

Next Meeting

**Tuesday
September 15, 1992
Quinte Living Centre
Auditorium**

370 Front Street, Belleville

**7:30 p.m. coffee
8:00 p.m. programme**

GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Colin Beckingham
Head Gardener
Bellevue House National
Historic Park
Kingston, Ont.

TOPIC

'Victorian Gardens of the
1840's'

Members and
New Members Welcome.

*A Special Welcome To Visitors
and All Those Interested In
Flower and Herb Gardens of 150
Years Ago.*

MAY 19TH MEETING

Brian Scott, Artistic Director and Founder of the Quinte Ballet School gave our members an informative and often amusing discourse on the history of ballet in general and of the local Quinte Ballet School in particular. He illustrated his remarks on technique with the help of student dancer Lisa Winkler, whose supple young body perfectly assumed the various basic positions under his directions. He emphasized the strenuous schedule, stringent requirements and personal discipline necessary to achieve success as a dancer of ballet.

Founded by Scott in 1972, the school has grown and expanded greatly. Its reputation attracts students from a wide area to train under Brian Scott and his dedicated staff.

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Outlook

The Hastings County Historical Society

CELEBRATION 125

Glanmore Goes All Out For Canada's Birthday

By Chris Malette, the INTELLIGENCER, June 15, 1992

It was a splashy affair on one of Belleville's best front lawns.

Glanmore, the Hastings County Museum, broke out the bunting and put on a Canada 125 neighbourhood party with a Victorian flair Sunday as the neighbours strolled over for iced tea, sandwiches, music and fun to help mark Canada's 125th birthday.

For the youngsters there were traditional games such as barrel stave rolling, stilts, croquet and bean bag tossing. For the adults, lawn chairs strategically placed under Glanmore's stately maples and

pinces gave a shady vantage point for a musical, patriotic afternoon of honest-to-goodness, flag-waving.

Politicians, including Mayor Shirley Langer, MPPs Hugh O'Neil (Quinte) and Paul Johnson (Prince Edward-Lennox-South Hastings), Prince Edward-Hastings MP Lyle Vanclief, Hastings Warden Owen Ketcheson and Hastings-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington MP Bill Vankoughnet spoke briefly on the importance of the day, but the success of the day was the feel of the place.

"What a wonderful setting for Belleville to celebrate this

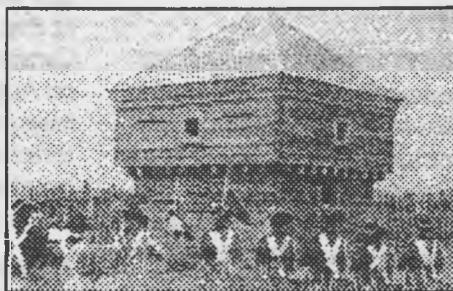
great country's birthday," remarked master of ceremonies, former MP Jack Ellis, togged out as pioneer city founder Capt. John Meyers.

The burbling of Glanmore's now-famous fountain, the swish of Victorian era gowns on volunteers from the museum set the scene for a cheery toast to "125 more birthdays for Canada..."

Musical performers included the Trentones, Belleville Concert Brass, Karen Williamson and Andy Forgie and the Quinte Living Centre Concert Band.

MORE HERITAGE CELEBRATIONS

The Kente Portage Festival



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The Kente Portage Heritage Conservation Society held their 4th annual festival, July 18-20, in Carrying Place. A highlight was the official opening of the replica of the blockhouse which stood on the shore of Weller's Bay at the west end of the Portage Road. This road connected Lake Ontario to the Bay of Quinte, and is presumed to be the oldest road in Ontario.

Heritage Belleville Celebrates "CANADA 125"

Heritage Belleville, the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC) is distributing 'Canada 125' signs to over 200 homes and businesses which are at least 200 years old. Gerry Boyce is Co-chairman of this city committee.

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BY GERRY BOYCE

HISTORY WAS MADE this summer. The weather set records ... so very few days with the temperature reaching 30 degrees celsius and so very many wet weekends. Can any reader recall a similar summer?

