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ARTIFACT CONSERVATION

Our October guest speaker is Krysia E. Spirydowicz, Assistant Professor of Artifact Conservation in Queen's Art Conservation program. Armed with degrees in classical languages and archaeology from the University of Alberta, she has practiced and taught her craft in Rome, Canada, Israel, Sudan and Iran. For the past three summers she has been senior conservator for the Gordion Furniture Project in Ankara, Turkey. This will preserve a remarkable collection of richly-decorated wooden furniture from about 700 B.C. (see example above) thought to belong to the legendary King Midas of Phrygia. Prof. Spirydowicz has a broad knowledge of conservation methods in a diverse range of artifact materials. Her talk will be especially interesting to our members. Come to our usual location, upstairs in the Wilson Room of the Kingston Public Library at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday 21 October.

HAPPY LANDINGS

Don Connelly, aviation artist and our September guest speaker, presented a fascinating account of the history of aviation in Kingston and the care with which the aviation artist must depict the aircraft, the terrain below and the weather conditions if his work is to appear authentic. Slides of his paintings and preliminary sketches showed his successful methods. While Don Connelly's story will appear in *Historic Kingston*, highlights of his aviation chronology will be of interest:

1835 Unmanned hot air balloon rises behind Farmer's Hotel, Kingston.

1840 Prof. Steiner rises from Tete du Pont Barracks in a hydrogen balloon Europa, landing in New York State.

1912 Charles Walsh pilots a 60 hp Curtiss Pusher aeroplane from Kingston fairgrounds to Fort Henry.

1913 William Luckey (sic) crashes a Curtiss Hydroplane into the sea wall off Emily Street, injuring two people.

1928 Curtiss-Reid sets up a charter and training hanger in Barriefield, flying a Curtiss Robin float plane.

1929 Colourful con man Capt. Janney buys two Travel Air 2000s to start a commercial venture which fails. He sells one, flies the other down Princess Street and around City Hall before surrendering to the sheriff. His aircraft survives in Ottawa's National Aeronautical Collection.

1929 Kingston Flying Club is organized in north Kingston flying DeHaviland Moths. Highly successful airshows are held in 1929, 1930 and 1931 featuring as many as 118 visiting American military and civilian aircraft and 25,000 spectators. After 1932, Capt. Harry Free, flying instructor, keeps the club afloat during the Depression by barnstorming and farming.

1930 Gigantic airship R100 visits Kingston en route from Britain, its 700 foot long silver body cruising low above City Hall.

1933 Twenty-five twin-hulled Italian Savoia-Marchetti flying boats pass overhead en route to Chicago.

1934 RAF Hawker Fury biplane fighters display precision aerobatics above Kingston.

1941 Wartime Service Flying Training School established at Collins Bay (now Norman Rogers Airport) to train pilots for the Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm and the Royal Canadian Air Force. They fly Fairey Battle and Harvard aircraft. The old municipal airport shuts down, the field to accommodate the Alcan plant. Postwar, Civilian flying returns to the Kingston Flying Club at first in war surplus Fleet Canucks, today Cessnas, Pipers and homebuilts. To get a feeling for aviation in the thirties, see the videos *The Aviator* (1985) or *The Rocketeer* (1991). You'll never want to walk again.

QUEEN'S ARCHIVES

Our member Stewart Renfrew has been appointed Archivist (Technical Services) in Queen's Archives where he will be responsible for pictorials, genealogy and the archives of Kingston City and Kingston General Hospital. Stewart recently took an MA in bibliography publishing

and textual studies from the University of Leeds in England. He is developing a history of Collins Bay and is the author of one of our historical vignettes on the Canadian Locomotive Company, once Kingston's largest employer.

OLD HISTORIC KINGSTONS

Thanks to Curator Adrienne Holierhoek, our attic in Queen's Archives is in better order, and cartons of old volumes of Historic Kingston are more readily accessible. These annual records of our monthly lectures are an invaluable resource for history teachers, writers and historians. Volumes 1 to 14 (1952 to 1965) are no longer available except, sometimes, in better used bookstores. There are a precious few of Vols. 15 to 19. However there are dozens of Vols. 20 through 40, as well as the 3 indexes for Vols. 1-20, Vols. 21-25 and Vols. 26-33.

