



# THE UPDATE

YORK PIONEER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## YPHS Annual Dinner

**Date:** Tuesday, June 25, 2013

**Place:** The Coach House on Sunnybrook Estates  
2075 Bayview Ave, Toronto

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. for dinner at 7 p.m.

**Cost:** \$78 for members, \$82 for non-members

**Parking:** Complimentary!

**RSVP:** Micki Allen, by phone (416) 968-2658 or  
email [mickiallen@marac.com](mailto:mickiallen@marac.com) before **Friday, May 31**

Cheques must be in our mailbox (address  
above) by **Friday, May 31**.

### Silent Book Auction

The ever-popular auction of books on the  
history of Toronto and York (primarily)  
helps defray dinner costs.

If you have a book in good  
condition that you wish to donate, please  
contact archivist John Marshall at (416)  
961-4420.

### Need a Ride to Sunnybrook?

If you would like to attend the dinner but  
do not have transportation, we will do our  
best to arrange a ride. Please call Audrey at  
(416) 656-0812

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**Guest Speaker:** Dr John Carter, author and  
historian; Director of the Ontario Historical Society;  
vice-chair of the East York Foundation and a long-  
time York Pioneer will speak on "*The Result of  
Rebellion: North American Political Prisoners in Van  
Diemen's Land*".

Although the Rebellions of 1837-1838 began  
in December 1837, in 1838 there were at least 13  
armed invasions of Canada from the United States.  
This year marks the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of these  
unsuccessful attempts to overthrow British rule in  
Upper Canada.

Dr. Carter's illustrated presentation explains  
the events in Upper Canada that resulted in the  
transportation of 93 English-speaking "Patriot Exiles"  
to Van Diemen's Land. These men became political  
prisoners for participating in the Upper Canadian  
Rebellion of 1838. Dr. Carter will describe their lives  
in the penal system, their period of probation, and  
time of freedom prior to their return to Canada and  
the United States.

**Note:** Copies of the special rebellion themed Ontario  
History (published by the Ontario Historical Society)  
will be available for \$10.



*Left: The Coach House at  
Sunnybrook Estates, the venue for  
this year's dinner.*

**Book early for this popular  
event; the Coach House  
accommodates just 40 diners!**

# Launch of the 2013 York Pioneer & War of 1812 Commemoration

On April 27, at Scadding Cabin, the YPHS ad hoc War of 1812 committee hosted a group of approximately 300 people who were taking part in a walk to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Battle of York. Several purchased a copy of the 2013 York Pioneer and/or joined our society.

A perfect spring day for the festivities!

The 2013 York Pioneer launch was held from 1-2 pm with about 60 in attendance. Stephen Fuller fiddled, Hannah Shira Naiman sang and RH Thomson read from the 1813 diary of Ely Playter - and our own David Raymont gave a rendition of Flumerfelt's The Bold Canadian.



*YPHS Vice-President & chair of the War of 1812 committee, David Raymont (black hat), with Treasurer Cindy Ewins & Andrew Marshall (our representative at Sharon Temple). The colourful sign drew visitors to the membership table, with great results. Photo: Ken Carter*



*V-P David Raymont sings a verse of "Come All You Bold Canadians" written by War of 1812 Veteran, Cornelius Flumerfelt; Linda Kelly, at right, descends from Flumerfelt. Photo: Ken Carter*



*A few of the many volunteers with entertainer Stephen Fuller. L to R, Brooke Jarvis, Diane Reid, Barry Mapes, Stephen Fuller, Devon Jones Doreen Moor Mapes & Cheryl Kennedy Photo: Taylor Kennedy*



*Above: YPHS President Ken Carter, far left, with Brooke Jarvis, Peter Ridout, Barry Mapes, Devon Jones, Audrey Fox, Cheryl Kennedy, Linda Kelly, David A. Jarvis and Diane Reid. Photo: Paul Webster*

## A Grand Day

Organizers ordered exquisite spring weather for the commemoration of the Battle of York and the launch of the 108th volume of The York Pioneer. Actor RH Thomson generously donated his time; Exhibition Place gave us parking passes for the day; visitors came from far and wide to attend the event and enjoy treats under a brilliant sun and we welcomed many new members to our society.

Fourteen of our 15 board members, as well as several members, volunteered their time, several from 9 a.m. until after 3 p.m.

All in all, a great day, thanks to the efforts of many!

