

## **Port Hope Architectural Conservancy to Introduce a New Book at Fall Fair**

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The Port Hope Branch of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario will be launching a new book, *Symbols of Our Past*, Friday evening, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at its display in the Fall Fair Building at this year's Port Hope Fall Fair.

The research for the book, which is an inventory of buildings of historic or architectural significance in Hope Township, was originally commissioned by the Port Hope ACO in 1982 but never published. At that time, with a grant from the *Summer Canada Student Employment Program*, students were dispatched around Hope Township to photograph and record the details of houses, which met pre-established historical or architectural criteria. Unfortunately the material was mislaid, but in 2005 the text and photos were re-discovered and since then ACO members Gerald and Joan Tooke have spent many hours scanning the photographs and lightly editing the text to turn the research into a reference book.

Says Gerald Tooke, "This will be a wonderful resource for anyone interested in our local architectural legacy. It's all the more interesting to see how many of these houses have evolved since the research was done in 1982."

A first edition of 250 copies of the 160-page book has been printed and each will sell for \$20 at the fair, (\$25 thereafter). The book will also be available as a CD-Rom for \$15. Following the close of the fair, the book will be sold at Furby House Books on Walton Street.

At some time in the future, the Port Hope ACO plans to produce a companion book on the historic and architecturally significant houses in the *town* of Port Hope.

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, founded in 1953, is the largest and most active.

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