



EAST YORK INKLINGS

Newsletter of the East York Historical Society

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President Pat's Message...



Special Greetings to every great Member and other Supporters of the East York Historical Society.

Words or more than I can express my sincere gratitude on behalf of this incredible Society to... **Our members** have come out in full support to renew their membership as you will see in the listings included in this month's East York Inklings Newsletter of the East York Historical Society...pg. 4

We apologize for the March publication where some of our members names were missing from that list. Our next ...Newsletter will be published in September 2019. It's been brought to my attention that our EY Inklings Newsletter of the EYHS is being recycled in positive ways one of which I heard from a lady in an East York Restaurant...that she gets a copy of our newsletter from Melanie Melanich. Thank you Melanie and all who are sharing our amazing ... newsletter. This lady is unable to attend our meetings.

Our Toronto Weather has been Ferris wheeling about, one day its springlike, another rainy and cold with wind chills...today is May 1, 2019 and I am still donning a winter coat and wool scarf starting out early today at 4c degree temperature with rain and over cast. Expected high of 8 degrees?

Many Thanks to: East York Historical Society Evening General Meeting of March 26, 2019 =60 members & their guests East York Historical Society Afternoon Meeting = 32 members and guests. Both Presenters were extra ordinary in their delivery on topic as our attendance could not get enough of their presentation.

My other true love are African Violets. Here on our front page is a photo of an African Hybrid Violet named in my honour "**PANCHETA**" by **John Brownlie (TAVS)** We continue to attract new and important members to the East

York Historical Society please see **Warm Welcome** listing on page 2... **The President's Spotlight** for the month of May 2019 is our new member: JOANNE PENHALE and her family in East York...page 3

Other great news, Congratulations to the East York Historical Society the application for a Lane named in Honour of former member and late Mrs. J. EDNA BEANGE passed unanimously by North York Council on April 24, 2019 "EDNA BEANGE LANE"...see page 4.

PLEASE LOOK UP during your walks through True Davidson's Park 170 Memorial Park Avenue behind the S. Walter Stewart Library...the magnificent lights are now on at the top of the Gladstone PYLON. Credits: Lead Pancheta (Pat)Barnett (EYHS & TEYCPP), Anita Miller (Treasurer, TEYCPP) Former East York Councillor Mary Fragedakis & now Councillor Paula Fletcher regarding the repairs. The Sculpture was in need of a lot of repairs to its structures (cracks, holes, bird's nestlings and burnt out lights...)



Photo credit: Anita Miller, 2016 -- The Pylon's original base had lights on. Today the repaired base will remain bare as you will see.

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JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT MEETING...

Tuesday, May 28, 2019
Refreshments at 7:00pm ~ Meeting Starts at 7:30pm
John S. Ridout Auditorium at the S. Walter Stewart Library
170 Memorial Park Avenue
Guest Speaker: Ms. Muriel Lennox
Topic: HORSES... Race Tracks

Our Meetings are Co-sponsored By



I have forwarded a request through to Councillor Fletcher for us to have the Gladstone PYLON Heritage Designate and will you update you accordingly.

<https://www.toronto.com/news-story/5804214-east-york-reflections-flying-saucer-shaped-s-walter-stewart-library-and-pylon-sculpture-by-gerald-gladstone-are-landmarks-in-east-york/>

Requested Article on The Road to **Amalgamation** from Hon. Alan Redway...page 5 Requested Article on Sandra McNamara page...5 Re: Bill 108 Link below: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-0016>. Requested Article From Sandra McNamara pertaining to Major MacKenzie...page 5

Dates to remember for the East York Historical Society participation: Doors Open Toronto at Todmorden on May 25, and 26, 2019 from between the hours of 10 am and 4:30 pm... Volunteers are much needed to help at our EYHS Archive Display Tables. Please call **Margaret McRae** @ 416-429-7821 to be scheduled. Thank you.

