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ONE FAREWELL ONE WELCOME

We thank John Leaning for the two very active years he devoted to the Board as President. They were two trying as well as busy years (the Clegg House was only one problem he faced) during which John represented Heritage Ottawa ably and professionally. We are glad that John has decided to stay on the Board of Directors as his skill and knowledge are invaluable to us. Thank you John.

In saying farewell to John we welcome our new President Diane Holmes who was elected by the new Board of Directors at their first meeting in June.

Diane comes to us from Halifax where she was a representative on the Central Business District Planning Committee and active in politics. Although unsuccessful Diane did very well in her bid for Alderman in the difficult riding of Halifax Centre.

Upon arriving in Ottawa Diane became involved with the Council of Women and the Centretown Citizens Community Association for which she became President.

For the future of Heritage Ottawa Diane would like to see "Heritage Ottawa working more towards helping to strengthen heritage legislation provincially as well as in the City" which she anticipates would remove the need to fight under crisis conditions.

We wish Diane luck in her term as President.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting held May 25th provided members with an inside look at plans for the Rideau Canal 150th Anniversary Celebrations. Bob Haig, Parks Canada representative and past-Director, Heritage Ottawa, disclosed some of the plans at a talk and slide presentation punctuated with history and amusing anecdotes of life on the Canal since its construction.

We thank Mr. Haig for his enlightening talk and look forward to participating ourselves in the celebrations.

Prior to the presentation elections of the Board of Directors were held. We extend a warm welcome to new Board Members Barry Padolsky, well-known Ottawa architect, Janice Sutton, whose articles have enhanced the Newsletter greatly over the past year, and Harold Kalman who has joined the Board for a second term in an ex-officio capacity and who represents Heritage Ottawa on the LACACommittee.

Diane Holmes was subsequently elected by the new Board as President. Bill Keenan will continue as Treasurer and our most valuable Stella Kirk as Executive Secretary.

The new Board brings with it a multitude of bright new ideas. Volunteers are needed to help fulfil those ideas. As you can read throughout this issue of the Newsletter, anyone wishing to volunteer their services, professional skills, or ideas, are asked to contact Stella Kirk, Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Schoolhouse, 745-0551.

Heritage Ottawa has been involved in a great many activities this past year. Retiring President John Leaning presented those attending the Annual General Meeting with just a few; namely: the publication of "The Domestic Heritage of Ottawa" and walking tours of the City; representation on Local Council of Women, LACAC and Cartier Square Advisory Committee; support for Heritage Winnipeg's efforts to amend the Income Tax Act to be more favorable towards Heritage Conservation; contribution towards saving the First Avenue Public School from demolition; tours of the Nicholas Street Jail and the East Block; together with other organizations Heritage Ottawa organized a 10-week seminar on Residential Heritage Restoration. Certificates of Merit were presented to St. John Ambulance for their restoration of 312 Laurier Avenue, George Wilkes for the restoration of 112 Daly Avenue, and Clifford Ham, Heritage Planner for the City of Ottawa for his contribution towards preservation of our heritage during his employment at City Hall.

"COVERED BRIDGES"

Dr. Robert Forget's splendid photo exhibit of covered bridges in Eastern Canada continues at the Schoolhouse Gallery, 62 John Street.

If you haven't already seen the exhibit, a visit is well worthwhile as the unique photos give one a chance to linger over a view of Canada's past which is often overlooked in the course of a journey.

Dr. Forget is interested in supplementing his collection of photos of covered bridges and asks that members willing to lend their photos to be copied and returned phone Stella Kirk at 745-0551 at the Schoolhouse.

SCHOOLHOUSE LIBRARY

Board members are starting a reference library to be housed at the Fraser Schoolhouse. The main intent is to provide books on the architectural heritage of Ottawa for use by members.

Anyone knowing of books available for purchase for this purpose, or who may be in the position to donate such books, is asked to contact Stella Kirk, at 745-0551.

A volunteer to act as part-time librarian and help organize the library is also needed. Anyone interested in assuming these responsibilities is asked to contact Stella, as above.

DOCENTS

Volunteer docents are again required to receive visitors to the Schoolhouse Gallery Saturday and Sunday afternoons, September through June.

Anyone wishing to participate in this rewarding task is asked to call Irene Lackner at 232-7402, evenings.

FASHION SHOW WITH HERITAGE FLAVOUR

The Bay Company is sponsoring a showing of their new fall fashion line called "The Heritage Line", which focuses on a collection by noted Canadian designer Jean-Claude Poitras and will also feature a display of Canadiana period costumes.

The Show is being held for the benefit of Heritage Ottawa and will take place Saturday, September 13th in the Adam Room of the Château Laurier Hotel, with luncheon starting at 12 noon followed by the fashion show at 1:00 p.m.

The Adam Room will be decorated in an historical manner using photographs of early Ottawa.

Tickets are \$25.00 per person and may be purchased at The Bay, in The Mirror Room at the Rideau Street Store, and at the St. Laurent and Bayshore Stores. The purchase of tickets may also be arranged through Stella Kirk at 745-0551.

All members of Heritage Ottawa are encouraged to attend.

William Keenan

RIDEAU CANAL 150TH ANNIVERSARY

At a special meeting of the Board June 30th many possibilities for Heritage Ottawa participation in the celebrations for the Rideau Canal 150th Anniversary were discussed.

Among the projects nominated for consideration were: Children's Artwork/Pictures; Bus Tours to the locks for senior citizens; and an outdoor event, such as a Pops Concert, or Strawberry Social.

In order to carry out any or all of the above events volunteers are needed to form a planning committee to meet once a month starting this September.

Anyone interested in playing a major role in seeing these ideas to fruition is asked to contact the President, Diane Holmes at 232-4794 or Stella Kirk at 745-0551.

THE ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVANCY OF ONTARIO HOUSE TOUR

In the past, the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, Port Hope Branch, has organized several interesting and popular house tours. This year they have planned one to be held on Saturday, October 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Port Hope itself.

Six houses and one church will be open for viewing.

In order to encourage out-of-towners to spend the whole day exploring the city, a map indicating other points of interest will be available in the ticket. A picnic lunch may be purchased at Historic Penryn Park, and information regarding other places for lunch may be obtained at the Chamber of Commerce, 19 Queen Street.

Tickets for the tour are \$6.00 and may be ordered either in advance or purchased in the town on the day.

For further information please contact: The Magpie (1-416-885-6973) or write to Mrs. C. Moore, 15 King Street, Port Hope, Ontario L1A 3R3.