

# NEWSLETTER

October 19, 1977

## OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

The Alexandra Bridge and Other Heritage Bridges in Ottawa will be the topic of an illustrated talk by Jacques Beauchamp, Chief Bridge Engineer, Department of Public Works, at this month's meeting - Wednesday, October 26.

Members are invited to meet at 8:00 in the City Archives Building, 174 Stanley Avenue, New Edinburgh. Formerly the St. Vincent de Paul Separate School, and built ca. 1930 with additions in 1960, the building has recently been adapted for archive use. Buses No. 3 and 83 serve the area.

## HERITAGE OTTAWA GALLERY

"Looking Back - The Jewish Community in Ottawa." This collection of photographs, artifacts and memorabilia organized by the Jewish Historical Society of Ottawa will open at the Heritage Ottawa Gallery, Fraser Schoolhouse, on Sunday, October 30. The Gallery is open every Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 until 5:00. Volunteer docents are needed. Please telephone either Stella Kirk at 745-0551 or Lois Williams at 235-4104 if you would like to help staff the Gallery.

Throughout the summer months, while the David A. Blackman Collection of Canadiana was on exhibit, more than 700 visitors signed the Guest Book. They had come from every province, eleven American states, most European countries, Trinidad, South America, Japan, New Zealand and Australia.

## BILLINGS HOUSE MEETING

Those who attended the September 28 meeting of Heritage Ottawa at the Billings House were no doubt impressed by the large group that thronged there for a glimpse of this intriguing property. Regrettably, the accommodations for visitors were inadequate, and many people were inconvenienced. On the positive side however, the unexpected numbers have indicated the degree of interest and enthusiasm that exists in the City for our heritage buildings. Let it not be said that Ottawans don't care about their history. City staff have promised more chairs for the October 26 meeting at the Archives Building!

## PAINT AND DECORATIVE FINISHES IN HERITAGE BUILDINGS - TWO SEMINARS

Date and Place: Monday, November 21, 8:00 p.m., Algonquin College, Lees Avenue Campus

Topic: Techniques of identifying, conserving, and restoring the original paint finishes in heritage buildings.

Speaker: Nigel Hutchins, restoration contractor, antiquarian and teaching master of the Restoration Program, St. Lawrence College.

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Date and Place: Monday, November 28, 8:00 p.m. Algonquin College, Lees Avenue Campus

Topic: Paint, wallpaper and other decorative finishes used in heritage buildings from the early nineteenth century to the early twentieth century.

Speaker: Dorothy Duncan, Heritage Administration Branch, Ministry of Culture and Recreation, Government of Ontario.

## MEMBERSHIPS

Members will have received notification that it is RENEWAL time for memberships. Please complete the form that you received, and send it with your cheque to P.O. Box 510, Station B, Ottawa. You may have noticed a slight fee increase; it was necessary to cover the rise in printing and mailing costs connected with the monthly Newsletter. The Board of Directors, in an effort to keep the increase reasonable, recommended against issuing membership cards, and hope that members will agree with this economy measure.

Please encourage friends, neighbours and colleagues to support the activities of Heritage Ottawa by enrolling as members. Pass on this Newsletter, or phone Stella Kirk at 745-0551 and ask that another be mailed to someone you think would like to join Heritage Ottawa. Check the list of activities in which Heritage Ottawa was involved last year - it's a good reminder of the amount of work being undertaken by the membership, and the respect with which Heritage Ottawa is held in the community.

## HERITAGE OTTAWA ACTIVITIES 1976-77

### Exhibitions - Fraser Schoolhouse Gallery

The Architecture of W.E. Noffke  
Restoration Technology Programme -  
Algonquin College  
Disciples of Colonel By  
Beaver Motifs  
Ottawa Heritage Sculpture  
Ottawa Valley Weavers' Guild  
Conservation in Britain

### Seminars

Maintaining, Renovating and  
Restoring Heritage Houses.  
Architectural Style, Construction,  
Maintenance and Restoration of  
Stone and Log Houses in the  
Ottawa Valley.  
Heritage Ottawa Antiques Forum.

### Lectures

"The Capitol Theatre and Other Movie  
Palaces." Hilary Russell.  
"The Architectural Inventory Group."  
Lynda White, David Rankin, Nancy  
Burgoyne.  
"The Billings House." Elizabeth  
Elliott.  
"The Pearson Building, Future  
Heritage." James O'Hara.

### Projects

Architectural Inventory Group -  
sponsored by the Ontario Heritage  
Foundation, Public Archives of  
Canada, Ontario Association of  
Architects, and the Society for  
the Study of Architecture in  
Canada.  
Rideau Corridor Architectural  
Details - funded by Parks Canada  
Heritage Ball - funded partially by  
the City of Ottawa, and assisted  
by the Governor General's  
Footguards.  
Bytown Heritage Development Corpora-  
tion.  
Heritage Day - Certificates of  
Recognition  
Sales booths at Fairs and Shows.

### Tours

Aylmer, Quebec; Earnscliffe; Rideau  
Hall; East Block.

### Participation

City of Ottawa - 150th Anniversary  
Committee  
City of Ottawa Local Architectural  
Conservation Advisory Committee  
New Life for Old Buildings Confer-  
ence - Kingston

### Support for Endangered Structures

Panet House, 189 Laurier Ave. E.  
Stadacona, 395 Laurier Ave. E.  
Le Bistro Restaurant, Bay and Queen  
Streets  
183 - 187 Rideau Street  
St. Andrew's Church, Wellington and  
Kent Streets  
Billings House  
Armstrong House  
Nicholas Street Gaol  
George Dow House, 217 Besserer Street  
CKOY - Clark House, 635 Richmond Road  
Martin Terrace - King Edward Avenue

## HERITAGE NEWS AT LARGE

- Heritage Week has been postponed because of Mayor Greenberg's recent absence from work.
- Gertrude Holt and Jenny Morgan represented Heritage Ottawa at the meeting of Heritage Canada's Eastern Regional Council in Cornwall on October 15.
- Heritage Ottawa has been invited to serve on the Board of Directors of the Ottawa Heritage Development Corporation. Joan Mackie represented Heritage Ottawa on the pro-tem committee which worked to establish the Corporation.
- The Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee will have vacancies at the end of the year. Heritage Ottawa members may want to suggest names of persons to serve on this committee. Contact Bob Haig at 995-9908 for information.
- A group of lawyers has offered to renovate the Registry Office on Nicholas Street for their use.
- Building in danger: Mosgrove School, 2976 Richmond Road. This old stone school was recently purchased by Mr. John Steenbakker. Its future is in question.
- Heritage Ottawa is sponsoring a tour of New Edinburgh on October 26 for the spouses of delegates to the Spectrography Society meeting. Mrs. A.L. Ashton, Historian of Mackay United Church, kindly offered to conduct the tour. Heritage Ottawa members should bear in mind that Heritage Tours may be arranged, for a fee, for groups wishing to explore the city.
- Heritage Ottawa will be holding a Heritage House Tour in the autumn of 1978. Planning for this event is well underway. The committee, under the leadership of Jenny Morgan, has consulted with other groups in the province that have previously held successful tours - they have been to Perth and consulted with a group in Kingston and in Ottawa. If any members or their friends own a heritage house and would consider allowing it to be shown on the tour, please contact Jenny Morgan at 234-1756.

### NEWS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Have you news to contribute to the Newsletter? Please pass it on to Joan Mackie, 236 Queen Elizabeth Drive, phone 238-4607.