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How to preserve, protect, and re-use heritage properties

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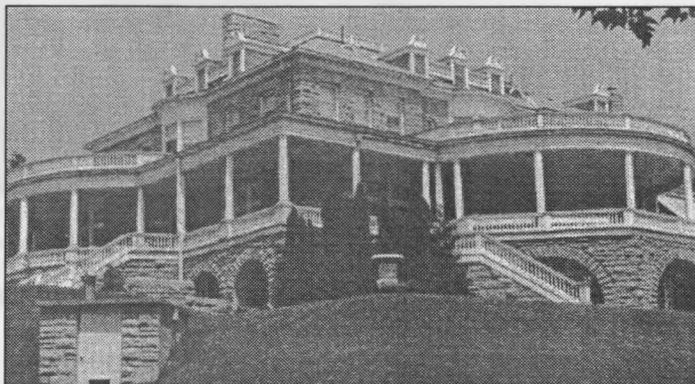
John Hogbin, Property Administrator for Easements, in the Heritage Programs Branch of the Ontario Heritage Foundation (OHF), was the speaker for our Heritage Day meeting on February 15. The Ontario Heritage Foundation's blue and gold plaques are a familiar sight, 23 being located in Hastings County, with seven in Belleville, including those commemorating the founding of Belleville, City Hall, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, the Ontario School for the Deaf, and Albert College. There are over 1,100 plaques in Ontario.

Heritage conservation has always been a part of our culture, but the government has only been involved in the last 50 years, in response to development threatening historic resources. The Ontario Heritage Foundation was founded in order to find ways of saving buildings, not just marking sites. The OHF's mandate is to protect, preserve, and promote Ontario's heritage.

The OHF now holds over 25 heritage buildings. Fulford House, a mansion in Brockville built by George Fulford, who made his money selling "pink pills for pale people," came lavishly furnished. Every prime minister of Canada dined there, and Mackenzie King held seances there with Mrs. Fulford. The George Brown House, in Toronto, has been lavishly restored. George Brown, publisher of the *Globe*, was an influential political reformer, who was shot by a disgruntled employee and died in that house. These are two of the many properties which are open as museums, thanks to the donation of time by volunteers.

A well-known OHF property in Toronto is the Elgin and Winter Garden Theatre Centre. The world's only double-decker theatre, this 100-year-old building has been restored to its former grandeur and is used for the performing arts.

There is more to preserving heritage properties than just the restoration of buildings, and having volunteers to staff them. Heritage properties cannot be maintained by their past history alone. We need to assess the potential of what they could become, and look at sustainable development. Ongoing maintenance costs money, so the OHF encourages creative ways of



Construction on Brockville's Fulford House was begun in 1899; the lavish home took three years to complete.

Credit Brockville Recorder and Times and Brockville, *The River City*, published 1997 by Natural Heritage/Natural History

using heritage buildings to generate revenue. St. Anne's Church in Toronto is an unusual Byzantine-style church that was decorated by the Group of Seven. The OHF is helping with the restoration but with the congregation one-tenth of what it used to be, they are looking at ways to make it self-sufficient, such as by having concerts and book-readings by celebrity authors.

The OHF headquarters at 10 Adelaide Street East, in Toronto, is another example of "adaptive re-use." Besides functioning as offices and meeting space, parts of this restored heritage building can be rented for weddings, and have also been used by film companies. Episodes of *Due South* have been filmed there.

Since 1956, the OHF has been putting plaques on designated buildings in order to make people give a second thought to preserving the site. However, a designation has no teeth: anyone, including the province, can tear down a designated building. A more recent development is the Heritage Conservation Easement. Easements provide legal protection for the property, running with the title in perpetuity. This allows the OHF to protect the property, even going to court over it, without the expense of owning the property. There are now 178 easements in Ontario, including one on Belleville's City Hall, which was presented to Mayor Ross McDougall on Heritage Day this year.

Through plaques and markers, easements, and the dedication of volunteers in communities all over Ontario, the Ontario Heritage Foundation continues to provide accessibility to the wealth of Ontario's heritage in both built properties and natural areas.

The March general meeting will be held Tuesday, March 26, in the meeting hall at the Quinte Living Centre, Front Street, Belleville. Refreshments at 7:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 8 p.m.

The Hastings County Historical Society, P.O. Box 1418, Belleville, Ontario K8N 5J1



Hear ye! Hear ye! Campbellford-Seymour Town Crier Tom Kerr (centre) rang in Ontario Heritage Week at Belleville City Hall, February 15. Also donning period costumes for the celebration were Pete Ferri, and Helen Scott. Kerr displays the easement that will be affixed to city hall, marking an agreement between the city and foundation to protect the building's heritage.

