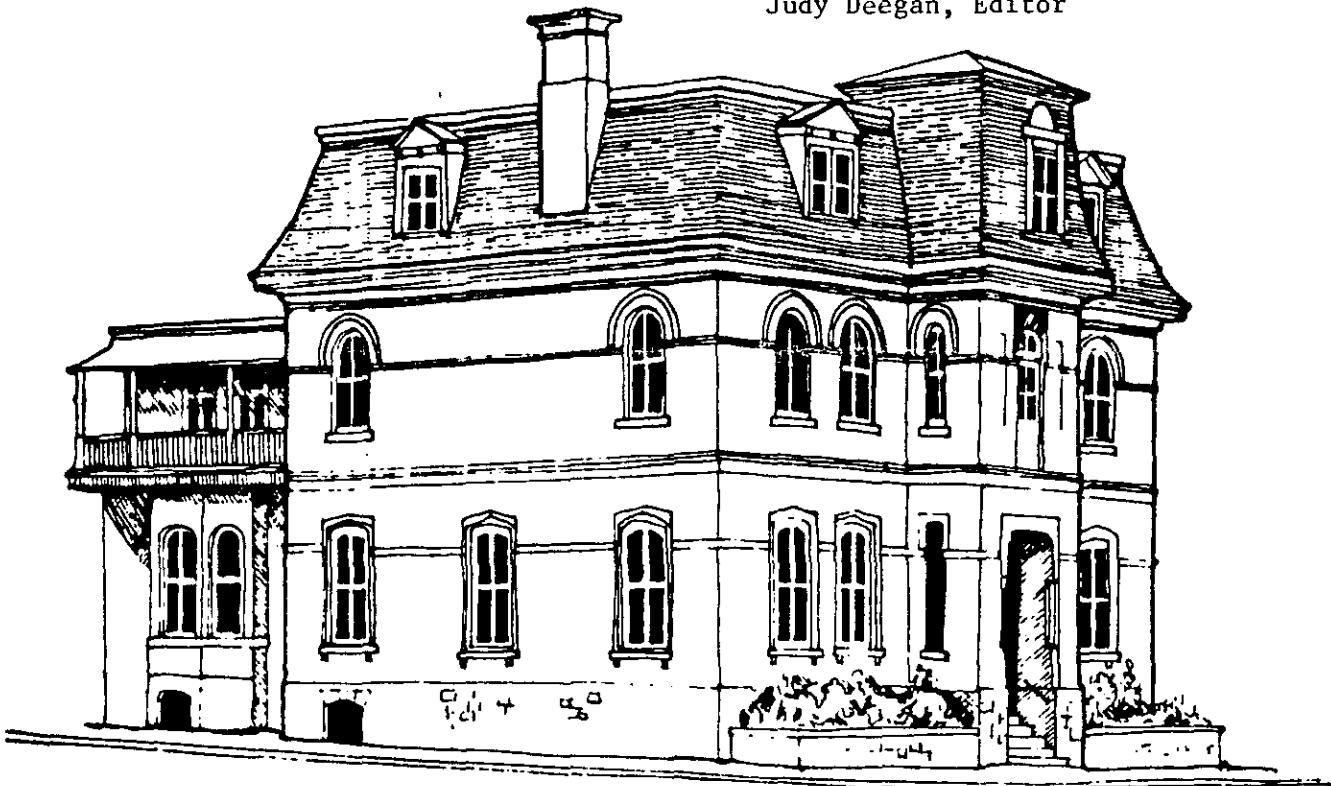


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(from OUR ARCHITECTURAL ANCESTRY)

NOVEMBER 2 - LAUNCHING OF HERITAGE OTTAWA'S NEW BOOK

Come join us for a wine and cheese reception in the Foyer of City Hall on Wednesday, November 2, from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. to celebrate the publication (by Bob Haig) of OUR ARCHITECTURAL ANCESTRY, the delightful new book by John Leaning and Lyette Fortin which Heritage Ottawa has sponsored.

Mayor Marion Dewar will officially launch the celebration, and Dr. Robert Legget, author and founding director of the NRC's Building Research Division, will give a short and lively talk about Ottawa's architectural heritage.

John Leaning, architect and former president of Heritage Ottawa, is perhaps best known for his work on Sussex Drive. Lyette Fortin, who prepared Heritage Ottawa's pamphlet The Domestic Heritage of Ottawa, is responsible for the more than 70 beautiful illustrations in OUR ARCHITECTURAL ANCESTRY (two of which enliven this issue of the Newsletter).

Please mark November 2 on your calendar to toast the arrival of this excellent new book. Even if you can't be there for 3:30, please come later to see the book and meet the authors.

