

Heritage Ottawa

CP/PO Box 510, Station B, Ottawa Ontario

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Monday, April 26, 1976, 8:00 p.m.

LaSalle Academy Auditorium
Ministry of State for Urban Affairs
373 Sussex Drive
(Conference Room, 4th Floor. Enter by
Guiges Street entrance.)

Speaker: John Leaning, Architect

Subject: "The LaSalle Academy, Adapting
Old Buildings for New Uses"

The talk will be followed by a tour of the
renovated building.

FUTURE MEETING

The May meeting will be the annual general
meeting of Heritage Ottawa and will be held
on Monday, May 17th at 8:00 p.m. at the
Museum of Man. After the business meeting
Mr. John Stewart, Period Landscape Architect,
will give an illustrated talk on the
original plans to landscape Parliament Hill.

NOMINATIONS

Mr. Robert Haig is Chairman of the Nominating
Committee for the election of officers at
the annual meeting, and would be pleased
to receive suggestions and offers -
phone 733-0201.

EXHIBITIONS

Two exhibitions at the Heritage Ottawa
Gallery at the Fraser Schoolhouse, 62 John
Street are recommended to members. The
present show is "Heritage Engineering" from
April 4 to May 9. The other will be "The
Architecture of W.E. Noffke, F.R.A.I.C." from
May 16 to June 20, 1976.

The Gallery is open every Saturday and
Sunday from 1-5 p.m.

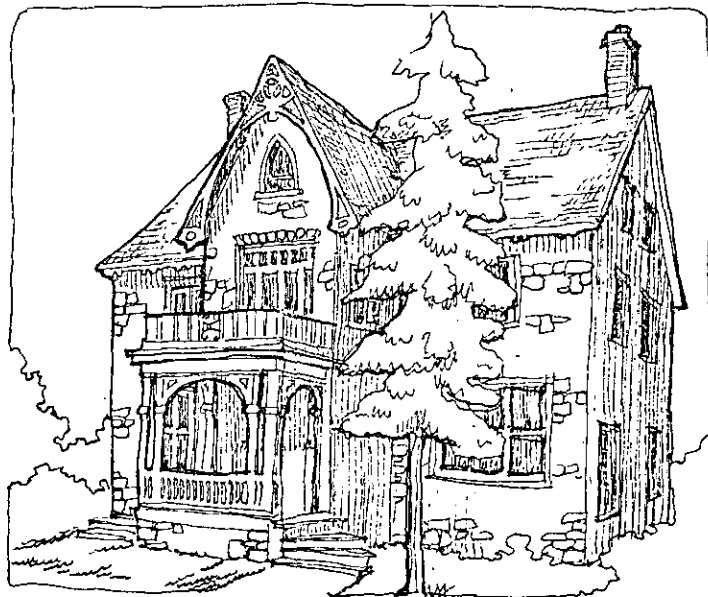
CENTENNIAL OF MACKAY UNITED CHURCH

We remind you that the church is presenting
a Centennial Historical Display, in con-
junction with the annual City of Ottawa
Spring Flower Show, in the foyer of the
City Hall, April 25th to May 6th.

A brief ceremony opening the exhibition will
be held on Sunday, April 25 at 2:30 p.m.

CENTRETOWN PLAN

The City of Ottawa has applied to the Ontario
Municipal Board for approval of By-law
247-75, which is designed to encourage the
retention and redevelopment of a viable
residentially oriented community within the
inner city area (this the Centretown Plan).
Heritage Ottawa has advised the City Clerk
that it supports the By-law and it has
applied to speak on its behalf if there is
a hearing. Any citizen who wishes to support
this By-law by appearing at the hearing may
do so by writing to A.T. Hastey, City Clerk,
City Hall, 111 Sussex Drive, Ottawa K1N 5A1,
before April 16, 1976.



"ECHO BANK", 700 ECHO DRIVE, OTTAWA

CARE AND RESTORATION OF OLDER HOMES

Heritage Ottawa and Sandy Hill Heritage
Committee are co-sponsoring a series of
five public lectures by Restoration Archi-
tects on the above subject. The talks will
be given every Wednesday night, May 5th
to June 3rd inclusive, 8:00 p.m. at the
Sandy Hill Community Centre, 250 Somerset
Street East.

