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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Welcome back to the world of post-holiday reality and an opportunity to take stock. January, of course, is the time for our Annual General Meeting, the election of a new Executive and Council and share speculation about personal historical artifacts. On a separate sheet, we list the Nomination Committee's recommendations for office, which you are welcome to challenge at the meeting.

The date is Wednesday 22 January at the Wilson Room of the Kingston Central Library at 7.30 pm.

The next Executive Meeting is a week earlier on 15 January at Fort Frontenac. Not 3 hours long we hope.

CHRISTMAS PAST

Our Christmas party at the Canadian Forces Communications and Electronics Museum, accompanied by members of the Pittsburgh Historical Society, was a warm and comfortable affair with tasty wine and treats, a guided tour of the splendid new building and the presentation of our annual KHS Awards.

This year we honoured:

Margaret M. Cohoe, our own long-serving, hard-working and good-hearted member who has been involved in nearly every aspect of our Society's operations for more than twenty years.

Second, Gary Shultz, a teacher and now Principal with the Frontenac County Board of Education who has shown extraordinary leadership in the curricular development of local history in our primary schools and some outstanding work in the successful Kingston Regional Heritage Fairs in 1995 and 1996.

Third, the directors, staff and benefactors of the Communications and Electronics Museum itself, a quite remarkable effort over several years by many dedicated people in and out of the Canadian Forces.

The Awards were inaugurated during our centennial year 1993 in recognition of outstanding contributions to the preservation and interpretation of local history.

PRISON FARM AND QUARRY

For those unable to attend our November meeting, our speaker was member Bill Patterson whose father was manager of the vast prison farm of Kingston Penitentiary during Bill's early childhood.

The farm covered 325 acres in what is now Queen's western campus and Sir John A. Macdonald Boulevard from the Kingston Centre to the south. Its 100 dairy cattle, 400 pigs, 28 horses and acres of produce were worked by the prisoners to feed and service the inmates. Read more about it in *Historic Kingston*, later in the year.

DONATIONS FROM MEMBERS

Elizabeth Silliman, a Life Member living in Sarnia, was the first to respond to President Joe Boucher's appeal for donations and bequests from members. She sent us a cheque for \$1000 along with kind words for the newsletter, for which our thanks. Elizabeth's grandfather John Mudie had the first telephone in Kingston. Her father's father was John Watson of Queen's John Watson Hall who then lived in a part of Summerhill. Her parents, grandparents and one pair of great-grandparents are buried at Cataraqui. We are happy to report that some relatives are alive and living in Kingston.

For all donations over-and-above regular membership fees you will receive a receipt for income tax purposes with our gratitude.

MURNEY TOWER MUSEUM

A new Murney Tower Committee has emerged since the tragic death of Ken Rutherford. The new Chair is Ed Grenda, supported by Doug Petty, Peter Gray, Desmond O'Meara, Bill Fittsell, Bev Lazier as Treasurer and Joe Boucher ex officio.

We welcome Sarah Gibson as our new Chief Interpreter. She has served admirably on the museum staff for three years. Meanwhile, Parks Canada is carrying out extensive restoration on the outer and inner walls of the museum, including the caponiers. The proposal to floodlight our museum would cost about \$5000. Any takers?

SESQUICENTENNIAL PLUS

The sesquicentennial of the City of Kingston is over, but Bill Fittsell's coin project continues to generate revenue.

Rather than repeat the extensive financial details, we add our congratulations to all who helped and note that our 'trade dollar' has now become an even more valuable 'collectible'. There are still a few left for keen investors out there.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Membership has risen slightly to 127 regular and 50 life members, including complimentary memberships to Peter Gray, Bernard Burdsall, Chris Rosser and Sarah Gibson for many services rendered.

In an upcoming issue of THEN we would like to include a list of all our members by name and telephone number. If you prefer to have your name or number omitted, please call editor Jim Warren at 544-7410.

PUBLICATIONS

Six of our members have donated back copies of Historic Kingston to the Society for resale by Margaret Burdsall. If you, too, have unwanted copies, call her at 531-8948.

Our historical vignettes continue to sell briskly at a dollar a piece. In the new year, your editor hopes to add new titles, revise some of the old and add the Society's address to all of them. At the end of this THEN we have appended a list of the fifteen titles plus one in the works.

FRIENDS IN PITTSBURGH

At the 20th Anniversary meeting of the Pittsburgh Historical Society, nine people were named as 20 year members. We particularly congratulate two who are also members of our (103 year old!) Society, Sharon Cadieux and Marjorie Simmons. Cheers to both.

WATERFRONT ARTWORK

Nan Yeomans informs us of an exhibition of her early on-the-spot drawings and watercolours of our waterfront in the 1950s. They are on view in the foyer of the Central Public Library during January 1997.

PHOTOS IN THE ARCHIVES

Stewart Renfrew of Queen's Archives has sent us a gracious note of thanks for underwriting the cost of converting 250 glass plate negatives in the Vosper Collection, circa 1900, into contact prints. The archives conservator (conservatrix?) Margaret Bignell and Stewart are working slowly and carefully through this collection so that this important pictorial record will be more readily available to the historical community.

