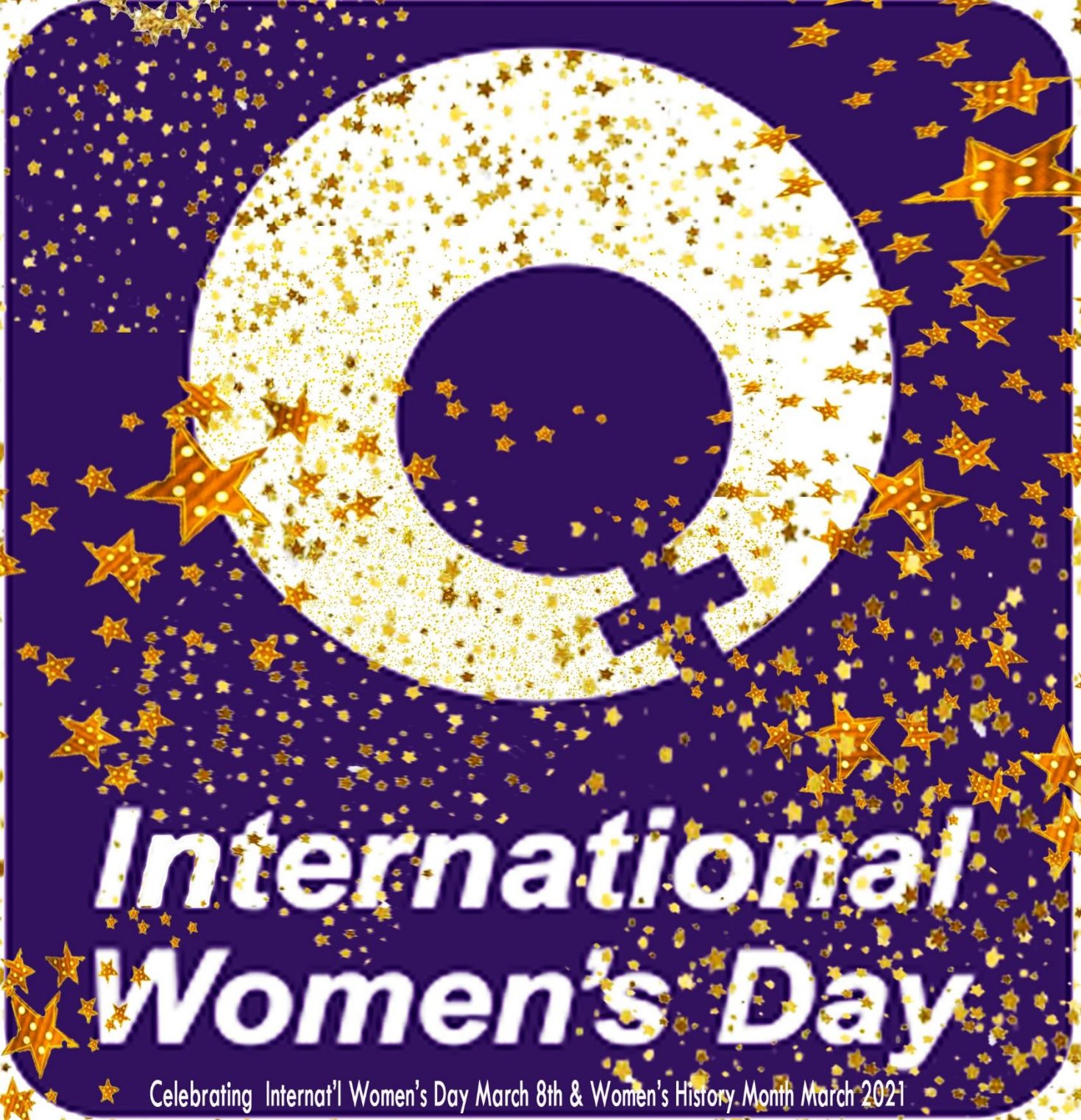




# East York Inkings

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Newsletter of East York Historical Society  
Volume 17 Issue 2 March 2021



## International Women's Day

Celebrating Internat'l Women's Day March 8th & Women's History Month March 2021

Join us for our Zoom Virtual Platform  
with Telephone Access 

Tuesday, March 30, 2021 @ 7PM

SPEAKER: JOHN GODDARD

TOPIC; The Man with the Black Valise

EYHS Meetings are Co-Sponsored by  
 Toronto Public Library and 





Greetings to every East York Historical Society members (Readers, Supporters and Friends).

We have lately been experiencing double digit

weather which I think is helping a great deal with how we are able to go about our daily activities, bright sunshine mixed in with a bit of hope.

<https://www.internationalwomensday.com/>

I started to write the **President's Message on International Women's Day, March 8, 2021** >pg.1

and by the time you receive this ...Newsletter it will be one year (March 13, 2020) since our lives have begun to change in ways we can not begin to fathom. Hold on, do not give up we have come thus far.