HERITAGE MONEY - OCTOBER 29

Join the tour of the Bank of Canada Currency Museum! On Saturday, October 29, members of Heritage Ottawa will be treated to a special tour of this excellent museum, which traces the history of civilization through the money that was used. Also included will be a six-minute audio-visual explanation and a 20-minute film which outlines how the new

Erickson building was constructed around the old Bank of Canada building.

Although only a few years old, this museum has already gained much respect, and we're sure members will find it interesting.

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HERITAGE MONEY - OCTOBER 29 (cont'd)

Members should enter the Bank through the Kent or Sparks Street entrance and gather in the Garden Court for 10:30 a.m. Please confirm attendance by calling me at 233-6704.

Cathy Raven
Programme Chairman

In addition to the launching of the John Leaning-Lyette Fortin book and Heritage Ottawa's October tour (above), the following events will be of interest to members:

OCTOBER 28-29: ANNUAL ANTIQUE FAIR
AYLMER HERITAGE ASSOCIATION, AYLMER

The Aylmer Heritage Association's 9th annual Antique Fair will be held in "The Barn" (the community centre behind City Hall) in Aylmer, Quebec, on the following days:

Fri., October 28: 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Sat., October 29: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thirty antique dealers will show at the Fair, with a fine selection of Canadiana, imports, fine china and glass, prints, and more. It promises to be "the best ever", according to the organizers. Admission is \$1.50 per person.

NOVEMBER 4, 5, 6: ASHBURY COLLEGE
ANTIQUE SHOW

I have no information on the number of exhibitors or the admission charge this year, but as anyone knows who has attended in the past, it's a show not to be missed. Top-quality dealers from Quebec and Ontario will show Canadian and European furniture, jewellery, china, glass, maps and prints, and antique tools.

For members new to the city, Ashbury College, a private school for boys, is located at 362 Mariposa in Rockcliffe.

The hours are as follows:

Fri., November 4: 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Sat., November 5: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sun., November 6: 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m.

Tickets are available at the door.



From WALKING IN NEW EDINBURGH.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15: "IN PRAISE OF OLDER BUILDINGS"

Don't miss this excellent photographic slide lecture on the architecture of Newfoundland by Heritage Ottawa board-member Hellmut Schade.

The Honourable John Crosbie, P.C., M.P., will provide an undoubtedly entertaining introduction to the evening.

The show, which follows on Hellmut's very successful "In Praise of Older Houses" last year, begins at 8:00 p.m. in The Pit of the School of Architecture at Carleton University.

All are welcome.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OTTAWA ARCHITECT EDGAR LEWIS HORWOOD

"Well-known Architect Dies Age 88" was the header which ran in The Citizen in February 1957 to mark the passing of Edgar Lewis Horwood.

Horwood, who resided in Ottawa from 1893 until his death, played a major role in the development of the Bank Street streetscape with structures like the original Gilmour House (known more recently as the Alexandria Hotel), Crosby and Carruthers Drygoods (the Ritz Hotel at Somerset and Bank), the Bank Street Chambers, and three of the four corners at the intersection of Bank and Sparks.

His other work included the Carnegie Library, St. Luke's Hospital, the Citizen Block (136-140 Sparks), the Cory Block (2-24 Rideau), and the residences of George Goodwin (at 312 Laurier East--now headquarters of St. John Ambulance) and William Southam (381 Stewart) in Sandy Hill.

These facts about this one-time Dominion Architect (1914-1918) unfortunately reveal little of his personality. If members have any recollections of E. L. Horwood or any of his buildings, they are asked to call Cathy Raven at 233-6704, or drop her a line in care of Heritage Ottawa, P.O. Box 510, Station B, Ottawa K1P 5P6.

CHINA RESTORER

Heritage Ottawa members who are also collectors of china might be interested to know that an expert restorer of damaged china now lives in the Ottawa area. She is Pat Sandbourne, and she can be reached at 731-6772. (Information courtesy of the Canadian Ceramic Circle)

WHY PICK ON 341-359 ELGIN STREET?

Has anyone else seen the renovation plans for the gracious old apartment building at 341-359 Elgin Street (between Waverly and Frank)?

The building as it now stands is red brick with wrought iron balcony railings, and in a faintly European manner curves around one of the few remaining grass lawns on Elgin Street. Four huge old maple trees grace the yard, which is raised about two feet up from the sidewalk.

According to the artist's sketch on the sign out front, the plan is to cram 9,600 sq. ft. of glass, greenhouse-type shops on a lower level, beneath the apartments. This necessitates removing the entire lawn and all but one of the graceful old trees. (It's hard to tell from the sketch: perhaps all four trees will be cut down and replaced with one new one--which, admittedly, will look just as splendid as the existing trees in 50 to 75 years.)

