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Country Flea Market Marché Champêtre



Sunday, October 20

**Coliseum, Lansdowne Park
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

Join in the fun at HERITAGE OTTAWA's booth at the Country Flea Market. Come to see us, or come to help out--and help us make money to mount projects over the coming year.

Call Stella Kirk at 745-0551 (or 728-9071 evenings) or Judy Deegan at 990-6003 after 6:00 p.m. for further information.

HERITAGE OTTAWA will have a booth at the City's Country Flea Market again this year on Sunday, October 20, at the Coliseum, at Lansdowne Park.

We need things to sell. Now's the time to clean your attics and closets of unwanted items which might be put to good use by someone else. Pay heed to that old adage so oft quoted in Vogue magazine: "Give away anything you haven't worn in six months".

Donations needn't be antique or even old. Knicknacks, dishes, books, old-but-serviceable clothing, towels and bedding--all might be seen as treasures by a new owner.

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HERITAGE OTTAWA, P.O. Box 510, Stn. B, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 5P6

Flea Market (cont'd)

We also need volunteers to collect donated items, to help set up at the Coliseum on Saturday, October 19, and to sell for an hour or two on Sunday, October 20.

Those who manned the booth last year had lots of fun. It's by no means a high-pressure sales job, and we need people who can pass on their enthusiasm for saving and restoring old buildings.

Please call Stella Kirk at 745-0551 (Tuesday and Thursday mornings) or 728-9071 (evenings) if you are interested in helping out or to arrange for drop-off or pick-up of donated items. If Stella's line is busy, call Judy at 990-6003 or 232-3497.



The Billings Estate

HERITAGE OTTAWA AT THE BILLINGS ESTATE, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Heritage Ottawa will have a display and will offer--for the first time ever--Heritage Ottawa T-shirts (see below).

The Billings Estate was built in 1828-29 by Braddish Billings, the first settler in Gloucester Township, and his wife, Lamira Dow (after whose family Dow's Lake is named). This beautifully restored (by Eriksson-Padolsky) Georgian house is situated on the crest of the hill at 2100 Cabot Street in Alta Vista, near Billings Bridge, and commands a breathtaking view of the Rideau River and surrounding lands.

If you haven't visited the Billings Estate this year, October is an excellent time to do so, with the autumn leaves in full splendour.

For information about getting to the Billings Estate--it's not difficult, just a little tricky with one way streets--please call 563-3075.

HERITAGE OTTAWA T-SHIRTS



Crest on Heritage Ottawa T-shirts

Be the first on your block to sport a spiffy new Heritage Ottawa T-shirt. In navy blue with white crest and message ("Hug an old building!"), you can spread the word about heritage conservation as you walk the dog or shop the market.

The attractive new crest on the T-shirts was designed by Programme Committee member Sandy Graham, and is based on the fan light and a motif from the side lights of the main entrance door to the Nicholas Sparks house (long demolished, unfortunately).

The T-shirts will be offered for the first time at Heritage Ottawa's display at the Billings Estate, Sunday, Oct. 6.

Price: \$8.50

Sizes: Small, Medium, Large, X-Large

Colour: Navy blue with white crest and white lettering

If you aren't a founding member of Heritage Ottawa, now's your chance to be a founding buyer of first-edition Heritage Ottawa T-shirts. Only 200 were made up for the first run, and already eager Board members have scooped up 20 in advance of their release to the general public.

If you can't get them at the Billings Estate, call Stella at 745-0551. Act fast! They're going like hotcakes!

CORRECTION: WAKEFIELD TRAIN ARTICLE (Summer 1985 Newsletter)

A reader called to point out, quite rightly, that it is CP Rail and not VIA Rail that owns and wishes to close down the line to Wakefield. CP runs freight-carrying trains; VIA runs passenger service. The Hull-Maniwaki run, on which Wakefield is located, offers virtually no freight possibilities, and CP sees it as a money-losing operation.

In 1984, the Museum of Science and Technology administered ticket sales. The use of VIA Rail for this purpose was new this year. VIA still deserves

CORRECTION (cont'd)

a black mark for the handling of Heritage Ottawa's group outing. Between giving out conflicting departure times and places, telling inquirers that we had cancelled our tour, and refusing to ensure that the group could indeed sit together in pre-assigned seats, VIA Rail appears to be in cahoots with CP to sabotage the run.