Slyly, he asks whether we would like to assist the Archives in sorting and fund-raising for the contact printing of the 200,000 negatives donated to the Archives by George Lilley. Now retired in Toronto at 78, George's remarkable pictorial record of Kingston covers the years from 1940 to 1970. His 1948 aerial views of the Kingston waterfront, for example, are a particularly interesting and sharply focused view of the postwar scene. Stewart Renfrew's number: 545-2378.

STELLA BUCK BUILDING

Good news. Restoration of the stonework inside and outside the Stella Buck building is now complete. Architects have been hired to complete the interior to meet current building codes. Unfortunately, the Cataraqui Archaeological Research Foundation will spend another winter without running water, though their spirits and enthusiasm continue unabated.

ONTARIO GENEALOGISTS

On Saturday 18 January the Kingston Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society will have as its guest speaker Margaret Bignall, Queen's Archives conservator who will shed light on 'Preserving Your Family Heirlooms'. Meetings are held at 9.30 am in the Wilson Room, Central Public Library, 130 Johnson Street.

Visitors are always welcome and you may join members for lunch and discussion afterwards in a local restaurant, dutch treat we presume.

CENTRAL LIBRARY HOURS

The Kingston Public Library Board and Local 2202 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees are pleased to announce that Sunday operation from 1 to 5 pm is in effect until mid-April 1977. We, too, are pleased.

USEFUL FACTS FOR LOYALISTS

The Prince Edward Historical Society reminds us that King George III was born 1738 in London, married Charlotte of Mecklenburgh, and died in 1820, somewhat mad. They had no fewer than fifteen children, many of whose names have survived to identify settlements in Ontario and elsewhere in Canada.

In chronological order they were George (later King George IV), Frederick, William, Charlotte, Edward (father of Queen Victoria), Augusta, Elizabeth, Ernest, Augustus, Adolphus, Mary, Sophia, Octavius, Alfred and little Amelia.

We thought you would want to know this information in case you are questioned at an unusually tedious cocktail party.

HISTORICAL VIGNETTES

During our centennial year 1993, your editor produced fifteen leaflets, each touching on an aspect of Kingston history, written and illustrated for primary school students. Each is available for one dollar from Margaret Burdsall at 531-8948. Here is the list of titles and authors:



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Aboriginal Life Around Kingston

Molly Brant, Mohawk Loyalist

French Nobility at Cataraqui

Surveying Loyalist Settlements

Rev. John Stuart, Loyalist Preacher

Merchant Mansions

Kingston to York by Stagecoach

On the Kingston Waterfront

Murney Tower

Kingston Street Railway

Pump House Steam Museum

Canadian Locomotive Company

Kingston Shipyards in World War II

British Army in Kingston 1783-1870

Naval Base at Kingston 1812

Kingston History in a Nutshell

Additional titles are being considered.
We would welcome your suggestions.
Call Jim Warren at 544-7410.

Hugh Daechsel

Earl Thomas

Wallace G. Breck

Joe Boucher

Sylvia Waller

Yvonne Scott

Mark Mihorean

Patricia Fleming

James Warren

Bill Thomson

Colleen Rock

James Warren

Maurice D. Smith

Louis E. Grimshaw

Richard A. Preston

James Warren (now in production)

1997 NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE

Bill Fittsell, Chair of our Nominating Committee, makes the following recommendations for office in 1997. These are to be ratified at our Annual General Meeting 22 January 1997.

Past President	Bill Fittsell	549-8354
President	Joe Boucher	548-8181
Vice President Programs	Lou Grimshaw	549-2500
Vice President Preservation (Museum)	Ed Grenda	544-3715
Vice President Publications	Jim Warren	544-7410
Recording Secretary	Ed Grenda	544-3715
Treasurer	Desmond O'Meara	546-5439
Membership Chair	Open for a volunteer	
Publicity Chair	Open for another volunteer	
Editor Historic Kingston	Donald Redmond	546-7728
Editor THEN Newsletter	Jim Warren	544-7410
Members of Council	Marjorie Simmons	542-9847
	Bea Corbett	544-7165
	Wallace Breck	544-4876
	Doug Petty	546-0422
	Jack Pike	546-9187
Murney Tower Museum Chair	Ed Grenda	544-3715
Curator	Doug Petty	546-0422
Treasurer	Beverley Lazier	542-7012
Chief Interpreter (Staff position)	Sarah Gibson	

PROGRAMS FOR 1997

Wed. 22 January	Annual General Meeting: Elections and Members' Show and Tell
Wed. 19 February	Early Black Community in Kingston Mr. Rick Neilson
Wed. 19 March	Infant Feeding Practices 1944 to 1989 Ms. Elizabeth Bardon
Wed. 16 April	The Brother Islands Mr. Stewart Renfrew
Wed. 21 May	KGH as a National Treasure Dr. James Low
Fri. 6 June	Sir John A. Macdonald Memorial Service at Cataraqui
Summer Break	
Wed. 17 September	19th Century Kingston Bottlers Mr. David Dobing
Wed. 15 October	Place Names of Lennox & Addington Mr. Michael Dawber
Wed. 19 November	Irish Potato Famine and Immigration Mr. Tony O'Loughlin
TBA December	Annual Winter Party Time and place not yet known
Wed. 28 January 1998	Annual General Meeting once again.