



The CABHC Patch

News from the Community Archives

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The Big Reveal

Last month we shared news of the task of sorting and cataloguing a large collection of slides from the late Lloyd Syer, a former Director of the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Belleville. This task is now complete and the [full listing of all 2,600 slides](#) is now available in the online catalogue of the Community Archives. We are now able to share some of the photographs.

The slides were taken over the span of thirty years, including Syer's entire time with the Department, which lasted from 1964 to 1990. In that time period, some major projects were undertaken to improve Belleville's public spaces and these are well represented in the slide collection. These include the construction of Centennial/Rotary Park in 1971, the toboggan hill at Zwick's Park in 1973, the Lions Park on Station Street in 1978, and many improvements to West Riverside Park.

Syer took several sets of aerial photographs in the 1970s and these have been scanned and

shared online through our [Flickr account](#). They form

an interesting record of the changes in the city and its parks in those years.

Syer also took photographs of smaller details, such as a night-time view of the fountain in Corby Park, and a close-up of a bed of tulips at the department's Service Building on North Park Street. Behind the tulips is a Trillium Award from the Belleville Horticultural Society, awarded for "Property Beautification." The latest slide in the collection is of the plaque dedicated to Lloyd Syer in the Summit Garden of West Riverside Park, commemorating his life's work.



CABHC: 2022-071-09-0196 August 1969



CABHC: 2022-071-09-1931 Zwick's Park in June 1978



CABHC: 2022-071-09-1547 May 1976



CABHC: 2022-071-09-2572 November 1990

Recent Additions to the Archives

2022-074 Photograph of the Kiwanis Club of Belleville officers, 1948



2022-075 Obituary and order of service for funeral of Gerry Boyce, 2022

2022-076 Digital copy of Women's Foreign Missionary Society event flyer 2022-053, 1892

2022-077 Albert College University Calendars, 1880-1883

2022-078 Diaries, membership and business cards of Gerry Boyce, 1942-2016

2022-079 Florence Lovering collection of materials relating to the Ontario School for the Deaf and the Imperial Order of the Daughters of Empire, 1941-1949



2022-080 Records of the Trent Valley Quilters' Guild, 1989-2022

A tribute to a life devoted to local history: Gerry Boyce, 1933-2022

The Reading Room in the Community Archives bears the name of Gerry Boyce. Many of the collections we hold are only here because of Gerry's dedication to collecting and preserving documentary heritage materials. For many years, Gerry led a team of volunteers known as the Archive Angels in sorting, listing and sharing information about the collections amassed at the former Hastings Heritage Centre in Cannifton.



CABHC: 2017-97 Gerry Boyce (top left) at the Hastings Heritage Centre with Archives Angels Katharine Mills, Bill Kennedy, Luella Parkhurst, Lois Foster, Bobby Jo Morris, Marion Fisher, Mary Jane Throop, and Marney Black, 2006

Gerry's neat handwriting is found all over the Community Archives' files. Many of the records forming the core of the Hastings County Historical Society's own collections were created by Gerry during research for his now-classic 1967 book *Historic Hastings*.

We extend our gratitude for his work and our condolences on his loss to Gerry's wife, Bev, and to their four children and their families.