



EAST YORK INKLINGS

Newsletter of the East York Historical Society

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President's Message...

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

I hope all is well with everyone now that we've made it safely through heavy rains and snowstorms and a very long and bitter, cold winter. March has come in like a lamb and we're hoping that it will go out like a lamb.

The East York Historical Society Board of Directors have been very busy attending recent events and we are pleased to be taking part in a number of upcoming events, which are noted inside this newsletter.

Our last meeting in January was well-attended and we hope you can join us for our upcoming meetings on March 19th and March 25th. Further details on our upcoming events can be found on the right hand side of this page.

Please renew your membership for 2014.

Our membership continues to increase and we have extended a grace period for membership renewal to March 25, 2014.

As our membership continues to grow, we at the East York Historical Society warmly welcome each and everyone including people of all ages! Families, friends & youths. What better place to be, than at the East York Historical Society meetings. It's fun, informative, refreshing and educational.

Sincerely,

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Correction: One correction from our January Newsletter regarding the East York levee that took place January 8, 2014 should have read Sunday January 5, 2014.

Please join us at the annual

Agnes Macphail Award Ceremony

Monday, March 24, 2014 ~ 7:00 p.m.
True Davidson Council Chambers
East York Civic Centre – 850 Coxwell Ave.

For information, contact: Lorna Krawchuk at 416-425-4431



Join us at our Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, March 19, 2014
Meeting starts at 2:00pm
Leaside 100 Presentation

**** Note: this event is taking place
at the Leaside Library –
265 McRae Drive****

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**

Tuesday, May 27, 2014
Refreshments at 7:00pm
Meeting starts at 7:30pm

**Todmorden Mills Restoration
Presenters Ulana Baluk & Neil Brochu**

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.eastyork.org/eyhs.html>

Highlights from our January Meeting about Toronto's First Post Office



Our evening meeting on January 28th at 7pm was well attended. Here is a synopsis on Kate Akerfeldt's (an East Yorker and Assistant Curator of Toronto's First Post Office) presentation:

In 1833, York was undergoing exponential growth due to immigration from the old world and a population experiencing both hope and doubt in the new one. 1833 was also the year that James Scott Howard built his new home and office: The Post Office on Duke Street, a building that became the meeting place for all of Toronto's 9,000 residents. It was from this office that the growing pains of Toronto and of Canada, were expressed on paper and sent around the world. Writing and post-office paraphernalia will be featured, as well as

the letters that passed back and forth over the counter manned by Postmaster Howard. These artifacts tell the stories and secrets of Toronto's early citizens and of how their words were transported around the world—over rough water and even rougher roads—or lost along the way.

As in 1834, Toronto's first Post Office at 260 Adelaide St. E. is the only full-service post office in the city to operate 7 days a week...For more information, please visit www.townofyork.com or www.facebook.com/TOfs1stPO

Our own Kay Horiszny was one of the first volunteers in February of 1984 at the Toronto's First Post Office.

EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY – WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO!

Brochures from the East York Historical Society were also on display and handed out to guests.

On February 19, 2014 at 2pm was our afternoon show and tell discussion meeting which went very well, thanks to the Hon. Alan Redway, Director and Speaker Mr. Gordon Sherk on the History of Governor's Bridge.

On Wednesday February 19, 2014 at the East York Civic Centre Margaret McRae and myself attended the 2014 Agnes Macphail Public Speaking Contest. There were two winners (a tie) this year. Their names are Jenni Dwyer

Grade 7, Westwood Middle School on "Rob Ford" and Kate Mader Grade 7, St. Anselm Catholic School on "What is Reality?" Congratulations from the East York Historical Society to both of you.

On March 6, 2014 Kay Horiszny, Joyce Crook and myself attended the Soldiers of Song...The Dumbells, a benefit for Toronto's First Post Office, at St. Lawrence Hall.

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.

Visit us on Facebook:

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A Special Welcome to our New Members

Kate Akerfeldt
Manfred Wewers and Mary Lang
Nathan Smith
Christine Ioannou and Steve Zullo
Tessa Edward

Please remember to visit our registration desk
to pickup your name tags and say "hello"

DOORS OPEN

PRESENTED BY  GREAT GULF

The 14th annual Doors Open offers residents and visitors an opportunity to take a peek behind the doors of nearly 150 architecturally, historically, culturally and socially significant buildings across the city on Saturday May 24 and Sunday May 25, 2014. This year's theme is entitled 'Creators, Makers and Innovators' and features many older buildings that have been redesigned, re-invented and re-purposed into modern 21st century spaces that host collaborative teams of imaginative people who are creating new ways of thinking, making and doing. A complete list of venues for 2013 will be released soon at www.toronto.ca/doorsopen/2014

Volunteers Needed!

East York Historical Society are looking for volunteers who can help run our table at Todmorden Mills for **Doors Open Toronto** on Saturday, May 24th and Sunday, May 25th. If you're able to assist, please sign-up at the Registration Desk at one of our meetings or contact Margaret McRae at 416-429-7821

ATTEND AN INFORMATIVE MEETING HOSTED BY THE NORTH TORONTO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday, March 26, 2014 - 7:30pm
Northern District Library,
40 Orchard View Blvd –
one block north of Eglinton, just west of Yonge St

THE 60th ANNIVERSARY OF CANADA'S FIRST SUBWAY.