This is one of the least sensitive mixes of old and new I have ever seen. There is something vaguely obscene about putting these shops in the until-now hidden basement of this stately old building--it's as if they're looking up its skirts.

Perhaps Heritage Ottawa can follow Save Montreal and award a "Lemon" to this renovation.

HERITAGE OTTAWA REPRESENTATIVE WANTED TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF OTTAWA

Is any member (male or female) interested in representing Heritage Ottawa at meetings of the Council of Women of Ottawa? This entails attending the Council's monthly meetings, which are held from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the CNIB Headquarters, 324 McLeod Street, and reporting back to the board or to Stella Kirk any matters of interest to Heritage Ottawa.

The monthly meetings feature speakers on different topics; coffee and tea is served (those who attend are asked to bring their own lunch). It's evidently a thoroughly pleasant way to spend a lunch hour (note that it's a two-hour hour, though, which may pose problems for those who work).

The next meeting is on November 19. Anyone interested in attending on behalf of Heritage Ottawa is asked to call Stella Kirk at 745-0551.

MAGAZINES

A member called to ask how to subscribe to Décomag (mentioned in last month's Newsletter), or where to buy it in Ottawa. To subscribe, write to:

Décomag
360 Davenport Road
Toronto M5R 1K6

The July-August issue had a special introductory offer of 11 issues for \$16.99, plus one free copy. It's \$2.75 a single copy.

I've checked a few bookstores and newsstands in Ottawa. Walt's Smoke Shop (380 Elgin) and Comerford's (124 Bank) usually carry it but have not received the latest issue. They do have the French edition (published in Montreal), so the English version should be along soon.

Canada Century Home

I discovered another new Canadian magazine just last week. Canada Century Home is published by

Bluestone House
21 Dorset St. East
Port Hope, Ontario
L1A 1E2

The Sept-Oct 1983 issue (its third) offers a one-year subscription (5 issues) for \$12.50, a two-year (10 issues) for \$23.00, a savings of 15% off the newsstand price of \$2.75 an issue.

Canada Century Home draws on the talents of some of those who have been involved with the publication of Acorn, the excellent magazine of The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario. Canada Century Home's contributing editor for Restoration is Nigel Hutchins.

An important focus of CCH seems to be antiques, and antique dealers make up the majority of its advertisers right now. The latest issue features the Village of Elora (and the Elora antique show), Vancouver City Streets, Folk Art, and Italianate Style. A previous issue looked at Formal and Country-style Interiors, Gardens, Restoration and Renovation, and more.

Some of the black and white photos could be clearer, but its colour plates--there are many--are good. In general it's a very interesting new magazine.

City & Country Home

By far the slickest, thickest, glossiest of them all is City & Country Home, a magazine dedicated to "Decorating, Collecting, Arts & Antiques, Ontario Heritage Homes, Shopping, Designer Profile, Travel, Cuisine, Gardens, Fashion Accessories".

This magazine is gorgeous--lavishly illustrated and cheap to boot: \$2.50 a single issue, 6 issues for \$12.00, or 10 issues for \$20.00. The latter two price options are available by subscription from

City & Country Home
Box 4040
Postal Station A
Willowdale, Ontario
M2N 9Z9

City & Country Home's first anniversary issue (Fall 1983) contains an article on the country estate of Arthur Maloney, Q.C., former Ombudsman of Ontario. Eight colour photos take the reader inside this stately 19th century farmhouse--which was lovingly restored by none other than Bill Keenan, Heritage Ottawa's treasurer and an architect with Parks Canada.

City & Country Home is very easy to find at newsstands in and around Ottawa.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

If you haven't already done so, it's time to renew your membership in Heritage Ottawa for 1983-84. Attached to this month's Newsletter is a membership application/renewal form which also describes what Heritage Ottawa does.

As you will read, we present public meetings, seminars, exhibits and tours; publish studies and walking tours; and maintain a functional relationship with private property owners, community organizations, City Hall, and the provincial and federal governments.

We operate on a shoestring budget, and rely on unpaid volunteers from our membership and board of directors to do all of these things. But nothing is free these days and we need membership fees to keep going.

Why not consider giving more than the standard membership fee of \$10 to support Heritage Ottawa's activities through the year? Remember that Revenue Canada no longer allows an automatic \$100 deduction for charitable donations on your income tax. What you give this year is what you get as a deduction. Put your charity money where your sentiments lie: the more you give towards preserving our heritage buildings, the less you give to the tax man!



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