Our Prime Minister has declared a day of mourning Thursday, March 11, 2021 for the ones we have lost ("Canada has seen 886,574 total cases of the virus, and over 22,239 deaths")

and to salute healthcare workers...page 9

The President along with East York Historical Society Board have an ongoing practice of keeping our members in our thoughts and prayers for everyone's safety and wellness.

**SUGGESTION: Remember you are not alone** with this struggle.

Many thanks to EYHS members for their ongoing kind word sent to me during these difficult times. Much appreciated!! And yes I know how much everyone misses the meetings in person.

Many of our members have mentioned to me that they are dissatisfied with the fact that the Society gave away a whole year free membership for members in the years 2020 & 21 at such a low annual membership fee.

One member who also voiced his concern about this is Mr. Jim Hartley. He will pay his membership for the year 2021. I thank you for voicing your considered concerns but we explained why this was necessary during the pandemic to give a little bit of ease, but most of all I realized that you do care about your Society and some of you have even made donations to East York Historical Society instead.

Some members do not attend regular meetings over the years but enjoy receiving their E.Y. Inklings Newsletters and staying true and connected to East York's community through this Society. Thank you, thank you for this commitment.

Your vital and important membership keeps this Society healthy and prosperous always.

Here is a list of some of the abundance of benefits enjoyed by our grateful and faithful members attending meetings in person such as:

### Membership Benefits

Attend 5 evening meetings a year, with great speakers discussing topics of historical interest

Receive 5 copies per year of our newsletter *East York Inklings*.

Receive advance notice of the topic and great speaker at our meetings.

Attend afternoon *Show and Tell* discussion meetings.

Network with other members...Great Refreshments at no extra cost

Vote at our annual general meeting in November

Help support our meetings and other activities

Represent us at community events and consultations

A President who cares about her members well being.

East York Historical Society Meetings are held via Zoom Platform since 2020>pandemic

**We do not sell, share or source your membership application information to anyone.**

Warm Welcome to our new EYHS members...page 5.

East York Historical Society continues to accept new members, monetary donations and historical archival items.

Please e-mail East York Historical Society

at: [eyhs@eastyork.org](mailto:eyhs@eastyork.org) for further directions.

**TPL Update ...page 9**

**Our January 26, 2021 evening meeting was well attended, 38 in attendance.**

**Many thanks Ms. Rosemary Sadlier** for her great presentation and topic: An Overview of Black History and the Importance of Diversity.

### SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES:

East York Historical Society wishes the Honourable Alan Redway Happy 86th Birthday on March 11, 2021.

See also President's requested a special featured article from Mr. Redway's third book...

**"Eliminating Poverty In Canada" ...page 3**

**AGNES MACPHAIL AWARD CEREMONY** March 24, 2021...page 4

March Break postponed to April 12, 2021 ...page 6

Thanks to everyone for listening and in the meantime March 14 Daylight Savings Time; St Patrick's Day & Good Friday and Easter coming soon.

**East York Historical Society next evening meeting Zoom Virtual will be on Tuesday, March 30, 2021.**

**Your Zoom web and telephone access information will follow closer to this meeting date.**

All the very best from today and remember. "Keep on keeping on; doing your best best". pb.

Pat

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President East York Historical Society

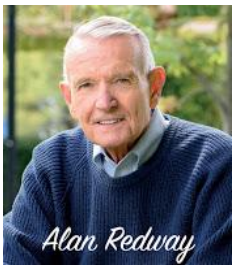
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## SPECIAL FEATURE : ELIMINATING POVERTY IN CANADA by Hon. Alan Redway

Although very few if any of you have experienced personal poverty, but you may have seen it through your work or your

volunteer activities or just on your TV screen. As Mayor of East York, I saw it locally only occasionally. As federal Housing Minister, however, I saw people in every part of our country who could never afford to own a home or pay market rent. Later as Chair of the Board of Directors of Daily Bread Food Bank I saw many who after they paid their monthly rent had nothing left with which to feed their children or themselves. But extreme poverty really hit home for me when I volunteered for the Out of the Cold programs at Eastminster United Church and St. Brigit's Catholic Church Annex on the Danforth. There I came face to face week after week with extreme poverty in the form of men and women, young and old without jobs, without homes and without hope for better times to come.

In my days at University, my economics professor told us that, "the poor will always be with us." Many years later it seemed to me that my economics professor was right.

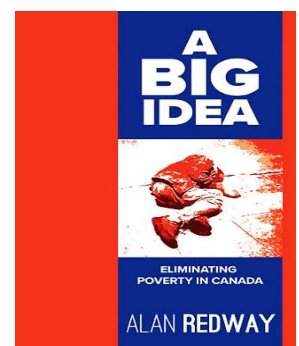
However as a Member of Parliament in Ottawa, I shared accommodation with another Toronto MP Reg Stackhouse. After leaving Ottawa we met monthly for lunches. Every time we got together Reg would talk about the Guaranteed Annual Income (GAI) or as it's also known the Universal Basic Income (UBI) as proposed by Milton Friedman and by Hugh Segal and how it could be used to eliminate poverty. Reg was convinced it could be done. I like you was sceptical. After all, how could we afford it without raising taxes and without accumulating an enormous government deficit and debt for our grandchildren to pay back? These were the same arguments I had heard the government in Ottawa use many times. I had used those same arguments myself. But then I read a book by US President Joe Biden adviser, economics Professor Stephanie Kelton, "THE Deficit Myth", which is really an updating of John Maynard Keynes since the value of money in his

time was based on gold but not so today. That book convinced me that poverty can be eliminated in Canada.

