



EAST YORK INKLINGS

Newsletter of the East York Historical Society

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President's Message...

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

“A thing of beauty is a joy for ever: Its loveliness increases; it will never Pass into nothingness” Endymion, John Keats (1795-1821)

These famous words help to describe the East York Historical Society (its Board of Directors and its supporting members).

Throughout the year, the entire Board of Directors along with myself work tirelessly to continue the success of the East York Historical Society. Therefore, it is with great honour that I say ‘Thank You’ to each and every one of you for your support during the past year. Listings of contributions on following page.

Lest we forget, on behalf of the East York Historical Society’s Board of Directors, our Vice President Alan Redway and myself laid a wreath on Remembrance Day during the ceremony at the East York Civic Centre. Here’s a quote from a famous Christmas song which depicts a WWII soldier’s dream for home:

“I’ll be home for Christmas, You can plan on me, Please have snow and mistletoe, And presents on the tree, Christmas Eve will find me, Where the love light gleams, I’ll be home for Christmas, If only in my dreams” -(Unknown)

The President’s Membership Spotlight for the month of November 2014 will be Joyce Crook, Eleanor Darke and Jean Stapleton. See information on the following pages.

I look forward to seeing many of our members and visitors in attendance at our Annual General Meeting of November 25, 2014. Please be reminded that membership renewal is now due. See Treasurer Val Dodge. Kay Horiszny’s freshly baked carrot cake will be included in our refreshments.

A reminder to all members that wearing your name tags during the meeting helps us to get better acquainted with you.. Members are encouraged to put their thoughts and suggestions in the suggestion box.

The winter season is fast approaching along with the holidays. On behalf of the EYHS Board of Directors, here’s wishing you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a bright and prosperous New Year 2015. Please keep warm, healthy and safe in all you do.

Sincerely,

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PLEASE BRING THIS NEWSLETTER WITH YOU TO OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AS IT CONTAINS THE AGENDA AND REPORTS THAT NEED TO BE APPROVED

Join us at our Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, November 25, 2014
Refreshments at 7:00pm
Meeting commences at 7:30pm

Hear about our exciting year in review, our plans for next year and from our guest speaker John Carew and Capt. Rick Zelinsky of the Salvation Army who will talk to us about their history and local contents

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, January 27, 2015
Refreshments at 7:00pm
Meeting commences at 7:30pm

Our presenter will be Karen Carter, Executive Director of Heritage Toronto (Black History Month); Karen Fraser of Women Like Me (Do You Know About The Boys?)

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.



East York Historical Society

OUR THANKS...

To: Vice President Hon. Alan Redway (Afternoon Discussion Show & Tell Meeting... President Pancheta Barnett, Director Margaret McRae, Director Christopher Salmond, Director Kay Horiszny, Director John Michailidis... Outreach, Program, Promotional Events) Secretary Justin Vandette (Newsletter Editor, Mailing & Program). Past President Jane Pitfield. Treasurer Val Dodge (Membership, Promotional Events). Lorna Krawchuk (Financial Reviewer). Margaret McRae (Editor, Webperson, Advertiser) Kay Horiszny, Joyce Crook, Grace Tanaka (Refreshment Organizers, Name Tags) Kay Horiszny, Val Dodge, John Michailidis (MinuteTakers) Connie Fenton, Marilyn & Fred Clark (Name Tags). Toronto Public Library (Co Sponsor)... Walter Stewart Library Head Paul Robinson, Janet Nanos & including rest of staff Toronto Public Library for (hosting & promoting our meetings). Rhonda Barnett (Event). Joanne Green (Promotions/Events). All Members of the East York Historical Society & Visitors.



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The life-sized bronze likeness of Jeffrey Baldwin poses heroically in Greenwood Park, dressed as his own favourite hero Superman. This was unveiled on October 18, 2014 and it was sculpted by Ruth Abernethy.



