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# The Update

Newsletter of *The York Pioneer and Historical Society*



**Above:** *The bus trip ended with a good laugh on the grounds of Fort Erie where Canada geese had been busy fertilizing the grass. Here, Fred Cane, John Marshall, Kayoko Smith, Brooke Jarvis, Edna Rigby, Ruth Cameron and Norie Jacobs check the soles of their shoes before re-boarding our bus. More on p.2*

**Call for Nominations:** Would you like to work with a great group of people to help preserve our history and heritage? If you would like to join our board, or know someone who would make a good board member, please contact the chair of the Nominating Committee, John Marshall [marshalljohn@rogers.com](mailto:marshalljohn@rogers.com) or at call him at (416) 961-4420.

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## **Annual General Meeting**



**DATE: Sunday  
31 January 2010**

**TIME: 2 p.m.**

**PLACE: The Tollkeepers Cottage, northwest corner of Bathurst St. & Davenport Road.**

**Ample street parking ~ and just a short bus ride north from Bathurst subway station.**

**Please join us for a short AGM and visit the lovely museum.**

**[www.tollkeeperscottage.ca/](http://www.tollkeeperscottage.ca/)**

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Now is the time to renew your membership to continue receiving *The Update* & to be on the mailing list for the spring 2010 *York Pioneer*.

For those on our e-mail list, pls. send dues of \$18 Annual single, \$21 Annual Family or \$200 Life to the YPHS mailbox: P.O. Box 45026, 2482 Yonge Street, Toronto M4P 3E3

**Don't Forget to Surf the YPHS Website**

**[www.yorkpioneers.org](http://www.yorkpioneers.org)**

YPHS Annual Bus Trip in Photos 17 Oct'09



**Left:** At the Queen Charlotte Tea Room, Niagara Falls, Kayoko Smith, Ruth Cameron and Rochelle Rodney Gai anticipate tea and scones

**Below:** bus driver Phil (far left) with trip participants



**Below right:** Jean McFall, Norie Jacobs & David McMackon.



**Left to right:** Laura Secord Homestead; Lillian Tanizaki, Edna Rigby & Glen Bonnetta with a costumed guide; a Secord house guide with Diane Reid



**Left to right:** Mildred M. Mahoney Dolls' House Gallery in Bertie Hall, Fort Erie; sign on Bertie Hall indicating it was a stop on the underground railroad; Stephanie Thomas and Elaine Robertson inspect one of the 140 doll houses.



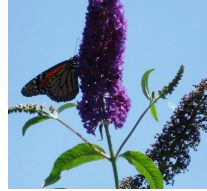
**Left & right:** B&B proprietor David Tetrault and his porch where we had our picnic lunch



## SCADDING CABIN REPORT



**Left:** Jean Torrey, Jeanine Avigdor, (seated), Ruth Cameron and student-volunteer Michael Wang.

**Photo Credits:**

**above,** Julia Li photo; all other photos this page, of the cabin & its gardens, by YP member **Helen Hatton.**



**Left:** Debbie Toupin and Kayoko Smith

Many volunteers ensured another successful season at Scadding Cabin. Thank you to all who opened the cabin in May, staffed it during the many days we were open, and closed it on Oct 31. More than 5,000 people visited the Cabin in 2009.

**WANTED: NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

Contact [audrey.fox@mac.com](mailto:audrey.fox@mac.com) or tel. (416) 656-0812. Thank you to Julia Li and Helen Hatton for photos, and to Norie Jacobs, John Marshall and Andrew Marshal for proof-reading this issue.

**The YPHS gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the Government of Ontario through the Ministry of Culture.**

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Murray, Margot (née Williams)** died Oct 24, 2009, at her home in Glen Williams. Margot, with her daughter Elizabeth, tended the herb garden at Scadding Cabin for many years.

**CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: 2010 YP**

**Do you have an article, or a great idea, for the 2010 York Pioneer?** All submissions will be carefully considered by the editorial committee. Contact the editors: Jeanine Avigdor (416) 231-1829 or Audrey Fox (416) 656-0812

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

We warmly welcome the following new members: Paul Arthur Lowery, Richard Boxer, CNE Archives, Ken Carter and Helen Hobson

***From Hands Now Striving to be Free***

The first print run of 400 copies has sold out. About 200 were given to members, sent out as review copies, and so on; the remaining 200 were sold. One copy is now in the library of Canada's High Commission in Canberra, Australia. A second print run of 100 was ordered in August; they are going fast! Order your copy from Audrey Fox at (416) 656-0812 or [audrey.fox@mac.com](mailto:audrey.fox@mac.com)

The fall Ontario History newsletter had a lovely review by Thomas McIlwraith that ended with "The YPHS is to be commended for adding momentum to a story that is bound to have sequels. Check your attics, and be prepared for a subsequent edition."

**PIONEERS IN THE NEWS**

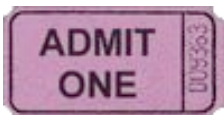


**Left: Stephen Otto**  
Heritage advocate (and YPHS member) **Stephen Otto** received the 2009 Heritage Toronto Special Achievement Award on October 13th.

*“Stephen Otto is one of the city's most determined advocates for the preservation and promotion of Toronto's built and documentary heritage, which*

*he has fought to have recognized as an integral part of city building. His power to protect the city's soul as a strong voice of the city's conscience also makes him a great urban leader” - Credit: Heritage Toronto.*

[www.heritagetoronto.org](http://www.heritagetoronto.org)



Our president, **Elaine Robertson**, was the impetus behind “King”, a film about King Township directed by award-winning Mark Magro. A year ago, when Elaine was not only our president but the chair of the Township of King Heritage Committee and a full-time teacher at Kettleby Public School, she approached Magro with the idea of making a film illuminating local heritage from a student's perspective. The students involved in the project were from Elaine's enrichment class; the narrator is YPHS member **Andrew Marshall**. Well done, all!

*York Pioneer **Katherine Williams** is proud of her brother, Peter Williams (below left), honoured for his volunteer and charitable work at the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award ceremony, Rideau Hall, April 7'09.*



Cookbook author, culinary historian and YPHS board member **Dorothy Duncan** was extensively quoted in a Toronto Star article on thrift, Feb 18'09. Dorothy recalled “making do, making over & using up” was the mantra during the Depression.

**Calendar 2009-2010**

**Dec 19-31:** Cinderella in Muddy York at Tarragon Theatre; a Canadian Cinderella in 1834 Toronto. Call (416) 531-1827 for info.

**Jan 10, 2010** YPHS board meeting

**Jan 31, 2010** Annual General Meeting

**Chris Raible**, author of *From Hands Now Striving To Be Free*, published by the YPHS in April '09, was featured in the newsletter *The Maple Leaf Rag*. This is a publication for Friends of the Canadian Collections, a special interest group of members of the Royal Ontario Museum. See more about the book on p. 3.

YPHS member and former president, **Paul Litt**, now serves the heritage community as



President of the Toronto Historical Association and as a board member of Heritage Toronto. **Above right:** one of the delicious 175th birthday cakes served at the Heritage Toronto awards night at The Carlu

**Churches in Heritage Publication**

A fall '09 special edition of *Heritage Matters*, published by the Ontario Heritage Trust, celebrated Ontario's places of worship. The dozens of photographs included one of Eversley Church and another of Sharon Temple. On p.21, “The Music Of Worship” by Nicholas Holman featured a photo of the Temple's barrel organ (built circa 1830); the article says, in part, that the Temple “...with its striking architectural symmetry and important musical history, provides a good example of a ‘living’ heritage building ...” *If you know of an item that is of interest to our members, contact the Update editor Audrey Fox: 416 656-0812 or [audrey.fox@mac.com](mailto:audrey.fox@mac.com).*