The Bank of Canada Act authorizes The Bank to print our money while the Finance Act allows the federal government to print our money too as they presently do and have done for years. The value of the Canadian dollar is no longer tied to the Gold Standard or the currency of another country as it used to be. Today our currency floats freely on the world market. This means that subject to inflation we can print as much money as the federal government needs to pay for its programs without raising taxes. Fortunately the inflation rate in Canada has been 2% or less for many years, despite the fact that before the Covid-19 shutdowns we had close to full employment with only a 5% unemployment rate. So by using Quantitative Easing (QE) whereby the federal government issues bonds to pay for its spending programs and the Bank of Canada buys those bonds with the money it prints. Thereby financing the government and keeping interest rates low at the same time. Both the USA and Canada have been using QE for some time. At any time our federal government decides it can redeem those bonds with the money it is authorized to print by the Finance Act.

Without admitting it, this is the method our federal government has been using to finance the many patch work programs it has introduced to mitigate the impact of shutting down the economy because of Covid-19. Doesn't make more sense to have one universal program like Old Age Security program to deal with the present problem and eliminate poverty in Canada at the same time?

**My third book. "A Big Idea: Eliminating Poverty in Canada" is a very short book which can be purchased on line from Amazon for \$ 11.50.**



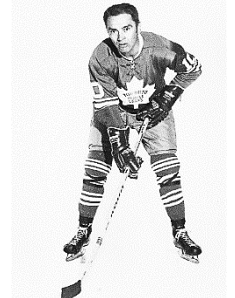


# SOME OF MY MEMORIES OF EAST YORK'S OWN CHIEF GEORGE ARMSTRONG

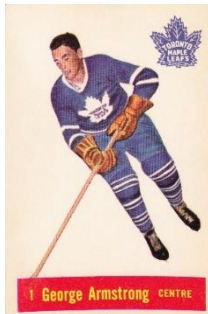
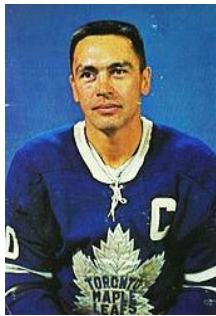
George was a neighbour who lived on St. Cuthbert's Road just a few houses east of Bayview Avenue, across the street from St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church. George's late wife Betty was always very involved with the Church while in recent years George could always be found in his garage work shop beside his house.

I first met George when he was inducted as an honorary member of the Leaside Lions Club. He was an easy person to talk to and we often chatted at the Loblaws checkout counter along with his favourite cashier, Jennie, a huge Toronto Maple Leaf hockey fan to whom George would

give his tickets to Leaf's home games. In the days before the Leafs acquired Matthews, Marner and Nylander, George would shake his head and tell me that the team lacked five good impact players. I last met George at the Leaside Sports Hall of Fame Awards when his daughter Betty Ann's women's hockey team was inducted. George had previously been inducted himself. He looked great on that last occasion, walking in without a cane, while I had to sit down before I fell down.



[George Armstrong \(ice hockey\) - Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Armstrong_(ice_hockey))  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George\\_Armstrong\\_\(ice\\_hockey\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Armstrong_(ice_hockey))



Armstrong with the Maple Leafs during the 1970-71 season. He retired at the end of that season. b. July 6, 1930 - January 24, 2021 age 90 years. Armstrong was named captain of the Toronto Maple Leafs during the 1957-58 season.

## Woman's Confidence

One night. President Obama and his wife Michelle decided to do something out of routine and go for a casual dinner at a restaurant that wasn't too luxurious.

When they were seated, the owner of the restaurant asked the President's secret service if he could please speak to the First Lady in private

They obliged and Michelle had a conversation with the owner.

After the conversation, President Obama asked Michelle, "Why was he so interested in talking to you?"

She mentioned that in her teenage years, he had been madly in love with her

President Obama then said, "So if you had married him, you would now be the owner of this lovely restaurant?"

Michelle responded, "No, if I had married him, he would now be the President."