Our September 30, 2014 our guest speaker was Mrs. Irene Andress of East York (far right). Her slide presentation was well received on "The History of Toronto East General Hospital. One of the things she mentioned was that William Billy McKay donated all the land which the TEGH is built on... We had a large turnout of members & visitors in attendance. Many questions were asked during and after Mrs. Andress' presentation.

Get your 2015 Safe Seniors Calendar

Our friends at Toronto East General Hospital Foundation have these very informative 2015 Safe Seniors Calendar.

The calendar features a number of safety tips and a list of important telephone numbers.

To request your copy, please call Justin Van Dette at 416-469-6218 or by e-mail at juvan@tegh.on.ca and a copy will be mailed to you



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AGENDA

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

1. Approval of minutes of 2013 Annual General Meeting (published in the January 2014 newsletter)
2. Acceptance of Annual Report, Financial Report & Financial Reviewer's Report (as published on page 2 and 3 of this newsletter)
3. Appointment of Financial Reviewer
4. Elections of Board of Directors:
 - a. The following slate is recommended by the Board of Directors:

President:	Pancheta Barnett
Vice President:	Hon. Alan Redway
Director:	Kathleen Horiszny
Director:	Margaret McRae
Director:	Christopher Salmond
Director:	John Michailidis

- b. The following individuals are to be appointed by the East York Historical Society Board of Directors:

Secretary:	Justin Van Dette
Treasurer:	Val Dodge
Past President:	Jane Pitfield

5. Guest Speaker
6. Adjournment

SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Bev & Roy Fardell
Peter Ronaldson
Bruce Horner & Donna Glazier
Sandra Kanagasabai

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>

Percy Waters Florist, 1918 – shortly after the end of World War I



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Member Spotlight: Joyce Crook

Joyce an only child, was born in the month of October on Dilworth Crescent to an English mother and Welsh father.

At the age of 6 Joyce attended kindergarten to grade 8 at Earl Kitchener Public School (once located at Mortimer & Pape 1915-1940/41 demolished in 1993).

In 1939/40 Joyce attended Danforth High School. Then went on to Shaw Business College (Danforth & Woodbine) where she learned typing. Later on she learned shorthand. Joyce was employed as a clerk typist by the Police Department located at 149 College Street at University Avenue.

Another of the original members of the revised East York Historical Society Joyce Crook



soon learned that John S. Ridout also attended Danforth High School a head of her. So maybe they passed each other on the school property.

"The Hon. Alan Redway was Chair of the EYHS Inaugural meeting on Thursday, November 20, 1980 in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Building, 550 Mortimer Avenue.

He was Mayor at the time and had called for the election of officers. It was moved by Mrs. Ada Louise Smith that Miss Joyce Crook be nominated as secretary. As recorded Miss Joyce Crook declined. However, Joyce, has served as minute taker over the years and continues to help with refreshments....

Member Spotlight: Jean Stapleton

At age 6 she attended William Burgess Public School from 1925 to 1932 and went on to East York Collegiate. After High School she was employed as a store clerk for Simpsons.

Her birth certificate list her place of birth as Todmorden.

Jean was one of the original members of the East York Historical Society 1961-1977. In 1980 when the EYHS was revised by our former President /and late John S.

Ridout, Jean Stapleton & husband Ernie were among many who became active members who performed various service such as Research, Minute Takers & Name Tags 1981 - 1986.

Mrs. Stapleton enjoys keeping in touch with the East York Historical Society's' Newsletters and calls from the present President of the EYHS.

GET YOUR TOPHAM POSTER

We have permission to reprint the Topham poster produced by the students of Gordon Brown Middle School, Heritage Toronto, Think Tank Toronto and the EYHS in 2010. It is 14.25 x 20.5 inches and will cost \$6.00 plain or \$12.00 laminated. Ron and Wanda Chamberlain will be promoting it and taking orders. Their phone number is 416-751-0911 and email is ron.chamberlain@sympatico.ca. We will order after we have at least 10 orders. Please contact them if you want to order one and you can bring payment to our November meeting. We will have the poster there for you to view and will be putting a photo of it on our website.