SANDY HILL HERITAGE DISTRICT KEPT INTACT

503-507 King Edward

The final hurdle was finally overcome on September 4, when City Council voted to expropriate the 111-year-old, 9-unit apartment building at 503-507 King Edward, to prevent its owner from demolishing it and ruining one of the most attractive designated Heritage Districts in Ottawa.

Owner William Levine had planned to replace the building with a much larger, pseudo-Victorian style building containing 14 condominiums. An alternative plan by architect James Colizza (commissioned by the City) retained most of the original building as 4 condominium units and built 7 new units on the back. (Colizza won the City's "Best Infill" award last year for a project at Bay and James--see December 1984 Newsletter.)

The City will buy the building and then probably resell it to a developer with the stipulation that a Colizza-type design be adopted. Levine would not use the Colizza design, claiming that it was uneconomic. Some pro-heritage developers, however, felt that Levine's own proposal was not economically viable.

The year-long battle was the first real test of the City's heritage legislation,

and the outcome indicates that the present Council felt strongly about giving the legislation some teeth. Let's hope the new administration will be as protective of the City's older architectural fabric.

Special mention should be made of the strong support and behind-the-scenes lobbying to save the building by Sandy Hill alderman Nancy Smith (in the face of a negative recommendation by City staff). Alderman Smith is chairman of the City's Local Advisory Committee on Architectural Conservation (LACAC).

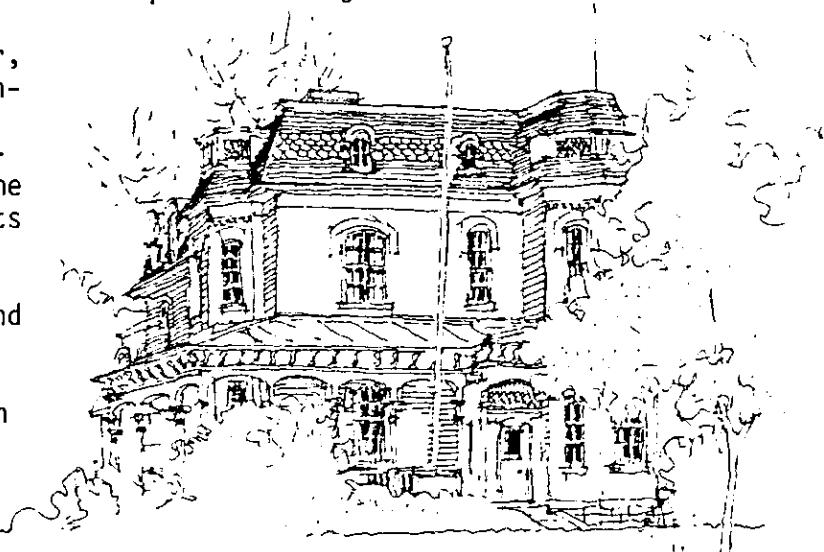
Many thanks, Nancy.

THINGS TO DO

- Heritage Ottawa at the Billings Estate
Sunday, October 6, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
(see above for details)
- Walking Tour of Sandy Hill (repeat)
Sunday, October 6, 1:00 - 3:30 pm

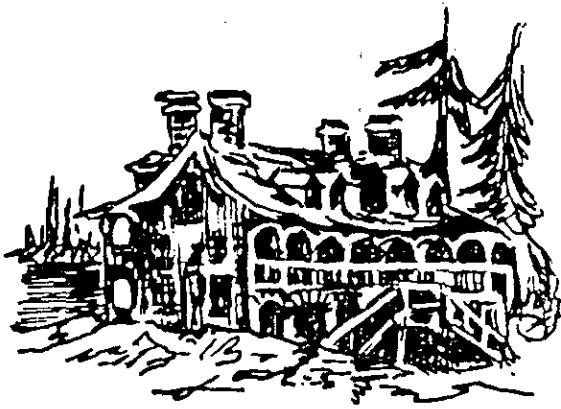
In response to the overwhelming interest shown for its mid-September tour (600 to 700 people turned up!), Action Sandy Hill will again offer walking tours of the district. Included on the tour will be Stadacona Hall (once the residence of Sir John A.), the University Club, Sen. Paterson's house, Winterholme (Sir Sanford Fleming's house), and the whimsical Martin Terrace on King Edward.

