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Celebrating Black History Canada



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GREY COUNTY BLACK HERITAGE SOCIETY

Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023 DOORS OPEN @ 7 PM
First Main Presenter: DR. CATHERINE L. SLANEY
on Topic: "The Past and Present Here United"
Second Main Presenter: MS. DOROTHY ABBOTT
Topic: "My Family History – Genealogy & Quilting"



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PRESIDENT PAT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all East York Historical Society Members.

I trust this President' Message of mine find each and everyone of you in great spirits...that the New Year 2023 and Holidays were kind to you and your cherished ones. The days are flying so fast, its the 18th Jan. 2023 already.

[See the locations and learn more about Warming Centre services.](#)



Mine was a quiet and enjoyable one. Rest, Relax, Repair and caught up with my reading of several books and in touch with family.

Many thanks to our EYHS members who sent me cards **and notes via** e-mails, crown mails, in-person, telephone with holiday greetings and best wishes through 2023.

Special thanks to our EYHS Executive Board of Directors for our ongoing work as a team. Our Society continues to grow and prosper smoothly.

EYHS 42nd AGM/GM was of great success 52 in attendance including 2 members on Zoom Virtual Hybrid. **Our Presenter Ms. Jackie Sauriol Hulbert delivered on her topic in an excellent manner. Thank you very much Mrs. Hulbert** for introducing us to your Uncle Charles Sauriol and the rest of your family.

In-Person members Only Hybrid General Meeting of EYHS>Please note that our upcoming East York Historical Society Celebration of Black History Canada is scheduled on the evening of Tuesday, 31st January, 2023. All EYHS members are encouraged/welcome to attend. A valuable meeting worthy of attending!

EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY Celebrates Black History Canada & WELCOMES:

Our 2 Presenters: Dr. Catherine Slaney & Ms. Dorothy Abbott. **The 2 Presenters are not related to each other although their families share the same name ABBOTT**...pages 3 and 4.

Light Refreshments will be served. Masked is encouraged to be worn before, during and after the meeting at: 170 Memorial Park Drive at Durant Avenue. East York TPL (S. Walter Stewart Branch) in the beautiful space of the John S. Ridout Auditorium.

Members who stay at home if unwell can access the Hybrid meeting by telephone or by computer.

[COVID-19: About the Vaccines webpage.](#)

- 7:00 pm Doors open. Meet and Greet
Light Refreshments Served
- 7:30 pm President Welcome/remarks
- 8:00 pm Presenter Dr. Catherine Slaney on topic
- 8:30 pm Presenter Ms. Dorothy C. Abbott on topic
- 9:00 pm EYHS evening general meeting wrap up

Renew your East York Historical Society memberships today by e-transfers val@cabal.org or Cash/ Cheque at the meeting. Your continued support and regular attendance through your membership and service is vital to the smooth functioning of this Society.

In Memory of the passing of Judy Stevenson wife of our EYHS family membership, Mr. Michael Stevenson. Please keep the family in our thoughts and prayers...page 11

SUGGESTIONS:

Always check your license plate before entering your motor vehicles as there are criminal activities around that. **Dress warmly; Walk with in well light areas** when out late evenings.

Pay someone to shovel your walk and driveways if at all possible.

Hybrid Zoom link will be sent out to members interested in attending this meeting virtually. Check EYHS webpage for contact information.

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Warm Welcome to our new members of East York Historical Society...page 18

Many thanks from Todmorden Mills Team; the Exhibit of Todmorden Then and Now of Historic Photos. This was well attended by East York Historical Society members. I was told this during my visit to the exhibit on Sunday afternoon 15th January, 2023. Great advertising for EYHS. Toronto.ca/museums.

Beaches-East York and Don Valley East/West Levees was attended by me and several East York Historical Society members...pages 7

Levity to Brighten your day...page 15

Agnes Macphail's upcoming Award Ceremony in March 2023 TBA...page 16

Also **"NO BED OF ROSES"** Documentary YouTube evening of December 3, 2023

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yk3uXYRdFEU>

Dates to keep in mind until further notice. Leaside 110 years (May 7, 1913- May 7, 2023) -"The Birth of East York" 100 years (January 1, 1924 - January 1, 2024)

"Keep on keeping on; doing your best best"

-Pancheta Barnett

Thank you all for listening and hope to see & talk with you all on the evening of 31st January, 2023.

Pancheta Barnett

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Comments about our



Nov. 29, 2022 Presenter:

MRS. JACKIE SAURIOL HULBERT

Topic: **"REMEMBERING UNCLE CHARLES"**

Photo Right:
MRS. JACKIE SAURIOL
HULBERT Speaking at podium
in John S. Ridout Auditorium
S. Walter Steward Library
EYHS evening meeting
Nov. 29, 2022



Thank you to Mrs. Jackie Sauriol Hulbert, for a warm and personal look into the life of your late uncle, the renowned and accomplished environmentalist, Charles Sauriol.

East York Historical Society Welcomes Jan. 31, 2023 1st Main Presenter:

DR. CATHERINE L. SLANEY

On Topic: "THE PAST AND PRESENT HERE UNITED"

OVERVIEW OF PRESENTATION



A number of years ago I began an investigation to better understand the experiences of people like my predecessors whose actions and decisions

in a specific time and place ultimately affected so many generations today. My curiosity led to the simple act of visiting the archives and as a result the floodgates of history opened and shed light upon so many lives and lifetimes hitherto unknown. When I first discovered the Abbott Collection in the Baldwin Room of the Toronto Reference Library I was appalled at the lack of public awareness of the collection. At that time the papers were still in their original

form and could not be read or studied to any great extent by researchers or curious individuals. It was therefore imperative that the papers were photocopied and transcribed into a format that was more accessible to the general public. Once I had accomplished this, I assumed my duty was done and that academics and historians would subsequently grasp the opportunity to read and analyse the contents of this potentially valuable collection. However, when this did not transpire to any great extent I felt compelled to do more to bring awareness to the attention of the public and the academics by writing a book about the Abbott family, broadly based on the papers in the collection. In the interests of limited time tonight I will provide an overview of the life and times of my great-great grandfather Wilson Ruffin Abbott and his son Dr. Anderson Ruffin Abbott and the awareness they have inspired in today's descendants.

Dr. Catherine L. Slaney, author *Family Secrets: Crossing the Colour Line*



Born in 1951, the day after her mother graduated from the University of Toronto, Catherine Slaney grew up in the post war baby boomer years along with her four younger siblings. No one in the immediate family was

aware of their black heritage and despite being noticeably darker than her playmates, Catherine was told that her complexion was inherited from a "Spanish" great-great-grandmother.

In 1975 Catherine's mother was paid a visit from Dr. Daniel Hill, a prominent black historian and ombudsman, who informed her that her grandfather had been the first Canadian black doctor. Although the family knew that he had been a medical doctor, they were completely unaware of any racial distinction. Dan pointed out the significance of this history and eventually wrote a book *The Freedom Seekers*, about the early black settlers in Canada.

Since that time she has researched her family genealogy and traced the lives of many family antecedents, some black, some white culminating in her book *Family Secrets: Crossing the Colour Line*. In 1990 Catherine paid a visit to the Toronto

Reference Library to review her great-grandfather's papers, designated as the Abbott Collection and housed in the Baldwin Room. This event marked the beginning of a new quest for the truth of her ancestry that lay hidden within the dusty archival papers. Her investigation led her across the US border where she discovered a multitude of cousins, many of whom identified as black despite what she felt were to all appearances to the contrary. However as their friendships deepened the racial distinctions dissipated and ultimately blurred the concept of what has been commonly known as the colour line. This forced Catherine to entertain a whole new perspective of the concept of race.

In an effort to develop stronger research skills and deeper insight into black history and the concept of race, Catherine completed a PhD on the process and implications of racial identification, in large part based on her own family history. Dr. Catherine Slaney is currently retired from her previous position as a professor and Associate Dean at Sheridan College, but still finds time to become involved in the lives of her husband, their children and the forthcoming generations, along with a bevy of dogs, cats and horses.

East York Historical Society Welcomes Jan. 31, 2023 2nd Main Presenter:

MS. DOROTHY C. ABBOTT

On Topic: "My Family History – Genealogy & Quilting"



Ms. Dorothy Abbott and her genealogical quilt which is 51" L x 54" W

Dorothy Abbott is currently the volunteer Director of two NFP organizations in Ontario; the first is the Ontario Black History Society where she has served on the Board since 2009. The second organization is the Grey County Black Heritage Society, which was recently launched in March 2021. She is a former Director of the Owen Sound Emancipation Festival, and the Etobicoke Yacht Club.