Lecturers:

Nigel Hutchins, Algonquin College
Edward MacFarlane, D.I.N.A.
Martin Weaver, D.I.N.A.
Martin Weil, D.I.N.A.
Brian Wyles, Algonquin College
Other guest experts and contractors

For further information call Michael Tiger
at 996-5614 (days).

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DOOMED BUILDINGS

The following heritage buildings will be demolished shortly to make way for a twenty-seven storey office tower at 262 Rideau Street, east of the Dworkins Fur Building.

262-264 Rideau - Rideau Street Klothes Korner
A 1½ storey stone structure built in the 1870's. This stone building is of heritage quality.

213-215 Besserer - Early twentieth century brick double house.

217 Besserer - 2½ storey, nineteenth century, brick, centre hall residence. This house is of heritage value.

223-225 Besserer - 2 storey, nineteenth century, double brick residence of heritage value.

These buildings were left unprotected because this area was not included in the Sandy Hill Development Study. Since no official study has been made of this area neither the buildings or the districts were given heritage designation by the City.

Ironically, the owners of the new building are attempting to purchase the air rights over the gas station at the corner of Rideau and King Edward in order to increase the height of their building. The use of selling the air rights over a building was developed to protect heritage structures.

The twenty-seven storey structure will destroy the residential character of Besserer Street. There are numerous structures along the south side of the street whose preservation and renovation will be seriously compromised by the intrusion of the office tower. Buildings in danger include 204-208, 216, 218, 224 and 226 Besserer.

A fine heritage street is now doomed.

SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF ARCHITECTURE IN CANADA

This society is holding its second annual meeting at Laval University in Quebec City from Monday, May 24th to Friday, May 28th inclusive. Non-members may receive more information by calling Martin Weil, 996-4065. The theme of this convention is Architecture in Canada during the period 1885-1915.

TAPE LIBRARY

Mary Findlay continues interviewing senior citizens about their recollections of their early days in the Ottawa area. These conversations are recorded on tapes, and a modest library of these tapes is taking shape. There are tapes concerning the following aspects of our heritage: LeBreton Flats, Rideau Street Fifty Years Ago, The Ice Slide by the Chateau Laurier, The Great Fire of 2900. It is hoped that these tapes will be used as a resource by people interested in heritage projects. Mary would be pleased to hear from persons interested in hearing the tapes and from persons interested in being interviewed. Call 234-1239.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

We are pleased to confirm that Heritage Ottawa has received its registration number from the Department of National Revenue and is now able, as a charitable organization, to issue receipts for donations received in order that donors may deduct the amount from their taxable income as a charitable donation.

ARCHVILLE HALL - OPEN HOUSE

The Ottawa East citizens association is holding an OPEN HOUSE at the Archville Hall on Saturday, May 1st from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

There will be bake sales, rummage sales, and tables for sale and distribution of books, programs, information etc. Coffee and sandwiches will be served at the local social event, which is held to establish an awareness of the significance of the Hall to the community.

GALLERY DOCENTS

We have had a rewarding response to our call for volunteers to serve as docents at the Schoolhouse Gallery. Among those taking part are:

Mrs. Gillian Adams
Mrs. Helen Annetts
Mrs. Judy Burns
Miss Effie Curry
Mrs. Harry Kidd
Mrs. Mary Laidler
Miss Marion Meech
Mrs. Bonnie Pace
Mrs. E.P. Thompson

Others who may wish to volunteer to assist in some way should call Mrs. Gertrude Holt, 232-1393.

VICTORIAN SOCIETY TOUR

The society will be holding its eleventh annual Anglo-American study tour of Victorian architecture in East Anglia and the Dukeries in England from July 9 to July 18, 1976. The tour will visit country houses, two cathedrals and some major Victorian churches and a number of industrial monuments. North Americans are invited, the cost of the tour is \$320 per person not including transportation. Preliminary enquiries may be addressed to: The Executive Director, The Victorian Society in America, The Athanaeum, East Washington Square, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106, or to: The Secretary, The Victorian Society, 1 Priory Gardens, Bedford Park, London, W4 1TT. Bookings must be received in England by April 30, 1976.

SECRETARY WANTED

The Society for the Study of Architecture in Canada is looking for a bilingual Executive Secretary to work four to five hours a week. Duties include maintaining membership records, financial records, correspondence with members, and assistance in organizing meetings. Salary is \$4.00 per hour up to \$100.00 per month. Contact SSAC President, Martin Weil, 996-1166.