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Newsletter November 2007

From the Board of Directors

ACO Port Hope said “au revoir” and many thanks to President Richard Vincent as he prepared to move to Ottawa at the end of October. Sue Stickley has taken over as President until the annual general meeting in February of 2008, and we are grateful for her experienced leadership. We also welcome Susan Carmichael as House Tour Chair, and thank Gerald Tooke for resuming the position of Newsletter editor.

At the February AGM the following positions must be filled in addition to that of President. We extend an invitation to each of our members to consider standing for election to one of the following positions. The Board of Directors meets the first Thursday of each month at the Caretaker's Cottage. All terms are for two years. Brief position descriptions follow.

Vice-President:

- Attends meetings of the Board of Directors
- Chairs meetings in the absence of the President
- Fulfills other duties as requested by the Board
- Assumes the duties of President upon completion of the President's term

Social Convener

- Attends meetings of the Board of Directors
- Organizes the annual BBQ and Christmas Party
- Organizes other ACO social functions upon request

Member-at-Large and Representative to ACO Council

- Attends meetings of the Board of Directors
- Represents Port Hope on the provincial ACO Council. The Council meets 4 times a year on Saturdays
- Fulfills other duties as requested by the Board

For more information about these positions or to register your interest, please call Mary Trevor at 905-885-5006. The Nominating Committee consists of Richard Vincent, Peter Rungay and Mary Trevor.

Other Updates

Helen Strathy: 1922 to 2007

ACO Port Hope lost a member and good friend with the passing of Helen Strathy on July 21, 2007.

Helen was a great supporter of St John's Anglican Church in Port Hope and of ACO Port Hope. She was also past President of the Red Cross.

Until recently she was the voice of the ACO. She answered the ACO phone line from her home, separated the messages and provided information to callers. Helen also arranged and supervised the ACO's myriad of social functions for many years. She was a member of many House Tour committees and assisted Penny Purcell with the mail orders.

To honour Helen, the Board of Directors decided to plant a Pin Oak in the St. John's section of the cemetery next to the Caretaker's Cottage. This was done on November 7, 2007.

ACO Archives

Please check your home, office and/or files for material which could be placed in the archives of ACO Port Hope. If you are in doubt as to whether or not this information is useful to the ACO, please assume that it is. Contact Joan Tooke at 905-885-1116 to arrange for pickup or delivery.

From Georgian to Vernacular

From Georgian to Vernacular was launched at the House Tour on September 29, 2007. It is now available at Furby's in Port Hope for \$30. Why not put it on your Christmas list and/or give it to family and friends?

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“Heritage Port Hope” Representative

Ed Pamerter

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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 protection of its places of natural beauty.

11TH BIENNIAL GARDEN TOUR, JULY 7, 2007

The Garden Tour committee was told that 2007 was the “best ever” tour. We have decided that the choice of gardens was good, but gardeners are getting better. There is an increased consciousness of good garden design and the varied elements that make a style appropriate for an individual site.

The committee salutes the owners of the 2007 gardens: Barb and Bob Moore, Jeannette and Raymond Eters, Susan Carmichael and Carlos Goncalves, Christa Bisanz and Brian MacFarlane, Timothy Badgley and Dean Howlett, Rick Sullivan and David King, Mary and Rodney Adamson, Bonnie and Barry Walker, Lois Richardson and Don White, Marilyn and Paul Martin.

Promotionally, the bookmarks worked well, especially at the Peterborough *Love of Gardening* Show. We tried using more nurseries as retail outlets and found it not work the effort. In-town retail was more successful.

Financially, the Garden Tour was more profitable than 2005 due to increased attendance (approximately 400) and an increase in the ticket price from \$15 to \$20. A profit of \$7500 has been given to ACO Port Hope.

The committee has agreed to organize a 2009 Garden Tour. Many gardens have been identified and will be reviewed in June/July 2008. Several people have offered to be part of the 2008/2009 committee.

This report was submitted by Lou Pamerter, Chair for the 2007 Garden Tour Committee, – Betty DeLong, Hester Edmonds, Diane Laird, Barbara and Dick Lesueur, Leanora Holmes, Rohaise Nicholls, Ed Pamerter, Daphne Svenningson.



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Commemorating our French and Native Heritage

Ground-breaking research by the ACO's Heather MacKinnon is turning the pages of Port Hope's history back over a century to the first European missionaries and the Cayuga village where they lived and worked between 1668 and 1680.


