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The Update

The York Pioneer and Historical Society

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HERITAGE TORONTO AWARD TO YORK PIONEERS

We are very pleased to announce that on Oct 4, the YPHS received the 2011 Community Heritage Award for the North York Community Council area. This award is open to one volunteer community-based organization in each of the four Community Council areas as defined by Toronto City Council. The organization must be currently active, and have either initiated or completed a significant activity that promotes, protects or preserves cultural or natural heritage in its specific Community Council area.

The jury felt the importance of the Society's actions, and the collections of stories it has documented and kept alive, contribute significantly to Toronto's historical memory. YPHS President Audrey Fox and board members Ken Carter and John Marshall represented the society at the nominees' reception; Audrey accepted the award (a \$500 cheque) on behalf of the society. The very enjoyable evening included an engaging speaker (Cameron Bailey), a great MC (Mary Ito) and best of all, chance to meet and network with like-minded heritage advocates.

To learn more about the awards and to see pictures of the event, go to: <http://www.heritagetoronto.org/find-out-more/programs/2010-heritage-toronto-awards-and-william-kilbourn-memorial-lecture>

Celebrating at the reception that followed the Heritage Toronto Awards ceremony are, left to right: Devin Mahesh & Jen Holness of Hungry Eyes Inc that won a media award for the documentary Brick to Brick, and YPHS board members Audrey Fox and John Marshall.

Photo courtesy of Heritage Toronto



Save the Date

Annual General Meeting

Date: Sunday January 29, 2012

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place:

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YPHS MEMBER NEWS

Nominating Committee Members:

Chair Pat Robertson, Ken Carter, Helen Hatton, David Raymont

and Micki Allen

The Nominating Committee of the YPHS is pleased to present the following members nominated to serve as the Society's Board of Directors for the year 2012. We thank Fred Cane, Norie Jacobs and Margaret Porter, outgoing members of the Board, for their service.

Officers

Past President: Elaine Robertson

President: Audrey Fox

Vice President: Ken Carter

Treasurer: Cindy Ewins

Recording Secretary: Margaret Porter

Corresponding Secretary: Patricia Robertson

Archivist: John Marshall

Committee Chairs

Editorial: Audrey Fox

Membership: Alwyn Robertson

Program: Diane Reid

Publicity (newsletter & web): Dana King

Eversley Church: Andrew Marshall

Scadding Cabin: Edna Rigby & Kayoko Smith

Sharon Temple: David Raymont

Members at Large

Micki Allen and Kristine Jantzen

Note: The above slate will be presented at the AGM, Sunday, January 29, 2012. All YPHS members are welcome to run for a position on the board. If you are interested in any position, please contact the Chair of the nominating committee, Patricia Robertson, at (416) 483-3679.

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Arlis Barclay-Peer

Jane Fairburn

Carol Houston

Nancy Kowalski

John Manness (Subscriber)

Barry Mapes & Doreen Moor-Mapes (Family)

Elizabeth Milligan

Jason Poste

Sandra Scicilia

MaryLou Zingrone

IN MEMORIAM

McCutcheon, James Wallace Q.C.

Life member, long-time supporter of the York Pioneer and Historical Society, and our honorary counsel, died suddenly, on October 17, 2011. Jim's sage advice will be sorely missed by the YPHS board and his joie de vivre will be missed at our annual dinner. We extend condolences to his wife Brenda, their four sons and their families.

To read of Jim's accomplishments, go to <http://vi.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/Deaths.20111018.93277436/BDAStory/BDA/deaths>

Retirement

Long-time YPHS member and supporter, Randall Reid, is retiring at the end of 2011 from his position as Senior Program Officer at Montgomery's Inn. We wish him the very best and hope to see him at all our events.

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YPHS UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual General Meeting

Date: Sunday January 29, 2012

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Tollkeeper's Cottage, northwest corner, Bathurst & Davenport.

Join your fellow Pioneers to vote on a new Board for 2012, enjoy refreshments and view a short video (a Structures episode) on the history of Christie Street.



Above: from a painting of the Tollkeeper's Cottage when it sat at the crossroads of Bathurst & Davenport on the southeast corner.

YP Launch and Plaque Unveiling

Save the date ~ Sunday April 22

Besides launching the 2012 York Pioneer, we will unveil an interpretive plaque in front of Scadding Cabin.