**A WOMAN'S CONFIDENCE NEVER COMES IN BITS & PIECES**

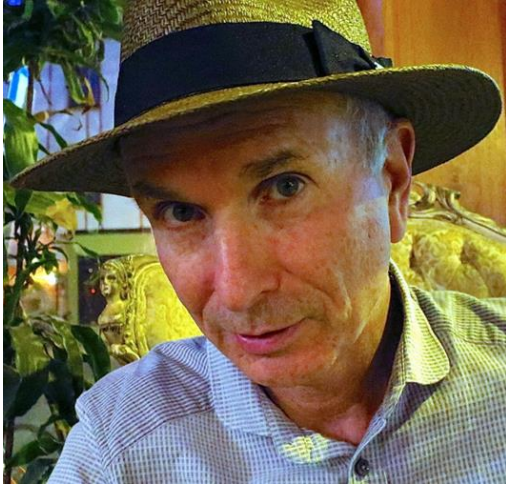
**Dedicated to all the Beautiful and Intelligent Women**



46th US Presidential Inauguration January 20, 2021 swearing in of President Joe Biden & wife Dr. Jill Biden > Vice President Kamala Harris

# EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY MARCH 30, 2021

## SPEAKER: JOHN GODDARD



John Goddard is an accomplished book author, magazine writer, news reporter, and photographer. At the *Toronto Star*, he served variously as a reporter, editor, and photographer. Before that he served for two years as national entertainment reporter at Southam News, and before that spent fifteen years writing for the country's top magazines, including *Maclean's*, *Chatelaine*, and *Saturday Night*. His many distinctions include two National Magazine Awards (Gold), an Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada Media Fellowship — which took him to Indonesia, China, Malaysia, and the Philippines — and a Canadian Association of Journalists Africa Fellowship, which took him

to Sudan and South Sudan. As a news reporter and photographer for The Canadian Press, he covered the release of the U.S. Embassy hostages in Tehran, the world's top news story at the time. He has also written two books on the Middle East and two about the Canadian North.

Goddard developed an expertise in Ontario heritage while writing a feature series for the *Toronto Star* identifying cultural gems in southern Ontario. He is the author, with TV's Richard Crouse, of *Rock and Roll Toronto* (Doubleday, 1997), a cheeky guide to the city's rock and roll historic sites. Two of his other books tell the stories of Upper Canada in two Ontario cities: *Inside the Museums: Toronto's Historic Sites and Their Most Prized Objects* (2014); and *Inside Hamilton's Museums* (2016). Most recently, with Dundurn Press, he published *The Man with the Black Valise*, the true story of the 1894 murder of young teenager Jessie Keith at Listowel, north of Stratford.

John will speak on the 1894 murder of young teenager Jessie Keith at Listowel, north of Stratford, the subject of his latest book, "The Man with the Black Valise." "I'm sure it will interest your membership.

Many of your members will know the Stratford theatre festival, and would be interested to learn of the beautifully tender memorial to Jessie Keith, made of the finest Italian marble, still standing at her grave a 45-minute drive from the Festival Theatre. The detective on the case was John Wilson Murray, the real-life model for TV's William Murdoch of "Murdoch Mysteries."

Here is a 1-minute video on the case: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f\\_ti6Mov8vs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_ti6Mov8vs)

John spoke on the evening of Feb. 1 at the Brown & Dickson Book Store in London, Ontario. Recently, he was also keynote speaker Sept. 17, 2020, at the annual general meeting of the Etobicoke Historical Society.

25% DISCOUNT OFF JOHN'S BOOK for EYHS MEMBERS COURTESY OF DUNDURN PRESS



# School Year Calendar

[www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/list/calendar/holidaye.html](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/list/calendar/holidaye.html)

March break (mid-winter break) for the 2020-2021 school year is postponed to the week of April 12, 2021. 2021-2022 to 2024-2025 The following charts are provided for the guidance of school board officials in the preparation of school year calendars. [Ontario Education Minister Stephen Lecce says Ontario students will have a break this spring — but this year, it will be in mid-April rather than mid-March. \(Nathan Denette/The Canadian Press\)](#)

## The Queen delivered a speech to mark Commonwealth Day just hours before grandson Prince Harry and Meghan Markle’s bombshell interview with Oprah was scheduled to air.

[Queen Elizabeth II](#) addressed the 54 Commonwealth nations in a speech on Sunday, Mar. 7. Commonwealth Day happened to fall on the same day as [Oprah Winfrey’s](#) interview with [Prince Harry](#), 36, and [Meghan Markle](#), 39, is set to air on CBS. The Queen, 94, began her speech with a look back at the difficult year many have had through the COVID-19 pandemic. “Whilst

experiences of the past year have been different across the commonwealth stirring examples of courage, commitment and selfless dedication to duty have been demonstrated in every Commonwealth nation and territory. Notably by those working on the front line,” she said.



This service will be livestreamed on BBC YouTube starting at 12:00 pm EST. [Click here to watch.](#)

The Queen signs her annual Commonwealth Day Message in St George’s Hall at Windsor Castle Credit: PA

[Queen warns we must keep in touch with family to 'transcend...](#)

[www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/03/07/queen-warns-must-keep...](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/03/07/queen-warns-must-keep...)

