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THE UPDATE

YORK PIONEER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

www.yorkpioneers.org

Details

Saturday September 17, 2011

Depart:

8:15 a.m.: Montgomery's Inn
9:00 a.m.: Yonge & St. Clair, Pleasant
Blvd., look for large bus
Green P parking next door

Morning drive through historic
Thornhill Village; stops at John
McIntyre's house and Hillary House
Interesting stops in Newmarket

Lunch: 1:00 - 2:00 at The Buttery (see
insert for details)

Cost: \$70.00/member; \$73.00/non-
member

Includes all fees, lunch at The Buttery,
tour bus, historical stops along the way
including Hillary House and John
McIntyre's private residence

Cheques: to YPHS mailed to post
office address above

Deadline: September 8, 2011

Information and Booking:

Diane Reid at (416) 483-0907
Audrey Fox at audrey.fox@mac.com

Water, drinks, snacks and fruit
available on the bus during the trip.

ANNUAL BUS TRIP

Sites to see!

Chance of a lifetime: a morning stop
will be at this circa 1875 private home;
we are very grateful to YPHS member
Dr. John McIntyre for graciously
inviting us into the home his family has
owned since 1901.

John McIntyre Home (tour)



Photo credit: town.aurora.on.ca

Hillary House (tour)



Photo credit: www.aurora.ca

Cricklewood (drive-by)



Photo credit: www.thornhillhistoric.org

Heintzman House (drive-by)



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AWARDS

Congratulations to two YPHS members upon winning prestigious awards from the Ontario Historical Society (OHS).

The Cruikshank Medal, presented on rare occasions to individuals who have performed with distinction on behalf of the OHS, was awarded to Dr. John C. Carter.

The Fred Landon Award, honouring the best book on regional history in Ontario published within the past three years, was awarded to Heather Robertson for *Walking into Wilderness: The Toronto Carrying Place and Nine Mile Portage*.

MEDIA

On May 18, John Marshall met a CTV crew at the Cabin. He did a super job of talking about Scadding Cabin for the CTV weekly presentation "Your Toronto". Great publicity for the cabin & our society. Thank you, John!

The Cabin clip is now online. Go to the link below, then scroll down to Your Toronto Tours <http://toronto.ctv.ca/>

IN PRINT

There is a new book out that explores the existence of ghosts in various buildings on the CNE grounds: *Ghosts at The Canadian National Exhibition* by Richard Palmisano.

Member, Diane Reid has this to say about the book and the paranormal researchers who visited the grounds, and our Cabin, to conduct their research:

"The group covered several buildings on the Exhibition Place, but the cemetery and the Stanley Barracks building seemed the most interesting. They heard foot steps and low whispers in both place - in fact one of the paranormal researchers, while walking in the cemetery, was hit on the back; didn't know at the time what it could be. Searched the ground and found two 1812 coins. There are two mentions of the Scadding Cabin in the book. One, they heard a sobbing woman and when they were returning to pick up the equipment from the cabin, a mist was shrouding the cabin, a photo is in the book."

IN THE COMMUNITY

Treasurer Pat Robertson served as a judge at the Heritage Fair held at Fort York on May 4. Audrey Fox accompanied her and met with several history teachers. It is hope some of the teachers will bring their students to Scadding Cabin.

Below: Pat with two of the students and their projects.



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

- Alan Burton
- Nancy Conn
- Lily Contento
- Katrina Pyke (Pickering Village Museum)
- Sarah Walker
- Kristine Janzen
- Miriam Brown & Peter Flores
- Gill & Brian Haley
- West Toronto Junction Historical Society (Subscriber)

And we are pleased that long-time annual member, Helen Hatton, has become a Life Member.

MEMBERS' NOTES

- Congratulations to our treasurer, Ken Carter, and his wife Marg, on the birth of their second grandchild. Big brother Nicholas (16 months) welcomed Kaitlynn Elizabeth Carter on 19 April 2011
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- Condolences to members Audrey, Leo and Damien Fox on the death of their father, father-in-law and grandfather, Aubrey Hutchison, on 2 June 2011
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- Board Member Andrew Marshall has been seriously ill but is on the road to recovery. We wish him the best and thank his wife, Heather Robertson, for serving as pro tem chair of the Eversley Church committee
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- Melanie Milanich received an Ontario government five-year volunteer service award for her work at Mackenzie House. Melanie has also been hired to sit on the selection panel of the Dawes Road public art project; this consulting job was facilitated by her article in the 2011 York Pioneer

An Apology to Dr. Carter

My apologies to Dr. John C. Carter for inadvertently omitting his name when I wrote about the success of the YPHS-published *From Hands Now Striving to be Free* (Dec 2010 Update). Chris Raible, Darryl Withrow and John (the book's three authors) have all lectured on the Rebellion and on the boxes, and all three have contributed to the book's success.

More than 650 copies have been printed and sold.

John was also instrumental in having the Asahel Scott box donated to the Pickering Museum Village; he made the initial contact with the box's previous owner, Ron Van Horne, and connected him with the museum's curator. ~ Audrey Fox

ANNUAL DINNER RECAP

This year's dinner at The Miller Tavern was sold out with the sale of 45 seats. Due to the heat and humidity, staff moved our group from the verandah to a semi-private inside area. Although this 'air conditioned' area was very hot and quite noisy, we still enjoyed our-selves. The dinner broke even after we earned a little than \$200 from the silent book auction and an anonymous donor gave \$350.

