

...and this Year's ACO Marion Garland Award Goes to The "Clemes Duplex".

Port Hope, Ontario — March 29, 2007 — At the Port Hope Branch of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario's Annual General Meeting, at the Capitol Theatre, the annual Marion Garland Heritage Award was presented to two sets of recipients—*for the same structure!* The imposing double residence at 57/59 King Street, known as the "Clemes Duplex" was this year's choice for the annual award which honours preservation and restoration achievements in Port Hope.

The Duplex, which is owned by Leslee Argue and Duncan Greene (north half) and Christian and Patricia Boos (south half), has been chosen for the meticulous restoration of the building's highstyle front façade including the painstaking recreation of its original highly-ornate front porch, which had been replaced years ago by a very plain structure. Working from old photographs, the craftsmen were able to closely duplicate the original porch structure and restore the correct period look to the building's street face.

This stately building was built circa 1876 as a duplex for Marcus Fayette Whitehead. Whitehead died shortly after completing the house and it was sold to Charles Clemes, a town merchant, who resided on the southerly side with his wife while his son John Clemes lived in the northerly section. The building, with its distinctive Mansard roof, is one of the few local examples of the Second Empire style, which was very popular in Canada in the latter part of the 19th Century.

Originally named "The Port Hope Heritage Award" the award was renamed in 1998 as "The Marion Garland Heritage Award" to honour the late Marion Garland, of Thornhill, Ontario, who was a well-known leader in the preservation and restoration of heritage properties.

The Port Hope ACO is an organization committed to the maintenance and preservation of the historic sites and architecture in Port Hope. Towards this, the ACO organizes fundraising events in the area throughout the year, including the Annual Port Hope House

Tour, The Bi-Annual Garden Tour and the Antiques & Artifacts Auction and Tag Sale, which is to be held Sunday, April 15th at the Town Park Recreation Centre. Monies collected by the Port Hope ACO go towards grants and projects for the restoration of heritage designated buildings in the area and to a restoration arts scholarship fund.

The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario was founded in Toronto in 1933 by architect Eric Arthur to help preserve Ontario's architecturally significant landscapes and structures for future generations. There are eleven branches across Ontario of which the Port Hope ACO Branch is the largest and most active.

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Photo Caption: Richard Vincent, ACO President, presents 2007 Marion Garland Award to Christian and Patricia Boos.

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