Family ties have kept her firmly rooted to the Grey County community since birth and she will continue to support the study of the areas Black History despite the distance between Owen Sound and her hometown of Toronto. She is also the Producer of the *North is Freedom* photo exhibit by Yuri Dojc which features the photos and stories of descendants of families who came north on the UGRR and settled in Ontario and the east coast. And what started out as a hobby, an interest in genealogy and her family origins, developed into a passion to recognize and promote Black Canadian history as it is influenced and affected by our original African roots right through to the slave trade in the US, Caribbean and Central and South America. This has resulted in several exploratory trips to the southern USA and onward to islands such as St. Vincent, St. Lucia and others to trace her family tree.

Henry 'Box' Brown: Fit for freedom

Coralina Lemos, Historian & author, corktownhistory.com

Almost a year ago, Toronto history enthusiast Adam Wynne emailed me to ask if the connection of Henry 'Box' Brown to Bright Street had been "explored further and verified with certainty." The email also went to Pancheta Barnett of the East York Historical Society. From that day the three of us collaborated on preliminary research.

Henry Brown, a slave in Virginia, was determined to live as a free man following the sale and relocation of his wife and three children to another plantation.

It took Brown about five months to prepare and organize his escape. After procuring a carpenter to build a box he enlisted the help of James C.A. Smith, a friend, and shopkeeper Samuel A. Smith (unrelated) to help.

On the morning of March 23, 1849, Brown stepped into a wooden box approximately three feet long, two feet wide, and two feet, eight inches deep. Also inside was a hat to fan himself, water and a few biscuits. When the lid was secured with wicker hoops, the 200-pound human cargo began its hazardous journey to Philadelphia

Confronted in almost complete darkness, Brown saw this



as his only opportunity to escape. The box was transported by rail, steamboat and wagon until it arrived some 27 hours later at the office of the Philadelphia Anti-Slavery Society. One of four society members witnessing the uncrating was the legendary William Still, who documented more than 800 Underground Railroad escapes in a journal.

From the day he stepped onto free soil – Pennsylvania having ended slavery two years earlier – Brown became somewhat of a celebrity. His heroic feat, which gained him the byname of Henry 'Box' Brown, would be recited, studied, and footnoted by scholars and researchers.

Once a free man, Henry Box Brown made it his mission to inform people about slave life.

Sometimes he used moving panoramas, a popular form of entertainment consisting of large hand-painted backdrops that were rolled up; as the speaker changed topics the scene would be unscrolled.

Following passage of the federal Fugitive Slave Act 1850, which required that slaves be returned to their owners, Brown sailed for England. During 25 years abroad he married, had a family and earned his living as an entertainer.

After the Civil War ended U.S. slavery and the passing of the Civil Rights Act to prohibit racial discrimination, the Browns emigrated to the United States in 1875. But within six years they are known to have been residing in Ontario.

Travelling to various cities, Henry performed as a magician and hypnotist, sometimes enlisting family members. In 1887 "The Brown Family" was part of a benefit concert at St. Lawrence Hall, around the time they were residing at Bright Street, near King and Sumach Streets.

Discussions are underway on how to recognize Henry 'Box' Brown's story and his connection to Historic Corktown. For more information, email corylemos@corktownhistory.com



BEACHES-EAST YORK 2023 LEVEE!



Beaches-East York 2023 Levee
(MP. Nathaniel Erskine-Smith, MPP. McMahon & Councillor Bradford)

Jan. 8, 2023 at Legion Hall Branch
11 >Dawes Road Photo: President of EYHS pictured here with Councillor Brad Bradford Large turnout included refreshments.

CHRISTMAS 2022 ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY National Club in Toronto



EYHS PRESIDENT PAT BARNETT AND EYHS MEMBER JOYCE CROOK @ ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY at Christmas Dinner and Tribute to Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Dec. 8, 2022 at the National Club in Toronto.



East York Levee 2023 has been cancelled until further notice for 2024

New Year's Levée

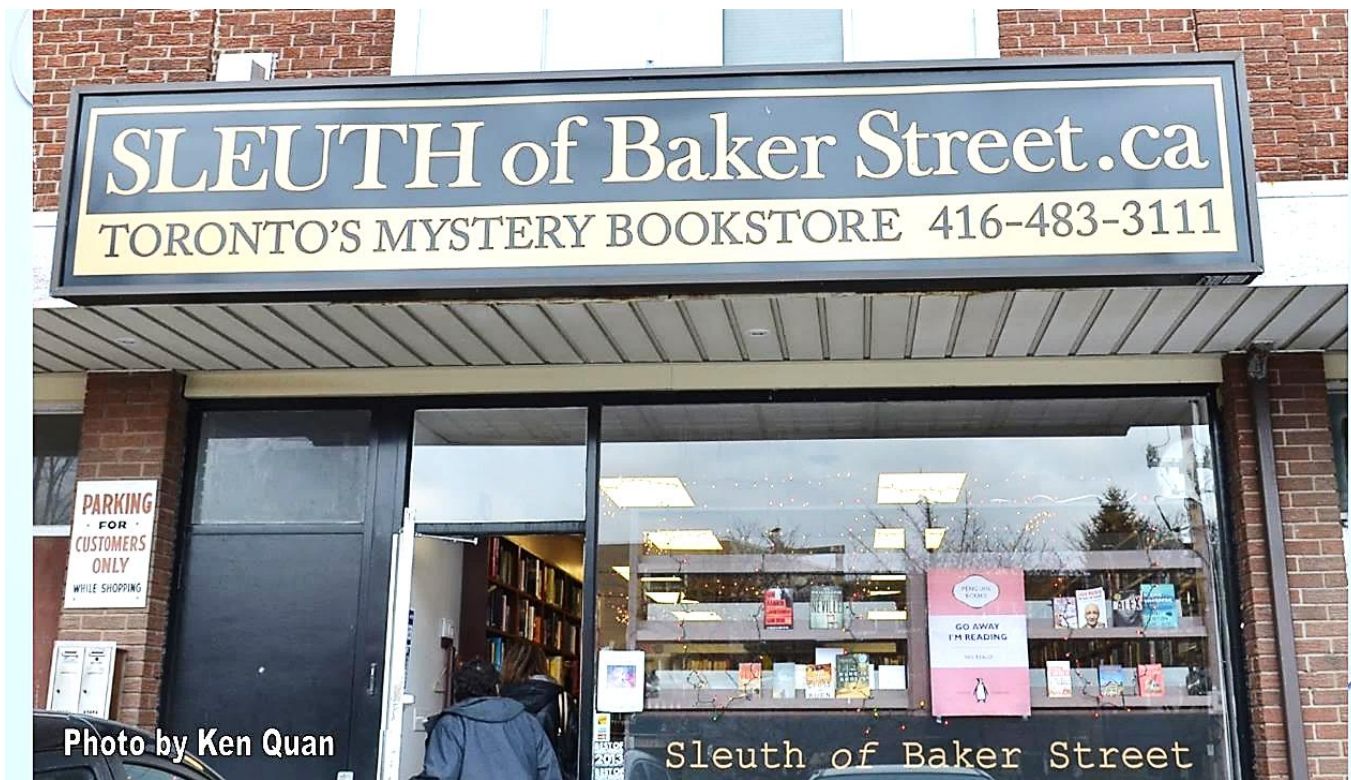
and Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Awards Presentation
January 15, 2023 from 1 – 3 PM
Toronto Botanical Gardens @ 777 Lawrence Ave. East



Co-host their Annual New Year's Levée
Light Refreshments will be Served
RSVP @ rob.oliphant@parl.gc.ca or 416-467-7275



East York Historical Society President PBarnett in attendance at the Annual New Year's Levée and Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Awards Presentation hosted by MPP Stephanie Bowman and MP Rob Oliphant at January 15, 2023 from 1 – 3 PM Toronto Botanical Gardens @ 777 Lawrence Ave. East



Bookstore Closing Soon>Sleuth of Baker Street on 907 Millwood Rd. East York

The Sleuth of Baker Street, a bookstore specializing in mysteries, occupied three different locations on Bayview but for the last many years has been at Millwood and Sutherland. Many of you will recognize

J D Singh's name as he was a member of the Mystery Books panel on The Next Chapter on the CBC. They made this announcement in their January 2023 Newsletter

On October 4, 1982, Marian and I took ownership of Sleuth of Baker Street. The decision to buy the store, forty years ago, was at Marian's insistence and it was one of many great decisions she made for us. But forty years it has been and we're running short of time. Retirement is nigh. We've been threatening this for a while and the time has now come. **We will be closing Sleuth.**

Forty years of owing and running Sleuth has been forty years of great fun and, fortunately, the bookstore has done well enough to allow us a comfortable retirement. We are also very much aware that it's thanks to the thousands of our loyal customers, over all these decades, who have supported us so generously that we can consider this next chapter. That our decision to close will not go over well with some of you, is something else we're very much

aware of. Spending forty years doing something we love has been a great pleasure, but the time has come for other things

There will be a transition period, naturally. What the transition will look like exactly, or how long the transition period will be, is not perfectly clear in our minds—there are a few moving parts and after

forty years, it's with considerable trepidation that we undertake this last, final, turn to our bookselling career—but our need and desire to do this is quite clear. We'll stumble through this and make decisions as they need to be made. So. This will be the last issue of the newsletter. We'll stop ordering new releases and stop re-stocking backlist. Essentially, we will now work towards disposing of the inventory and, sooner or later, proceed to put the building up for sale. While we're around, we'll continue taking special orders for any book you might want. Feel free to ask and we'll get it. This'll give you a chance to use up whatever gift certificates or account credits that you might have. Of course, we'll issue refunds for any unused balances if you'd rather.