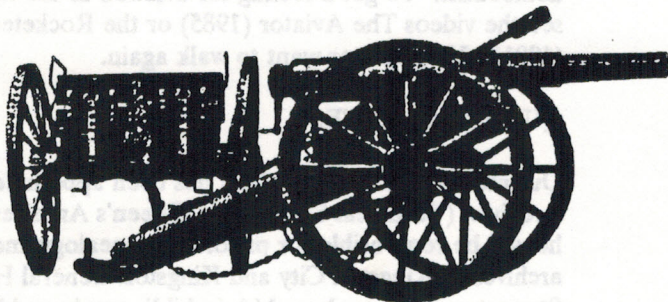
Prices are as follows, payable to the Kingston Historical Society:

Vols. 20 to 33	\$ 4.95 ea.
Vols. 34 to 36	12.00 ea.
Vols. 37 to 38	15.00 ea.
Vols. 39 to 40	3.00 ea.

To place your order, write to the Society, address above, and tag your envelope 'Publications'. Do it soon!

THE PRICE OF LOYALTY

Applicants for new membership in the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada are well advised to act before 1 January 1993, when the membership and initiation fees will rise to \$62. from \$47., due to an increased share to the Dominion Association in Toronto. Local branch dues may also rise. Membership includes, each year, two issues of The Loyalist Gazette and five issues of the Branch newsletter Cataraqui Loyalist Town Crier, edited by John Chard. Direct your enquiries to Mrs. Sharon Cadieux, UELA, Box 635, Kingston K7L 4X1.



SAVE THE GUNS

With the Murney Tower shut down for the winter, the defence of Kingston from American naval bombardment must depend on Fort Henry. How alarming, then, to learn that its two 1862 6 prd. Armstrong guns have developed cracks in their barrels and must be replaced with accurate reproductions at a cost of \$50,000. Given the uncertainty of the American elections, and ex-navy George Bush's anxiety to stand tall in foreign wars, your donations are urgently needed. Cheques payable to the Armstrong Fund will be graciously accepted by the Fort Henry Guard Club of Canada Box 1955, Kingston K7L 5J7.

LAKEVIEW MANOR AWAKES

Portsmouth's famous Lakeview Manor was padlocked in 1989, its dancing girls were disbanded and it has remained empty ever since. However the original building is of historical significance beneath its layers of psychedelic paint. It was the stately home of the Fisher family, movers and shakers of Portsmouth's extensive industrial development in the nineteenth century. James Fisher, born in Scotland in 1818, established a sawmill at the foot of Yonge Street (then Main Street) in 1841, built a marine railway nearby in 1852 and purchased the large Portsmouth Brewery there in 1855. He was a member of Portsmouth's first town council in 1859. His home was a one-storey stucco cottage in which his wife Eliza raised eight children. When he died in 1880, his son John built the red brick mansion that is now the Lakeview Manor. Alterations over the years have destroyed its historical integrity, yet efforts by the Dacon Corporation may revitalize the area. They propose a townhouse development and have invited proposals for an archaeological dig in the area before presenting the project for council approval. Stay tuned for further discoveries.

HERITAGE MINUTES

What do Emily Carr, Jacques Plante, Wilder Penfield, Nellie McClung and Superman have in common? Each is the subject of a 60 second television vignette which you and 32 million other Canadians may have seen on the tube or in Cineplex-Odeon movie houses. There are forty of these Heritage Minutes so far, mini-dramas about significant Canadians and events in our history, beautifully produced, and sponsored by Canada Post, Power Broadcasting, Weston's, McDonald's and all Canadian broadcasters. Initiated by the CRB Foundation in Montreal, the Heritage Project has been expanded to include VHS video cassettes, a newsletter for teachers, a postcard collection and plans for future video disks,

CD-ROM applications, interactive kiosks at airports and eventually an electronic encyclopedia of Canadian heritage and history. Research for these projects has been undertaken at Queen's and Simon Fraser Universities in collaboration with curriculum administrators across the country. If you seek further information, phone the CRB Foundation at 1(800) 567-1867 or write to Box 1867 Kingston K7L 5J7.

REPORT FROM CATARAQUI

Musketman Tex Joyner, Cataraqui Detachment, 2nd Battalion, King's Royal Regiment of New York, thinks he has found the earliest signs of the welfare state. Cataraqui Magistrate D.L. Cartwright writes to Sir John Johnson on 22 Dec. 1787: "Humanity will not allow us to omit the necessity of appointing an Overseer of the Poor and the provisioning for persons of that description who, from age or accident, may be regarded as helpless." And who did Cartright see as the chief provisioner, we wonder.

ADD YOUR IDEAS