THE TWEED CENOTAPH has been refurbished and rebuilt. The new base is inscribed with Tweed's Honour Roll and Royal Canadian Legion Branch 428 placed a time capsule inside. Capsule contents included council minutes and a copy of a letter written in 1889 by prominent merchant/politician Billa Flint. He described a great fire in Actinolite: 24 buildings burned, at a loss of \$40,000.

THE HASTINGS-PRINCE EDWARD LAND SURVEYORS ASSOCIATION has funded a time capsule and commemorative statue to salute the centennial of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors. Created by local sculptor Jim Smith of Campbell Monuments, the statue (at the corner of Sidney and Dundas streets, Belleville), is black granite. Bancroft surveyor Mike McAlpine was the model for the statue.

EVAN MORTON's "Heritage Herald" column in *The Tweed News* continues to record donations to the Heritage Centre, including books by local authors and a large coloured 1898 map of Hastings and Prince Edward counties, published by the *Belleville Sun*. This may be one of the maps (sold in the 1960s by

our Society) after a bundle was found in a vault at Shire Hall, prior to its demolition when the present court house was built. Evan wonders if readers can shed light on the community of Glen Lewis, the "Proposed Moira Valley Route" for a railway linking Tweed to Belleville, the proposed Toronto and Ottawa Railway, and some abbreviations. What did "BSS" at Bogart represent? And "RSS" at Chapman's? Did they indicate a Roman Catholic Separate School? In some parts of Ontario there were Protestant Separate Schools. Contact Evan at 478-2400.

THE NEW ALGONQUIN PROVINCIAL PARK LOGGING MUSEUM was officially opened on August 15. The one million dollar complex includes a 1.2 kilometre walking trail with 14 exhibit pods. Hats off to the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Friends of Algonquin Park, and the Algonquin Forestry Authority.

BETTY WOOD highlights historical scenes in *The Madoc Review*. Recent buildings included the Champion Cheese Factory and the Queensborough Methodist Church (built for \$1,000 in 1872 and closed in 1921).

WATCH FOR THIS FALL'S BOOK LAUNCH of *Ontario's First Gold Rush: Eldorado*, the 160-page story of the gold excitement in the Madoc-Eldorado area by this writer. A super Christmas gift.

HAZZARDS CORNERS CHURCH northeast of Madoc recently celebrated its 135th anniversary and dedicated the event to the memory of the late ALMA MOORCROFT, a local naturalist, historian, and the driving force behind the preservation of Hazzards Corners Church as an historic site. She was the co-author of *Pilgrimage of Faith*, a history of Madoc area churches. We join her family and many friends in remembering her contribution to heritage.

OUR SYMPATHY also to the family of the late Helen Hutchison. A former president of the Lennox and Addington Historical Society and the mover behind the movement to save the Macpherson House at Napanee, Helen was a strong supporter of the Loyalist Parkway and regional heritage groups, including our own.

DISTRESSING NEWS of cemetery vandalism. Thirty stones at the Marmorata Protestant Cemetery were knocked over on August 10. Friends of Heritage and neighbours of cemeteries should act as 'Neighbourhood Watch' groups to protect them.

MEMBERS OF THE STIRLING HISTORICAL SOCIETY were delighted with the response to the August walking tour of Stirling's east end, sponsored by the Quinte Region Branch of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario. To quote Lewis Zandbergen: "Over 80 people of all ages braved the elements to ogle,

gawk and ask questions about elegant brick houses on Edward Street, the 103-year-old hardware business of Jim/Mary Lindsay, and the ongoing restoration of Stirling's landmark Grand Trunk/CN station.

FAMILY DAY AT THE O'HARA MILL complex near Madoc was one of the best ever. The event spotlighted the official unveiling of a plaque denoting that the original water-powered mill was a major boon to early settlers. Participants included ALISON KUGLIN (a family member and strong promoter of the mill complex for many years), the Hon. Elmer Buchanan, O'Hara Mill Board Chairman Tom Stephens, MRCA Chair Grace McKeown, and Madoc Twp. Reeve Gerald Reid. The province has promised \$26,000 towards mill restoration and the board has set out to raise an additional \$50,000.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

(1) **The PRINCE EDWARD HISTORICAL SOCIETY** for its attractive (as yet unnamed newsletter) edited by Ron Malseed and designed by Archie Lamont.

