

Kingston Historical Society



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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

With the beginning of his seventh year as editor of THEN, Jim Warren and his ever-patient wife Florrie extend the warmest of good wishes to each member of the Kingston Historical Society with the hope that we shall all enjoy a pleasant and productive year ahead.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1998

January is always our time of renewal as we elect new officers to our executive or, if not, new faces to old jobs. 1996 and 1997 were difficult years for our Society with the loss of key members and the disruption of regular routines. This year, changes may be expected which we hope will strengthen and enlarge the Society and make it more effective in the years ahead.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on the fourth Wednesday, 28 January 1988 at 7.30 pm, upstairs in the Wilson Room of the Kingston ublic Library, 130 Johnson Street,

Under the Chair of Past President Bill Fitsell, a slate of nominations for office has been compiled and it appears at the end of the newsletter for your consideration. You are always welcome to nominate someone else at the meeting, but please ensure that she or he is willing to serve.

There will also be an interesting show-and-tell of historic artifacts and, of course, goodies and fellowship.

OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Marine Museum made a splendid setting for our Christmas meeting. Jack Pike presented our annual Awards to Isobel and Bogart Trumpour for their remarkable contributions to our Society over the years, and to the family of our late President Joe Boucher, who worked so hard in more recent times.

Afterward, Brit Smith provided an amusing commentary on the preparation of his book Legend of the Lake, about the 22 Gun Brig-Sloop Ontario which sank in a storm off Carleton Island in 1780. Its illustrations and lines drawings of the ship create a vivid picture of the



Of course, there was wine, cheese and sweeties for all, the latter courtesy of Bea Corbett. Our thanks to all who helped make the party a success.

CHANGING STYLES 1800 to 2000

As part of the Quill program, Jim Warren will be presenting a visual panorama of changing styles in architecture, furniture, interiors, costume and products from 1800 to the present, with colourful slides and spirited discussion. The six-part series will be held in Ongwanada, 191 Portsmouth Avenue, on Tuesday afternoons from 1.30 to 3.30:

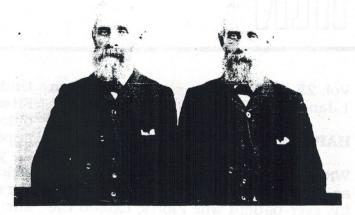
Jan. 13 The Victorian Era Jan. 20 Art Nouveau/Arts and Crafts Jan. 27 The Bauhaus and Art Deco Feb. 3 Post War to the Sixties

Feb. 10 The Psychedelic Sixties Feb, 17 Curious Trends in Design

Interested? Call Jim Warren at 544-7410 for more information. To subscribe to Queen's Institute for Lifelong Learning, send your cheque for \$30 to A.McMillan, QUILL, Queen's University, Kingston K7L 3N6. We hope you will join us.

EARLY PHOTOGRAPHY KINGSTON

Jennifer McKendry, photographer, lecturer and architectural historian, has produced a second edition of her successful book Early Photography in Kingston. The first edition sold out and won a prize in 1980 from the National Film Board of Canada. The revised edition reveals fascinating images of our city's people and places from the mid 19th to the early 20th century. Over 60 professional photographers are described from the first itinerant daguerreotypists to such better-known people as James Powell, Henry Henderson and Sheldon & Davis.



Illustrations include ambrotypes, daguerrotypes, calotypes, cartes de visite, cabinet cards, paper prints and a marvellous portrait of the identical Baillie Brothers, printers from the late 19th century.

The book is only \$15 if you buy it from Jennifer at the January meeting. Add \$3 if by mail from: Jennifer McKendry, 1 Baiden Street, Kingston ON K7M 2J7. Or Phone (613) 544-9535. You will enjoy it!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are delighted to welcome new members who, we hope, will reveal themselves at our January meeting, show and tell, as it were. They are Ted Luhtala of 1033 Bauder Cres.; Mr. and Mrs. C.M.Stevenson at 4295 Bath Road; Maurice Smith, Executive Director of the Marine Museum of the Great Lakes, who lives at 218 Green Bay Road; and Susan and Warren Everett at 253 Willingdon Avenue. Together with last month's four new members, we now have ten to add to our rolls. A happy new year to each one of us.

HISTORICAL COLOURING BOOK

Our first efforts to publish a historical colouring book for kids has received its first rejection, the fault of your

humble Publications Chair (Warren) who should have realized that it is necessary to submit a presentable dummy of the book, not just a glowing concept. Back to the drawing board when new year business has been attended to.

CHAIRMEN, CHAIRPERSONS, ETC.

Whatever you call them, the load on their shoulders will be shared in the new year by asking two or three people to assist each Chair. Here is your chance to help out in an area of interest without having to assume the main job. To draw on knowledgeable people when no volunteers come forward, each Chair may wish to call on persons outside our membership. The important thing is to get the job done and let others howl.

WE SALUTE ED GRENDA

Little-appreciated outside executive meetings, Ed Grenda has filled several posts in the Society in the absence of volunteers. His most important has been Vice President Preservation, the euphemistic title by which we identify the head of the Murney Tower Museum. He also agreed to act as our Recording Secretary, preparing Minutes of our Executive Meetings, and began a review of our Constitution and by-laws with Joe Boucher and Wally Breck before they were obliged to resign in poor health. We appreciate all he has done and hope that, with a new year, he will be free of some of these duties. Any volunteers?

GENEALOGISTS MEETING

The next meeting of the Kingston Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society will be held at 9.45 am on Saturday 17 January in the downtown Kingston Public Library. The speaker will be Paul Banfield and his subject will be Using Anglican Church Archives. Paul serves both the Anglican Archives and the Archives of Queen's University. All are welcome.

LENNOX & ADDINGTON's IS 75

We are pleased to extend our congratulations to the Lennox & Addington Historical Society on their 75th Anniversary. Their society was founded on 9 May 1907 by business man Clarence M. Warner.

KENTÉ PORTAGE SOCIETY

You are invited to lend your support to the efforts of the Kenté Portage Heritage Conservation Society as they raise money to save old Fort Kenté at the western end of Carrying Place, the neck of land which joins Prince Edward County to the mainland. The 1813 blockhouse has been rebuilt by hundreds of citizens, businesses and clubs since the society was formed in 1989. Unfortunately, the land on which it rested was to be sold, and the fort was moved across the street, still facing Weller's Bay. However its new location is again privately owned, and funds are needed to purchase its new site.

If you can help, send your cheque to Kenté Portage Heritage Conservation Society, Kenté Portage, Carrying Place RR 2 Ont. KOK 1LO. Or call Paul Germain (613) 394-2313 for more information.



NOMINATIONS for 1998

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Past President Lou Grimshaw
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Vice President Publications Jim Warren Treasurer

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Editor, Newsletter THEN Jim Warren

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Marjorie Simmons

Doug Petty Jack Pike Terry Hicks

Stuart Renfrew

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Nomination Bill Fitsell
Program Jim Warren

Publicity Margaret O'Meara Sir John A. Service George Henderson

Plaques John Grenville
Welcome Bea Corbett

Social

Heritage Action

Constitutional Review

PLEASE NOTE: All members attending our Annual Meeting are most welcome to nominate alternative candidates to those noted above. Please, however, ensure that your nominee is willing to serve. We encourage your participation.