

NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY EXHIBITION

The next Heritage Ottawa exhibition will open with a wine and cheese reception Sunday, January 24th, 1982, at 2:00 p.m. in the Schoolhouse Gallery, 62 John Street.

The exhibition will feature the works of New Zealand's John Castle M.P.S., F.R.S.A.

John has established for himself a reputation as one of New Zealand's leading artists specializing in water colour and pencil. His works are represented in the collection of the British Royal Family and Baron Von Thyssen, among many others.

John was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in 1975. His work has been widely published in both book and limited edition print form.

January's exhibition comprises water colours and pencil drawings from New Zealand and Australia, and includes a series of Ottawa paintings and drawings showing John Castle's technical abilities, his versatility and uniqueness of approach.

JANUARY MEETING REMINDER

We would like to remind members that Judy Burns, President of the Historical Society of Ottawa, will be our guest speaker on Tuesday, January 19th, 1982 at 8:00 p.m. in the Schoolhouse Gallery, 62 John Street.

As reported in the December Newsletter, Judy will speak to us about William Stewart, one of the founding members of Bytown.

FEBRUARY EXHIBITION

Please note that the February exhibition will open with a wine and cheese reception celebrating Heritage Day on February 13th,

at 2:00 p.m. in the Schoolhouse Gallery, 62 John Street.

I take particular pleasure in announcing that the exhibit will feature the works of Julian Smith, noted artist and past member of Heritage Ottawa.

Members are invited to enjoy his sensitive pen and ink sketches of heritage buildings in the Ottawa Valley and South Eastern Ontario.

Julian's work may also be seen on the Heritage Ottawa Hasty Notes and in past issues of the Newsletter.

DEMOLITION

City Council has approved the demolition of the charming 252-254 St. Patrick Street and the outstanding and unique Zellers Building on the Sparks Street Mall.

Now that we have made a breakthrough in Tax Law Reform perhaps some thought should be given to a law protecting the City's irreplaceable and rare facades from owners who cannot see that incorporating these historic features into new buildings is not only a fad but of tremendous importance to the preservation of the City's character and a significant boost to the value of the property. Some fine examples may be found in the Byward Market area.

Will our grandchildren inherit nothing but concrete slabs and mirrored glass with the personality of a cumbersome blimp?

JOHN ROBERTS, MP SUPPORTS HERITAGE

In a press release in December 1981, Environment Minister John Roberts welcomed the proposal in the federal budget of November 12 to amend tax rules respecting

heritage buildings.

As Heritage Ottawa members will recall, previous tax laws provided an indirect incentive to demolish buildings through higher taxes for the increased value of heritage properties following renovation.

In the release Mr. Roberts expressed his gratitude to the cities of Calgary, Winnipeg, Ottawa and Saint John which worked with Parks Canada in preparing a submission to the Minister of Finance, and to the many concerned people who brought the subject to his attention.

Mr. Roberts states that too many of our heritage buildings have been lost and "we are anxious to ensure that the tax rules do not favour new construction over the renovation of existing buildings. This amendment helps to meet the concerns of heritage groups across Canada that tax rules have been encouraging the demolition of some historic landmarks".

Thank you Mr. Roberts, but we still have a long way to go before we rest!

THE NEW BUDGET AND HERITAGE

The following excerpt from the Budget Papers of November 12, 1981 was submitted by Lawrence Herman, newly designated member of the Board of Directors, for our information.

"TERMINAL LOSSES

Currently when a taxpayer demolishes a building, any unclaimed capital cost allowance is deductible as a terminal loss. Often buildings are demolished because the land on which they stand would be more valuable if used for another purpose. The tax treatment is inappropriate, since the decline in the value of the demolished building is deductible in full but the gain in the value

of land is only half taxable as a capital gain. The tax rules thus provide an indirect incentive to demolish buildings. To correct this, the budget modifies the terminal loss rules to deny a full deduction for demolitions or other dispositions of buildings after November 12, 1981. Where the same taxpayer has another building before the end of the taxation year following that when the loss arises, the loss will be added to its capital cost and depreciated. Otherwise the terminal loss will be added to the cost base of any land owned by the taxpayer and thus half of the loss will offset the capital gain when the land is eventually sold. In any other case, one-half of the loss on destruction of the building will be treated as a business loss, deductible in the year. This measure will lend support to the preservation of historic buildings."

PHOTO CONTEST RESULTS

The company of good friends, wine, cheese and the spirit of lively conversation is what makes Christmas memories.

Heritage Ottawa members spent just such an afternoon December 5th when approximately 75 friends attended our Christmas Party/Photo Contest. Board members were overjoyed by the turnout and very pleased to meet new members and renew acquaintances with familiar faces.

The reception was followed by the photo contest for which guests were the judges. The photos, submitted by members of Carleton University's Photo Club, were of heritage scenes and buildings in and around Ottawa and will be on exhibit at the Schoolhouse gallery until January 15th.

The winners were:

1st: #27 by Sheila Duke
"Electric Power Station -
Meach Lake"

2nd: #17 by Danny Paterson
"Le Jardin Restaurant"

3rd: #14 by Reg Gunton
"Old Mill Site - Meach Lake"

4th: #4 by Pierre Cyr
"14 Main Street, Aylmer"

5th: #25 by John Pryzbytek
"62 John Street"

SAVING FACES

The December 1981 issue of Ottawa Magazine contained an illuminating article by R.A.J. Phillips, founder and first President of Heritage Ottawa.

Mr. Phillips presents several heritage buildings, saved from the wrecker's ball by concerned citizens and heritage groups, in a new light.