LeeAnne Vance photo

Marker presented

by LeeAnne Vance

Belleville - As part of Heritage week events, February 15 - 21, Mayor Ross McDougall was presented with an easement for Belleville City Hall by the Ontario Heritage Foundation. The bronze marker was presented by Ontario Heritage Foundation chair Allan Gotlieb. Designed by John Evans and built by John Forin in 1873, Gotlieb says city hall, "remains the City of Belleville's most prominent building." An easement helps to protect heritage sites through a legal agreement with the foundation and property owner. The easement places restrictions on the use and development of the site to preserve its heritage features. The foundation holds over 170 easements on public buildings.

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County News

by Gerry Boyce

Wasn't that a party! - Heritage Week was celebrated locally in great style.

The Ontario Heritage Foundation (OHF) officially launched the province's celebration in the packed council chamber of Belleville City Hall. Allan Gotlieb, former Canadian ambassador to the USA and now chair of the foundation, officiated. He congratulated local residents on their efforts to preserve the community's heritage and noted that "Heritage is in our bricks and mortar. But it is not just bricks and mortar ... Heritage is a living legacy." Local recipients of the Foundation's 1998 Heritage Community Recognition Program were recognized including Paul Dinkel of Belleville (restaurateur who has done much to preserve the heritage of the city's downtown); André Philpot of Marmora (lawyer, politician, author and a former director of the OHF); and Lewis Zandbergen of Stirling (historian and genealogist). The Foundation also honoured students, including several from Queen Elizabeth (Belleville) who had undertaken a cemetery study at St. Thomas Church Cemetery and Peter Zandbergen of Bayside Secondary School, who has spoken to our society and other groups on his genealogical research. Congratulations to all.

Poster unveiled - Allan Gotlieb and Belleville Mayor Ross McDougall unveiled the official poster marking Ontario's celebration of Heritage Week. It's attractive and includes names and some pictures of Ontario citizens recently honoured by the OHF.

Wow! - Many heritage buffs had the chance to participate in two other delightful events the same day. Glanmore held an open house in the afternoon and our Society met that evening to hear about preservation and the OHF's heritage easements.

Genealogy - Brownbaggers turned out for an exceptional presentation at the Corby Library during Heritage Week. Our own Elizabeth Mitchell spoke on how

to research a family tree. She illustrated her talk with many examples of materials from the library's extensive historical/genealogical collections. Thanks Elizabeth.

A week early - Belleville Council and Heritage Belleville celebrated Heritage Week early (February 8) when they presented Certificates of Commendation to property owners and heritage workers. Projects related to 140 George Street and the Railway Memorial in East Bay Shore Park, in Belleville Ward, and 46 Harmony Road and 116 Harmony Road in Thurlow Ward. Two former members of Heritage Belleville, Heather Reilly and Bill Walker, were also honoured.

Winners! We have winners! - Last month we asked: "Do you know on what date the next millennium begins?" Complimentary copies of *What's In a Name? The Origin of Belleville Street Names* by Judy Preece (published by Mika Publishing in 1978) go to Katherine Mills of Belleville and Mike Hoyer of Lethbridge, Alberta.

Katharine writes: "Since a millennium is 1,000 years, Made up of ten centuries, it appears The last century ends with the 2000, So the new millennium will come, On January first, two thousand and one!"

Mike Hoyer writes "from the Wild West" (Lethbridge) and says that "it's plenty warm here now and we've seen a little snow this winter. It's great in the mountains." Mike and Janet (she's the daughter of Frank and Lois Walkling and a former director of our Society when Mike was the principal of Quinte Christian High School) are regular readers of Outlook. Mike writes: "If January 1 year one was the start of the first year (AD) then the end of year one, we had completed the first year.

At the end of 1000 AD, we would have celebrated the first millennium. Webster defines millennium as 'a 1000th anniversary or its first celebration' and [get this] 'a period of great happiness of human perfection.' Therefore at the end of 2000 AD we would have completed the second millennium and the third millennium would start on January 1, 2001. I think that is what film makers probably had in mind when they made up the movie 2001 Space Odyssey" Thanks for the note from Lethbridge, Mike. Keep in touch from your new posting in Prince George, British Columbia, after June. Congratulations to Mike and Katharine. Thanks also to Katharine for explaining why Ashley Street in Belleville is being renamed Ashley Lane (to avoid confusion with Ashley Street in the hamlet of Foxboro in Thurlow Ward.

