

ACO Matters

Architectural Conservancy of Ontario – Port Hope Branch

Newsletter – November 2011

President's Report Summer Fun

It was a wonderful summer, the highlight of our activities being the ACO BBQ, held at the home of Darlene King and Tom Cruickshank. It was a perfect summer evening, and everyone enjoyed seeing sheep and chickens and catching up on news.

Now that the fall colours are here, a number of events are on the ACO palette.

Central Pier Task Force

The Centre Pier Task Force is slated to present their final report to Council in October. Their interim report recommended the demolishing of the buildings on the Centre Pier. This recommendation was based on last minute, undocumented advice from Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI) which suggested that saving the buildings would add extraordinary cost and delay the cleanup process. ACO responded in writing to Council and the Task Force, as did many Port Hope residents. We await the outcome of the Task Force Report and hope we can convince Council to conduct a third party review of costs.

Heritage Business Improvement Area (HBIA)


We have initiated discussions with the Port Hope HBIA to determine how ACO may work with them to improve and restore downtown Walton Street. We would hate to lose the moniker of "The Best Preserved Main Street in Ontario". To start on this project, ACO paid to have the front of the Walton Hotel painted. ACO has also offered its assistance to St. John's Anglican Church in the restoration of the steeple. It requires extensive repair or removal. We believe this landmark steeple is an important heritage asset in the Town and thus support its restoration financially.

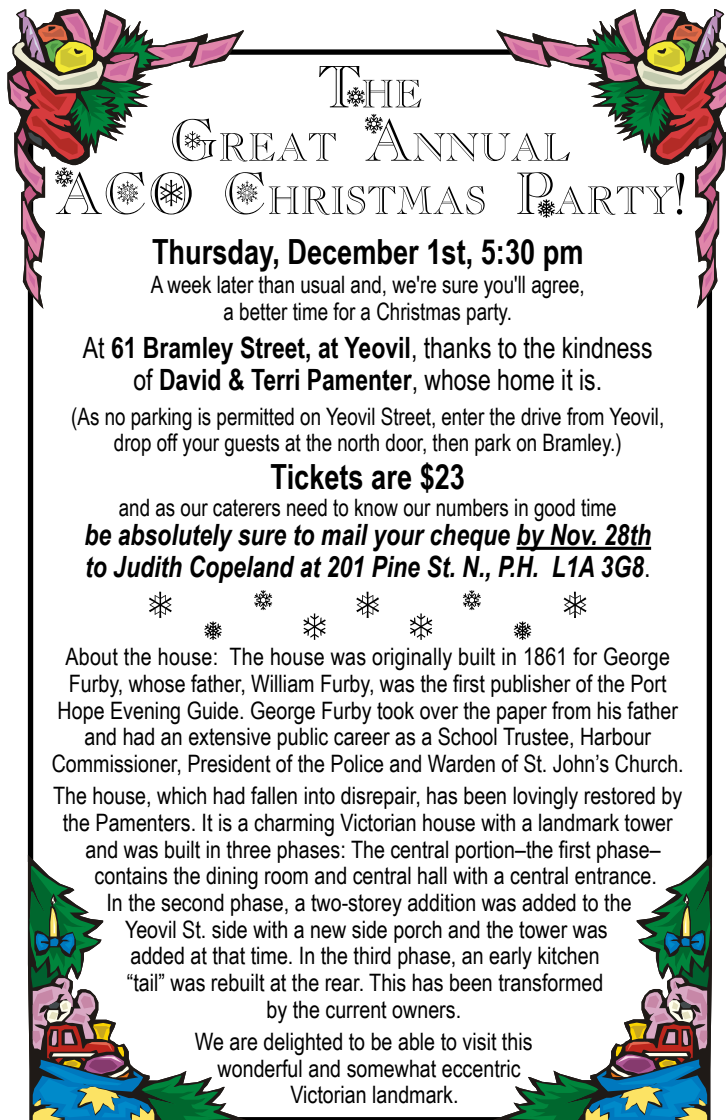
ACO Annual House Tour

The 46th Annual House Tour was held Saturday, October 1st. The day started out cold and windy, but by noon the sun came out and we had a glorious fall day. The visitors all seemed to be enthusiastic and loved the wide selection of houses on the tour and their proximity, meaning less driving. The churches all did a landslide business on the lunches. Our thanks go to the House Tour Co-Chairs, Blaise Gaetz and Lee Caswell and their Committee. Many thanks also to all the volunteers so necessary to making the tour run smoothly. Biggest thanks of all go to the homeowners who graciously allowed visitors into their homes and who all obviously spent endless hours preparing the houses so they showed to their best advantage.