With the support of the Port Hope Branch of the ACO, Heather has applied to the Ontario Heritage Foundation for a historic plaque to be erected by the Ganaraska River in honour of the three Sulpician fathers who visited Port Hope to live amongst the Goyugouin Cayuga, one of the five nations of the Iroquois Confederacy. Heather's enthusiasm for the earliest French explorers has been enhanced by her visits to the Sulpician Monastery in Montreal where she researched diaries of French missionaries and developed a deep respect for the courage and dedication they embodied.

Fathers Marcel Trouvé, François Salignac de la Mothe Fénélon, and François Lascaris d'Urfé worked from a mission camp at Kenté (located near the Murray Canal) and traveled for eleven years with their Indian friends from village to village. Port Hope with its river teaming with salmon was definitely a seasonal home to at least one of the Fathers and many aboriginal people.

If we are successful in having a plaque approved, everyone will be invited to celebrate Port Hope's "French connection."

Sue Sticklely

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ACO Port Hope House Tour September 29, 2007

The 42nd annual House Tour took place September 29th. The weather co-operated beautifully, and 1400 people enjoyed visiting nine homes and St. John's Anglican Church. The following homes were showcased:

42 South Street, the uniquely preserved rectory for St. John's Church;

233 Walton Street, Richard Vincent's beautiful Ontario Cottage;

187 Walton Street, "Albion House" home of Paul and Kevin Crowley. This completely renovated home was previously known at Upper Town Inn;

350 Lakeshore Road, Brand Farm House, home of Charles Wickett who has added a very sympathetic addition to the rear of this home since it was last seen;

9 Sullivan Street, worthy of a revisit to see the recent and legendary magic of Tim Badgley and Dean Howlett;

13 Church Street, the William Trick Checkered Cottage, a work in progress, discovered and uncovered by Lee Caswell and Blaise Gaetz;

309 Ridout Street, the lovely 1950's home of Doug and Penny Burgess;

96 Pine Street South, the well-preserved Arts and Crafts home of Steve Leach and Candee Forest was recently designated and dates from 1848;

84 Dorset Street West, the fascinating 1850's home of Chris Montgomery and Darrell Leeson, also well worth the revisit.

We cannot thank our home owners enough for their generosity in allowing Port Hope ACO to show their homes.

The 2007 House Tour was made possible by a wonderful and hugely talented committee: Penny Purcell, Carrol Dizenback, Sue West, Mary Jane Preston and Daphne Svenningson. Many thanks also to Ross Purcell and Tony Trevor for delivering and picking up the boards and balloons/delivering lunch boxes to the homeowners on the day of the tour.



2007 House Tour (continued)

Additional thanks goes to Ken Burgin for his advertising/media assistance, the updating of the web site, and his fabulous article in *Go Magazine*. Alex Levin is given special thanks for her help delivering the posters in the downtown area and for her assistance with the media gift bags. Close to 3000 volunteers hours were contributed towards this event. All proceeds stay in Port Hope for the ACO's restoration projects.

The House Tour relies heavily on Port Hope residents for their patience with our visitors. We also appreciate the support of the various departments of the Municipality of Port Hope. We give a very special vote of thanks to Holton's Flowers, St. Lawrence Flowers and Kathryn McHolm for the flower arrangements. We are grateful to Furby's Book Store, Antiques on Queen, Monogrammes/Lampworks, Acanthus Interiors and Days Gone Buy for acting as our ticket agents. We thank all our advertisers and volunteers. The Tour would not be possible without such tremendous support.

This was my third and final year as chair of this very special Port Hope signature event. I have been privileged to meet and work with some wonderful people, and have many great memories (and the odd nightmare!). While I shall miss the interaction, I am pleased to hand over the Tour into the very capable hands of Susan Carmichael. I know that you will give her the same support you gave to me.

Mary Trevor, Chair, 2007 ACO House Tour



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Lost Cobourg will feature quaint cottages, grand summer houses and Rob's amazing knowledge of the town's architectural and social history. This slide presentation is a must see for those interested in the town's rich architectural and historical past.

St. Peter's Church Auditorium, King Street East, Cobourg. Tuesday, November 27, 7:30pm. Admission is \$5.

Heritage Bus Trip to Kingston

Join other Port Hope and Cobourg ACO members on our third trip to explore another heritage area of Ontario. This time, in response to requests, we are travelling to Kingston. This city's heritage is well grounded in both its university and military establishments. It was also an early leader in terms of adaptive re-use of heritage buildings, and we plan this to be the focus of our visit.