And that, alas, is pretty much that. We thank you. We apologize. We beg your forgiveness. With deepest gratitude,
Prince, Pixie, Marian, JD

TODMORDEN THEN AND NOW

EXHIBIT OF HISTORIC PHOTOS

DECEMBER 21, 2022 TO JANUARY 15, 2023



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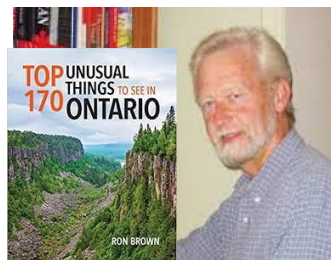
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OPEN WEDNESDAY TO SUNDAY, 11AM TO 4PM

ADMISSION FREE



Photos from EYHS Nov. 29, 2022 Evening Meeting Above >R: EYHS President PBarnett with Opening Speaker Malcolm Kelly generating some images for Jackie Sauriol Hulbert's presentation, then w. their respective books Presenting Princess Ladybug, and SPROG. Mr. Brown's books. MPP Peter Tabuns & EYHS President PBarnett & Sect'y JVanDette & Councillor Brad Bradford.



Todmorden Room Library Branch Sees Increased Hours in 2023

Toronto Public Library is increasing access to its Todmorden Room branch. 1081 1/2 Pape Avenue. In response to positive customer feedback and requests for further access to this service, the Toronto Public Library board has approved new self-service hours that will come into effect January 3, 2023.

Self-service hours are popular with customers providing convenient access to library space, and additional time to pick up holds, borrow materials, and use onsite electronic resources and Wi-Fi. This is especially beneficial for older adults, adult job seekers, and families who visit our partners at the East York Community Centre.

The Todmorden Room Branch is located at 1081 1/2 Pape Ave.

Todmorden Room Service Hours for 2023

	Regular Service Hours (no changes to these)	Current Self-Service Hours	New Self-Service Hours effective January 3, 2023
Monday	N/A	10:00-6:00	9:00-8:00
Tuesday	12:30-8:30	10:00-12:30; 5:00-6:00	9:00-12:30; 5:00-6:00
Wednesday	9:00-5:00	12:00-1:00	12:00-1:00; 5:00-8:0
Thursday	12:30-8:30	10:00-12:30; 5:00-6:00	9:00-12:30; 5:00-6:00
Friday	N/A	10:00-6:00	9:00-8:00
Saturday	9:00-5:00	12:00-1:00	12:00-1:00

MY MEMORIES OF GROWING UP IN EAST YORK by ANTHONY LEWIS, EAST YORKER and MEMBER OF EYHS

ARTICLE REQUESTED BY PRESIDENT PBARNETT

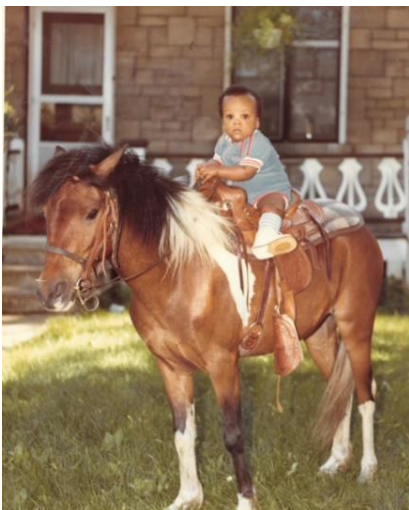


Although I was born in East York, I always like to reflect on the histories of those who came here before me. My grandmother was such a person and was responsible for the choice I made in buying our forever home here with my own young family during the 2020 pandemic.

My grandmother first came to Toronto first from Jamaica in the early 70's and worked in the hospitality industry while my grandfather worked as an assembler for Lincoln Electric in East York. Eventually, they were able to save up to buy a 2 bedroom home in East York with their 6 children by the late 70's.

My mother met my father, who had arrived in Toronto from the Island of St Kitts and Nevis during that time and I was born shortly after in the early 80's in what was then called East General Hospital, a five minute drive from the place my family called home on Aldwych Ave. I attended nearby Chester Elementary, followed by Wilkinson Public School located just outside the Borough. What I remember most about growing up in East York in those times was that everyone on the neighborhood knew where I lived as it was labeled 'Jamaica' in the predominately Greek neighborhood.

'Where did they go?' a child would ask. 'Jamaica!' another would chime in, pointing at my house.



Baby Anthony age 1yr on a pony near Aldwych Ave.

I was 9 when I first became conscious of this and thought nothing of it – after all, I was trying to fit in with the other kids of my neighborhood who didn't look like me and didn't fully understand the implication of the

name of my mother's ancestry being my home. I knew I was different from them only because they made me feel different from them through changing from English to Greek when they didn't want me to understand.

When I would go outside to play on the street, one of the neighbors would always seem to let his dogs out to roam at the same time. I'd quickly run inside to avoid the dogs that would run after and bark at me. I noticed he never did this with the other neighborhood kids. As a child, I only understood it to mean the neighbor didn't like me and never fully understood the possible reason why until I got older.

However while growing up in East York I didn't always feel alienation; I had very fond memories of the fresh Tiropita one of the neighborhood mothers would make our family as myself and her kids would play in her front lawn, using only our imaginations as toys. Eating them to this day brings me back to those memories.

Years later, because of the memories I made here with my grandmother and positive experiences I had growing up beside that neighbor, I decided to move back to East York and continue my family history in the once quiet borough with my own family and am very excited for what the future holds for us here.



The Lewises, Anthony's family L to R: Anthony' son Miles now 6, his wife Kayla, Anthony himself and his daughter Sadie now 3. Photo taken @ Dawes Rd. & Chapman Ave.

EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY SENDS THEIR CONDOLENCES TO THE STEVENSON'S FAMILY & FRIENDS ON THE PASSING OF JUDY STEVENSON R.I.P.



It is with the sadness that loss brings, as well as the hope of the Resurrection which Christ sets before us, that we share the news that Judith (Judy) Stevenson died on Saturday, January 14, 2023.

A Funeral Service in Thanksgiving for Judy's life will be held at St. Cuthbert's on Wednesday, January 25th at 3 p.m.

The Service will be followed by a reception in Lamb Hall.

(If you would like to help with the reception, please contact Lorna at ltkrawchuk8@aol.com)

Please continue to uphold in prayer

Judith's husband, Michael, and her sons and their families: Simon and his wife, Della, and their children, George and Angus; Guy and his wife, Dorothy, and son Curtis; Marcus and his wife, Fatima; and all of Judith's family and friends who mourn.

*Rest eternal grant unto Judith, O Lord.
And may light perpetual shine upon her.*



Dear Pat,
In the Queen's York Rangers officer's Mess after the Installation of the late David Stewart (President of the Macdonald Stewart Foundation) as Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, July 1973.
Best wishes,
Michael

Submitted by Michael Stevenson (family membership East York Historical Society) on request by EYHS President P.B.

A BRITISH ARMY WIFE IN CANADA -JUDY'S SPEECH

The following is a speech delivered in 1973 by Judy Stevenson, wife of Michael Stevenson, the former Commanding Officer of the Queens York Rangers. Delivered in 1973 the Lady's Night in the Queen's York Rangers Sergeants Mess, it tells of the experience of being an army wife and all the challenges.

When I first heard about this evening, I understood it is to respond to a toast to the ladies and I was nervous. When Sergeant Gilker phoned on Monday to thank me for volunteering to be the guest speaker, I nearly collapsed. And I'm not nervous, I'm terrified! If I hadn't had over 20 years training with the army, I think I may just have phoned in sick!