Member Spotlight: Eleanor Darke

Born in Scarborough, Ontario moved to Don Mills at age 3. Eleanor Darke has always been fascinated with history.

Attended Norman Ingram Public School and graduated from Don Mills Collegiate & York University, Glendon College B.A. (Hon).

Met her husband Fred (a photographer) while working at Todmorden. They lived in three different rental homes while in East York – first a house on Mortimer Avenue west of Pape, then a house on Donlea in Leaside, and finally an apartment at 80 Cosburn near Pape, close to her place of employment.

"Eleanor have always felt that knowing your history enriched your understanding of your own life and your community. During her first year at Todmorden she discovered the Museum's program which was run by the Ontario Museum Assoc and began taking classes which enabled her the following year to use some of the information gained to get a grant which hired three local students to begin cataloging and organizing the collection and the Museum board were very pleased.

John Ridout was Chair at that time and he went to Council to say that the Museum needed a full-time Curator and,

although they reduced the pay category from what he asked for, he did win their approval by one vote and the Museum board hired Eleanor Darke as the site's first full-time Curator-Manager of the Todmorden Mills Historic site (1973-1984)".



Eleanor was present at the East York Historical Society's 1980 inaugural meeting when "It was moved by Mr. William C. Mollington that the posts of Secretary/Treasurer be combined and that Mrs. E.M. Darke be nominated for that post. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Ada Louise Smith. No other nominations received, it was moved by Miss Doris Tucker, seconded by Mrs. J. Edna Beange and carried that Mrs. E.M. Darke be elected Secretary/Treasurer by acclamation" Eleanor also served in part as Secretary, Program & Treasurer 1980-1988.

Eleanor Darke is the Author of "Call Me True & "A Mill Should Be Build Thereon . In 2011 Fred and Eleanor moved to Strathroy, Ont. Three years after retiring from Church Ministry, Fred passed away January 2014. Our belated condolences to you Eleanor on Fred's passing.



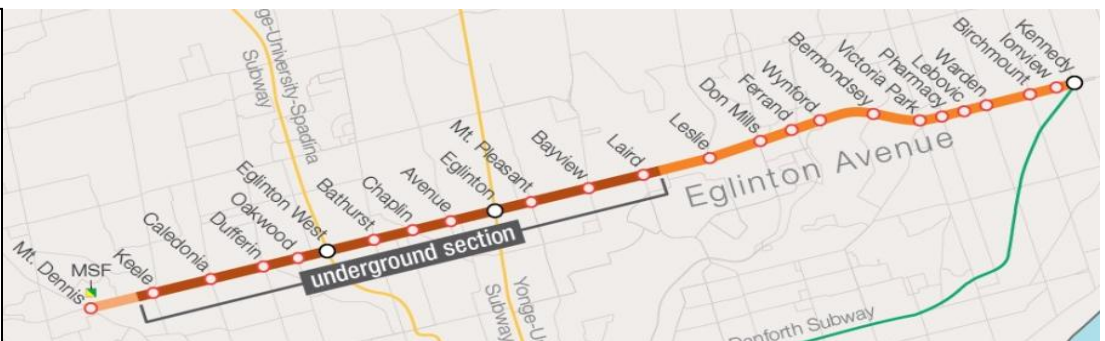
GET YOUR EAST YORK FLAG

We have a mixed group of buyers. Some people want the large 3 x 6 foot flags which are \$90.00 and some want the medium size ones of 27 x 54 inches which are \$70.00. Some are willing to take either while others only want one size. Please let us know if you want one, your size preference and whether you would take either. We need fifteen orders before proceeding. You can contact Margaret McRae to register for a flag. Her contact info is marg.mcrae@gmail.com or 416-429-7821.