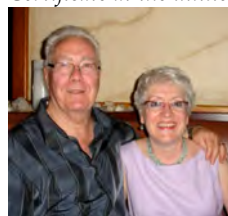
Diane Reid presented Life Certificates to Helen Hatton, Micki Allen and Katharine Williams; Paul Litt and Audrey Fox presented floral arrangements to long-time members Janet Watt (50 years) and Jean McFall (60 years, delivered to her the following day); David Raymont thanked Kristine Janzen for her Cabin

work and gave her a year's membership and Alwyn Robertson was elected to the board as Member -at-Large. Darryl Withrow's presentation and his display of Rebellion Boxes, was enjoyed by all.

Diane and her committee would appreciate feedback about the dinner; this is the second time in the last decade that we have sold out -- both times the dinner was held at The Miller. Call her at (416) 483-0907 with your comments and ideas.



Katharine Williams (L) received her Life Certificate at the dinner; Board Member Edna Rigby (R)



Long time member David Willson McMackon congratulates new Board member-at-large Alwyn Robertson



New member Sarah Walker with Programme Chair, Diane Reid

Photos: Paul Litt

Launch of the 2011 York Pioneer ~ MAY 1, 2011 Daniel Lamb House

From 2 to 3 pm, about 40 people took part in the Muddy York Tour of the Riverdale Farm area, formerly the site of the Riverdale zoo; Richard Fiennes-Clinton led an excellent tour. Author Sally Gibson and curator Carol Moore-Ede met tour participants at "The Residence" museum to answer questions.

From 3 to 4 pm, the launch of the 2011 York Pioneer was held in the Daniel Lamb House. About 60 people (including several descendants of the zookeeper killed by the bear) were welcomed into the large parlour of the Daniel Lamb House by the owners, Carol Moore-Ede and her husband David Wright. There were several authors and contributors in attendance, including Life Member Carol McArthur with her daughter and grand-daughter; Melanie Milanich, Ed Freeman, David Raymont and Paul Litt. Paul spoke briefly and showed his miniature portraits; and Carol spoke briefly about the house, the Lamb family and the oil portraits of Daniel and his wife.

Members and authors picked up their copies of the journal and enjoyed refreshments before departing in the rain at 4 pm.



Above: Some of the launch attendees in the Daniel Lamb House parlour; note Daniel and Eliza's portraits to the left and right of the window.

SHARON TEMPLE AND EVERSLEY CHURCH

SHARON TEMPLE NEWS

The Illumination is Sept. 9 at 8 pm. Visit the Temple website for more information or phone (905) 478-2389.

Megan Houston, site administrator at Sharon Temple, gave a brief presentation before our June board meeting. She also showed the group a plaque that was found buried at the southwest corner of the Sharon Temple, The plaque, **below**, reads: Community Swing, Built and Donated to Pioneer Park by John Tate, Senior. Sharon, June 7, 1924".

Win a vacation to Berlin and support the Sharon Temple. A prize valued at over \$12,000 ~ includes Executive Class airfare on Air Canada and accommodation for two for one week in Berlin, Germany. The total number of tickets has been limited to 650 at a cost of \$100 per ticket. The official draw is on September 9, 2011, 9:00 pm at the Sharon Temple. To purchase tickets, e-mail Anne-Maire.Marais@sharontemple.ca or call 905-478-2389.



EVERSLEY CHURCH

Our society continues to care for Eversley Church to the best of our abilities -- and your board continues to search for a solution to the building sitting empty and unused.

Eversley costs the Society approximately \$3,000 annually for lawn maintenance, hydro and insurance -- and far more than that when we undertake repairs. This year we have not had major repairs, although this summer we spent almost \$500 to have the leaky oil tank emptied, removed and disposed of. As well, there are ongoing small concerns: although the church was professionally

cleaned last November, when we met at the church for the June board meeting, there was evidence of yet another animal invasion (probably mice), and a pane of glass had a hole in it.

The church is not easy to "re-purpose". There is no basement, heat or running water; the building is designated and is next to a pioneer cemetery that we do not own.

We hold out hope that just the right person or society will come along who will give Eversley the tender loving care it needs and deserves.

~ Audrey

HELP NEEDED

NEWSLETTER: 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

WEBSITE: We need someone to keep the site up-to-date by sending information and pictures to our webmaster; making suggestions for change & proofreading the content. You need not be a board member, just willing to spend an hour or so a month on this crucial job. Please contact Audrey at (416) 656-0812 or audrey.fox@mac.com if you can help.

LOST LIFE MEMBERS: Over the years, as people move, we lose contact with some members. It is very important we not lose contact with our Life Members - if you move, please be sure to notify us. And if you know how to find the lost Life & Honorary Members listed below, please contact Diane Reid at (416) 483-0907 or dreid@couttscrane.com

R.E. Barron, Mrs. Crang, Iva Curry, Mr/Mrs. Evan Dickson, Dr. John Elder, W.A.Harris, Douglas Lloyd, Paul Millar, Dr. J.S.Moir, Mrs. R.G. Pearse, Hildred Pinfold, Leeds Richardson, Edna Robinson, Mrs. Sharpe, Jane Thompson, Mrs. N.L. Thompson, Dorothy White

SCADDING CABIN: Phone Edna Rigby at (416) 494-0503 if you can volunteer to work a shift at Scadding Cabin during the CNE. The Cabin is open from noon until 7 pm, August 19 to September 5. Thank you!

HERITAGE TORONTO: Threatened by budget cuts, Heritage Toronto asked many heritage groups to write in support of the work done by HT. Audrey Fox submitted a note on behalf of the YPHS. The many letters of support (including ours) are on the Heritage Toronto website at www.heritagetoronto.org/news/story/2011/07/27/heritage-toronto-statement-potential-cuts-city-hall

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