We look forward to seeing the ACO Members at our Annual Christmas Party on December 1, 2011 (see this newsletter for details.)

Respectfully submitted,


Phillip H. Carter
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THE
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About the house: The house was originally built in 1861 for George Furby, whose father, William Furby, was the first publisher of the Port Hope Evening Guide. George Furby took over the paper from his father and had an extensive public career as a School Trustee, Harbour Commissioner, President of the Police and Warden of St. John's Church. The house, which had fallen into disrepair, has been lovingly restored by the Pamerteres. It is a charming Victorian house with a landmark tower and was built in three phases: The central portion—the first phase—contains the dining room and central hall with a central entrance. In the second phase, a two-storey addition was added to the Yeovil St. side with a new side porch and the tower was added at that time. In the third phase, an early kitchen "tail" was rebuilt at the rear. This has been transformed by the current owners.

We are delighted to be able to visit this wonderful and somewhat eccentric Victorian landmark.

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The ACO was incorporated in 1933 for the preservation of the best examples of architecture in the province and for the preservation of its places of natural beauty.

Call For New Board Members

The Board has established a Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of Director nominees for presentation at the Annual General Meeting, Thursday, February 24th, 2012. Open posts for 2012 include Branch Treasurer as well as Chairs of the Education and Communication portfolios.

If you have an interest in joining the Board, please leave us a message at 905-885-7929 before November 21st, 2011.

Taming Your Paper Monster! Newsletter Developments

"Keep the trees in the forest and out of your wastebasket", exhort the environmentalists; and "Rid yourself of paper clutter", "Tame your Paper Monster", counsel the orderly - all admirable suggestions. Plus of course, "save ACO funds for Projects rather than paper, printing and postage". So think about all these things if you're on E-mail, and if you haven't yet contacted Trish Doney at pdoney@sympatico.ca receiving the e-mailed ACO Matters, please consider it.

Meantime we are delighted to announce that we've had 43 requests for the E-mailed ACO Matters, so that's a great beginning.

And if you don't have Email, or really dislike reading electronic publications, please appreciate that we are very happy to send you ACO Matters by ordinary mail. We'd also like to point out that the newsletter is available on our website, kept up to the minute by Ken Burgin. Turn up ACO Port Hope, click on Newsletter, and then click on the most recent newsletter listed (they go back to 2006). It would be possible to leave it to the individual to look it up on the website all the time, but in every newsletter there's always something new and important that we want you to know about.

Patsy Beeson

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The 8th Annual Antiques & Artefacts Auction will be held Sunday April 22, 2012 at 1 pm - with Preview, Tag Sale, Chairs & Windows R' Us, and Silent Auction opening at 10 am. It will be held at the Town Park Recreation Centre, 62 McCaul Street, Port Hope. For more information or to arrange pickup or delivery of items, please contact Joan Tooke (905-885-1116) or Ed Pamenter (905-885-2737)

The 7th Annual Bus Tour

This is in the nature of a Heads Up rather than an announcement as the Annual Port Hope & Cobourg Bus Tour (or this time the Annual Cobourg and Port Hope Bus Tour, as we alternate and this year it's Cobourg's turn to lead and choose the venue) is at present 'still in the works'. It will take place at the end of April as always, but may be either of two places (both very appealing) and either of two dates. We are waiting to hear from people on the spot in both places before we decide.

The choice will be made shortly, but our experience earlier this year, when there were an unprecedented number of booking changes, has shown how incredibly changeable everyone's schedule can be when bookings are accepted well ahead of the event, so this time we will not be taking bookings until early 2012. We will let you know when booking opens.

Gail, Patsy & Honor

Getting Published in Our Pages

Have you an article that you'd like published in our pages? We have plenty of ideas ourselves for the feature page but we're always interested in submissions or suggestions from our members too.

Material for feature articles must be appropriate to the ACO's interests, be word-processed and available electronically, and must be between 700 and 1000 words. Illustrations are welcomed too.

If you have an article that you think would be of interest contact Patsy Beeson at pbeeson@eagle.ca.



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Friends of Wesleyville Time Flies For Our Chair

How time flies when you're busy. This could be the FOWV motto as it seems just yesterday was spring. This summer has seen the restoration of the church's stained glass windows and installation of the replacement threshold at the front entrance. At present painting of the exterior woodwork, metal roof and some interior woodwork is taking place. Before the snow flies, the brick clad basement entrance will be restored and for the not too distant future, plans are afoot to make the building accessible by means of an entrance and wash-rooms.