1 day ago • By Victoria Ward 7 March 2021 • 8:25pm The Queen signs her annual Commonwealth Day Message in St George’s Hall at Windsor Castle Credit: PA

## Diana Bishop’s magical memories of Leaside

[February 1, 2021](#) [Lorna Krawchuk](#) Publisher of Leaside Life Magazine  
Permission to publish in East York Inklings



Diana Bishop doesn’t stay in one place long. For 20 years as a TV news correspondent, she worked for the CBC, CTV, ABC, Global and

round windows in the kindergarten room. She also remembers stopping at a friend’s house on the way home from school one day, and being given two hamsters to take home.

Arthur Bishop had taken a year off work to write the first of what turned out to be more than a dozen books – *The Courage of the Early Morn* – a bestseller biography of his father. Their house was a social hub for many – described by Diana as “a literary, creative and business crowd.” She remembers evenings where the women wore beautiful gowns, and would sometimes still be there, in their gowns, in the morning when she woke up.

NBC with placements from Quebec City to Beijing.

But some of her strongest memories are of her time in Leaside in the 1950s as a small child.

Diana is the granddaughter of World War I flying ace Billy Bishop. Her father, William Arthur, known as Arthur, also became a pilot during World War II, and then after the war became a journalist, advertising executive, entrepreneur and author.

Her family moved from Edmonton to Toronto, and her parents rented 17 Parkhurst. After her mother showed her the route to Bessborough Public School, Diana was allowed to walk it on her own. She still remembers the

Former figure skating champion Andra Kelly, wife of Toronto Maple Leaf star Red Kelly, was Diana’s figure-skating teacher at Leaside Gardens. She loved the discipline of skating lessons, with the emphasis then on doing precise figures. The skating stuck, as she still skates, although now, she does wear a helmet and isn’t doing quite as many figure 8s.

Diana's first bicycle came from the sporting goods store on Bayview. She was sent there with a note for the owner, who disappeared into the back room, and then came back with a bicycle. She walked it home, and then learned to ride going up and down Donegall. Now, Diana lives in Collingwood, which she says has much of the same feeling she remembers and cherishes about Leaside. She is the creator of *The Success Story* Program, where she helps leaders in business, politics, law, healthcare and not-for-profits "become confident and authentic communicators and specialists in their fields."

But her wanderlust hasn't left. Until Covid put paid to this routine, she was travelling to Paris twice a year, for a month or so at a time. Her French experiences have morphed into her next project – *Woman of a Certain Age in Paris*. Lots of interesting reading at [womanofacertainageinparis.com](http://womanofacertainageinparis.com), and you will see that despite the pandemic, she is still making those Parisian connections. And yes, like her father before her, she keeps the memory of Billy Bishop alive, first with a documentary – *A Hero To Me: the Story Of Billy Bishop* – and then a memoir: *Living Up To A Legend: My Adventures With Billy Bishop's Ghost*

# The Agnes Macphail Award Ceremony

from last year will be held online on March 24th at 7 pm. Paula Davies and Ray White are the recipients and were nominated by me and Gord Piercey so we will all be speaking. I thought you should share the info with our membership as Paula is a member and many know her. To attend the event you have to register by March 19 at [agnesmacphailaward@toronto.ca](mailto:agnesmacphailaward@toronto.ca) or 416-393-7805 and they will send you the link to access the meeting. After the ceremony a recording of it will be put on YouTube and the link to it will be available from the city's website. -submitted by Margaret McRae

**The Agnes Macphail Award**

The Agnes Macphail Award [Ceremony](#) will be held on Wednesday, March 24, 2021. The recipient is honoured with a medal and a framed certificate of recognition.

This year's nominees are Paula Davies and Raymond White.

Agnes Campbell Macphail (1890-1954) was once described as "the most important woman in public life that Canada has produced in the 20th century." She is now featured on the commemorative Canada 150 \$10 bill.

In 1921, two years after women gained the right to run for Parliament, she blazed a path with her election to the House of Commons in Ottawa where she served for 19 years until 1940. In 1943, she became the first woman to sit in the Ontario Legislature.

A member of the United Farmers of Ontario-Labour and the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF), she fought for equal pay, a Royal Commission on prison reform, international disarmament, and founded the Elizabeth Fry Society.

For further information on her life and accomplishments, visit the [Agnes Macphail Website and Digital Collection](#) hosted by the Grey Highlands Public Library.

On March 24, 1993, Mayor Michael Prue proclaimed the first annual Agnes Macphail Day in the Borough of East York, in honour of the 50th anniversary of her election to the Legislature.

In January 1994, East York Council established the Agnes Macphail Award.



[Agnes Macphail Website & Digital Collection](#)

## EYHS MEETING DATES FOR 2021 AND 2022

TUESDAY EVENING 7PM MEETINGS 2021
January 26
March 30
May 25
September 28
November 30
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 2 PM MEETINGS 2021
February 17
April 14
October 20

TUESDAY EVENING 7PM MEETINGS 2022
January 25
March 29
May 31
September 27
November 29
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 2 PM MEETINGS 2022
February 16
April 20
October 19



**EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY WARMLY WELCOMES OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!**



**MR. NORMAND HAAS  
MR. JASON ASH**

# Perfect reading for a very snowy winter day! Just click on the link and be transported with wonderful gardens, beautiful flowers and inspiring stories.

