme on stencilling, OHS display
August 18	Early Toys and Games, York Public Library; making buzz saws and playing "Blowing the Feather"
August 21-23	Winnie's Hometown Festival, White River; hands- on programme on stencilling, OHS display and Gummy Bear contest
September 12-13	Fall Festival, Riverdale Farm, Toronto; hands- on programme on stencilling, OHS display
September 19	Pioneer Festival, Black Creek Pioneer Village, Metro Toronto; hands-on programme on stencilling, OHS display
September 27	Commanda General Store workshop; workshops for museum volunteers, on developing school programmes (e.g. "Early Toys and Games" and "19th Century Sweetmeats")
October 31	Hallowe'en Festivities, North York; stencilling demonstration for children, OHS display
November 12-21	Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Toronto; hands- on programme on stencilling, OHS display
November 29	Cookbook Caper, The Gibson House, North York; children's activities (e.g. colouring, making sweetmeat baskets, cornucopias)

Cathy Febbraro, Special Events
Co-ordinator
Lorraine Lowry, Young Ontario
Programme Co-ordinator