It is our plan to have the building used for community events—the first rental of the building by Herb Jung for a play reading and showing of his paintings successfully took place in September.

Our Jazz under the Stars with Michael Francis not only presented us with wonderful music but an opportunity to meet more supporters.


Kathryn McHolm, Chair

Yuletide Caroling at the Church

Mark your calendar now!
7 p.m., Sunday
December 4th.

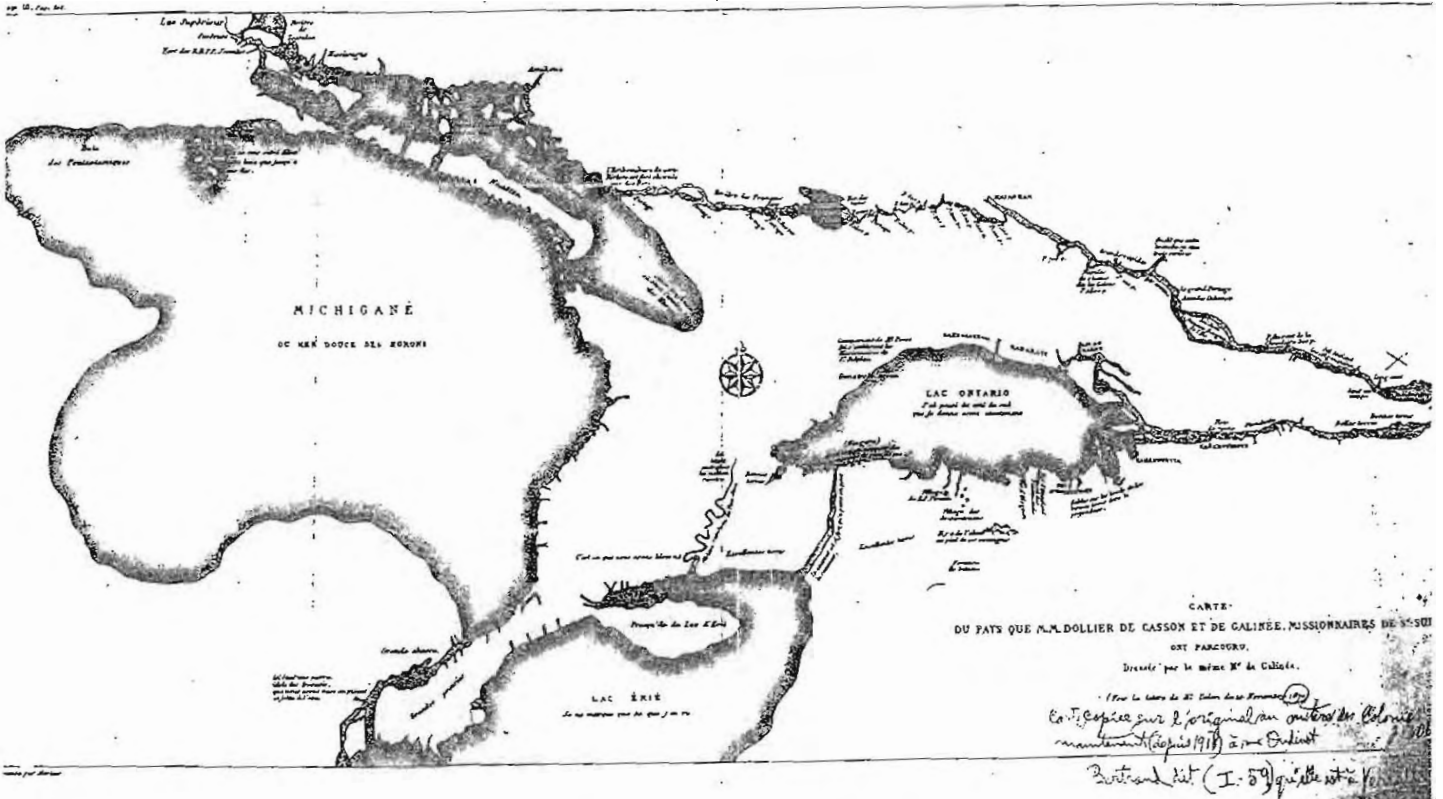
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The Sulpicians' Map by Heather MacKinnon

The mail box held the now familiar long white envelope with the blue logo in the top right hand corner next to the address, "Les Archives de les Prêtres de Saint Sulpice, 116 rue Notre Dame, Montreal". And, handwritten above the address, "Rolland Litalien p.s.s. archivist".

