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FEBRUARY MEETING

Members of Heritage Ottawa have been invited to attend a special lecture as guests of the University Women's Club of Ottawa. Eleanor Milne, Sculptor to the Federal Government, who has been personally involved with and responsible for the stone carving carried out in the Parliament Buildings for the past twenty years, will present "The Parliament Buildings, Their History in Sculpture".

The lecture will be held on Monday, 11 February 1980, at 8:00 p.m. in The Jack Purcell Community Centre, 320 Elgin Street (Tel: 563-3313).

HERITAGE OTTAWA RECEPTION

Heritage Ottawa will host a reception to officially open an exhibit of photographs by John Flanders on Saturday, 16 February at 4:00 p.m. in the Fraser Schoolhouse Gallery, 62 John Street, New Edinburgh. Everyone is invited and refreshments will be served.

Mr. Flanders, who is a Member of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, teaches at the School of Architecture, Carleton University.

The exhibit, entitled "Rural Architecture in the Ottawa Valley" is a collection of National Film Board photographs of historically interesting homes and farms in the Valley.

CITY OF OTTAWA HERITAGE DAY ACTIVITIES

Heritage Day is February 18th and the City of Ottawa has many exciting ways to celebrate it.

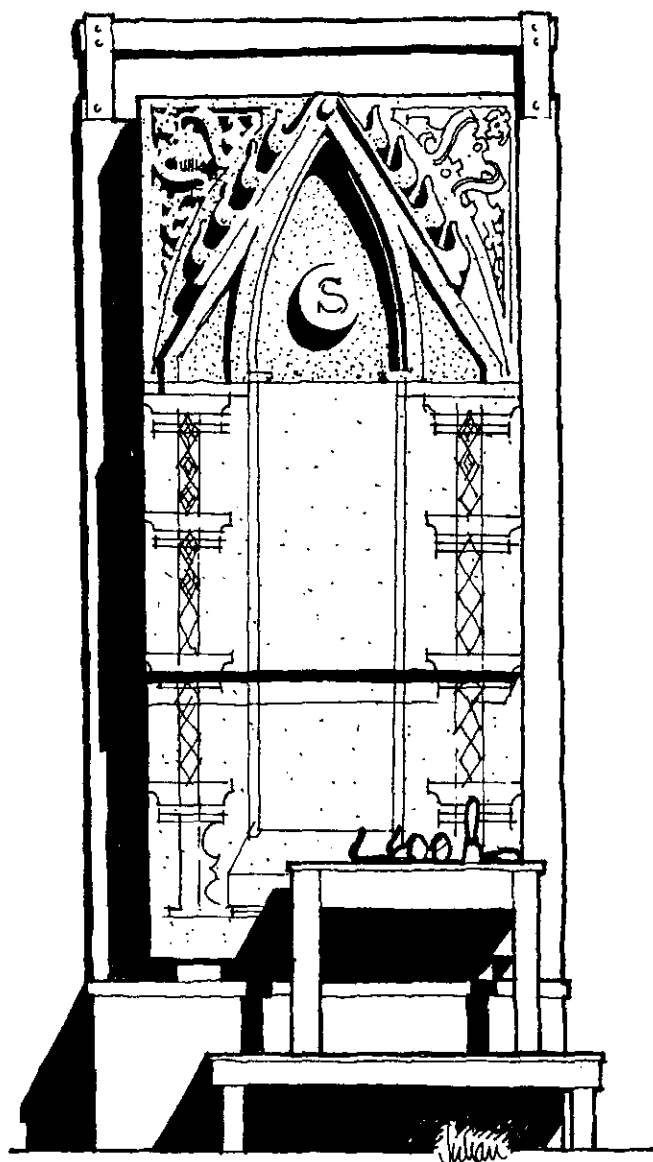
One of the more interesting events to be held February 20th will be a Council Meeting at the Billings Estate. Members of Council will wear their robes of office and the public is invited to attend.

Another event worth noting is an interview with Mayor Dewar on CBC's Radio Noon Show on February 18th at which time she will publicly announce Heritage Day.

CITY OF OTTAWA HERITAGE FAIR

To be held at the Billings Estate on Sunday, 17 February from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the City's "Heritage Information Fair" will feature:-

- an opening ceremony by Mayor Marion Dewar;
- a welcoming committee consisting of members of City Council who will be on hand throughout the day;
- booths run by various heritage organizations, including Heritage Ottawa;
- local history authors will be in attendance to chat with visitors;



- an artist will also be present with a collection of his paintings, drawings and prints of heritage interest;
- contests;
- "Colonel By" will mingle with the visitors; and
- tea and biscuits will be served by the fire.

