



EAST YORK INKLINGS

Newsletter of the East York Historical Society

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President's Message...

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

As the new president of the East York Historical Society, it is an honour and a privilege to serve in this capacity. On behalf of the board, I trust you had an enjoyable Christmas and holiday.

Our board now consists of nine voting members, myself as President, Vice President Hon. Alan Redway who is also in charge of the Wednesday afternoon 2pm discussion meetings; Secretary Justin Van Dette; Treasurer Val Dodge, Past President Jane Pitfield and Directors Margaret McRae, Kay Horiszny, John Michailidis and Chris Salmond who are all dedicated to serve and to bring about the mission of the East York Historical Society which was re-established in 1980 to “bring together people interested in the diverse heritage of East York, to research, retain, preserve and present historical data pertaining to the region...to increase awareness of our heritage and involve new people in our community”.

The EYHS membership are important and vital to the growth of the society, therefore we are committed to continue to bring you the best speakers and presenters to our five evening meetings with our first scheduled on January 28th. In addition to that, we plan on hosting five afternoon meetings and we are grateful that the Hon. Alan Redway has organized the first one scheduled for February 19th.

Warm welcome to former president Margaret McRae, now Director; to the Hon. Alan Redway our new Vice President and to Val Dodge, our new Treasurer. Thank you for a service well done, past President Jane Pitfield and past Treasurer Kay Horiszny, now Director.

On Sunday December 1, 2013, at the Leaside 100 Community Celebration, held at the Leaside Memorial Gardens, I took part in displaying flags and membership for the EYHS, sharing a table with the Leaside Lawn Bowling Club Exhibit. Membership and inquiries were made. It was also great to see some of our members take part in the annual East York New Year's Levee, which took place on January 8th.

Our heartfelt condolences to the people of South Africa on their recent loss of former President Nelson Mandela.

A Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year Wishes to you all.

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Join us at our Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, January 28, 2014
Refreshments at 7:00pm
Meeting starts at 7:30pm

**Toronto's first post office presented
by Kate Akerfeldt, Assistant Curator
of Toronto's First Post Office**

Wednesday, February 19, 2014
Meeting starts at 2:00pm
**History of Governor's Bridge
presented by Gordon Sherk**

Wednesday, March 19, 2014
Meeting starts at 2:00pm
Leaside 100 Presentation
**** Note: this event is taking place
at the Leaside Library ****

Tuesday, March 25, 2014
Refreshments at 7:00pm
Meeting starts at 7:30pm
**The History and Spooky Secrets
of the Don Jail
presented by Scott Smith**

**East York Historical Society meetings are
co-sponsored by the Toronto Public Library,
and take place in the John S. Ridout
Auditorium at the S. Walter Stewart Library
Branch, located at 170 Memorial Park
Avenue on the corner of Memorial Park and
Durant Ave.**

**Evening Meetings take place on the last
Tuesday of January, March, May, September
and November. Afternoon Discussions take
place on Wednesdays in February, March,
April, October and November**



<http://www.east york.org/eyhs.html>



Honouring former East York Mayor Willis Blair.

Former East York Councillor Edna Beange, Justin Van Dette, former Toronto Councillor Jane Pitfield and former East York Mayor Hon. Alan Redway recently attended an East York Kiwanis Celebration to honour former East York Mayor Willis Blair for his 55 years of community service.

SAVE THE DATE...

Hon. Kathleen Wynne's
New Year's Levee
Sunday, January 19, 2014
1:00pm to 3:00pm
Spirale Banquet &
Conference Centre
888 Don Mills Road.

Agnes Macphail
Award Ceremony
Monday March 24, 2014
7:00pm
East York Civic Centre.
850 Coxwell Avenue

Visit the Mary E. Wrinch Art Exhibit until January 31st the Leaside Library

Mary E. Wrinch (1877—1969)

The East York Foundation maintains a large collection of art from noted Canadian artists. We seek opportunities to exhibit some of these works for the public to enjoy. From January 4 – 31 we are proud to feature oil paintings, colour block prints and lino block prints by Mary E. Wrinch, an accomplished Canadian painter and printmaker. When she first emigrated in 1885 from England with her family, Wrinch enrolled at Bishop Strachan School, later becoming the Art Director for 35 years. Throughout her career, Wrinch experimented with water and sky in motion, often applying shades of blue and purple. Many of Wrinch's prints include flowers and wildflowers always portrayed frontally, filling the picture as seen in Darwin Tulips, 1932. At age 45, Wrinch married oil painter George A. Reid. They resided at Upland Cottage in Wychwood Park which was considered an artists' colony, a permanent sketching ground for students at the Ontario Central School of Art and Design (now OCAD). After Reid's death in 1947, Wrinch continued her printmaking, creating florals and landscapes. She resided at Upland Cottage until her death in 1969 at age 91.

A warm welcome to 6 new members.

At our next meeting, please remember to pick up your name tags from the table so we can get better acquainted.