Inside was "The Map", the map that spelled out Ganaraské beside a river leading into the north side of Lake Ontario, with the date 1670. Father Litalien had sent

it to me after I wrote asking for information about the first Frenchmen who had come to the Northumberland area. The map covered a vast journey undertaken from the confluence of the Ottawa river with the St. Lawrence, down through Lakes Ontario and Erie, up the Detroit river to Lake Huron (on the map called Michicané), then via Georgian Bay to the French river, and back down the Ottawa river to the start. The map has not been published and remains in the possession of the Marine Department in Paris. 343 years have passed since it was drawn and traced. The title reads, "Carte du pays que M.M. Dollier de Casson et de Galinée, missionnaires de St. Sulpice, ont

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parcouru. Dressée par le meme Mr. de Galinée". (Map of the country traveled over by the Sulpician missionaries of St. Sulpice, Monsieur Dollier de Casson and Monsieur Galinée.)



Who were these men and who are the Sulpicians? François Dollier de Casson was a tall, young vigorous priest who had been a soldier before taking holy orders. His fellow priest, de Galinée, was also a mathematician, astrologer, and surveyor. The purpose of their trip was to explore the west and establish a Sulpician presence, to compete with the Jesuits with whom there was strong rivalry. In the end the Governor in Quebec ordered the Jesuits out of the Lake Ontario area and gave full support to the Sulpicians. Meantime there was continual war between the native tribes on both sides of the lake as they struggled to control the fur trade. A neutral band of Iroquois, the Cayugas, who had fled to the Kenté (Quinte) region, (at Weller Bay near Consecon) begged the French to send missionaries to their aid. The presence of priests would, they felt, deter attacks from across the lake, for the French had guns.

The French in this case were 'the Gentlemen of St. Sulpice' as they were then known. They were a small community established in Paris in 1642 by the curé of the church of St. Sulpice. Mainly from the nobility and haute bourgeoisie (the upper middle class) they did not take vows of poverty nor of obedience. Having their own money, they were able to establish themselves more or less freely in New France. They were elitist and their elitism included piety. Headquartered in Montreal, the Sulpicians were given the Island of Montreal as their seigneurie. Their seminary on Notre Dame Street, which is integral with Notre Dame Cathedral, is the oldest building in Montreal and dates from 1685. (see drawing)



SEMINARY

The aim of the Sulpicians was to convert the Indians and integrate them into the society of New France. And it was in that context that du Casson and Gelinée set off on their immense exploration. They travelled in three canoes on this highly arduous journey and would never have survived without the help of the Indians. The map contains descriptions of the land they paddled past. Here - "good land"; there - "bitumin", and most fascinating of all at a camp near Pointe Pelée, Galinée writes "Here was a stone idol of the Iroquois, and we broke it into pieces and threw them into the water".

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The Sulpicians believe it was d'Urfé who spent one winter at the village near the present Port Hope. On one trip back to Quebec, Fénélon was shown the map of Galinée and was able to fill in the north shore details. It would have been Fénélon who wrote in "Ganaraské". The town of Fénélon Falls is named for him. One can imagine him describing the falls to another explorer, then the latter observing that those must be the falls Fénélon spoke of, and after that they were just Fénélon's Falls.

The priests served for three years, then were followed by other recruits. However, the mission at Kenté lasted only 11 years, from 1668 until 1680, when it was reluctantly closed to the deep distress of Trouvé, as the men were needed in Montreal.

The Old French Regime contains Canada's most exciting history. It is all here, in the time of Louis XIV: war, exploration, court intrigue, lawlessness, gallantry and glamour. It was during this period that the great canoe trips to discover the West began, La Salle, Marquette and Jolliet leading the way, with the Le Moyne brothers and La Verandrye behind them.

In their birch bark canoes they mapped the continent from the Gaspé to New Orleans.

Salut!

Report on the Summer Barbecue

On August 11 the ACO board of directors threw the annual Summer Barbecue at the home of Tom and Darlene Cruickshank. After anxious hours looking at the sky for storms and wind during the set-up, nature agreed to put on a delightful evening -sunshine, light winds and an agreeable temperature. The Cruickshank's lovely Victorian farmhouse and garden were a perfect setting and Tom had set up a historical information display re the farm. All the board contributed as a team to the event, with set-up, food contributions and welcoming our guests. Thanks to everyone for contributing and participating.

Judith Copeland

Port Hope ACO House Tour 2011

The 46th Annual House Tour took place Oct 1, 2011. The day began with a tree down, blocking the road near one of the houses on Baldwin St. This happened about 6 am and the town had it removed before the tour began at 10am. The weather early on looked gloomy but it cleared and a wonderful tour day began.