My first association with the army was when I met Michael. There was no military history in our family, except in war time, and it all appeared very exciting and glamorous. Michael had just been posted to the local T. A. Regiment as adjutant. T. A., Territorial Army, is the same as our militia, except they always have a permanent force training major, adjutant and Q.M. – and a mobilization plan. It was winter and everyone was pasty Yorkshire white. Michael had just returned from Suez and was deep bronze, which gave him points right away. Before we became engaged, he was very honest with me about army life. He told me it was by no means all glamorous and

exciting – there would be separations, constant moving and we would never, ever be rich. I don't think I listened very hard – I certainly didn't let it worry me. The first year was a gentle start anyway as we lived near Leeds, my home ground. In that year, we moved from an apartment to a house and had our first son. Then came my first overseas posting, to Nigeria in West Africa. I was very excited and knew so little about it, I had to look it up on a map. I'd read books about the wonderful life of the British in India and was quite convinced that is what we were going to. My parents thought otherwise and were most upset that we were taking their first

A BRITISH ARMY WIFE IN CANADA -JUDY'S SPEECH cont... 2

grandchild to "the white man's grave" – a phrase that my mother had read somewhere. Nevertheless, off we went in November of 1958 to Ibadan in Nigeria.

I had a new perm and bought a lovely cream linen travelling suit and felt like a sophisticated traveller. Sixteen hours later, we landed in Lagos. We stepped from the air conditioned plane into what I can only describe as a Turkish bath. In the time it took for us to walk from the plane to customs, my perm became an Afro, my linen suit became a crinkled rag and our four month old son started to scream non-stop. Customs were difficult and obtuse and the officer who was supposed to meet us wasn't there.

One half-hour later, a very smart Nigerian Lieutenant found us and said we must be on our way immediately as it was a three hour drive and the Commanding Officer was expecting us for lunch.

Jagaboo Gowan eventually became president of Nigeria for a few years – a dear friend of ours but I will never forget him bustling us over to an open Land Rover, opening the front door for Captain Stephenson to sit next to the driver and happily depositing baby, himself and me in the back. There were no proper seats in the back, just metal benches.

My husband suggested putting up the top as we were going to burn pretty badly in three hours, only to be told "oh, this Land Rover has no roof, Sir." So started one of the most miserable journeys of my life. None of the roads were paved, it was around 100 degrees (F) and the humidity made the air like a soggy blanket and the driver kept up a steady 80 miles an hour.

This as the army Michael had tried to warn me about – my glamorous dreams were dissipating. It was to get worse. As we entered the army compound, we ran over a snake so large, its head hit one side of the Land Rover, its tail the other. I'll skip over lunch at the Colonel's – except to say in that heat it was steak and kidney pie, steamed pudding and no air conditioning. I'll also skip over on the other a similar hut which was the bathroom.

my reactions to the huge frog sitting in the bath at the guest house where we spent the night.

The next day, we were taken to our house. In my dreams, some low, white gracious building. In fact, it was a wooden structure with a corrugated iron roof. On one end was a small hut, which was the kitchen,

There was a wood stove for cooking and no other way of boiling water. As the baby's feeding time passed and we still had found no way of lighting the stove, to boil water for the formula, my stiff upper lip stopped being stiff and I sat down and howled with my son.

Eventually, we were lent an electric kettle, I hired the first cook who said he knew how to light the wood stove – and regretted it. But from then on, we started to make a home. We learnt to live with mosquitoes, dysentery, and dried milk and enjoyed the African landscape, the servants, owning two horses and the many friends we made. I came to enjoy Nigeria and after this, I felt I was ready for anything.

After our time in Nigeria, we had long leave to recuperate and then Michael's posting to Gibraltar came through.

We were then expecting our second son and I couldn't go until he was born and his documents processed so back I went to my long-suffering parents. Four months later, I was instructed to join a troop ship in London.

Michael, meanwhile, had moved into our quarters in Gibraltar – a huge, old house that used to be an Officers' Mess. We had a maid and once I got there, this looked like a good posting. At the time, we were allowed over into Spain by that country's authorities once a day and you had your passport stamped each time. I was really caught out by that on one occasion.

The navy came into Gib and we were to entertain some officers from HMS Lion (a cruiser). We arranged to take them into Spain to dinner. In the morning, I drove over the border to have my hair done. That evening, looking forward to our evening out, we presented ourselves at the border. The Spanish guard looked at our passports and said, "everyone may go across except the senora". I couldn't believe it – but he meant it. I had been over once that day and sorry, I couldn't go again. I looked at all the disappointed naval faces around me and said bravely, "well, you'd better take me home and go on without me", hoping they would veto the idea immediately. But my dear husband said briskly, "yes, that's the only thing to do, you chaps wait here and it will only take me seven minutes to run her home and be back again". So, off they went without me.

From Gibraltar, we went straight to Germany. We lived in army quarters in Wupperstaal and this was really civilized living with all the amenities.

A BRITISH ARMY WIFE IN CANADA -JUDY'S SPEECH cont... 3

The men were continually away on exercises which always started and finished on a weekend, Apart from that, the main problem was keeping the huge coke furnaces that heating our homes from going out when the men were away. Once they went out, they were terrors to get going again.

After a year in Germany, Michael was posted to Kenya as Intelligence Officer, with 24 Brigade. As Kenya was the most lovely country I've been to, I loved it so much I'm not going to say much about it. I wouldn't know where to start or stop.

As well as safaris, parties and a delightful climate, there was the excitement for the men of dashing off to quell problems in such exotic places as the Cameroons, Zanzibar, Tanganika and Somaliland.

After two glorious years in Kenya, we got the worst posting of our lives – Aden. It is impossible to explain the shock of leaving the green lushness of Kenya and landing in the barren waste of Aden. Our quarters were supposedly finished but had lumps of concrete, and piles of sand in all the rooms. There was a scorpion sitting in the middle of the bathroom floor. Not a speck of greenery anywhere, flies abounded and on top of that, there was a definite and vicious move afoot to get the British out of there by any means possible.

The army patch was about 10 miles out of Aden proper and we gradually grew very close together as things became worse. To begin with, we were allowed to use Shell Oil's swimming pool but after bombs started being lobbed at military personnel, Shell decided we weren't the sort of friends they needed right then, so we used the sea with shark nets.

We wives were terribly worried about the men and it took us awhile to realize that we and the children were prime targets too.

When the men went up country to quell rebels, we wives would often gather for supper in groups as it helped to keep our spirits up. It was at one of those supper parties with few of us present that the wall suddenly blew in – literally. A limpet mine had been attached to an outside wall and then detonated when the terrorists were too far off to be caught. Luckily the windows were wired. I was sitting opposite the wall that gave way but was hit and cut with plaster, not glass. It was at a time like this that you realized it wasn't really where you were that mattered, but the people you were with. Michael was only allowed down from the Redfan for 12 hours to see me – because "panic must be

avoided at all cost". But I found some wonderful friends who saw me through the injuries and shock. And that's really what army life was about – the fellowship and kindness, the sticking together at all costs. We wives were told we must not dream of going home because that was what "they" wanted – so we stayed.

Even in this atmosphere, there was a humourous side. One of the bomb tricks of the terrorists was to put some container, such as a thermos or sandwich box, on into an empty car. We had all been strongly warned to look out for such things when getting into a car. A friend and I and our children had been swimming that day and taken the car. Michael came home and needed the car. He went out and about five minutes later came back and said casually – too casually – "er, did you leave a black thermos flask in the car?". I said, "no, we didn't own a black thermos". The bomb squad were called, they took one look at the thing and ordered everyone out of the houses within the radius, then approached it grim-faced. As we all stood at a safe distance, watching I felt a little tug on my arm. It was Laura, the girl I'd been swimming with. She said in a tiny voice, "Judy, is it a black thermos"? I said yes. "Oh, dear," she moaned, "it's mine – I put juice in it for the children". How to explain that to 50 people moved out of their houses and to the bomb disposal unit who had just decided not to dismantle it, but to blow it and our car up?!

After Aden, we had three years in Colchester in the U.K. There were few places left to travel to, the new policy was to send the men without their families, regiments were being amalgamated and somehow the spirit went out of it for us.

After two trips to Canada with the regiment, Michael decided it was the place for us. I didn't want to leave the army – it and the people were part of my family. Little did I know he had already decided to join a new army family and he joined the Queens York Rangers the very night we arrived in Toronto (in 1967).

It was different but just the same – the military ruled our lives again. I grumbled like made – you have to do that now and again – but I'm glad he did it, I'm glad we have another army family and I'm glad I was with him through all of it – and I wouldn't change any of it.