The **Winter 2021 Trillium** is now available, delivering the latest news on what's been happening with gardening groups across Ontario- [winter 2021 Trillium](#)  
Malcolm has done a very fascinating story on OHA's first female President.

## First Female President

*Malcolm Geast, OHA Historian*

***The year 2021 marks the 100th anniversary of the OHA choosing Mary Yates as its first female President. Although Mary is known also for creating and donating the chain of office worn by Association Presidents, little else has been written about her or her role in the horticultural history of Ontario.***

In his President's address to the 1917 OHA convention, Rev. G.W. Tebbs noted that one of the functions of the convention was "to elect capable men", a phrase that wasn't entirely without foundation at that time. Women had played a part in the Association, but it was the male members of the organisation who had had the most prominent roles. Convention delegates were predominantly male and only one woman, Mary Blacklock, had served as a Director and that was several years beforehand.

But just one year later, the first sign of a change appeared, as Miss Mary Yates, as she always wished to be addressed, joined the Executive Board as a District Director. After moving on to serve as a Vice President in 1919 and 1920, in 1921, she became the first woman to serve as the Association's President.

Mary Yates was born on April 7, 1869 in Staffordshire, England.

No documentation regarding her childhood or early adult years has been found but we do know that around 1902, she was in training at Lady Warwick's women's agricultural college, first at Reading, and then at Studley Castle in nearby Warwickshire. We know her for her interest in horticulture, but it was poultry farming that was her great interest at the college. Within just a couple of years, she was reported to be selling 2000 to 3000 eggs a week and had become an instructor at the school. At the same time, she had become inspired by the garden city movement, starting a cottage settlement at Royston, north of London.

Studley Castle, along with the similarly purposed Swanley Hostel in Kent and the Royston cottages, were all aimed at encouraging women to play a more active role in agricultural pursuits. In Ontario, similar thoughts led to the establishment of "Terrington Farm" on the east side of



Toronto by Helen Lissant Beardmore. Helen Beardmore was a member of a wealthy family that was prominent in Toronto social circles and known for its tannery in Acton. After coming to a decision to leave the urban lifestyle, Helen bought a property atop the Scarborough Bluffs near the current Hunt

Club golf course and named it "Terrington Farm" after the family's ancestral home in Yorkshire. Her goal was to develop a small co-operative settlement. While on a trip to England in 1903, she visited the agricultural college at Reading looking for information about poultry farming. While there is no direct evidence,

it is highly likely that she met Mary during that trip. Three years later, Mary moved to Canada, and was soon providing advice to Helen about farming, helping with organisation, and living at Terrington.

Soon after her arrival in Canada, Mary began working for the Ontario Department of Agriculture in Toronto. But in 1908, her work took her to Guelph, at the MacDonald Institute.

That same year, Helen sold the Terrington property, and relocated to the family home in Acton, where Mary joined her. Together, Mary and Helen were quite the team for the next three decades.

Even before the move to Guelph, Mary was on the road to becoming a prolific public speaker. In June 1907, she addressed the Winona Women's Institute (WI) about "Home Economics". Several other talks at WI chapters followed, as well as one on "The Effect of Co-operation Upon the Community" to the Daughters of the Empire.

It was poultry that was Mary's specialty, one for which she was not afraid to express strong opinions. At a 1908 meeting of the Grey County WI in Flesherton, as well as giving a talk on Home Economics, she spoke about "The Management of Poultry" where, it was reported, "the mouldy, ill-smelling draughty hen house found scant mercy with her." Speaking to the Guelph Winter Fair in 1909, Mary hearkened back to



her days in England, noting that “although Canadian eggs which had been exported to Great Britain had proved satisfactory, the poultry was not all that it should be. This was due to improper methods of feeding.” But this was not just a complaint, it was a matter that she was determined to correct.

As the poultry expert with the Department of Agriculture, Mary appeared at fairs and other gatherings across Ontario, speaking about a host of poultry-related topics, among them, winter egg production, feeds and feeding poultry, candling eggs, and “poultry for townspeople”. But some of these appearances were more than just standing up talking to people. In the fall of 1912, the Toronto Globe described a “clever demonstration of killing, plucking, shaping and preparing fowl by Miss Mary Yates, who prepared a live and kicking chicken for the table in less than five minutes.”

Mary’s speaking engagements weren’t confined to Ontario. In 1911 and 1912, she also made several appearances in the US, including at the Connecticut Poultry Association conventions. In a number of American publications, she was referred to as “the greatest living authority on table poultry”.