## Remembering the Battle of York, April 27, 2013

**Left:** pictured are several descendants of Veterans of the War of 1812; of Jarvisses (Brooke, Audrey and David); of Playters (Cheryl), of Ridouts (Peter) and of Cornelius Flumerfelt (Linda).





President Ken Carter welcomes guests to the launch of the 2015 York Pioneer; Andrew Marshall unfurls our flag.  
 Photo: Taylor Kennedy

Barry Mapes, Doreen Moor Mapes, Cheryl Kennedy (a Playter descendant) and actor RH Thomson who read from Ely Playter's April 27, 1813 diary pages that described the American invasion of York.  
 Photo: Taylor Kennedy

David Raymont presented RH Thomson with the 2015 York Pioneer Photo: Ken Carter



Carolyn King, former Chief of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation with, from top, youth volunteer, Devon Jones, YPHS board member Barry Mapes and fiddler Stephen Fuller  
 Photos: David Raymont

Hannah Shira Naiman  
 Photo: Ken Carter



Stephen Fuller  
 Photo: Audrey Fox

**Right:** York Pioneer editor Audrey Fox, far left, introduces and thanks contributors to the 2013 York Pioneer.

Left to right: David Raymont, Linda Kelly, Marilyn Horwood, Andrew Marshall, Nancy Robinson Eves, Patricia Robertson, David A. Jarvis, Michael Anastakis, John Marshall and Lisa Jemison

Absent: Katharine Williams, Chris Raible and graphic designer Richard Peachey

Photo: Ken Carter





## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The YPHS extends a warm welcome to the following new members: R K Watson, Matthew Singleton, David A. Jarvis, Dawn Ayer, John Healy, Ian Smith, Mark Winter, Linda Young, John, Elsie & Michael Anastasakis, Brian Green, Margaret Kowal, John MacDonald, Michael Breen, James Maynard, Nancy Eves, Virginia Lund, Sheila Holland, Robert Kerns and Patricia MacLean.

Board member Andrew Kennedy Marshall has become a Life Member.

**And of note:** four sisters are now members, the great grand-daughters of our founder, Richard Oates - Marilyn Horwood of Toronto, Judith Sales and Virginia Lund of Victoria and Sheila Holland of Comox.

**Lost Life Members:** over the years, we have lost touch with some Life Members. If you know how we can reach any of the following, please phone Membership chair Alwyn Robertson at (416) 932-8154 or drop a line to [yorkpioneers@gmail.com](mailto:yorkpioneers@gmail.com)

RE Barron, Iva D Curry, Mr & Mrs Evan Dickson, Dr. John Elder, WA Harris, Paul Millar, Mrs. RG Pearse, Leeds Richardson, Mrs NS Robertson, Edna Robinson, Mrs. Don Sharpe, Mrs NL Thompson and Dorothy White



*Scadding Cabin on April 27, 2013 Photo: Taylor Kennedy*

## New Update Editor

The YPHS board is very pleased to welcome Matthew Singleton to our board to fill the "Publicity" position (editor of The Update). Matthew worked on this issue and will, with the summer issue, take over as full editor.

The YPHS joined Volunteer Toronto two years ago. The annual \$50 fee includes the ability to advertise for volunteers on the Volunteer Toronto website; that is how Matthew found us.

Matthew has an undergraduate degree in History and a Masters in Library and Information Science. He is a librarian who currently works as a business researcher with a large accounting firm; he also writes for Bookshop Blog on a semi-regular basis.

As well, several years ago Matthew worked at the Trinity College archives at U of T. He has long had an interest in Toronto's history.

"I'm looking forward to creating future newsletters and welcome any suggestions for, or contribution of, content. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at [yphsupdate@gmail.com](mailto:yphsupdate@gmail.com)", wrote Matthew.

*Thank you to Dana Webster for her technical expertise & proofing, and to the many other proofreader who caught many errors!*

*~ Audrey Fox*

## SCADDING CABIN PART OF DOORS OPEN TORONTO

Scadding Cabin, Toronto's oldest building, will be open May 25 and 26, from 2-5 p.m. both days.

The theme for this 14th annual event is "Creators, Makers and Innovators". If you would like to volunteer at the Cabin for Doors Open, please call Kristine at (647) 202-4465 or send a note to [kristine.janzen@gmail.com](mailto:kristine.janzen@gmail.com)

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