



The Update

Newsletter of the *York Pioneer and Historical Society*



Above: Edna Rigby, Jeanine Avigdor and Kayoko Smith enjoy tea in the greenhouse of Parkwood Estate. [More bus pix on p.2]

NOMINATIONS: The nominating committee is preparing a slate for your approval at the AGM. Suggestions? Queries? David Raymont (416) 656-2954

MEMBERSHIP: Fast and Easy with PayPal
Our membership year is the calendar year, therefore it is time to renew (unless you joined in the last couple of months). Dues have risen just \$2, but we now issue income tax receipts for the full amount and for all donations of \$10 and more.

We are thrilled that our webmaster, Owen Robinson, has added PayPal to our website. You may purchase a membership, buy a copy of *The York Pioneer* or *From Hands...* or donate to the Society, all with a few keyboard clicks and your credit card! We hope this initiative encourages new members -- and makes it fast and easy for our loyal members to renew.

Dues: \$20 for an annual single membership; \$25 for a family or corporate; Life remains at \$200. Please check us out: <http://www.yorkpioneers.org/>

If you received this newsletter by post, please fill in and mail the enclosed renewal form. And thank you to all who renew; we need, and appreciate, your support!

As we go to press ... Eversley Church was just given a thorough cleaning by professional cleaners. Pews polished, cupboards cleaned out, bees vacuumed up, windows washed: thank you, Twin Star of Newmarket.

Annual General Meeting

Date: Sunday 30 January 2011

Time: 2-4 p.m.

Place: Tollkeeper's Cottage, NW corner, Davenport & Bathurst

Please join us to elect the 2011 board, take part in a very short business meeting and visit with your fellow Pioneers. **Guest Speaker:** Kristine Janzen will discuss her research on how the extension of Dufferin St. could have an impact on Scadding Cabin (see p.4 for more). If you have not yet visited The Tollkeepers' Cottage, now is the time! Street parking; by TTC, take the bus north to Davenport from the Bathurst subway station. RSVP to Diane Reid (416) 483-0907 or e-mail audrey.fox@mac.com

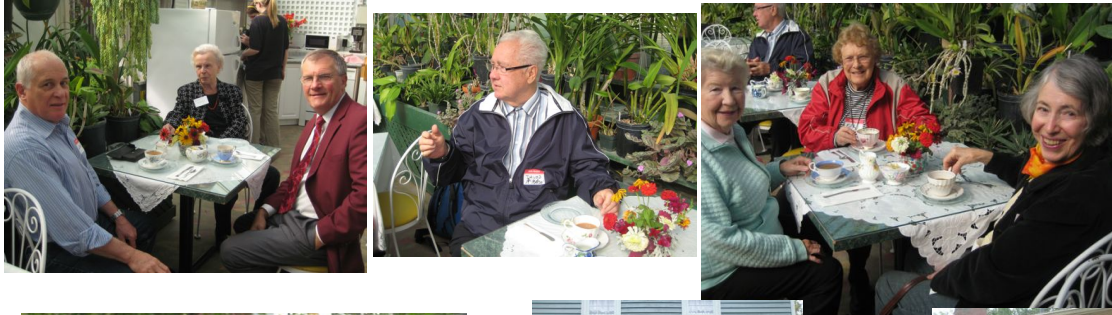
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Photos at left:
Tour participants enjoying tea in greenhouse of Parkwood Estate



Above 3 photos: *Oshawa Community Museum & Archives*



Left: *Pickering Village Museum (PVM) log cabin.*



Right: *Scarborough Museum in Thomson Memorial Park*



Left: *Mary Lewis & Margaret Porter (our recording secretary) take a break at the 4th site, Scarborough Museum.*



Right: *Norie Jacobs with our personable bus driver Jim - and some delicious jams and jellies purchased from the Scarborough Museum.*

The weather cooperated for our jam-packed bus trip on Sept. 18 - four pick-up points, four sites visited, tea & scones at Parkwood, and lunch at PVM. It was a full, busy and educational day. Kudos to program chair Diane Reid for organizing yet another successful bus trip.

A warm welcome to new members Carl Benn, Ruth Cameron, Dana King, Joe Pereira and to returning *York Pioneer* subscriber, The Wisconsin Historical Society.

SOLD : over 600 copies of book

We have now printed 635 copies of *From Hands Now Striving to be Free*; we have just a few copies left. Authors Chris Raible and Daryl Withrow have sold dozens when they give lectures about the boxes crafted by the Rebellion prisoners. Order your copy by calling 416-656-0812 or by going to our website.