But it wasn’t long before Mary’s horticultural interests began to be just as prominent. By 1915, she and Helen had moved to Port Credit “for the country life”, living on Mississauga Road, just south of the present-day QEW highway. Before long, she was playing a major part in the formation of the Port Credit Horticultural Society and then winning the society’s Gold Medal for her hardy herbaceous perennials. As a representative of the Department of Agriculture, Mary also spoke at one of the founding meetings of the Orillia Horticultural Society and gave a talk in Newcastle along with judging the society’s window box competition. The annual reports for both the Farmers’ Institutes and the Women’s Institutes for 1915 noted her “wide experience in training along horticultural lines” and

listed half a dozen of her speaking topics, including “A Garden of Flowers from Seed”, “Vegetable Gardens for Young People” and “The Old-Fashioned Hardy Flower Borders”.

In 1916, we can see Mary’s growing involvement with the OHA. She was listed as one of the Association’s auditors and spoke at that year’s convention on the subject of “Informal Planting of the Home Grounds.” Space doesn’t allow a full discussion of her talk, but suffice to say, she had some views that may resound today and others that might receive some disagreement: “No mistake, indeed, is more general than to believe that, because a person knows something of methods of propagation, or of botany, he is necessarily able to plan the whole picture that should express the individuality, the ideals and the fancies of the owner.” “The easiest way to spoil a good lawn is to put a flower-bed in it... The places for flowers are along borders, against groups, by the corners of the residence, in front of the porches...” As we’ve seen before, she was always willing to speak her mind. At the 1918 convention, a presentation on roses prompted Mary to ask the question “Is there any authorised list of judges recognised by the Association?” Receiving an answer that there was no list, it appears that she was determined to encourage some changes and to introduce consistency to the way the flower show judging was done. Her response was a presentation at the following year’s convention “Judging the Decorative Classes”, in which she discussed two purposes of flower shows (“the enhancement of our home life” and “to strengthen the recognition of the fact that beauty depends upon elegance rather than upon rarity of bloom”). She laid out suggestions regarding classes, floral sources, judging systems and considerations and, for the first time in the OHA, a proposal for a points card that could be used at flower shows. Later in that convention, she was appointed to the Committee on Judging Roses, Sweet Peas, Peonies and Spring Flowering Bulbs.

## FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT OHA ARTICLE to be continued... IN MAY 2021 EY INKLINGS

### VIDEO OF A LEASIDE WALK



Toronto Leaside Neighbourhood Walk on February 17, 2021 Feb 18, 2021

Thanks Sam and Marjorie, for telling me about this video walk which goes along Eglinton, Laird and Millwood ending at Trace Manes Park at Millwood and McRae. Marjorie had no idea Leaside has its own Graffiti Alley, but the rest is familiar to me. Marjorie lives close enough to the corner of Millwood that there was a glimpse of her house in one shot. It was too bad he didn’t mention the Leaside Tennis Courts, the Georgia Walsh Playground and the Leaside Library which are just beyond the skating rink. Shared with PB.

**John Strides YouTube Channel**

[Walking Toronto's Leaside Neighbourhood on February 17, 2021 - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

COVID IMPACTS ON TPL When Toronto went into the Grey Zone there were some impacts on library service. Read the full statement here

<https://torontopubliclibrary.typepad.com/programming/our-reopening-plan.html>



### 'We will remember them': Canada marks national day of observance...

1 day ago · OTTAWA – Prime Minister Justin Trudeau rose in the House of Commons **Thursday**, one year after COVID-19 was **declared** a global pandemic, and said

**March 11**, 2020 will always be marked by a before ...

[Statement by the Prime Minister to mark one year since the WHO...](#)

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau holds a press conference in Ottawa Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

THE CANADIAN PRESS/Sean Kilpatrick





# AMANDA GORMAN UNITED STATES PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION POET

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=38Rn5WULjmc&t=18s>

Poet Amanda Gorman reads a poem.

Patrick Semansky/Pool

Biden Inauguration Jan 20, 2021

By Amanda Gorman

I thought I'd awaken to a world in mourning.  
 Heavy clouds crowding, a society storming.  
 But there's something different on this golden morning.  
 Something magical in the sunlight, wide and warming.  
 I see a dad with a stroller taking a jog.  
 Across the street, a bright-eyed girl chases her dog.  
 A grandma on a porch fingers her rosaries.  
 She grins as her young neighbor brings her groceries.  
 While we might feel small, separate, and all alone,  
 Our people have never been more closely tethered.  
 The question isn't if we will weather this unknown,  
 But how we will weather this unknown together.  
 So on this meaningful morn, we mourn and we mend.  
 Like light, we can't be broken, even when we bend.  
 As one, we will defeat both despair and disease.  
 We stand with healthcare heroes and all employees;  
 With families, libraries, schools, waiters, artists;  
 Businesses, restaurants, and hospitals hit hardest.  
 We ignite not in the light, but in lack thereof,  
 For it is in loss that we truly learn to love.  
 In this chaos, we will discover clarity.  
 In suffering, we must find solidarity.  
 For it's our grief that gives us our gratitude,  
 Shows us how to find hope, if we ever lose it.  
 So ensure that this ache wasn't endured in vain:  
 Do not ignore the pain. Give it purpose. Use it.  
 Read children's books, dance alone to DJ music.  
 Know that this distance will make our hearts grow

fonder.

