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APRIL MEETINGS

DATE: Thursday, April 19, 1979
8:00 p.m.

and

Thursday, April 26, 1979
8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Sandy Hill Community Centre
250 Somerset Street East

The two lectures will present different aspects on the topic of restoring and rehabilitating heritage landscapes. Susan Buggy, an historian with the National Historic Sites Branch of Parks Canada, will speak on the first evening, April 19, about the history of gardens and methods for researching them. On the second evening, April 26, John Stewart, a landscape architect with Parks Canada's Engineering and Architecture Branch, will talk about procedures for setting out period gardens and historic landscapes.

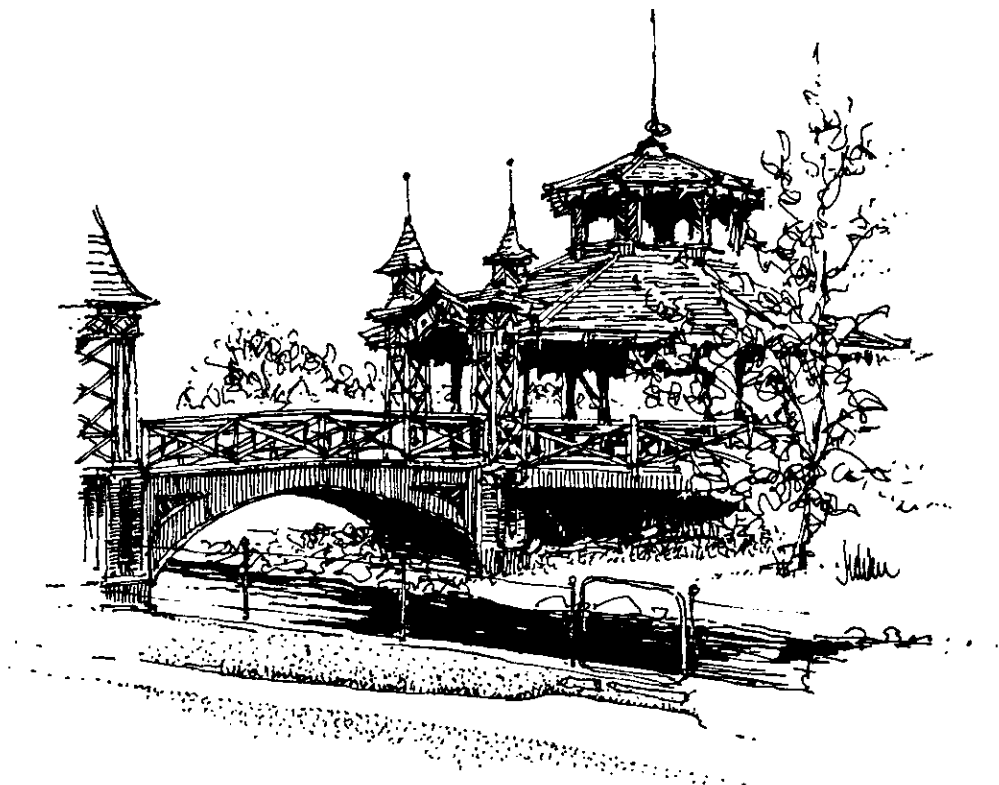
Plan to attend these timely talks. (Please note the dates of the lectures. The March Newsletter reported differently!)

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Heritage Ottawa will be held on Tuesday, May 15 at 8:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Ottawa Public Library, 120 Metcalfe Street. Mark this date on the calendar and watch the May Newsletter for details.

HERITAGE OTTAWA GALLERY

"Images of the Past" continues at the Fraser Schoolhouse, 62 John Street. Open weekends from 1:00 to 5:00, this exhibition of old photographs of Ottawa has been loaned by the National Photography Collection of the Public Archives of Canada.



This bridge and summer house were built at Patterson Creek by the Ottawa Improvement Commission early in the century. The work of the Commission will be discussed by Susan Buggy in her lecture on heritage landscapes on April 19.

THE RIGHT TO WRITE

To honour the children of Crichton Street School during International Year of the Child, the School Advisory organized a display of photos and items used in the school over the last 104 years. The display was held at the Fraser Schoolhouse and included a school master's desk, an 1865 textbook, an exercise book from Scotland which had been given to one of the students by his grandfather and many group pictures.

In 1979 one right of the children is the right to an education. This was not always so in New Edinburgh. The younger students were unable to attend school until the firewood in the back room had been burned, as there was insufficient space.

Most of the students from Crichton School visited the display and it is hoped that the children understand and appreciate how the school has evolved from the small schoolhouse of John Fraser to the community school it is today.

The advisory committee of Crichton School is especially grateful to Bob Haig and Stella Kirk of Heritage Ottawa for their help.

Valerie Northgrave

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU ESSAY CONTEST '79

Authors wishing to participate in this annual essay contest, with prizes totalling over \$1000, may choose any subject pertaining to the history of the Gatineau Valley -- the people, places or events in the area. Compositions, which should not exceed 3000 words, may be submitted in French or English, and may be illustrated by photographs, maps, etc. Manuscripts, which must clearly indicate the name, address, and age of the author (if 18 or under), must be mailed on or before September 15, 1979 to the Secretary-Treasurer, Historical Society of the Gatineau, Old Chelsea, Quebec, J0X 2N0. The results will be announced not later than November 15, 1979.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is inviting members of Heritage Ottawa to propose persons for election to the Board of Directors. Names of potential directors should be submitted, in writing, to the Nominating Committee, Heritage Ottawa, P.O. Box 510, Station B, Ottawa, Ontario.

NEW-OLD HOME FOR COURTS?

Two unused older buildings have been suggested as a possible new home for Ottawa's provincial courts, but preliminary reports on the adaptability of both are discouraging. The Carleton County Court House on Daly Avenue (designed by Robert Surtees, 1871) has been declared as being no longer adequate for its purpose. The provincial government has looked into the possibility of moving the courts to the Ottawa Teachers' College on Elgin Street (by W.R. Strickland, 1875) and found that this might provide appropriate space if an addition could be built on federal land on Cartier Square. Rather than relinquish the land the federal government suggested that the Teachers' College be swapped for the Daly Building (see Heritage Ottawa Newsletter, October, 1978). Architects for the provincial Ministry of Government Services have taken the offer seriously, but reported that the column spacing in the Daly Building would make it difficult to insert an adequate court room.

The result is that the provincial government is still looking for a court house, and the old buildings are still looking for new uses. Meanwhile the Carleton County Law Association is losing patience with the delays, and, according to press reports, its president is threatening to sue the provincial government.