The public is invited to take advantage of the grounds by arriving on skis and snowshoes.

Although the interior restoration and furnishing of the house has not yet begun, an exhibit of interesting old photographs of the City will be on display.

AYLMER HERITAGE ASSOCIATION BALL

The Aylmer Heritage Association will be holding its 6th Annual Heritage Ball on Saturday, 16 February at the Royal Ottawa Golf Club.

The theme of the Ball is: "1880's A decade towards equality". Formal attire or period costumes are desirable. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meal at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$15.00 each and are available by calling (819) 684-8546.

NAME CHANGE

At their last Annual Meeting in Victoria Heritage Canada voted to change their name to "Heritage Canada Foundation".

The need for this change came about when the name "Heritage Canada" was so often linked with government departments because of its similarity to such names as "Revenue Canada" and "Parks Canada".

To celebrate the new name, the bi-monthly magazine, in a new format, will be called "Canadian HERITAGE".

RENFREW FAIR

Heritage Renfrew, in co-operation with Renfrew and District Historical Society, will hold a Heritage Fair and Flea Market on February 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Recreation Centre. Admission is 50¢.

Proceeds will be used to buy display cases for the McDougall Mill Museum.

ALTOGETHER NOW!

It has been arranged that the various heritage organizations in the City will get together at an informal meeting March 10th, 8:00 p.m., at the Fraser Schoolhouse Gallery. It is hoped, at that time, to elect a sub-committee who will meet monthly as a means of keeping abreast of the activities of each organization.

If you know of an Ottawa heritage organization who may have been overlooked kindly contact Stella Kirk at 745-0551, Tuesdays or Thursdays.

CITY GRANT

At a Board of Control meeting February 1st, Mayor Marion Dewar and City Councillors awarded Heritage Ottawa with a \$1,000 grant.

In presenting Bill Keenan, Vice-President and Stella Kirk, Executive Secretary, with the grant, Mayor Dewar thanked Heritage Ottawa for the work they have done towards preserving the City's heritage.

SSAC ANNUAL MEETING

The Society for the Study of Architecture in Canada (SSAC) will hold its 6th Annual Meeting from 28 May to 2 June 1980 at the University of Quebec in Montreal.

The theme of the meeting is "Canadian Architecture in Change - Evolution or Revolution?" and will include six sessions dealing with the following: Theatre Architecture in Canada; Housing Canadians; Is there a "National" style in Canada?; Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver architecture and urban design; Public and commercial architecture in Quebec to 1914; and Post war architecture in Canada.

Tours of Montreal and area are planned in conjunction with the annual meeting. Several social events are also scheduled as well as the annual dinner, the general business meeting and a number of exhibits of special interest to conference participants.

For further information please contact: George Kapelos, 1980 SSAC Annual Meeting Chairman, 95 Hazelton Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M5R 2E4 (Telephone: (416) 965-4021 or (416) 922-4013).

NOTES FROM LACAC

Heritage Ottawa Seminar

Heritage Ottawa's seminar on January 14th was a very interesting explanation of the functions and reasons for the formation of LACACs across Canada. Ms. Pamela Craig, LACAC Co-ordinator for the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Recreation presented a description of the work of various LACACs in Canada using slides of some historically valuable buildings saved through their efforts.

A short discussion period followed an enlightening, as well as entertaining talk by Alderman Georges Bédard, Chairman of LACAC, who described the beginnings of our own LACAC Committee.

New Committee Members

The terms of the present members of the Committee have been extended pending the appointments of new members by City Council. The new members will be notified and are expected to attend the next meeting, scheduled for February 5th.

DECEMBER MEETING

Although it was a tight fit for the 30 to 40 people in attendance, the experiment of holding our December meeting at the Fraser Schoolhouse Gallery was a success.

The members of the Board of Director's have since made the decision to remodel the display area to accommodate future meetings more comfortably. In this way, a room will always be at our disposal at a moment's notice and, best of all, free-of-charge.

On December 11th, students from John Leaning's architecture class at Carleton University presented an in-depth history and well-planned, logical proposals for the future of the buildings directly across Wellington Street from the Parliament Buildings.