EVERYONE IS INVITED: To the 62nd Annual East York Canada Day Festival/Parade on Monday, July 1, 2019. The East York Historical Society will be participating in the walk from Dieppe Park to Stan Wadlow Park. Join us as we begin to gather about at 9:00 am...you may choose to watch as we all get started/maybe you wish to walk for a short distance in the parade. Its an worth remembering. EYHS will have an Archival Display at Stan Wadlow Park. We hope some of our members will be able to volunteer.

There are other dates listed from Todmorden Mills in this EY Inklings Newsletter of the EYHS which I am sure may be of interest you...page 4 East York Historical Society Welcome Our Main Presenter:The Award-Winning Journalist, author of five books, including bestseller Northern Dancer: "The Legend and his Legacy"...page 4 **MURIEL LENNOX TOPIC:** "HORSES, RACEHORSES, and the Story behind the Story" Muriel will have books for sale at this EYHS General meeting. **ALSO**

FEATURING Muriel's young neighbour...**INDIA KANE**, great, great great granddaughter of **Mildred Kane**, the first woman to own the winner of the King's Plate in 1940.

April 1, 2019 East York Historical Society ad containing the 2 pm Afternoon Show and Tell Discussion Meeting Presenting Glenn Fenton "Glenn's Cold War" went live on the **LEASIDE MEMORIAL** Community **GARDENS** 46' Electronic Billboard facing Huskey Gas Bar>Laird Dr. North at Millwood Road. Our EYHS ad for May 2019 Presenter is also running live now.

Thanks to all EYHS members for wearing your name tags during the meetings. This really helps us better acquaint ourselves with each other.

Thanks to all our members who helped with Kitchen & Refreshment duty during our March 26, 2019 evening meeting...page.6

We remember all East York Sri Lankan neighbours with a moment of silence for their recent loss of 321 lives during the Bomb Blast at their Easter Service on April 24, 2019 in Sri Lanka...

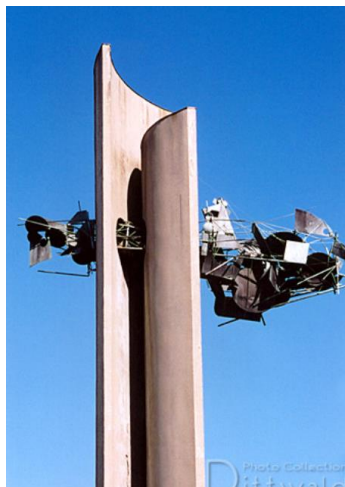
Have a Happy Mother's Day, Victoria Day and Father's Day celebration.

I hope to see you all at our scheduled events in this EYHS ...Newsletter & on the evening of May 28, 2019. Please come and also enjoy delicious refreshments of savouries and sweets and listen to our great speakers.

Thanks for listening and do have a great and enjoyable Summer 2019. Please remember where there are pedestrians there are automobiles. Walk in well light areas at night and look out for our children's safety.

Sincerely,

Pancheta (Pat) Barnett
President of the East York Historical Society



THE ROAD TO AMALGAMATION

By Hon. Alan Redway

At the stroke of midnight on December 31st, 1997, the incorporated municipality of East York ceased to exist. On January 1st, 1998 it became part of the newly amalgamated Megacity of Toronto.

During the late 1980s, two seemingly separate and unrelated events set the wheels in motion leading to amalgamation.

First was the decision by the government of Premier David Peterson to have direct election of Metro councillors a change from the original system whereby Metropolitan Toronto council was composed of members elected to their local councils. While direct election made democratic sense, the old city of Toronto council now viewed the directly elected Metro council not as a coordinator of Metro wide issues but as a rival Toronto council. As a direct result in a 1974 plebiscite a majority of the residents of old Toronto voted to succeed from the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto. As well it was that decision to directly elect Metro councillors that caused former Toronto Mayor David Crombie and former Metro Chairman Paul Godfrey to conclude that it made no sense to have two separately elected councils both representing themselves as Toronto. Later it was their advice that persuaded Premier Mike Harris to legislate total amalgamation.

