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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Heritage Ottawa Annual General Meeting will be held May 27th, 1980 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cathedral Hall of Notre Dame Basilica, Sussex Drive (enter from 50 Guigues Street, recessed behind iron gates). Guest speaker will be Dr. Harold Kalman, Consultant in the History and Conservation of Architecture.

Please phone in your nominations for the election of members of the Board of Directors to Anne MacDonald at 563-1324 or 563-3592.

HASTY NOTES

Heritage Ottawa board members have decided that hasty notes will soon be made available for sale at the Fraser Schoolhouse Gallery.

The note paper will feature sketches by Julian Smith whose unique pen-and-ink drawings often enhance the Newsletter.

REGIONAL COUNCIL OF EASTERN ONTARIO AND WESTERN QUEBEC

The Heritage Canada Foundation's Regional Council of Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec will hold its summer meeting in Cornwall at the St. Lawrence College and Inverarden Regency Cottage Museum.

Starting at 9:00 a.m. the meeting is expected to last all day and will include three workshops: The Plaquing Program; The Development and Activities of LACACs; The Restoration of Historic Buildings, with Inverarden as an example.

An invitation is extended to all interested persons to attend. The official representatives from Heritage Ottawa will be Diane Holmes and Jennifer Roddick.

A buffet lunch and more formal dinner will be served in the College Guest speaker for the dinner will be Martin Weaver of the Heritage Canada Foundation who is in charge of Education and Technology.

Full details and cost of the meals will be available from Stella Kirk at 745-0551.

OTTAWA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

An "Early Ottawa Valley Crafts and Lore" show, sponsored by the Ottawa Valley Historical Society, will be held Saturday, May 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Algonquin College in Pembroke.

The show will feature speakers and exhibits and is free to the general public.



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

"Board Highlights", which will be a regular feature of the Newsletter, is aimed at keeping the members of Heritage Ottawa informed of the decisions taken and the ideas discussed at the monthly Board meetings.

Following is a summary of the most recent meeting held at the Fraser Schoolhouse on April 1.

The Publications Committee was authorized to spend a maximum of \$500.00 to produce 5,000 copies of a membership brochure available for general distribution at the Schoolhouse and at public functions.

There was a lengthy discussion of the possible renovation of the Schoolhouse as designed by Gerry White and Julian Smith of the Building Committee. Suggested renovations, which could take up to two years to complete, include an extended gallery and kitchenette on the ground floor, storage space, two bathrooms and a meeting area on the second floor. Exterior changes would be the addition of two dormers and a porch. The cost of these renovations could be shared with the NCC who own the building. Further details and copies of the proposed changes are available from Anne MacDonald at 563-3592 or 563-1324.

It was suggested that a Heritage Ottawa Award of Merit be presented at the Annual General Meeting, May 27th, to Clifford Ham, City of Ottawa Heritage Planner, in recognition of his work for the cause of heritage in Canada's capital.

Diane Holmes and Jennifer Roddick agreed to represent Heritage Ottawa at the regional meeting of Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec historical societies to be held May 10 at St. Lawrence College in Cornwall.

Anne E. MacDonald

BOARD MEMBER PROFILE

Gerry White

Gerry was born in the early forties in Toronto where his family had a traditional farming background. His education started there and finished up in the more rural Markham from whence he graduated.

After a short period of indecision he enlisted in the RCMP and, after a year of training in Ottawa, he spent some three years as a honorary Newfie.

When Gerry decided to return to the halls of academia he enrolled in the Architectural Technology course at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute graduating in 1969. He was employed by Bregman and Hamann, one of the largest firms of architects in Canada, before joining the staff of the Architecture Department, Algonquin College in 1973.

Gerry is presently an instructor in the Restoration and Rehabilitation Program, Department of Architecture at Algonquin, and in this capacity he has been closely involved in the formulation of a course in restoration and rehabilitation which is offered to the students as a third-year option. Gerry is convinced that we must educate ourselves in the art, the science and the craft of making the most and the best of what we have in terms of our already-built environment.

He believes that our diminishing heritage resources require much more rigorous management and protection in order that the essence of our architectural and cultural traditions are maintained for the future. He also believes that public education is one route by which a better understanding and appreciation of our heritage can be stimulated. To this end, he is presently planning to offer an evening lecture series on the History of Building Technology in Canada through Algonquin College this fall.

During his past six years with the College, Gerry has involved himself with related extra-curricular work. With a group of students, he worked to relocate and restore log houses for private use. At another time, he supervised the study of architectural detailing of stone residences in the Rideau Valley; houses thought to have been constructed by the masons involved with the building of the canal.

His involvement in the field of Architectural Conservation has found him in many areas of activity, including community related projects involving his students in the historical research and recording of several local landmarks, for example, St. Andrews Church Hall, The Pinhey Estate and The Billings Estate. He has participated

in public lectures on the Architecture of the Ottawa and Rideau Valleys and Rehabilitation seminars for home-owners. He presently serves on the Centretown Heritage Committee and has served as Board Member of Heritage Ottawa for the past five years. He is also Chairman of the Building Committee of the Heritage Ottawa Schoolhouse Gallery.

Of significant interest is that Gerry was licensed by the Ontario Government, last summer, to investigate, from an archeological point of view, the site of the "Heritage House" in Smiths Falls. A report will be published next spring. Gerry feels quite strongly that before a restoration program is initiated, this kind of investigation must be carried out to discover as much as possible about the original place or building, how it was used and by whom. If this is not done the restoration work itself may well eradicate or hide from us, artifacts and other evidence of its original life.

Recently married, Gerry is grateful to his wife, Nicole, for her understanding and assistance to him in his current research work.

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