As well as members of Heritage Ottawa, in attendance were representatives from the National Capital Commission, Rudy Papanek and Mr. Symons, Department of Public Works, Stan White, and the City of Ottawa, Alderman Georges Bédard.

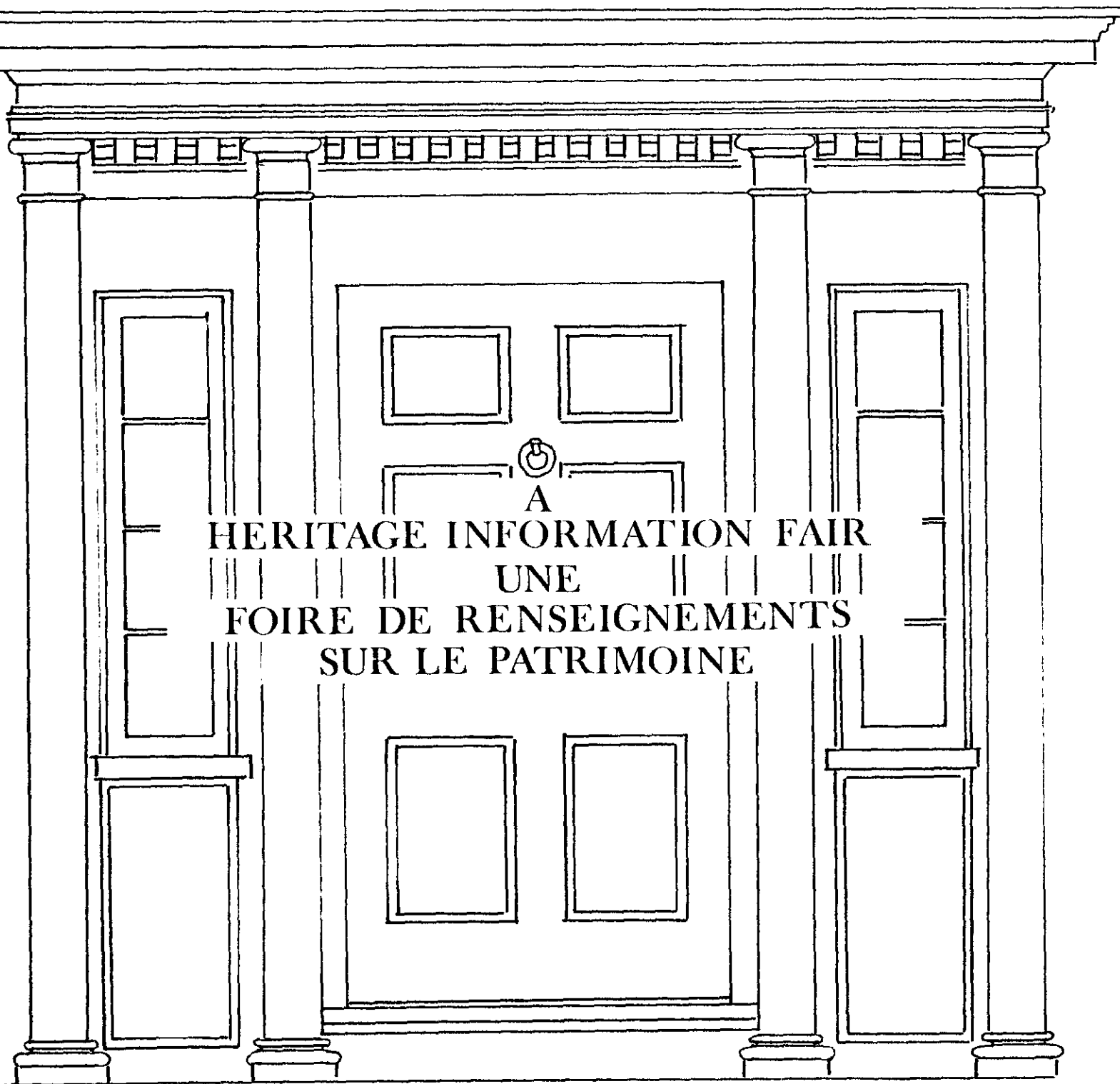
A discussion followed the presentation at which time the representative from DPW was asked to comment on the rumor of the demolition of 14 Metcalfe Street which stands directly behind the ruins of the Rideau Club. He said that DPW has reached a decision not to demolish the building "now" and every effort is being made to save the building.