-Submitted by MStevenson

*Expression of Condolence for
Joan Patricia Ridout by Toronto City Council*

Moved by: Councillor Brad Bradford

Seconded by: Councillor Paula Fletcher

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Joan Patricia Ridout on November 2, 2022.

A longtime East Ender, Joan leaves behind a loving family and a lasting impact on the lives of all those who had the privilege to know her during her 96 years. From her volunteer work at True Davidson Meals on Wheels to her dedication to the St. Columba Church as the President of the Chancel Guild and Anglican Church Women, Joan's kindness and dedication to her community are undeniable. Joan will be missed greatly by friends and neighbours.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Joan Patricia's family.

December 14, 2022



Photo L> Joan & John Ridout Dec 1998 (Joan was the widow of the late John Stirling Ridout (Founder and President of East York Historical Society 1980-2003)> Photo Above, Joan Patricia Ridout (1925-2022)

MICHAEL GARRON HOSPITAL CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING OF THE KEN AND MARILYN THOMSON PATIENT CARE CENTRE, ONTARIO'S NEWEST HOSPITAL FACILITY

[HTTPS://WWW.TEHN.CA/ABOUT-US/NEWSROOM/MICHAEL-GARRON-HOSPITAL-CELEBRATES-GRAND-OPENING-KEN-AND-MARILYN-THOMSON-PATIENT](https://www.tehn.ca/about-us/newsroom/michael-garron-hospital-celebrates-grand-opening-ken-and-marilyn-thomson-patient)



Dignitaries, hospital and foundation representatives, and a patient cut the ceremonial ribbon to mark the celebratory grand opening of Michael Garron Hospital's new Ken and Marilyn Thomson Patient Care Centre

On Wed., Jan. 11, 2023, Michael Garron Hospital (MGH) marked a historic milestone by celebrating the grand opening of Ontario's newest hospital facility, the eight-storey Ken and Marilyn Thomson Patient Care Centre (Thomson Centre).

The Thomson Centre is the centrepiece of MGH's campus transformation, which is the largest redevelopment project in the hospital's history.



The main lobby in MGH's new Thomson Centre.

It officially opens for outpatient care on January 23, 2023 and for inpatient care on February 4, 2023. At today's celebratory grand opening, the Michael Garron Hospital Foundation also announced the



An inpatient room in MGH's new Thomson Centre.

successful completion of its Heart of the East fundraising campaign. Launched in 2018, the campaign raised \$126 million, exceeding its original goal of \$100 million, to support redevelopment, new equipment, innovative programs, staff training and development, and community-based research at MGH.

The main lobby in MGH's new Thomson Centre.

Under construction since 2018, the Thomson Centre replaces some of MGH's oldest and most outdated patient care spaces.

"The opening of the Ken and Marilyn Thomson Patient Care Centre is a pivotal moment for healthcare in East Toronto," says Wolf Klassen, President and CEO, Interim, at MGH. See link above for complete story.

LEVITY TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

I am reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

A duck, a skunk and a deer went to dinner at a restaurant.

When it came time to pay the skunk didn't have a scent.

The deer didn't have a buck

So they placed it on the duck's bill.

Submitted by MStevenson



East York Historical Society

RECYCLES!

Remember to Recycle your EYHS Newsletters by sharing them as invitations with the community, friends, relatives or return them to EYHS meetings.



Dawes Road Library Redevelopment Champions Indigenous Design

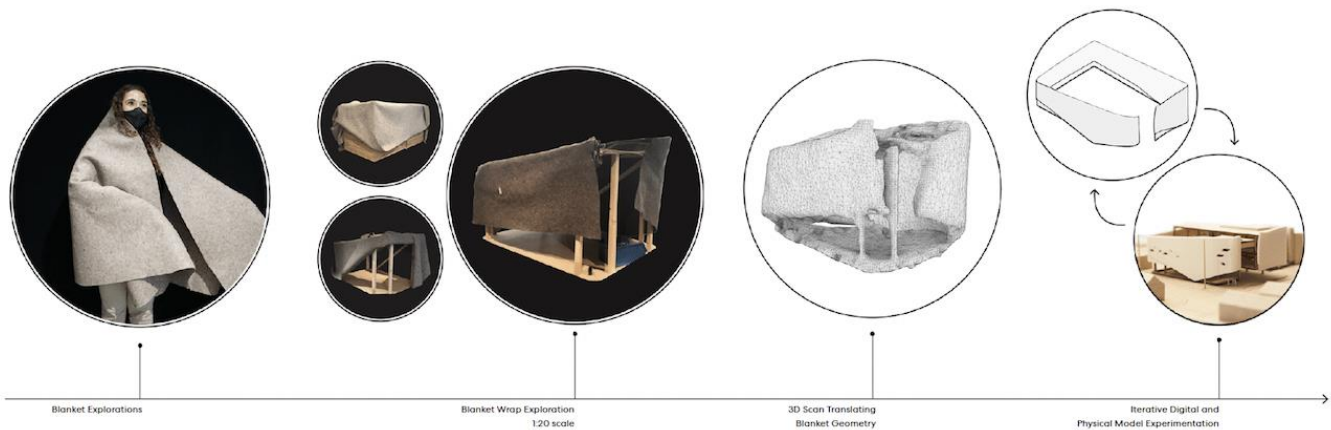
<https://www.designlinesmagazine.com/dawes-road-library-redevelopment-champions-indigenous-design/>



The East End library redesign pays homage to First Nations star blankets with an enveloping façade By [Joseph Cicerone](#)

In First Nations teachings, a star blanket is a symbol of honour gifted to a person for their contributions to the community—wrapping the respect and regard of that community around them. Inspired by this teaching, global design practice [Perkins&Will](#) collaborated with Hamilton firm [Smoke Architecture](#) on a redesign for Toronto's Dawes Road Library; wrapping the library in a metaphorical star blanket of its own.

Its wavy, drape-like façade symbolizes a mutual respect between the Indigenous community, local residents and the library as a gathering place for education and storytelling. Articulating its gentle folds, the team crafted a scale model using felt material to capture the gesture and natural form of the star quilt, driving the library's parametric design.



Patterned cladding on the building's exterior is an abstraction of the colourful, geometric designs that typically appear on star blankets. And where the two ends meet: a peek at the three-level interior will offer a glimpse of happenings within.

Serving as both a replacement to the current branch at the corner of Dawes and Chapman Avenue, as well as a new community hub, the project highlights a range of ways in which Indigenous thinking can improve design and livability in communities across the city. Founded on regional Indigenous principles, the design emphasizes connectivity between people from all cultures, creating a sense of place that is rooted in millennia of Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Huron-Wendat inhabitation.

Nestled in Woodbine Gardens, adjacent to Taylor Massey Creek, the 25,500-square-foot Dawes Road library will span three storeys featuring a new plaza at street level, a youth hub on the second floor, and a rooftop garden on the top floor. Planted with indigenous species, the roof garden includes space for sacred fire and directly connects to a circular gathering room inspired by the Anishinaabe Roundhouse.

The principle of flow between indoor to outdoor is central to the redesign, intending to reinforce an interconnectedness of all life and invite land-based knowledge sharing in an urban setting. Aligned with the shared sustainability interests between both architects, the project is also targeting net-zero carbon emissions.

Image Right: Rendering of Toronto Public Library's Dawes Road Redevelopment



AGNES MACPHAIL AWARD CEREMONY

March 2023

Date TO BE ANNOUNCED –CLOSE TO AGNES MACPHAIL DAY ON March 24th

Do you know an East Yorker you feel would be a good candidate for this award?

The nomination form is available at: [Agnes Macphail Award – City of Toronto](https://www.toronto.ca/agnes-macphail-award).

The Agnes Macphail award recognizes an East York resident who has volunteered and made outstanding contributions in one or more of the following areas could qualify:

- Women's rights
- Fairness to seniors
- Criminal justice system and penal reform
- International peace and disarmament
- Access to adequate housing, health care and education

The recipient is honoured with a medal, framed certificate of recognition, and their portrait on an honour wall in the East York Civic Centre with other recipients.

Send Nominations to:

Agnes Macphail Recognition Committee
City Clerk's Office
Strategic Protocol and External Relations
Toronto City Hall

[100 Queen Street West, 2nd Floor](https://www.toronto.ca/100-Queen-Street-West-2nd-Floor)

Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Telephone: 416-392-7666

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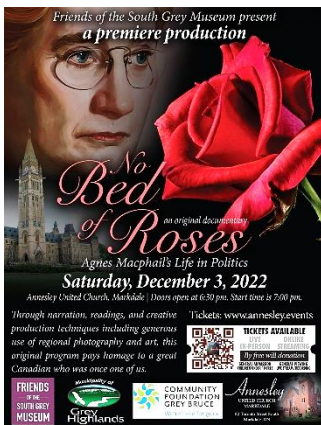
<https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/9780-2023-Agnes-Macphail-Nomination-Form.pdf>

The Agnes Macphail Award Selection Committee for the 2023 Agnes Macphail Award has extended the time for receiving nominations to noon (12 pm) on Monday, January 23, 2023 (formerly midnight on January 5th).