Right: *this tiny Rebellion box is not listed in the book above; it was displayed at the Oshawa Community Museum, especially for our bus group.*

Read how YPHS member Daryl Withrow played a role in the box coming to Pickering Village Museum:

<http://pmvf.ca/ScottRebellionBox.html>



Sharon Temple Descendants' Day

Several members staffed a display at Sharon Temple's first "Descendants Day" on Aug 14. We visited the museum's buildings, re-connected with Temple staff and took delivery of our model Scadding Cabin from artist George Link. We hope the model will help to draw visitors to our displays. Plans are to gradually furnish the Cabin with appropriate miniatures.



Above, L to R: *Norie Jacobs, Patricia Robertson, Ken Carter, Audrey Fox and Leo Fox with artist George Link.*

Ontario Historical Society Although our membership lapsed for three years, we recently paid our back dues and are, again, a member in good standing of the Ontario Historical Society.

Best Wishes We thank Alanna McKnight for preparing the July *Update*. She regrets her heavy work and school schedule forces her to resign from our board. We hope to see her back after graduation!

OUTREACH DURING CNE

Members staffed a booth for two full days during the CNE, telling visitors about our society. **At right,** Norie Jacobs poses for visitors in her period costume and, **below,** Patricia Robertson, Melanie Milanich and Margaret Porter display our new scale model of Scadding Cabin.



Online Cabin Story

Go to this link to read a great article about Scadding Cabin, with super archival photos, written by YPHS member Kevin Plummer:

http://torontoist.com/2010/08/historicist_building_a_history.php

IN MEMORIAM



Ralph Magel at Eversley Church in '07, by the rose arbour he installed

■ Board Member **Ralph Magel** died 11 June, 2010. He enjoyed history, genealogy, photography, travelling and computing. He was a member of the Newmarket Historical Society, the Newmarket Seniors Meeting Place and the Probus Club. Ralph edited *200 Years Yonge: A History* (1999). Ralph joined the YPHS in 1996, became a Board member in 2001, and Chair of the Eversley Church Committee in 2002. Ralph always took a "hands on" approach to the Church -- among his many accomplishments were installation of a rose arbour and a new sign. The YPHS made a donation in Ralph's name to the Canadian Cancer Society.

■ Long-time YPHS member **Dorothy [née Heather] Milne** died 16 Sept. 2010. Besides being her family's historian, Dorothy had a life-long interest in Ontario history and genealogy. She was a valued friend and trusted resource to many authors, historians and fellow researchers.

Temple Windows

The James D. Strachan Award for Craftsmanship was presented to John Wilcox of Vitreous Glassworks at the 2010 award dinner of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario. Vitreous removed 2,664 panes of glass at

Sharon Temple, repaired and replaced the sashes and replaced the glass -- without breaking a single pane!

YPHS a CHIN Member

The YPHS is now a member of the Canadian Heritage Information Network. (CHIN), an initiative of the federal department of Canadian Heritage.

More than 1,400 public, not-for-profit Canadian museums and other heritage organizations belong to CHIN and its Virtual Museum of Canada (VMC).

Members create, present, manage and preserve Canada's digital heritage content. You can 'google' CHIN or click the link below to find our entry.

<http://www.museevirtuel-virtualmuseum.ca/GetMuseumProfile.do?lang=en&chinCode=guaes>

Entering information and uploading photos is time-consuming. I thank archivist John Marshall for his help, but we are not finished. If anyone would enjoy working on this project, please contact me at 416-656-0812 or audrey.fox@mac.com

Pioneers in the News

We congratulate Immediate Past President **Elaine Robertson**: the film she made with Mark Magro and her Kettleby School students (& which was narrated by board member **Andrew Marshall**), won an Award of Merit at the Awareness Film & Arts Festival in Los Angeles in May. Well done, all!

Former board member, **Dorothy Duncan**, has just published another culinary treasure: *Feasting and Fasting, Canada's Heritage Celebrations*. A great Christmas gift!

Calendar

16 Jan, 2011: Board Meeting 2-4 pm
30 January '11: AGM (see front)
28-29 May '11: Doors Open Toronto

Guest Speaker at AGM

Dufferin Street may be extended through the CNE grounds, close to Scadding Cabin. Kristine Janzen, a UofT Master's Candidate (Planning) is researching this issue for her thesis. Our society will benefit from her research and her feasibility studies. As all of you with e-mail know, Ms. Janzen conducted an online survey in November; her survey asked (among other things), how respondents felt about moving the Cabin. I sent the survey to more than 120 Pioneers and friends (your e-mail addresses were not shared); to date, more than 40 responded. Thank you!

Come to the AGM on Jan 30 to learn more about the survey, Kristine's research and what might happen to Dufferin St. and Scadding Cabin.

Audrey Fox took part in a "Structures" segment about Christie Street. The Rogers TV show brings you stories of Toronto's history and heritage.

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