The second event was the decision by Premier Bob Rae, Premier David Peterson's successor to establish the Anne Golden Task Force to review the GTA. This decision also made immanent good sense, because the GTA was experiencing the same cross border problems that the original Metro municipalities had prior to the establishment of Metropolitan Toronto in 1954. However, none of the GTA municipalities agreed with the Anne Golden recommendation for a GTA wide Metro Council. Instead 4 of the GTA Mayors, Hazel McCallion, Mel Lastman, Barbara Hall and Nancy Diamond later joined by the 6

Metro Mayors submitted counter recommendations, which were akin to taking the GTA and Metro municipalities back to the state that existed before Metro was created. At that time each municipality understood that they had cross border problems but they could never agree on who would pay to solve them. So until Metro was established they were never solved.

The provincial government of Premier Mike Harris, successor to that of Premier Bob Rae, faced with the conflicting recommendations of the Anne Golden Report, those of the GTA and Metro Mayors and bombarded for years with Toronto Star, Globe and Mail and Toronto Sun editorials demanding amalgamation, decided to accept the recommendation of David Crombie and Paul Godfrey to eliminate The Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto with total amalgamation.

The citizens of Metro who had paid little heed as to what was happening, up until this point, rebelled when they learned the news. An Environics Poll at the time reported that 52% of Metro residents were opposed to amalgamation. Here, in East York residents formed Team East York to oppose the plan. East York and each of the other 5 Metro municipalities held a referendum on amalgamation. East Yorkers voted 81% against it. But to no avail, so on January 1, 1998, the municipality of East York passed into the history books.

The full story of amalgamation is in my first book "Governing Toronto: Bringing back the city that worked." For how it impacted on our Borough see my latest book, "East York 1924-1997: Toronto's Garden of Eden." Either or both can be purchased on line from my publisher, Friesen Press, at my website, www.alanredway.com or on line from Amazon or Indigo or Barnes and Noble.

WE THANK YOU!!!

(Kitchen & Refreshment Volunteers Members of the East York Historical Society on the evening of March 26, 2019 General Meeting).

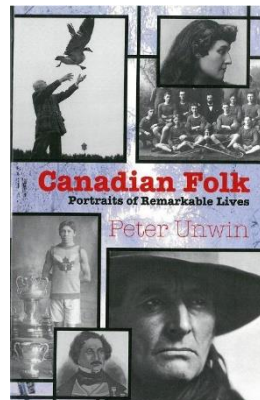
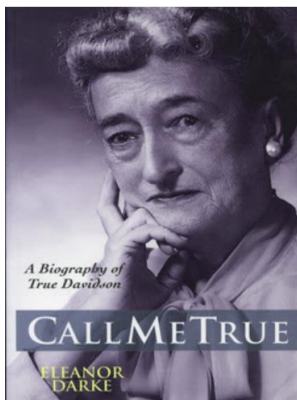
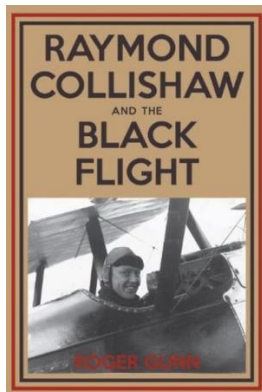
KITCHEN:

Chris Theo
Margaret McRae
Ron Chamberlain

REFRESHMENTS:

Pat Barnett
Chris Theo
Joyce Crook

The East York Historical Society is proud to recycle our extra issues of The Inklings to the community.



WE HAVE BOOKS FOR SALE

Please visit the Registration Table if you're interested in purchasing one of these books. They make a great gift.

UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DATE	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
Tuesday, September 24, 2019	7:00 PM	Transit Bricks	Trevor Parkins-Sciberras
Wednesday, October 16, 2019	2:00 PM	A Call to Duty	Teresa Hall
Tuesday, November 26, 2019 39 th Annual General Meeting	7:00 PM	History of the Ontario Historical Society	Mr. Rob Laverty, Executive Dir. of the Ontario Historical Society
Tuesday, January 28, 2020	7:00 PM	Celebrating Black History in Canada – Her Father, The late Icon Herbert Carnegie, and their legacy with small Carnegie Display Opener: 2 Poems Written by Poet Laureate George Elliott Clarke	Ms. Bernice Carnegie Read by Samuel Billich, Justice of the Peace (OCJ)
Tuesday, March 31, 2020	7:00 PM	Life and Times of John Candy	To Be Announced
Tuesday, May 26, 2020	7:00 PM	The DelZotto Family and the History of Tridel	The DelZotto Family
Tuesday, September 29, 2020	7:00 PM	Lost Golf Courses of Toronto	Joanne Doucette
Tuesday, November 23, 2020 40 th Annual General Meeting	7:00 PM	Living Up To The Legend	Diana Bishop



Historical Walk in Todmorden Village

Sunday, June 16th at 1:30 pm. Meet in front of Don Mills United Church at Pape and O'Connor for a walk to look at historic buildings in the former Todmorden Village with leader Margaret McRae.

The East York Hall of Fame will be hosting their first induction event on Friday, June 14th. The first inductee will be the legendary John Candy of East York.

Confirmed guest speakers for the evening are Grey Cup Champion Mike Pinball Clemons, Mayor and former CFL Commissioner John Tory, Legendary Sports Broadcaster Brian Williams and Sandie Rinaldo from CTV National News.

Tax Receipts will be issued for a portion of the \$100.00 ticket cost, which includes dinner and an open bar. Purchase your tickets at www.EastYork2019.com or by phone at 647-667-3782

1st
Inductee



TICKETS \$100

Ticket purchase includes open bar and dinner

Purchase your tickets at info@eastyork2019.com or by calling 647-667-3782

The Grey Cup will be in attendance!

TRIBUTE

to East York's

JOHN CANDY



Friday, June 14, 2019
Reception at 6PM
Tribute begins at 7PM
The Forth, 629 Danforth Ave.

Featuring guest speakers:



Mike Pinball Clemons Mayor John Tory Brian Williams Sandie Rinaldo Jennifer Candy Chris Candy

LIBRARY STORIES – MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD ON THE CUTS

Here is a link to an item on the CBC radio program The Current about the services of public libraries and how they are changing - <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/thecurrent/meals-medical-aid-and-more-the-evolving-role-of-public-libraries-and-what-they-stand-to-lose-1.5114987>

And here is information about the cuts to Ontario library services that were announced recently. The Southern Ontario Library Service (SOLS) and Ontario Library Service - North (OLS-North) have announced they are facing cuts to their budgets of 50 percent or more. These cuts represent a clear threat to library service in Ontario - particularly for rural, remote and Indigenous libraries - and cannot be accepted.

SOLS currently provides a number of services that are critical to the function of Ontario libraries:

- They provide a courier service that moves materials between public libraries, meaning the public gets free, easy and timely access to a broader range of materials than they'd normally find at their own libraries.
- They provide critical training at low or no cost to library staff. Topics span from kids' programs, to leadership, to skills for helping library staff ride out and mitigate the opioid crisis and rise of critical social issues affecting our communities.

This latter training helps library staff save lives by connecting people with resources they need. It also helps prevent library staff from developing PTSD, by giving us a sense of control over how we handle the heartbreaking situations we encounter.

- They give Ontario libraries a way to band together when purchasing expensive online resources.

Consequently, even people in the most remote locations have access to the best, most up-to-date research information.

- They provide resources to Indigenous libraries that help address the shortfall in funding they receive compared to other Ontario public libraries. This funding differential means that any cuts to SOLS will disproportionately affect Indigenous communities.
- Many more services, which you can see here: <https://www.sols.org/>

OLS-North (<http://www.olsn.ca/en>) provides many of the same services, plus extensive technology supports for libraries that cannot afford them otherwise. Because the libraries in the region tend to have much smaller budgets, the services provided by OLS-North are even more critical to their daily operations.

To learn more or to sign their petition <https://www.change.org/p/doug-ford-stop-the-cuts-to-the-southern-ontario-library-service-and-ontario-library-service-north>

And a link to a column by Heather Mallick in the May 1 edition of the Toronto Star.