NO BED OF ROSES

If you missed the premiere of the documentary on Agnes Macphail on December 3, 2022 here is a link to the recording of all of the evening's activities which Jane Penhale included in her Christmas letter

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yk3uXYRdFEU>





**2023
TUESDAY
EVENING
7 PM MEETINGS**

January 31

March 28

May 30

September 26

AGM November 28



BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN CANADA

www.canada.ca › [black-history-month](#) › [aboutAbout Black History Month - Canada.ca](#)

Black History Month is a time to learn more about these Canadian stories and the many other important contributions that Black Canadians and their communities have made to the history and...

www.history.com › [black-history-month Black History Month 2023: Facts, Origins & More | HISTORY ...](#)

www.speakers.ca › [2022/11/2023-planning2023 Planning: Celebrating Black History Month in February](#)

Nov 17, 2022 · Every February, many people across Canada host events in celebration of Black History Month to honour, highlight, and reflect on the legacy, contributions, and achievements of Black Canadians

East York Historical Society Celebrates Black History Canada

**East York Historical Society
Welcomes
New Members!**



**MRS. JACKIE SAURIOL
HULBERT
and
MR. MALCOLM KELLY**

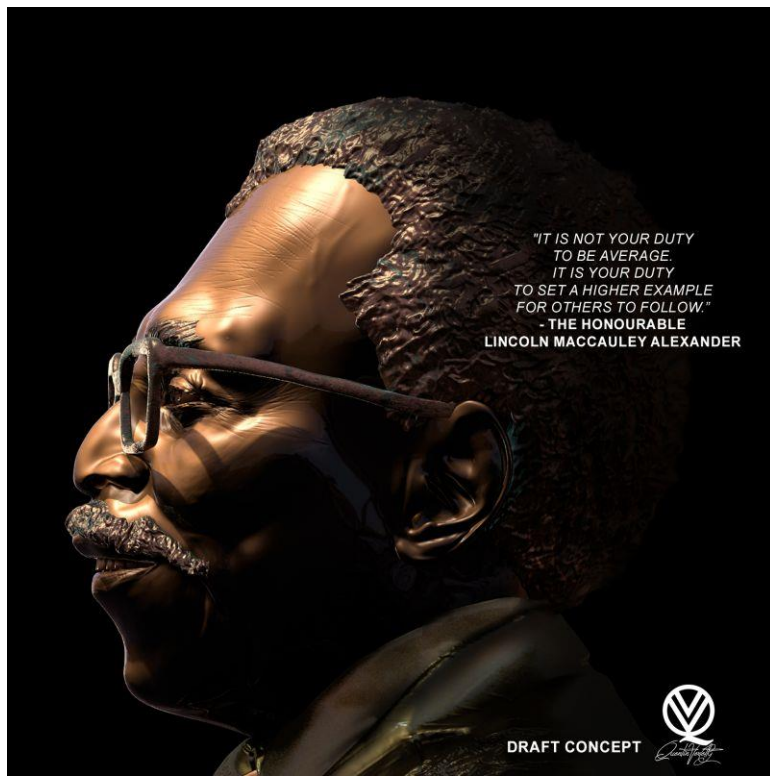


Land Acknowledgement

East York Historical Society acknowledges the land that S. Walter Stewart Library stands on today, the land upon which our meetings are held and the land we inhabit and are custodians of, is the traditional territory of many nations. These nations include the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabe (“Ah-nish-na-be”), the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee (“How-den-no-show-nee”) and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples.

We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13, signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit, and the Williams Treaty, signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands.





"IT IS NOT YOUR DUTY
TO BE AVERAGE.
IT IS YOUR DUTY
TO SET A HIGHER EXAMPLE
FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW."
- THE HONOURABLE
LINCOLN MACCAULEY ALEXANDER



DRAFT CONCEPT

MORE INFO TO FOLLOW ABOUT THIS BUST OF THE HONOURABLE
LINCOLN ALEXANDER PC CC OOnt CD QC...

NEW ART INSTALLATION to HONOUR LINCOLN MacCAULEY ALEXANDER

By Artist Quentin VerCetty

VerCetty who attended Lincoln Macauley Alexander High School in Malton had this to say: "I am super honoured and stoked to share the first public preview of part of my work in progress of the Lincoln MacCauley Alexander bust statue that I am set to complete later this year and to be installed at Queens Park.... I was fortunate to attend the Lincoln Alexander High School in Malton and meet him and shake his hand. It is my hope that this art piece will remind people not only of the beauty of Lincoln MacCauley Alexander but also his story and greatness and the greatness that he continues to call forward in all of us as a great ancestor- Happy Lincoln M. Alexander Day and happy birthday to the trailblazer!"



CROWN IN CANADA PODCAST

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EPISODES

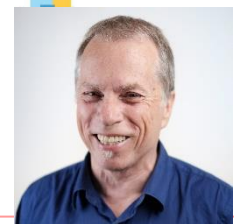


The first episode of *The Crown in Canada* was launched on December 25, 2022 following His Majesty King Charles III's inaugural Christmas message, and the second episode dropped a week later on New Year's Eve. These two pilot episodes, called "Rooted in Treaty", examine the Crown-Indigenous relationship that has existed across Turtle Island/North America, including what is now called Canada, for over 500 years. The podcast promises to take look at the role of the Crown in Canada in a thoughtful way, and examine what can be learned about this country—both its tensions and its promises.

The podcast can be found on the [OHS website](#), at the [Crown in Canada's home](#), or indeed [wherever good podcasts are distributed](#). Please help us by sharing these links with family, friends, colleagues, and anyone interested in learning about this important story of Canadian history, and keep an eye out for more episodes of *The Crown in Canada's* first season coming in 2023. Rating and reviewing the show also helps enormously, and you can provide feedback and encouragement via the OHS at ohs@ontariohistoricalsociety.ca or at hello@crowncanadapodcast.ca.



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<Left is a fragment of Ontario Historical Society's Executive Director, Rob Leverty's Jan. 5, 2023 Announcement by Letter. Rob's full letter can be found at www.eastyorkhistoricalsociety.com

The Ontario Historical Society (OHS) is excited to announce the launch of its new podcast series, *The Crown in Canada*, hosted by Nathan Tidridge. See first podcast, link below.

Rooted in Treaty (Part One)



The Crown in Canada Podcast click on the link!

<https://player.captivate.fm/episode/9fe9d624-83dd-40c1-b30e-b2a89e4cd88a>

2023 HAPPY NEW YEAR
YEAR OF RABBIT 兔



HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR!

The Toronto East Chinese Chamber of Commerce is inviting everyone to join together at the **Zhong Hua Men Archway, Sunday January 29th, at 12 noon for the Lion Dance March, celebrating Lunar New Year and the Year of the Rabbit.** I'm happy to share their invitation letter:

Source Councillor P. Fletcher
weekly update January 20, 2023

After the Opening Ceremony, the lion will dance its way along Gerrard & Broadview, and will perform at storefronts.

January 10, 2023

Dear Merchants, Residents and Friends of Toronto East Chinatown:

You are cordially invited to join us in the celebration of the commencement of the Year of the Rabbit. Each year, the Toronto East Chinese Chamber of Commerce (TECC) organizes a Lion Dance March that is accompanied by loud beating drum, cymbal and gong, to bring prosperity and good luck for the new year.

This year, the event will be held on **January 29, 2023 (Sunday)**. On that day, an opening ceremony will be held at **12 p.m. at the parking lot of the Zhong Hua Men Archway (Gerrard and Hamilton)**. The TECC directors and dignitaries from all 3 levels of government will be present to dot the eyes of the lion – a tradition to empower the lion to fulfill its duty of bringing good fortune and chasing away evil spirits.

After the opening ceremony, the lion will dance its way along Gerrard and Broadview, and perform at storefronts. We encourage local merchants to hang up an offering in the form of a red packet wrapped inside a lettuce for the lion to pluck. It is a traditional belief that this practice will bring in good businesses for the rest of the year. (Please contact Sam Wong at 590 Gerrard Street East for arrangements.)

We wish the Year of the Rabbit will bless you with good health, prosperity and peace.