The date of the trip is tentatively set for Wednesday, April 30th. If you would like to be kept informed please contact Gail Rayment, either by phone - 905-377-0536 or by email at gail.rayment@sympatico.ca.

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Antiques & Artifacts, 4th Edition

Sunday April 13, 2008 at the Town Park Recreation Centre, Port Hope with auctioneer Les Brittan. More information will follow, but we are now busy receiving and cataloguing donations including some interesting pieces from a London, Ontario supporter. To donate items for the auction or the tag sale, please contact Ed Pamerter at 905-885-2737. Storage is available. Below is a set of eight glass (yes!) dessert bowls all ready for bids!



Kudos to the Port Hope Archives

On November 10, 2007, Port Hope Archives lauched a reprint of an important 1919 publication, *Book of Remembrance, A Record of the men of Port Hope who participated in the Great Was of 1914-1918*. Two copies were originally created in 1919 through the work of Rev. James A. Elliott and his committee. These copies, originally held by the Town/Library and the Legion, are now deposited with the Port Hope Archives.

The Archives is to be congratulated not only for reprinting the original publication, but also for adding additional material including a selection of "Letters from the Front" reprinted from the *Port Hope Evening Guide* and information on patriotic groups and activities in Port Hope during the war years.

Copies of *Book of Remembrance* are available from the Port Hope Archives for \$30. A \$25 family memberships in the Archives would also make a good seasonal gift.

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ACO PORT HOPE TAKES ACTION

WALTON STREET COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

Port Hope's Walton Street is recognized across Ontario for the quality of its 19th century architecture. Unfortunately, an early morning fire last June caused significant damage to several of the buildings along the south side just west of Queen Street. Although the damage was largely restricted to the interiors of the upper floors some damage is visible to the brick facades.

Sue Stickley, ACO President, remembers that the ACO Port Hope has long advocated for the restoration of the upper floors of Walton Street's commercial buildings. Although the fire has been traumatic for the affected owners, tenants, and businesses, it did create an opportunity to upgrade the facades of those buildings as the needed repairs to the structure take place.

The Board saw that restoring the windows would be a perfect fit with ACO's mandate and offered financial support for the replacement of damaged front windows on the second and third floors. These reproduction windows will replicate the original 19th windows .

Even before the fire occurred, many of the upper windows had been replaced with windows of unsuitable styles of later eras. ACO Port Hope appointed Phil Carter and Peter Rungay as a committee to work with the owners to help them obtain and install suitable window replacements.

Architect and ACO Board member, Phil Carter, stated "When it comes to building restoration, if the windows are not right, nothing

looks right. This is an opportunity to put back some important original architectural detail that's been missing for a long time."

Walton Hotel Restoration

The ACO recently announced a similar grant to the owner of the former Walton Hotel, which is currently undergoing restoration. The building, owned by Ron Christopher of Peterborough, is in the midst of extensive reconstruction. Mr. Christopher plans to restore the building to its original appearance and reopen it as a "boutique" hotel with ground floor shops extending down John Street and hotel suites on the upper floors.

As in the case of the fire-damaged buildings, funds provided by the ACO will go towards the replication of original window sash as well as recreation of the missing first floor cornice on the building's front just above street level.

Phil Carter, speaking for the Board, said "We're glad to have the opportunity to help out. This 'cornerstone' building stands at the intersection of Walton and John, right in the centre of town, and we're thrilled to see it being restored. It will be a huge asset to our main street when completed."

Mr. Christopher expressed his pleasure in having the support of the ACO. He acknowledged that this help will ensure that the building's restored appearance will be as close to the original as possible.

Funds for both projects will be provided upon satisfactory completion of the work.

PORT HOPE ARCHIVES

Earlier this year, ACO Port Hope gave a grant of \$10,000 to the Port Hope Archives to assist with an identified need for a records stage upgrade for its growing collection. The current shelving was, in fact, in danger of collapse. The grant will cover the costs of new, specially constructed archival storage and make more efficient use of the space available in its historic Mill Street building.

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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, Antique & Artifacts Auction and other fund raising initiatives. Educational programmes 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 publication, and to ACO MATTERS, our Port Hope publication. Please send your cheque to:

- ☉ Individual membership: \$30.00
- ☉ Family membership: \$35.00
- ☉ Organization membership: \$40.00
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Antiques & Artifacts

The 2008 ACO Port Hope Auction will be held on Sunday, April 13th, 2008 at the Port Hope Town Park Recreation Centre. Do you or any of your friends have any great pieces that you are willing to donate for a tax receipt to either the tag sale or the auction?

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