This year the houses were all located in town, Ward 1, and all west of the river. The ticket was printed with suggested parking areas as many houses were in clusters. The tour could be walked in its entirety or cars could be moved once or twice. This worked very well and cut down on huge amounts of traffic.

75% of the homes on the Tour had never been seen before; no mean feat in our small town, but a great show of civic pride! And proud we should be of the diverse architectural housing stock we possess. The tour was well received and the lunches and teas reported great attendance.

Some 150 volunteers made the day a success as well, acting as ambassadors for our town and making all run smoothly. 'Policing volunteers' at a couple of bottle-necks also insured a safe and efficient day for all.

We are busy wrapping up 2011 and looking forward to another year ahead, with planning beginning almost immediately. Special thanks to our hard working committee, small in numbers, but mighty they are!

Lee Caswell & Blaise Gaetz, Co-Chairs



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The Italianate Style, Part 2

In the February issue we provided Dr. Corbett's Inn, originally built as the Bank of Upper Canada, as a very good illustration of the Italianate style, exhibiting all the characteristics—the overhanging eaves with prominent decorative brackets underneath, and the somewhat rounded window tops—which characterize it.

As we mentioned then, the style was very popular in the United States and expresses the wealth once characteristic of the old towns along the Erie Canal in northern New York State.

Port Hope has several examples of the style over and above Dr. Corbett's Inn.

The most evident is the St. Lawrence Apartments on Walton Street, an early example of the style and the most significant building on the main street. Notice the



Photo courtesy of the Heritage Port Hope Advisory Committee brackets under the elaborate cornice and, as in Dr. Corbett's Inn, the way in which the iron window surrounds decrease in grandeur from the second floor up. It was originally designed in 1853 as the St. Lawrence Hotel by Merwin Austin, the Rochester architect responsible for Port Hope's 1851 Town Hall. It, like its New York coun-

terparts, represents boom times in Port Hope. Three new railways, the Grand Trunk, the Midland and the Northern, were enriching this little town, and the St. Lawrence provided accommodation for the better-off travellers and visiting businessmen who were now arriving to engage in commerce in Port Hope.

'Rail business' expressed itself in stylish homes built around town.

'Idalia', at the foot of Victoria Street on the hill overlooking the lake, with a turret specially positioned to enjoy the lovely view, is a splendid Italianate example of 1869. Sadly its glorious pink stucco form is all-but-impossible for passers-by to see. Brackets supporting the cornice, vigorously rounded window tops, and a campanile or tower, attest to the style.

Dumbarton Hall is Italianate too, but a very different take on the style from Idalia. Near the top of Walton Street opposite the Catholic Church, this large, somewhat stolid, red-brick building with its heavy, bracketed roof-line would be decidedly plain but for a wealth of delicate gingerbread and cast iron filigree which adds a playful air. It is understood to have been built by the Burnham family, early settlers in Cobourg and still known for their farm market between Cobourg and Port Hope.

Somewhat in the same vein as Dumbarton Hall is Belgrave, on the north side of Peter Street, flanked by its distinctive water tower. It too has the heavy bracketed roof line, and flurries of filigree above bow windows, roof and front porch, but most of the windows are rectilinear. It was built in 1866 for John Helm, owner of an iron foundry in downtown Port Hope.

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 Thursday Dec. 1st (see p. 1 for details)
FOWV Yuletide Carolling at Wesleyville Church
 7 p.m. on December 4th (see p. 3 for details)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 Thursday Feb. 23rd at the Capitol Theatre.
ANTIQUES & ARTIFACTS
 Sunday April 22nd (see p. 3 for details)
ANNUAL APRIL BUS TOUR
 Exact date and place to be announced.

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Annual memberships in the ACO, Port Hope Branch are due each January 1st. Membership cut-off is July each year. The Port Hope Branch of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario is financed through membership fees and voluntary contributions which are tax deductible. Additional funds are raised through the annual House Tour, Biennial Garden Tour, Antiques & Artifacts Auction and other fund raising initiatives. Educational programs, including bus/walking tours of Port Hope and other learning forums are part of our yearly program. Each member is invited to participate in branch and provincial activities. Membership also includes a subscription to *Acorn*, the provincial ACO publication, and *ACO Matters*, our Port Hope Chapter publication.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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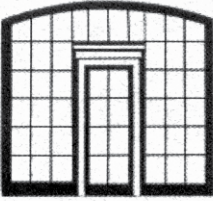
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