With warmest wishes,

The Board of Directors
Toronto East Chinese Chamber of Commerce

2023年1月10日

致多倫多東區華埠商戶及居民：

每年春節多倫多東區華商會都會舉辦醒獅賀歲活動，除了帶出濃郁的新年氣氛之餘，亦希望將吉祥如意，龍馬精神的好意頭分享給每一個商戶及到訪的每一位朋友。

今年的醒獅賀歲儀式，將於2023年1月29日（星期日）中午12時於東區華埠中華門啓動。活動由主禮嘉賓包括華商會的領導人和三級政府代表為醒獅點睛拉開序幕。儀式後，醒獅隊將會前往各商戶拜年探青。探青寓意新的一年瑞氣臨門，生意興隆，希望各商戶能預備生菜及紅包迎接醒獅的到來。

在此我們希望各商戶及街坊鄰里積極參與今次的活動，以促進社區和諧，繁榮與興旺。

祝大家兔年大吉大利，身體健康。

此致

多倫多東區華商會董事局全人敬

East York Seniors Christmas Day Dinner celebrates 40 years

December 25th was a special day all around the world including East York as it celebrated the 40th anniversary of the East York Seniors Christmas Day Dinner.

Kam Babulal, recipient of the 2022 Agnes Macphail Award and EYHS member, was recognized for her 25 years of service and organizing the long-time East York event.

Mayor John Tory was the first mayor to volunteer at the event since 1997 when East York's last Mayor, Michael Prue was in attendance. Councillor Paula Fletcher and her hands were all hands on to help ensure the event was a success. Thanks to Councillor Fletcher, Kam, the many donors and volunteers, 425 Christmas meals were delivered to seniors all over East York.

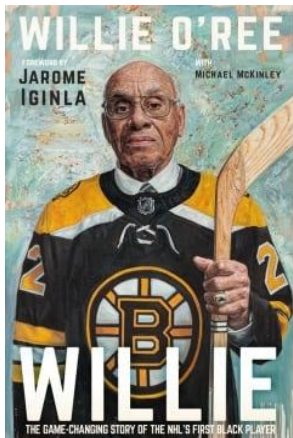
EYHS secretary Justin Van Dette volunteered again this year and presented Kam with a bouquet of Christmas flowers, which was aired live on CP24.



Photo L> EYHS Secretary JVanDette and East York Seniors Christmas Day Dinner Event Organizer Kam Babulal w. flowers
Photo Below L>R Councillor P Fletcher, JVanDette, Mayor JTory and KBabulal @ East York Community Centre 1081 1/2 Pape Ave. Dec. 25, 2023



HOCKEY LEGEND WILLIE O'REE



Portrait of Willie O'Ree, first Black player **allowed** into the NHL, to be unveiled at Beaverbrook Art Gallery <https://www.cbc.ca/.../oree-portrait-beaverbrook-gallery...>

East York Historical Society (6th Annual) Certificate of Appreciation Award



Nov. 29, 2022 during the 42ND EYHS AGM The name of East York Historical Society (6th Annual) **Certificate of Appreciation Award** was announced... **CONGRATULATIONS &** Many thanks to Margaret for her years of great service with the Society.



Detail of: Refashion (Mrs. Pipkin), oil on wood panel, 2022 by Gordon Shadrach

Dis/Mantle Special Exhibit extended at Spadina Museum

Dis/Mantle, an art exhibit inspired by the efforts of Black abolitionists, reimagines Spadina.

Museum using an Afrofuturism narrative and includes soundscapes, ceramics and visual art by Canadian artists from the Afro-Caribbean diaspora. Dis/Mantle has been extended until May 28. Visit the exhibit by joining a free guided tour of Spadina Museum. [Learn more.](#)

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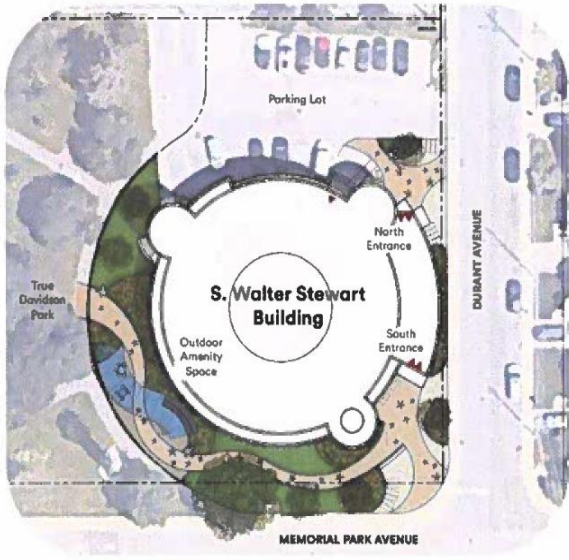
Louisa Pipkin was a freedom seeker, who escaped enslavement in the United States and came to Canada where she worked as a laundress in the 1870s for the Austin family, the founders of the Dominion Bank of Canada and the homeowners of Spadina. Dis/Mantle is inspired by the real Mrs. Pipkin and the efforts of Black abolitionists.

Explore [Spadina Museum](#)

Art exhibit, August 5 to extended until **May 28, 2023**

Dis/Mantle, an art exhibit inspired by the efforts of Black abolitionists, reimagines Spadina Museum using an Afrofuturism narrative: where Mrs. Pipkin is now the homeowner and the house is a safe haven for those seeking freedom through the Underground Railroad. The group show includes soundscapes, ceramics and visual art from Canadian artists from the Afro-Caribbean diaspora, including an iconic portrait of Louisa Pipkin and a series of new portraits of members of the Black community by lead artist Gordon Shadrach. Visit the Dis/Mantle art exhibit by joining a free guided tour of the museum.

what's on



s. walter stewart: outdoor revitalization project

S. Walter Stewart Branch Outdoor Revitalization Project

Toronto Public Library is excited to announce that plans have been launched to revitalize the outdoor space surrounding S. Walter Stewart Branch. The plans will provide greater access to library services and programs and provide an enhanced community space.

We'd love to hear from you!

Visit the branch at 170 Memorial Park Avenue to see the drawings from December 9 2022 to January 31, 2023 during open hours. Tell us what you think by emailing wastaff@tpl.ca with your suggestions, comments and questions.

Project planners will be at the branch to talk about the project and answer questions on:

Friday December 9, 2022 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Thursday January 19, 2023 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



TORONTO INTERGENERATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS IN COMMUNITY

Seniors Assistance Home Maintenance Program



Are you, or any one in your community, looking for some help with snow removal this winter? We can help! Now accepting new clients.



The Seniors Assistance Home Maintenance (SAHM) Program enables older adults and individuals with disabilities to continue to live independently and safely in their own homes and apartments longer, with support from Brokered Home Maintenance Workers. Snow removal services are available. To register please call (416) 531-8447 ext.1 or email kevin@tigp.org.

Contact Kevin at 416-531-8447 ext.1 or kevin@tigp.org

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 SCHOLASTIC
NEWS



**Growing Up
in the 1620s**

In 1620, the Pilgrims came to America.
They met people who already lived here called
the Wampanoag (WAHM-pah-nawg).
What was it like to be a kid back then?

<https://youtu.be/SmisO7pdMW4>



East York Historical Society
Minutes of the 41st Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, November 30, 2021 @ 7:30 PM Zoom Video/Telephone Conference

See Correction to EYHS AGENDA item 2 of the 42nd AGM Nov. 29, 2022

Attendance: 43 members in attendance (virtually)

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM with Pat Barnett, President of the East York Historical Society, presiding as Chair

Just prior to the official start of the meeting, Justin Van Dette, Secretary, reported that the Board of Directors initiated a review of the East York Historical Society Bylaws and Constitution a few years ago. Justin took over the review in early 2020 whereby two special meetings of the Board of Directors were organized to discuss the review and proposed amendments. While he had hoped to bring forward the proposed changes at our November 2021 meeting, due to the extensive work involved, Justin noted that these two documents would be brought forward in March 2021.

Opening Remarks: Pat welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that she wished that we were meeting under different circumstances and in-person. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Annual General Meeting was being done online through a Zoom Video/Telephone Conference line.