Tours leave Laurier House, 335 Laurier Avenue East at Chapel, starting at 1:00 pm rain or shine. The last tour leaves at 3:30 pm. No charge.



Laurier House (itself on the tour)

Sketch by Julian Smith



Aylmer Heritage Association Association du Patrimoine d'Aylmer

- Aylmer Heritage Association Antique Fair
"The Barn", 94 Albert Street, Aylmer, P.Q.
Fri., October 18: 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Sat., " 19: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Admission: \$2.00

26 dealers from Ontario and Quebec will exhibit quality Canadiana, pottery, glass, collectibles and vintage clothing.

The Aylmer Heritage Association is a non-profit organization whose aim is to protect and publicize the heritage of the Town of Aylmer. Money raised by this event will be used to finance its various educational, printing and research programs.

Further information: 685-1378
684-2304
770-4204

- Country Flea Market
Coliseum, Lansdowne Park
Sunday, October 20: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Join us for bargains at the Flea Market. Heritage Ottawa's booth will have china, glass, knicknacks, furniture, clothing, books--and T-shirts!

If you would like to work at the booth, please call Stella (745-0551), Judy (990-6003) or Cathy (233-6704). First come, first served.

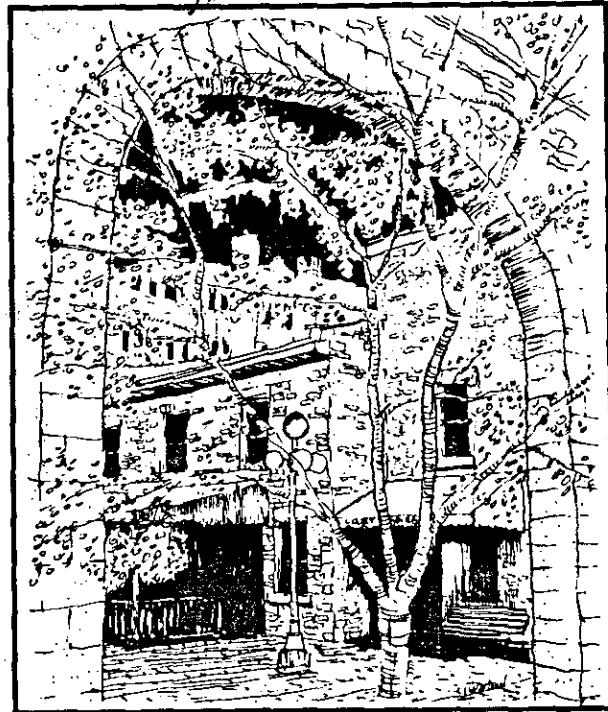
The Flea Market is a joint fund-raising effort by local non-profit organizations sponsored by the City of Ottawa.

- Walking-Tour(s)-of-the-Market
Sunday, October 27

Heritage Ottawa is putting together brand-new tour(s) of the Market area. Tickets will be available from Heritage Ottawa, 62 John Street (Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm) and from Molly Alderson's "THEN AND NOW" consignment and collectibles shop, 600 Rideau Street, after October 21.

More information about the tour(s) will be in the October Newsletter. If you

are interested in doing research on any of the buildings in the area, in giving a tour, or in helping out in a more general way, please call Cathy (233-6704) or Judy (990-6003).



The Courtyard Restaurant (formerly the barracks and stables of Col. John By's men)

- Canadian Ceramic Circle
The Billings Estate, 2100 Cabot Street
Wednesday, November 6: 8:00 pm

The Canadian Ceramic Circle's November meeting will feature an illustrated talk by Brian Musselwhite of the Royal Ontario Museum. Members and guests are encouraged to bring antique/old china pieces for identification. Coffee and cookies afterwards. Further information: Betty Simpson 733-9437 or Judy Deegan 990-6003.

NOTE: If any Heritage Ottawa members would like to attend the meetings of this interesting group but are reluctant to go alone, please call me and we can arrange to meet beforehand or at the Billings Estate. This is my second year as a member and I find the meetings delightful and informative.

Judy Deegan (990-6003)

- Ashbury-College-Antique Fair

362 Mariposa, Rockcliffe Park
Fri., November 8: 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Sat., " 9: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sun., " 10: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Top-quality dealers from Quebec and Ontario offering Canadian and European furniture, jewellery, glass, china, prints and maps, antique tools, curios.

Tickets at the door.