<https://www.thestar.com/opinion/star-columnists/2019/04/30/libraries-a-lifeline-in-rural-ontario.html>

President Pat's Spotlight: JOANNE PENHALE & her FAMILY of East York...

New to East York since 2017, this family lives on Linsmore Crescent, and regularly makes trips to RH McGregor Elementary. Rose Abira Light (b. 2017) has recently taken up playing harmonica and using crayons. Mavis Eloise Light (b. 2013 in Montreal, QC) is working on swimming, bike riding, and learning French. Joanne Penhale (b. 1979 in Quesnel, BC) runs a home daycare, makes art, worked for a decade as a newspaper reporter, and has a long history of community organizing. Evan Light (b. 1976 in Princeton, NJ) is a Communication professor at Glendon College, musician, and



rock climber. Joanne and Evan met in Ottawa during a National Campus and Community Radio Association conference in 2007. They were married in Montreal in 2010.

Joanne looks forward in getting to know the society better. Joanne, I thank you for not hesitating to bring your immediate family to become members of this great Society as of April 2019. Please note: I saw you on your very first visit at the East York Historical Society 2018 Annual General Meeting.

On behalf of the East York Historical Society we warmly welcome you and your family to the Society.



HONOURING EDNA BEANGE

Mrs. Jessie Edna Beange on her balcony at 1387 Bayview Avenue (SAHIL) overlooking the Lane named in her honour "EDNA BEANGE LANE" Passed by NY Council on April 24, 2019...Application...for this majestic honour was made by Pancheta Barnett President of the East York Historical Society & Chair East...Honourific Lane & Street Naming teycpp. I informed Mrs. Beange by telephone about this honourific Lane-Naming in her honour three weeks before her passing at SMC. Edna was delighted at this great news... The Lane unveiling Ceremony will be announced in a few weeks to the neighbourhood of Leaside (East York).

"Illuminations" - Don Valley Art Club's Annual Award Show and Sale

This show features 100+ new & affordable artworks created in multiple mediums by 100+ artists. Enjoy living with original art.

Reception and Awards Presentation

Wed. May 8th, 7:00 to 9:00 pm
Please join us for light refreshments and hear our judge speak about the awards given.

Show runs May 8 – 19, 2019

Sat/Sun Noon to 4:30 pm; Wed/Thu/Fri Noon to 4:00 pm;
(Closed Mon/Tue)
The Papermill Gallery, Todmorden Mills Heritage Site, 67 Pottery Rd, Toronto

Hope to see you there!

Don Valley Art Club

<https://www.donvalleyartclub.com>

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram - #donvalleyartclub2

GET YOUR VERY OWN EAST YORK FLAG

The East York Historical Society has them for sale. To purchase your flag(s), Call Margaret McRae @ 416-429-7821

The East York Historical Society is looking for a permanent space to store our archives and prized possessions. If you have some space or have any ideas, please call Margaret McRae at 416-429-7821

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

JOANNE PENHALE,
Husband EVAN LIGHT &
Children: MAVIS LIGHT, ROSE LIGHT

Lynne Laframboise
Albert Wiggan
Jordan Hatherley
Peter Curry
Judv Rodgers



MAY 8 to 19



Annual Awards
ART SHOW & SALE



OVER 100 ARTWORKS AND ARTISTS!
Opening Reception and
Awards Presentation
Wednesday May 8th, 7 - 9 pm

Mother's Day Treats
Sunday, May 12
Bring the Family!
Noon - 4:00 pm
Live Art
• portrait painting
• plein air



Papermill Gallery, Todmorden Mills
67 Pottery Road

Gallery Hours: Weds to Sun, Noon - 4 pm
(Gallery closed Mon and Tues) Free Admission Free Parking

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.

INTERESTED IN THE EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY, CONTACT US:

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Visit our new facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/144715709718>

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 2019 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

YES!!! Please add me to your e-mail distribution list – help save a tree!