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HERITAGE OTTAWA NOVEMBER TALK

Monday, November 23rd members are invited to a talk by architect Barry Padolsky on the history and reconstruction of the building in which the Marble Works Restaurant is housed.

The talk will take place between 4:30 and 6:00 p.m. upstairs in the Restaurant which is located on Waller Street near Rideau. Coffee will be served.

For further information please contact Vera Campbell at 236-8009.

CARLETON UNIVERSITY TALK

"In Praise of Older Houses" is the title of a talk to be given November 4th at 7:00 p.m. by Helmut Schade, Program Director for Heritage Ottawa.

The talk will focus on the residential architecture in the Provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and will be presented in the Auditorium of the University's School of Architecture on Campus Avenue.

Refreshments will be served.

YOU BE THE JUDGE

Members are invited to be judges at the selection for a new photographic exhibit Saturday, October 31st at 2:00 p.m.

Following a wine and cheese reception guests will be asked to choose the best five from dozens of photographs of heritage buildings and scenes in and around Ottawa submitted by members of the Photo Club of Carleton University.

Prizes will be awarded by the Photo Club and the winning photos will be put on display at the Schoolhouse Gallery, 62 John Street.

For further information and to register your attendance please contact Stella Kirk, 745-0551 or Helmut Schade, 749-0862, or 231-6380.

"OTTAWA--THE CAPITAL OF CANADA" Book Review

The sign of a good book is one that is easy to read (looking up words means reading the dictionary not the book), has an interesting plot, and is replete with original facts.

"Ottawa--The Capital of Canada" by Shirley E. Woods Jr. is just such a book.

"Ottawa" reads well, doesn't jump around; it progresses through a logical history of the area without leaving the reader behind. The book is written in a style which includes the reader, makes him/her feel part of the past not a voyeur in the present.

Mr. Woods presents little-known facts about our history - such as the date of the arrival of the first white man at the site of the City of Ottawa.

In 1610, Etienne Brûlé was sent by Samuel de Champlain to live with the Huron Indians for the winter to learn their language. Champlain had expected great things from the scoundrel Brûlé but was greatly disappointed when he turned his back on the colony and chose to live an irresponsible life (as short as it was) among the savages.

Colonel By's second choice for the site of the Rideau Canal was just below Richmond Landing (between the Parliamentary Library and Nepean Point) and inherited its name from an incident that occurred there in the winter of 1819.

Tiberius Wright, Philemon's son, had arranged to be married in Hull by a Justice of the Peace from Perth. However, the Justice of the Peace was not authorized to marry people in Lower Canada, so the wedding party crossed the frozen Ottawa River to a sheltered cove on the south shore, where the ceremony was performed in the centre of a ring of sleighs...thus the name, "Sleigh Bay".

"Ottawa" is one of the "Romance of Canadian Cities Series" from Doubleday and is available from most bookstores and libraries. It is a book that, because of its many engaging anecdotes and useful

historical events is well worth a special place on your library shelf.

IN MEMORIUM

It is with regret that the Board of Directors announces the passing of Albert W. Adey on Monday, October 5th following a lengthy illness.

Albert has served on the Board for the past 3 years and will be greatly missed.

Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Adey and family.

NOTES FROM "THE ARCHIVIST"

The Public Archives reports in its publication "The archivist" (Sept./Oct.) that the de Ramezay family papers will soon be available for research purposes.

The papers, dating back to the sixteenth century, contain a wealth of original material relating to Canadian personages and were acquired by the Archives from the Bellanger bookstore in Nantes, France.

The existence of these documents, which comprise mainly property titles, military service lists and various family papers, was apparently known to Canadian historians at the turn of the century although no copies of the material ever reached Canada. During the last few decades, all trace of the material disappeared. While the location of the archives during the last two centuries has not been officially revealed, it is known that the documents belonged to the descendants of Antoine Bellot and Charlotte-Marguerite de Ramezay, the latter being the sole heir of Jean-Baptiste-Roch de Ramezay, last male holder of that name, who signed the surrender of Quebec in 1759.

The de Ramezay family papers will be microfilmed and available for research purposes at the Public Archives or through interlibrary loan.

Also reported in the Archivist, the largest purchase of early Canadian

maps has recently been made by the National Map Collection of the Archives. The 700 maps and atlases and 800 related books are the well-known private Canadiana Collection of the late Dr. Alexander E. MacDonald, a distinguished Canadian ophthalmologist who practised in Toronto until his death in 1977.

The collection focuses on maps of Canada and parts of the country (250 maps), but includes also about 100 general maps of North America, 50 of the Western Hemisphere, and 90 of the whole world.

Virtually all the major cartographers of the world whose maps show Canada in any way are represented.

"THE CITIZENS' JOURNAL"

Heritage Ottawa Directors voted to become founding members of a new non-profit publication entitled "The Citizens' Journal".

To be published monthly, The Journal will provide extensive analysis and commentary on issues of local significance. Planning, transportation, housing, the economy and a host of related topics will be considered, ensuring thoughtful coverage of the goings-on at City Hall and elsewhere within our city.

The Citizens' Journal has been spawned by the Municipal Education Co-operative a group of Ottawa residents who are committed to enhancing the quality of life within our community, resisting the mindless erosion of past gains while building an even stronger Ottawa through the 80's.

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Submissions for The Newsletter may be sent to: The Editor, 44 Carmichael Court, Kanata, Ontario K2K 1K2.

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A reminder that membership fees are now due. If you haven't already done so, please detach the form below and mail it together with your cheque or money order to: Heritage Ottawa, Memberships, P.O. Box 510, Station B, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5P6

HERITAGE OTTAWA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Renewal

New Membership

Individual \$7

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Student \$4

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