

Port Hope Architectural Conservancy Announces Its 42nd Annual Fall House Tour

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The Port Hope Branch of The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario will be holding its 42nd Annual Port Hope Fall House Tour on September 29th, 2007 — featuring nine distinctive Port Hope homes, six of which have not been shown before. Port Hope is noted for its historic architecture and the tour attracts visitors from all over Ontario and the northern US.

Each year, the popular tour, first held in 1965, features buildings from the town's extensive stock of 19th century architecture as well as other buildings of architectural interest. This year's list includes several of Port Hope's distinctive "Ontario Cottages", a Georgian, a house under restoration, an 1850's "pebbledash" house, and a very interesting house built a hundred year's later in the 1950's.

Says House Tour Chair, Mary Trevor, "We try to put together a very diverse set of houses for these tours. This year, we have a good variety of mid-Victorian styles as well as a nice Georgian home, and for something different, we've added a charming house built in the 1950's — a few years ago, we had an ultra modern new home on the tour and it was a great success."

Tickets, at \$25 each, will be available for purchase in July at Acanthus Interiors; Antiques on Queen; Furby House Books; and Lampworks/Monograms in Port Hope, as well as at Days Gone Buy in Cobourg. They may also be ordered via mail, with a downloadable order form available on the ACO Port Hope web site: www.acoporthope.ca or by calling 905-885-7929.

Tickets traditionally sell out early, and those interested in taking the tour are advised to be sure to order before the end of August.

Monies collected by the Port Hope ACO Branch go towards grants and projects for the restoration of heritage designated buildings in the area and a restoration arts scholarship fund.

The ACO 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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