(2) **The MADOC HISTORICAL FOUNDATION** for sponsoring this summer's Heritage Centre and a photography competition.

(3) **HERITAGE BELLEVILLE** for sponsoring "Canada 125+" signs to mark buildings erected prior to Confederation.

(4) **BETSY BOYCE**, whose book, *The Rebels of Hastings*, is widely praised. *Community Press* reviewer Lewis Zandbergen (there actually is such a person, despite recent debate in that paper) noted the book "reflects this region's history in a refresh-

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HERITAGE BELLEVILLE PRESENTS "CANADA 125" SIGNS



COMMUNITY PRESS PHOTO

The first Canada 125 sign was presented on July 6 by Heritage Belleville to Diana Villemare and her son Scott who live at 16 Forin Street. The house was built on the eve of Confederation. (l-r) Hank Vos, Trina LeSage, Dage Bentley, Diana Villemare and Son, Al Kelleher, Gerry Boyce, Bill Walker

CAN YOU HELP?

Mrs. Louise Burchell, R.R. # 4 Spencerville, Ont. K0E 1X0 is interested in contacting anyone who has diaries, letters or journals that pre-date 1944. Any accounts that relate to immigration, the settlement of Ontario, the daily lives of women and children or provide an insight into a major event in Canadian history would be valuable. Her research is for educational material.

ALSO: Stirling member Lewis Zandbergen asks for information concerning any Canadians who fought in the American Civil War between 1861-1865. He is also looking for information and pictures about the visit of Prime Minister Arthur Meighen to the Belleville Stirling area on August 12, 1920.

Please write to:

Lewis Zandbergen,
P.O. Box 1481, Stirling, Ont. K0K 3E0.

ANOTHER BIRTHDAY

August 3, 1992 was the 200th anniversary of the landing at Niagara-on-the-Lake of John Graves Simcoe, the first lieutenant-governor of Upper Canada. According to a Toronto Star article of the above date, he was

"...responsible for estab-

lishing a benevolent British rule that formed the basis for Canada's self-governing, Confederation and eventual independence from Britain...

...The first of Simcoe's administrative steps in Upper Canada was to establish an elected representative assem-

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ing way and should be required reading for anyone who even expresses a smattering of interest in Canadian history." *Ontario History*, the Ontario Historical Society's quarterly, plans a future review.

(5) **The UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO PRESS** for its publication next month of *Speedy Justice*, the story of the famous ship that sank in Lake Ontario in 1804. Watch for a local book launch.

(6) **The STIRLING HISTORICAL SOCIETY** for its super party to mark Canada's 125th birthday.

(7) **Reeve ANDRE PHILPOT** for the well-publicized Mystery/History tours of Marmora to celebrate Canada's birthday.

(8) **The HASTINGS COUNTY MUSEUM** staff and auxiliary for the great Garden Party to celebrate Canada's 125th.

(9) **ROY and PRISCILLA CADWELL**, founders of the Lester B. Pearson Peace Park, now celebrating its 25th anniversary. The Cadwells hosted a Society tour in the 1960s and Roy was a long-time member.

(10) **Peter Hamilton** and *The Napanee Beaver* for the recent article and picture of Milltown in Tyendinaga Township.

THANKS TO:

(1) **The ONTARIO MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND COMMUNICATIONS** for funding to help Heritage Belleville and the Sidney Historical Archives and Research Committee employ students to study early buildings and their owners/tenants.

(2) **The SAME MINISTRY** for its Reflections '92 grant to the Prince Edward Historical Society to commission an outdoor mural illustrating the multicultural background of the United Empire Loyalists and the disbanded troops who settled the area.

(3) **LOIS FOSTER and BETH GREEN** for continuing to revise *Heritage Buildings East of the Moira River*.