Curtis Atkins

Glen Moorehouse, CEO Nisbet Lodge

Gus Klisouras, Principal, R. H. McGregor PS

Gordon Pinnell

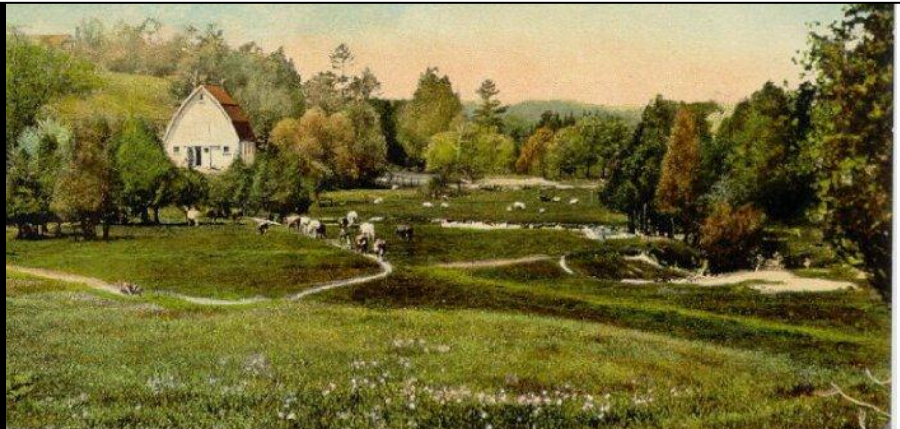
Rita Hoppe

Patrick Rocca

EAST YORK... Then and Now!

We encourage our members and supporters to visit and LIKE a great facebook page: **EAST YORK... Then and Now**. This site features some great photos of our community that date back decades. Feel free to get in touch with them if you have any that you would like to share. You can visit the page at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/East-York-Then-and-Now/340651007038?fref=ts>

Postcard of Dentonia Park Farm. 1910



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Minutes – East York Historical Society
Annual General Meeting - November 26, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 7:38pm by EYHS President Jane Pitfield;

Adoption of minutes from the previous AGM: Correction was put forward to add the name of John Michailidis to the list of Directors. Amendment and minutes were moved by Margaret McRae; seconded by Pat Barnett – APPROVED.

Annual Report: President Jane Pitfield reviewed the accomplishments that were noted in the President's Report, which was included in the November 2013 newsletter. She noted that the afternoon sessions were very successful and she was pleased with the focus that they had on East York. The membership remained very strong and she thought the communications of the EYHS through the newsletters and email updates were very well received. She praised the board for their commitment in 2013 and informed those in attendance that she wouldn't be running for President in 2014 because of other endeavours. She also noted that it was also a sad year with the losses of Gord Hazlett and Donna-Lynn McCallum who were both active supporters of the EYHS. The annual report was moved by Justin Van Dette; seconded by Irene Derzay – APPROVED.

Financial Report: Appointment of Financial Reviewer: Kay Horiszny in her role as Treasurer presented the financial statements, which were distributed to members in the November 2013 newsletter mailing. Appointment of Financial Reviewer was Lorna Krawchuk and it was moved by John Carter; seconded by Jim Grass – APPROVED

Elections of Officers: Jim Grass was called upon to Chair the Elections by Jane Pitfield. Jim explained the process as to what positions can be available and he presented a proposed slate of officers.

President: Pat Barnett
Vice President: Hon. Alan Redway
Treasurer: Val Dodge
Secretary: Justin Van Dette
Past President: Jane Pitfield

Directors:
Margaret McRae
John Michailidis
Christopher Salmond
Kay Horiszny

No further additions were made. Slate of officers was moved by: Margaret McRae; seconded by John Carter – APPROVED.

Guest Speaker: Dr. John Carter, a long time East York resident, was called upon to make his presentation on the 1837 Rebellion.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the Annual General Meeting of the East York Historical Society was moved by Val Dodge; seconded by Pat Barnett – APPROVED.

Did you attend R.H. McGregor School? If so, we want to hear from you.

Any member who attended "R. H. McGregor School" is invited to take part in this special project. We would be interested in your stories about your experiences at "R. H. McGregor School". If you have photographs of any "Events" at the school during your time there, we would love to see them. Our Board Member Christopher Salmond is trying to assemble a "History of R. H. McGregor School" to show the current Grade 4 and 5 students. The Home and School and Staff have expressed an interest in this "Project". If you can help us, please contact Christopher by e-mail at christopher@eastyork.org or speak to him directly at one of our meetings.

ABOUT THE EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The East York Historical Society was formed in 1980 and incorporated in 1981 as a non-profit corporation affiliated with the Ontario Historical Society to bring together people interested in the diverse heritage of East York, to research, retain, preserve and present historical data pertaining to the region.

Meetings of the East York Historical Society are generally held on the last Tuesday of January, March, May, September and November at the S. Walter Stewart Library (northwest corner of Memorial Park and Durant Avenues) at 7:00pm and include an illustrated presentation on a subject of historical interest. Our meetings are co-sponsored by the Toronto Public Library.



East York Historical Society Board of Directors – 2014:

Front row: Hon. Alan Redway, Pat Barnett, Kay Horiszny

Second row: Christopher Salmond, Margaret McRae, Justin Van Dette, John Michailidis.

Bottom right: Val Dodge, Jane Pitfield

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HELP PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF EAST YORK BY BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Help strengthen the History of East York by becoming a member of the East York Historical Society. Provide us with your ideas and know more about the great community that we live in. Your membership helps us to keep you informed and organize events that educate the residents of East York.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone No.: _____ E-Mail: _____

New members and guests are always welcome. The fees for 2014 are:

Single - \$15 Family - \$20 Student - \$7 Organization - \$50

Bring cash to our next meeting or mail us a cheque payable to the "East York Historical Society" to:
East York Historical Society, 107 Cambridge Avenue, Toronto, ON, M4K 2L7

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