Your board is currently finalizing the plaque details with Heritage Toronto and the editorial committee is working hard to produce an interesting 2012 issue of our annual journal.

Please mark your calendar now: save April 22 to celebrate with us and to pick up your copy of the 2012 York Pioneer. Ensure you are a paid-up member so you do not miss an issue!

Details in the March 2012 Update



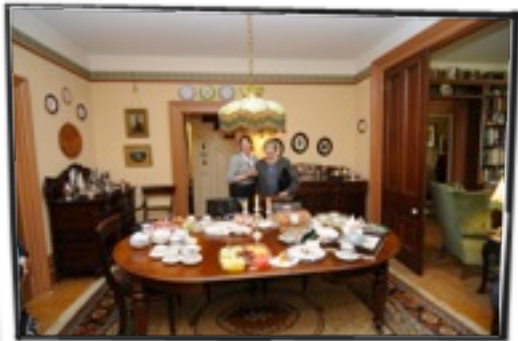
Right: Scadding Cabin when it was still called the Simcoe Cabin c. 1895

Fall Bus Tour a Sold-out Success

The September bus tour to Aurora and Newmarket was a great success.

Although the trip was a little more costly than past years, we visited many sites, had delicious morning treats at John McIntyre's home and enjoyed a sit-down lunch at The Buttery restaurant. Our small bus was full.

A special thank you to Mr. McIntyre who graciously opened his Aurora home to us.



Left: Audrey Fox & Mary Cormack in John's dining-room

Credit: Ken Carter Photo



Left: Lego model of Pickering College, Newmarket ~ the college was one of our stops



Above: John in the hallway of his home, with Pat Robertson

SELLING EVERSLEY CHURCH

To all YPHS members from your 2011 board:

Your board has unanimously agreed to sell St. Andrews Eversley Church in King Township. We hope to have the church on the market by Spring 2012.

The YPHS has been an excellent steward of the church since 1968 when Lady Eaton gave us the 1848 stone building; but, realistically, our small society can no longer afford to spend thousands of dollars to maintain an empty, unheated building that has no plumbing.

In 2007 the YPHS spent \$45,000 to stabilize the building when a large crack developed in one wall. In 2010, we spent \$9,350 to have the windows re-puttied and painted. In 2011 we spent \$500 to remove the leaking oil tank. Every year approximately \$3,000 is spent on hydro, property insurance and lawn care. This financial burden cannot be borne any longer by the YPHS membership that stands at just over 200 (a number that includes a few 'lost' Life Members).



Any buyer must, of course, upgrade, restore and/or adapt the church within the terms of its historical designation.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Chair of the church committee, Andrew Marshall, at (905) 833-7177 audioideas@gmail.com or Elaine Robertson at (905) 841-4041.

Commemoration of War of 1812

Board members David Raymont and Audrey Fox attended the Dec 8th press conference at Toronto City Hall to hear about the events planned for commemorating the War of 1812.

David reports:

"There will be three major events to watch for. From June 15 to 24, 2012 there will be commemoration of the declaration of war. This will include an encampment at Fort York. Two hundred tents will be pitched, each celebrating the life of one person in York who was impacted by the War. (I will try to find out how to get the York Pioneers on the list for a tent – off the top of my head I can think of two members of our society, James Richardson and John Carroll, who had memories of the war: Richardson had a lecture he used to give in the 1870s about his war memories and Carroll, who was a boy at the time, wrote down his memories in "My Boy Life", which was published in 1882.)

August 17 to September 3, 2012, the air show will be included in events called "By sea, by land and by air." October will be history month, likely linking with re-enactment of the Battle of Queenston Heights along the Niagara River.

In 2013, April 27 and 28, the Battle of York Commemoration will occur. This will include a walk across the battle field on the Exhibition Ground, which should mean the group will walk by Scadding Cabin.

More information can be found at toronto.ca/1812."



Fort York Guardsmen flank a town crier at the press conference announcing Toronto's plans for 2012 and '13.

A. Fox Photo

NEWSLETTER HELP REQUESTED

Let me know what you would like to see included in The Update. What features are of most interest to you? Pictures are always welcome. The Update is published three times a year: March/April; July/August and December. Please email me at dana@househistory.ca and put Newsletter in the subject line.

~ Dana King, Editor

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