Alderman Bédard pointed out that a study on the possibility of designating the entire area as heritage, which is due to be released in three to four months, would limit the growth and control the designs of any new building in the area. He said that 14 Metcalfe Street has been recommended for designation as heritage, however, because the buildings are government-owned, the City is in an advisory position only and "the whole thing depends on the good will of the Federal Government". He advised Heritage Ottawa to push for area or property designation to ensure the Government's co-operation.

Heritage Ottawa members are encouraged to write to The City of Ottawa and the Minister of Public Works in support of saving these fine historic buildings.

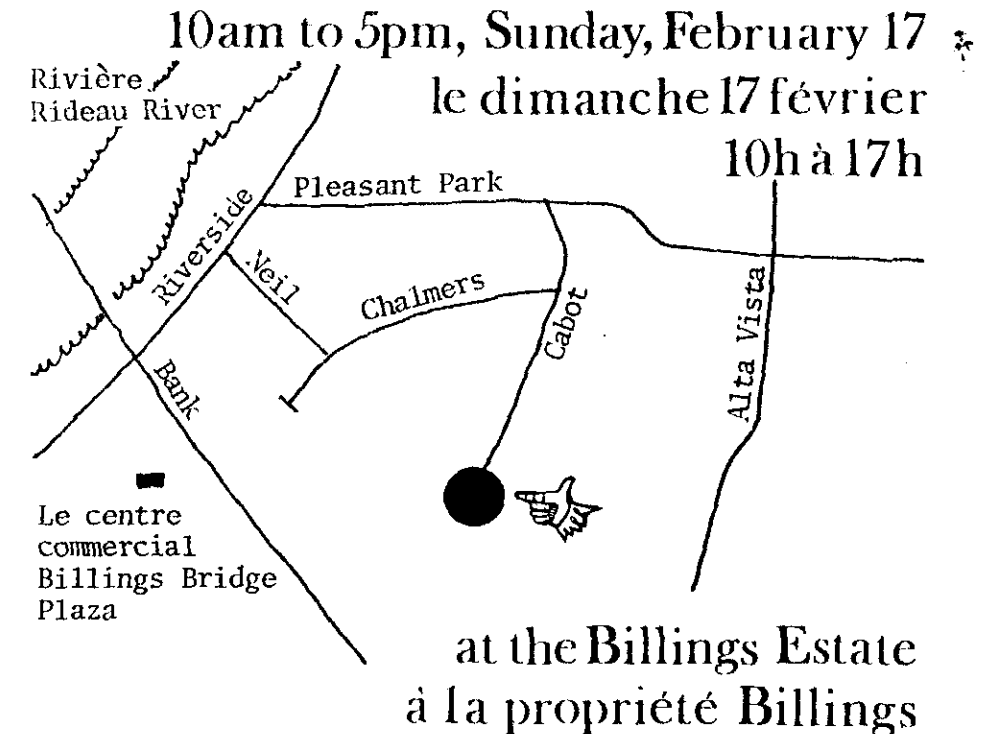
Please send submissions to: The Editor,
44 Carmichael Court, Kanata, Ontario
K2K 1K2 or telephone: 592-4209.

Jennifer



You're invited to come on skis, or by car or bus to the HERITAGE INFORMATION FAIR, held in celebration of Heritage Day, 1980. Come as a family and talk with enthusiasts about your family tree, old Ottawa houses, long-gone railways and streets; chat with local history authors, and your alderman, meet "Colonel By", see a local artist's pictures of the City, then go outside to build a snowman or take a winter nature ramble before coming in to tea by the fire.

Vous êtes invités à venir à ski, en voiture ou en autobus à la FOIRE DE RENSEIGNEMENTS SUR LE PATRIMOINE qui sera mis sur pied en l'honneur du Jour du patrimoine de 1980. Venez en famille pour parler à des enthousiastes de votre arbre généalogique, des anciennes maisons ainsi que des chemins de fer et des rues maintenant disparus d'Ottawa; pour causer avec des historiens de la région, et votre échevin, rencontrer le "Colonel By", voir les oeuvres d'un artiste de la ville, puis sortir faire un bonhomme de neige ou faire une promenade dans la nature, pour ensuite prendre le thé près du feu.



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RURAL OTTAWA VALLEY

BY JOHN FLANDERS

WITH A TALK BY JOHN FLANDERS O.A.A. M.R.A.I.C.
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW FEBRUARY 16 4 P.M.

IN THE FRASER SCHOOL HOUSE ON JOHN STREET
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