From a wave of woes our world will emerge stronger.  
 We'll observe how the burdens braved by humankind  
 Are also the moments that make us humans kind;  
 Let every dawn find us courageous, brought closer;  
 Heeding the light before the fight is over.  
 When this ends, we'll smile sweetly, finally seeing  
 In testing times, we became the best of beings.  
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Pat, I wanted to let you know that I really enjoyed the January 26, 2021 East York Historical Society Presentation by Rosemary Sadlier. Very much informative & educational, leaving me with so much more I want to gain insight & knowledge with regards to Black History. Let's keep her name for possible Future Presentations. Thanks to You & Rosemary. Ron Chamberlain



CONGRATULATIONS:  
 From East York  
 Historical Society  
 To: New Parents  
 Councillor  
 Brad Bradford and  
 Kathryn.

**Baby Briar**  
 arrived on  
 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.



# TRENDING NOW

**Cicely Tyson**, American, Fashion Model, Tony, Emmy and Oscar Winning Hollywood Actress & Icon, b. Dec. 19, 1924 - January 28, 2021 at age 96.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/entertainment/cicely-tyson-dead-1.5892704>

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/cicely-tyson-on-racism-hollywood-and-marriage-to-miles-davis-3ktz58k9p>



**Larry King**, Lawrence Harvey Zeiger, American, November 19, 1933 – January 23, 2021 Age 87

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Larry\\_King](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Larry_King)

<https://people.com/tv/larry-kings-wives-and-marriages-a-history/>

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/entertainment/larry-king-obituary-1.5885208>



**Christopher Plummer** (Arthur Christopher Orme Plummer CC), Canadian, (b. Dec. 13, 1929 in Toronto - Feb 5, 2021, age 91 yrs) was a legendary, award-winning actor. His career spanned seven decades, gaining recognition for his performances in film, television, and theatre. He was also the great grandson of Canada's third Prime Minister, John Abbott.

<https://www.blogto.com/.../christopher-dead-91.../>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christopher\\_Plummer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christopher_Plummer)



**Cloris Leachman**, American

Emmy Award Winning Actress & Comedienne b. April 30, 1926 - Jan. 27, 2021 age 94

<https://www.rollingstone.com/tv-tv-news/cloris-leachman-dead-1120039>

<https://deadline.com/2021/01/cloris-leachman-career-photo-gallery-1234682113/>



Hi Everyone,

Some very sad news. 2021 is not off to a great start with the passing of East Yorkers George Armstrong and **Saul Korman**. The legendary and iconic booster of the Danforth passed away. I've known Saul for 17 years and he was a dear friend. A real booster and community champion of so many causes. Here's a picture of Saul and I. While a resident of Thornhill, Saul was involved in countless East York initiatives. Photo byline - Justin Van Dette, Saul Korman and Cam Korman from Tim Hortons on the Danforth raise funds through the sales of ice cream on July 9, 2012 for the Hospital.

**Walter Gretzky**,

CM, Ont Canadian, (b. Oct. 8, 1938

– Mar. 4, 2021 age 88 yrs) was best

known as the father of Canadian ice

hockey icon Wayne Gretzky. An avid

hockey player as a youth, and a

keen analyst of the game, he built a

backyard rink for his children....

[Wikipedia](#)



**Siegfried Fischbacher** German-born American, June

13, 1939 – January 13, 2021 age 81 years. Magician and one

half of legendary Siegfried & Roy Las Vegas Entertainers. (Left in

the Photo) [Siegfried & Roy magician, Siegfried Fischbacher, Las Vegas](#)

[legend, dies at 81 - The Washington Post](#)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siegfried\\_%26\\_Roy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siegfried_%26_Roy)



**Marvelous Marvin Hagler**

(b. Marvin Nathaniel Hagler; May 23, 1954 – March 13, 2021)

Age 66 years was an American

[professional](#)

[boxer https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marvelous\\_Marvin\\_Hagler](#)



**Lou Ottens** (Lodewijk Frederik Ottens)

Dutch b. June 21, 1926 - March 6, 2021 age 94

years, engineer and inventor who pioneered the compact disc and invented the cassette tape.

Ottens was employed at Phillips for his whole career.

<https://www.latimes.com/obituaries/story/2021-03-12/lou-ottens-invented-cassette-tape-cds-dies#:~:text=Lou%20Ottens%2C%20the%20Dutch%20inventor,Dutch%20electronic%20conglomerate%20Phillips%20announced.>

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**Leon Spinks**

American (b. July 11, 1953 –

February 5, 2021)

was an American [professional boxer](#)

# ABOUT EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY MISSION

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

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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 Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**New members and guests are always welcome. The fees for 2021 are:**

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

E-transfers accepted, bring cash to our next meeting, or mail us a cheque payable to: "East York Historical Society", 107 Cambridge Avenue, Toronto, ON, M4K 2L7

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