Moment of Silence: Pat requested a moment of silence to sadly acknowledge the passing of some EYHS supporters who passed away in 2021 – Elaine Purdy, Chris Salmond, Land Acknowledgement text read

Pat Barnett passed the Chair onto Diane Dyson who would chair the voting on the various reports on the agenda and the Election of Officers

Approval of Minutes: MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES from the Previous Annual General Meeting on November 24, 2020 as noted on Page 14 of the January 2021 Inklings – moved by Hon. Alan Redway; seconded by Ron Brown – APPROVED

Annual Report: MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ANNUAL REPORT as noted on Page 7 and 8 of the November 2021 Inklings – moved Hon. Alan Redway; seconded by Paula Davies – APPROVED

Financial Report: MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT as noted in the November 2021 Inklings – moved by Hon. Alan Redway; seconded by Paula Davies – APPROVED

Appointment of a Financial Reviewer: MOTION APPOINT LORNA KRAWCHUK AS THE FINANCIAL REVIEWER for 2021 – moved by Hon. Alan Redway; seconded by Jane Hickman – APPROVED

Election of Officers: Diane Dyson, acted as Chair of the Elections, and informed everyone that a slate had been presented to her and that these individuals would serve as the Board of Directors for 2021 2022. The individuals presented for the Board of Directors are as follows:

President:	Pancheta (Pat) Barnett
Vice President:	Ron Brown
Four Directors at Large:	Ron Chamberlain

The following individuals would be appointed to the East York Historical Board of Directors:

Secretary:	Justin Van Dette
Treasurer:	Val Dodge

No further nominations were put forward. MOTION TO RECEIVE AND ELECT THE SLATE AS PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AS NOTED ABOVE: Moved by Diane Dyson – APPROVED

Adjournment: MOTION to ADJOURN the 41st Annual General Meeting of the East York Historical Society at 7:38 PM – APPROVED
Minutes taken by: Justin Van Dette, Secretary



EYHS Executive Board of Director Joanne Valliere 2022 Report

January 11th -Elected Director on the executive board
 January 25th- Attended East York Historical Society General meeting
 March 9th- Attended EYHS Board of Directors meeting
 March 29th- Attended EYHS General meeting
 April 26th- Attended Executive Board of Directors meeting
 May 28th - Attend to EYHS table at Todmorden Mills- museum Doors Open event
 May 31st- Helped with set up and tech support for In person General meeting. Read land acknowledgment and helped with clean up

July 1st -Canada parade event, helped with set up of EYHS table
 Walk in Canada Parade with EYHS, helped tend to table after parade
 August 30th- Attended EYHS directors meeting
 September 27th- Attended EYHS General Meeting. Helped with set up, tech support for virtual attendants, accepted membership fees
 October 17th - Attended special EYHS Meeting for By-laws and Constitution
 October 27th -Executive board of directors meeting



East York Historical Society

Minutes of the 42nd Annual General Meeting Tuesday, November 29, 2022

7:30 PM – S. Walter Stewart Library | John S. Ridout Auditorium

Attendance: 40 members in attendance

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM with Pat Barnett, President of the East York Historical Society, presiding as Chair. Councillor Brad Bradford and Peter Tabuns, MPP for Toronto-Danforth were in attendance.

Land Acknowledgement was read out

Opening Remarks: The President welcomed everyone in attendance and was pleased that our AGM was conducted in-person. The President asked for a moment of silence to remember the loss of our loved ones and friends, which was followed by asking Peter Tabuns, MPP – Toronto-Danforth – to approach the podium and Chair the Elections and the AGM agenda of the meeting

Adoption of Minutes: An error was made in the January 2022 minutes as it showed the incorrect minutes. The correct version from the last AGM held on November 30, 2021 was shown on the screen. The Secretary, Justin Van Dette, emailed out the correct minutes to the members earlier in the day on November 29, 2022. MOTION to Adopt the Minutes from the previous AGM on November 30, 2021 – moved by Joanne Valliere; seconded by Ron Brown – ADOPTED

Annual Report: MOTION to Accept the Annual Report as presented in the November 2022 edition of the East York Inklings, moved by Ron Brown; seconded by Joanne Valliere – ADOPTED

Financial Report and Reviewer: In the absence of the Financial Reviewer, Lorna Krawchuk, it was noted that she reviewed the Financial Report, which was tabled for adoption in the November 2022 edition of the East York Inklings. MOTION to Adoption the Financial Report, moved by Ron Brown; seconded by Paula Davies – ADOPTED

Election of Officers: The Chair presented the following individuals who had put forward their names for the 2022-2023 East York Historical Society Executive Board of Directors.

President:	Pancheta (Pat) Barnett
Vice President:	Ron Brown
Director:	Rhonda McKenzie
Director:	Joanne Valliere

The following individuals were appointed by the East York Historical Society Executive Board of Directors:

Secretary:	Justin Van Dette
Treasurer:	Val Dodge

No further nominations were put forward. MOTION: to receive and elect the slate as presented at the Annual General Meeting as noted above. Moved by Ron Brown; seconded by Joanne Valliere – APPROVED

Adjournment: MOTION to adjourn 42nd Annual General Meeting of the East York Historical Society at 7:45 PM. APPROVED and the Chair returned to the General Meeting

Minutes taken by Justin Van Dette, Secretary – November 29, 2022



East York Historical Society

Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on October 17, 2022

Tuesday, November 29, 2022 7:30 PM – S. Walter Stewart Library | John S. Ridout Auditorium

At 7:55 PM – Pat Barnett President of the East York Historical Society, requested Justin Van Dette, Secretary of the East York Historical Society, approach the podium to present the minutes from the Special General Meeting held on October 17, 2022 when current, active members met by zoom to consider amendments to the East York Historical Society constitution and bylaws.

Justin Van Dette provided a brief description of the minutes and what changes were made. Copies of the adopted amendments were presented for adoption.

MOTION to adopt the Minutes from the Special General Meeting of the East York Historical Society held on October 17, 2022 – moved by Kay Horiszny; seconded by Joanne Valliere – ADOPTED

TRENDING NOW



LISA MARIE PRESLEY (b. Feb 1, 1968 - Jan 12, 2023) American Singer, Songwriter the Only Child of Elvis, died age 54 years <https://www.rollingstone.com/music/music-news/lisa-marie-presley-singer-songwriter-dead-obituary-1234660333/> Born on Feb. 1, 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee, nine months after Elvis and Priscilla's wedding, Lisa Marie was raised in the area until she was four and moved to Los Angeles with her mother following her parents' divorce in 1973. As the daughter of one of the most celebrated artists in history, Presley forged her own career in music. She released three albums: 2003's *To Whom It May Concern*, which was gold-certified for over 500,000 units sold in the United States, 2005's *So What*, and 2012's *Storm & Grace*. Throughout her work she paid homage to a man whose a style and tone forever echoed throughout the American soundscape.



BARBARA JILL WALTERS, American [broadcast journalist](#) and television personality (b. Sept. 25, 1929 - Dec. 30, 2022) died age 93 years. Known for her interviewing style, ability and popularity with viewers, Walters appeared as a host of numerous television programs, including [Today](#), [The View](#), [20/20](#), and the [ABC Evening News](#). Walters was a working journalist from 1951 until her retirement in 2015.

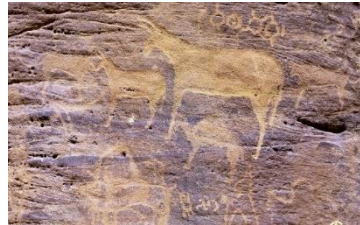


EDSON ARANTES do NASCIMENTO, "PELE" Legendary Brazilian Professional Football Player (b. 23 Oct -1940 – 29 Dec 2022), died age 82 years.

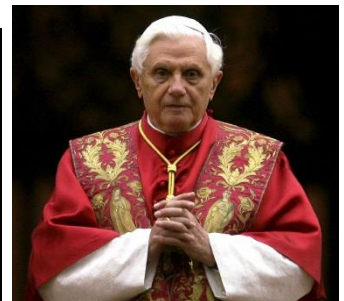
Pelé, regarded as the **greatest football player of all time**, by FIFA was among the most successful and popular sports figures of the 20th century. The record-breaking, three time World Cup winning icon, played the position of [forward for Santos from 1956 - 1975](#). In 1999, he was named Athlete of the Century by the [International Olympic Committee](#) and was included in the [Time](#) list of the [100 most important people of the 20th century](#).



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JOSEPH ALOISIUS RATZINGER, Pope Benedict XVI, German, (born 16 April 1927 – 31 December 2022) died age 95 years was the [head](#) of the [Catholic Church](#) and sovereign of the [Vatican City State](#) from 19 April 2005 until his [resignation](#) on 28 February 2013. Benedict's election as pope occurred in the [2005 papal conclave](#) that followed the death of [Pope John Paul II](#). Benedict chose to be known by the title "[pope emeritus](#)" upon his resignation,[\[9\]\[10\]](#) and he retained this title until [his death in 2022](#)

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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 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 7:00 pm and include an illustrated presentation on a subject.

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