As he points out in the lead paragraph "we are lucky. There are many such building (saved). If we do not like every one of them, we can appreciate others. At least they are there for our consideration."

Mr. Phillips goes on to describe some of our victories and how they came about.

A most effective eulogy to "our" accomplishments and incentive to continue fighting for a worthwhile cause.

DALY BUILDING

The Reuse of the Daly Building:

In the summer of 1981, Public Works called for proposals for the reuse of the Daly Building. The following specifications were laid down for prospective developers.

1. Public Works will not accept proposals calling for the demolition of the Daly Building.

2. The major portion of the building is to be residential with the remaining portion a mix of commercial, retail, and office.

3. The decorative cornice is to be replaced.

4. The "Chicago Style" windows are to be restored to their original appearance.

5. A public entrance is to be created on each of the four sides.

6. There is to be a public arcade on Rideau and Sussex Streets.

Public Works is to be commended for their interest in the protection of the heritage aspects of the building, and for their recognition of the need for a strong residential component in the downtown.

To date there have only been two groups which have submitted proposals. It is to be hoped that, as negotiations advance, the heritage portion of the package is not weakened.

Diane Holmes
President

HELP NEEDED

If you would like to help with the publication of this Newsletter by writing articles and/or doing research/interviews please contact me, The Editor, by phoning 592-4209. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated no matter how limited.

Thank you.

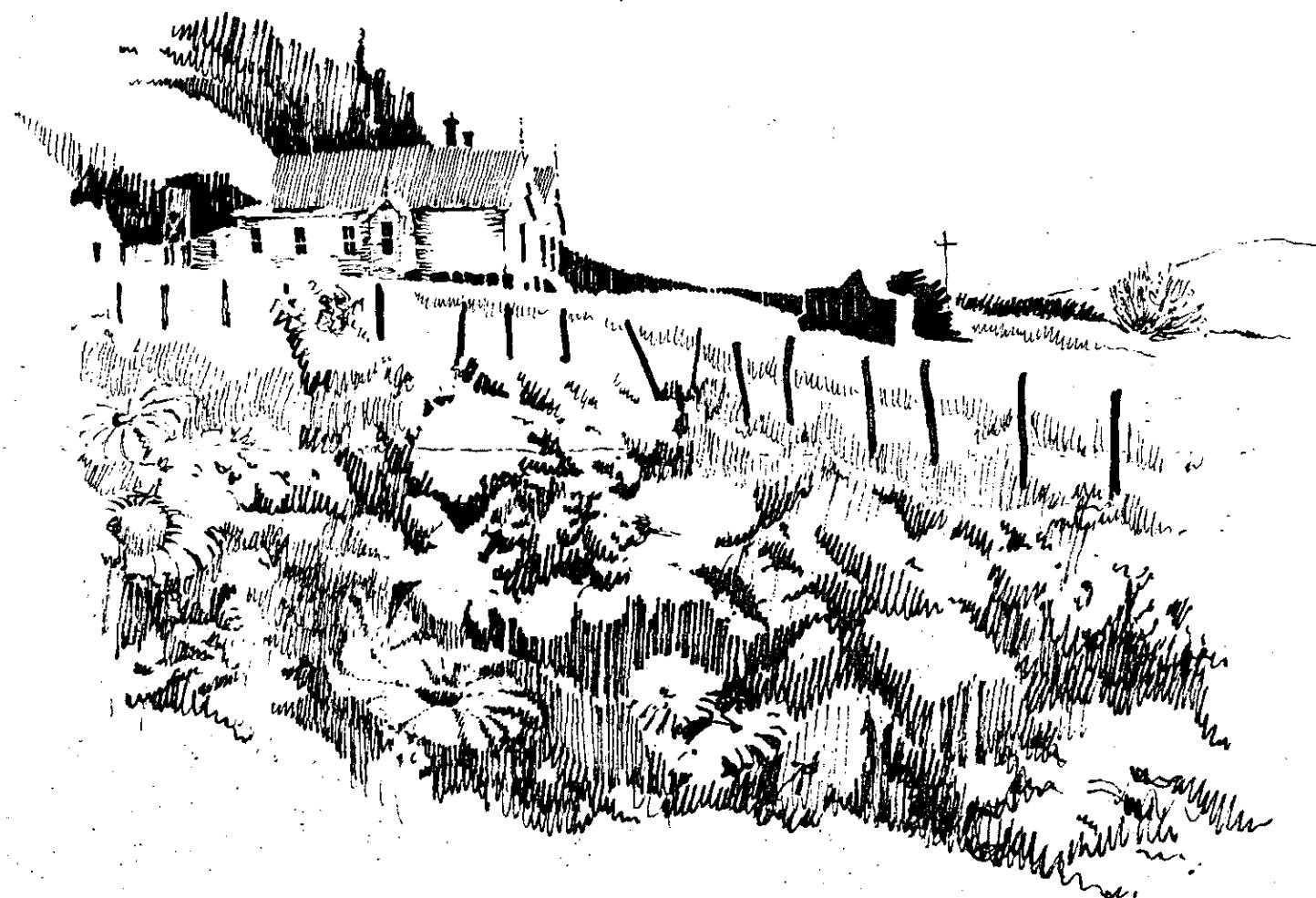
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HERITAGE OTTAWA

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JOHN CASTLE IN OTTAWA

THE HERITAGE OTTAWA GALLERY, FRASER SCHOOLHOUSE
ON JOHN STREET at SUSSEX



AN EXHIBITION of PAINTINGS and DRAWINGS by
Noted New Zealand ARTIST, JOHN CASTLE, m.p.s., fr.s.a.

Sherry & Reception 2pm., SUNDAY JANUARY 24th 1982

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