A visual documentary of the Yonge subway—events leading to its need, its construction, its opening, and views of it in operation. Presented by Ted Wickson local historian, railway and transit enthusiast, and former TTC archivist. The Society meets at the Northern District Library, 40 Orchard View Boulevard (one block north of Eglinton, just west of Yonge).

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?ref=ts>

Coxwell Avenue in 1912



William Burgess School celebrates 100 Years

On Saturday May 3, 2014, from 1pm to 4 pm William Burgess E. S. will be celebrating 100 Years of Learning @ 100 Torrens Ave, East York.



Alumni, Family and Friends are invited to attend this special open house.

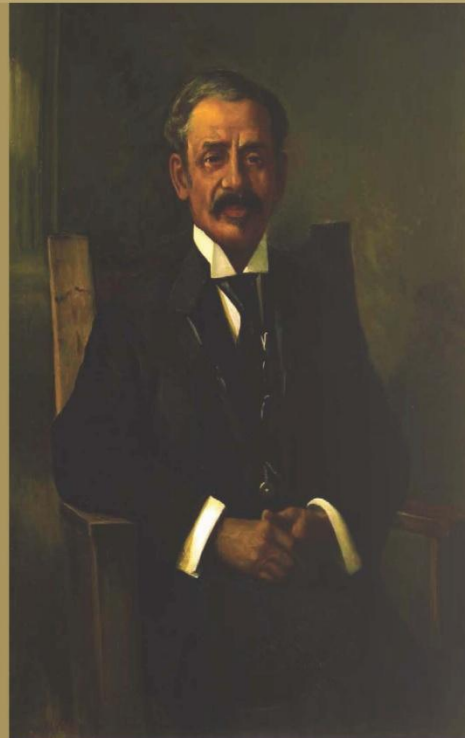


East York Historical Society Board Member Kathleen Horiszny in costume at Toronto's First Post Office writing a letter and was taken in December 1991.

To Preserve & Promote Black History

Celebrating 35 years of the Ontario Black History Society

February 1, 2014 - April 19, 2014



Portrait of William Peyton Hubbard
City of Toronto Alderman 1894-1903, 1913
City of Toronto Controller and Deputy Mayor 1898, 1904 - 1907
Oil on canvas by W.A. Sherwood (1913)
City of Toronto Art Collection

The Market Gallery
South St. Lawrence Market
95 Front Street East
Toronto, ON M5E 1C2
416-392-7604
marketgallery@toronto.ca

Gallery Hours
Tuesday – Friday: 10 am – 4 pm
Saturday 9 am – 4 pm
Closed Sunday and Monday
www.toronto.ca/culture/the_market_gallery
[facebook.com/TorontoMarketGallery](https://www.facebook.com/TorontoMarketGallery)



SAVE THESE DATES...

BECAUSE THE EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS PLANNING AHEAD

**Our Tuesday evening meetings, which start at 7pm.
Refreshments are always served.**

March 25, 2014
The History and Spooky Secrets of the Don Jail
Presenter: Scott Smith

January 27, 2015
Balsam Lake July 20, 1926...11 of 14 campers drowned
Presenter Karen Fraser, Fred King and John Nauls

May 27, 2014
Todmorden Mills Restoration in 2014
Presenters Ulana Baluk & Neil Brochu

March 31, 2015
Bob Rumball Centre of the Deaf...How it all started
Presenter Derek Rumball

September 30, 2014
History of Toronto East General Hospital (tbc)
Justin Van Dette to investigate...

May 26, 2015
TBA

November 25, 2014
The Salvation Army, its History & Local Contents...
Presenters Col. John Carew & Capt. Rick Zelinsky.

September 29, 2015
TBA

November 24, 2015
TBA

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**(The Hon Alan Redway Vice President of the East York Historical Society,
has taken on the lead on these meetings. Thank you, Alan.)**

March 19, 2014 @ 2pm
Memories of Leaside
At the Leaside Library in the Community Room
265 McRae Drive, Leaside.
Guest Speakers: Karen Fraser, Leone King & John Nauls.

April 16, 2014. TBA

October 15, 2014 TBA

November 12, 2014 TBA

TAKE PART AT A SPECIAL HERITAGE TORONTO EVENT ON MARCH 22nd

Join Heritage Toronto and the Riverdale Historical Society for the presentation of two plaques commemorating houses of the Don Jail. The plaques recognize the Gatekeeper's House (1865) and the Governor's House (1888), both on the Inventory of Heritage Properties

March 22, 2014 - 2:30pm to 3:30pm
St. Matthew's Lawn Bowling Club, Riverdale Park east
550 Broadview Avenue



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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.



Carol Grandison, Toronto Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam and East York Historical Society Board Members Justin Van Dette (Secretary) and Pancheta Barnett (President).

INTERESTED IN THE EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY, CONTACT US:

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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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