(4) **DOUG CONNOR**, an active restorer of artifacts for the Tweed Heritage Centre.

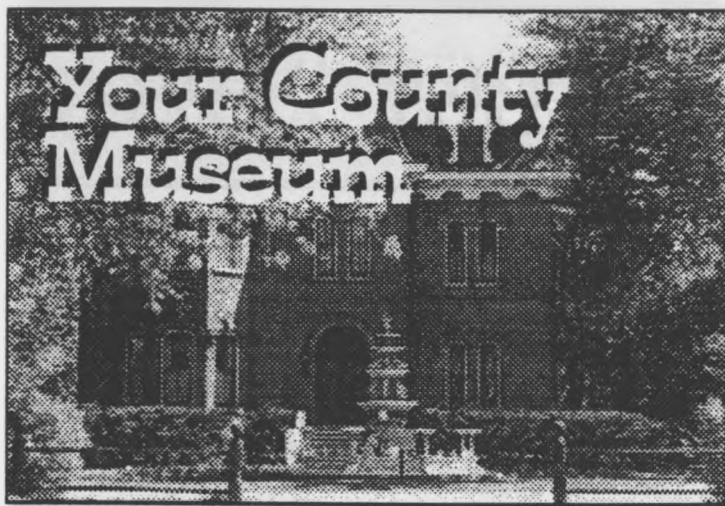
(5) **The BCIVS supporters** who fought valiantly, but unsuccessfully, to keep alive the county's oldest secondary school. For several years, our Society supported a local history course at BCIVS (taught by Bob Norris and this writer). We hope the resource materials will be put to good use. Incidentally, Adam Zegouras (George and Diane's son) was the last graduate.

bly: the sort of body demanded by 'the rebels' meeting in Philadelphia in 1776...

...He established English weights and measures, district courts, civil magistrates and provisions for collecting small debts - all rights of Englishmen that had been demanded by American colonists when they rebelled

against the English parliament 20 years earlier...

...In retrospect, Canadians should be able to recognize that Simcoe secured the country from invasion from within as well as from rebellion from within."



The Hastings County Museum requires a variety of volunteers to provide community assistance through our museum programmes.

Museum volunteer teachers assist staff in conducting school programmes, until they are ready to lead a class on their own.

Volunteers are given specific training to conduct classes and before each new programme. A teaching background is not mandatory, but the patience and ability to instruct small groups of public school children is beneficial.

Museum interpreters, or guides, are trained to conduct tours of GLANMORE for booked groups, weekend and special event visitors. Information is provided on the history of the house and its owners, the collections, and safety procedures. Numerous volunteers are needed for upcoming Christmas programming.

Volunteers are encouraged to join the Hastings County Museum Auxiliary. In addition to teaching and guiding the Auxiliary supports the museum by conducting year-round Fund Raising Special Events such as 'Yuletide at Home' and 'Garden Party at Glamore'.

A monthly meeting is held on the first Tuesday of the month. Please contact Auxiliary President Elsie Campbell at 968-0341 for more information.

INFORMATION MEETING FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS:

Monday September 14, 1992, 9:00 - 12:00 noon at the Museum.

Contact:
Jane Lambe at 962-2329 for more information.



WANTED

MUSEUM VOLUNTEER TEACHERS

During the school year programmes which relate to the history of Belleville and Hastings County are offered at the Hastings County Museum.

We cannot offer these curriculum - related programmes without the help, and dedication of volunteer teachers. We will provide specialized training for each educational programme.

Can you spare at least four hours or more per month during the school year?

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES OFFERED FOR THIS SCHOOL SEASON:

- School Days in 1880's • The Fur Trade
- Christmas Crafts • Ukranian Egg Decorating
- Christmas House Tours, and more to come!

For more information about this rewarding volunteer programme contact:

JANE LAMBE

Education Coordinator
Hastings County Museum
(613) 962-2329
(8:30 a.m. - 12 noon)

If you have been a volunteer in the past, please call to indicate you would like to volunteer again.

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