Topper tipper - Hats off to the Quinte Region Branch of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario. On February 21, the

branch held a well-attended meeting on renovation techniques (including recent work at Glanmore). Guest speakers were architectural consultant Andre Scheinman and Ross Waite of Eastern Restoration (stone and masonry specialists).

Still wanted - Information on : 1. D.V. Sinclair, Belleville merchant and president of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance for the Total Suppression of the Liquor Traffic; 2. the status of the Tyendinaga Township written history project; and 3. any other pending books/pamphlets on county history.

News in brief - 1. The Trent Port Historical Society presented plaques to youthful winners of its Heritage Art Contest during Heritage Week.

2. The Tweed Heritage Centre's expansion project got a major boost with a \$2,500 donation from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

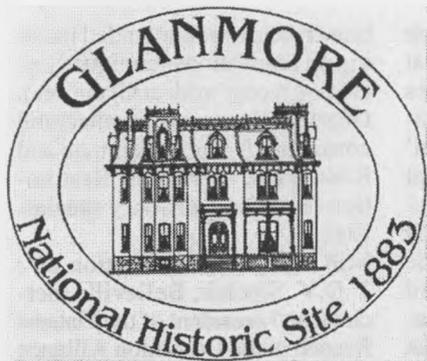
3. Rumour has it planning is going ahead for a heritage centre in Madoc.

A new contest!

In 75 words or less tell why you think local history should be part of the school curriculum. The prize is a copy of *Belleville Centenary Flashback*, (as illustrated) published by Mika Publishing in 1978. Send entries to Gerry Boyce at 173 Bridge Street East, Belleville, Ontario, K8N 1N3.

Belleville Centenary Flashback





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The museum will be open from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. from March 15 to 19. Because of the limited space in the museum we are asking families to pre-register. Please let us know the date of your visit and if you are coming in the morning or the afternoon. You should plan to spend one to one and a-half hours in the museum. The cost is \$3 for children and adults. As well as viewing the travelling Egypt exhibit from the Royal Ontario Museum, we will have self-directed activity centres set up for families to explore. Write your name in hieroglyphics, play an ancient game, and make your own amulet to take home.



Udjat eye

Horus lost his eye in a fight with Seth after Seth murdered Osiris. Horus' wife Hathor healed his eye. Udjat means to "make better." The eye of Horus became a talisman for healing and was found in tombs. The eye was intended to help heal the person in the next life.

Tasheryetahet's last tour

The coffin case belonging to a lady named Tasheryetahet (circa 300 BC) will no longer be on tour after leaving Glanmore in May. ROM conservation specialists have ordered the removal of the coffin case from the travelling exhibit after observing signs of wear during the pre-shipping inspection. A reproduction of another of ROM's coffin cases will replace this coffin case in the future.

A recipe to try

Ancient Egyptian Honey Cakes

The Egyptians placed food in tombs for the person to use in the afterlife. The spiral shape of these cakes was a popular one. Other shapes included pyramids and crocodiles.

1.5 cup stone ground flour
1/2 tsp salt
1 tsp baking powder
1/4 cup butter
1/4 cup honey
3 tbsp milk

Mix flour, salt and baking powder in a bowl. Rub butter into flour mixture. Add half the honey, reserving the rest for the glaze, and combine. Add milk and stir until a soft dough is formed. Divide the dough into three parts. Roll each portion into a long thin strip. Coil the strip into a spiral. Form the other portions and place the spirals on a greased baking sheet. Glaze the cakes with a little honey. Bake at 350 for 20 minutes.

Egypt Exhibit Fast Facts

- Exhibit topics include religion, the afterlife, family life, education, makeup, perfume, and clothing
- The exhibition made possible by the generous support of Black Diamond Cheese, Campbell Monument Company, Lorne McDougall Insurance, Moira Street Funeral Home.
- Media sponsors - CJBQ, MIX 97, The Intelligencer
- Campbell Monument Company has produced special limited edition stone plaques depicting ancient Egyptian Gods as a fund-raising project for the exhibition. These are on sale in the gift shop.
- Over 1,000 school children are scheduled to attend the Egypt education program
- More than 1,000 square feet of exhibits

Friends of Glanmore will hold a bridge luncheon Thursday, April 8, at the Belleville Recreation Centre, 116 Pinnacle Street, at 12 noon. Cost is \$12. Contact Ann Isbister for tickets at 966-7478.

Special Hours on the opening weekend of the Egypt Exhibit Saturday, March 6, and Sunday, March 7 are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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