On November 11th, we salute and say thank you to those who served and those that continue to stand on guard—our armed forces, emergency services and those in uniform who protect us Thank you!



The construction of the Eglinton Crosstown LRT has begun, which includes a 10 km underground section that is being constructed by four large tunnel boring machines or TBM's for short.



EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT

Number of Members -- 2014: 131
Number of Members -- 2013: 123
Number of Members -- 2012: 133

GENERAL MEETINGS:

#172 - November 26, 2013 (27 in attendance)
Annual General Meeting and "The Result of Rebellion -
North American Political Prisoners in Van Diemen's
Land." Speaker: Dr. John C. Carter, Author and Historian.

#173 - January 28, 2014 (37 in attendance)
"Toronto's First Post Office". Speaker: Kate Akerfeldt,
Assistant Curator of Toronto's First Post Office.

174 - March 25, 2014 (42 in attendance)
"The History and Spooky Secrets of the Don Jail
Speaker: Scott Smith

175 - May 27, 2014 (38 in attendance)
"Todmorden Mills Restoration to New Time
Periods". Speakers: Ulana Baluk and Neil Brochu

176 - September 30, 2014 (50 in attendance)
"The History of Toronto East General
Hospital". Speaker: Irene Andress

Total Attendance for 5 meetings:
2014 – 194 2013 - 237 2012 - 284

AFTERNOON DISCUSSION GROUPS:

October 23, 2013 (15 in attendance)
Memories of Dick Anderson a retired employee of the
Borough of East York Works Department.

November 13, 2013 (25 in attendance)
Reminiscing by long time East Yorker, George England
about activities in the early days. He lived in the same
house for 88 years.

February 19, 2014 (28 in attendance)
Gordon Sherk, a resident of East York's Governor's bridge
community relates his memories of the community located
on the heights on the west side of the Don Valley.

March 19, 2014 (41 in attendance)
Memories of Leaside Revisited. Guest Speakers: Karen
Fraser, Fred King and John Naulls. Event held at the
Leaside Library, Community Room.

April 16, 2014 (32 in attendance)
History along the Danforth. Guest Speaker Glen
Moorhouse, CEO of Nisbet Lodge. Event held in the
Boehmer Dining Room at Nisbet Lodge, 740 Pape Avenue.

Total Attendance for 5 Afternoon Discussions
2014 – 141 2013 – 156 2012 – 156

OUTREACH FOR SPECIAL EVENTS:

October 6, 2013 - Harvest Festival at Todmorden
Mills. Christopher Salmond and Joanne Green were at the
EYHS table.

October 15, 2013 - Heritage Toronto Annual Awards Night at
Koerner Hall. President Pat Barnett attended.

October 26, 2013 - Fall Fair at R. H. McGregor
School. Christopher Salmond was at the EYHS table.

December 1, 2013 - "Leaside 100" at Leaside Memorial
Gardens. EYHS shared a table with the Leaside Lawn
Bowling Club and was represented by President Pat Barnett

January 5, 2014 - At the East York Civic Centre, East York
New Year's Levee. Attended by the following members Pat
Barnett, Margaret McRae and Christopher Salmond.

February 19, 2014 - At East York Civic Centre, a Public
Speaking Contest for School Children. Attended by Pat
Barnett and Margaret McRae.

March 22, 2014 - Heritage Toronto Plaque unveiling at St.
Matthews Club House at Riverdale Park, on Broadview
Avenue. Attended by Pat Barnett, Connie Fenton and Kay
Horiszny. Following this event was a tour of the nearby
Don Jail.

March 24, 2014 - Agnes Macphail Ceremony. Took place at
the East York Civic Centre. Attended by Alan Redway,
Margaret McRae and Jane Pitfield.

May 3, 2014 - "100 Years of Learning" at William Burgess
Elementary School. Attended by Joyce Crook, Christopher
Salmond and Pat Barnett.

May 24 & 25, 2014 - Doors Open Toronto at Todmorden
Mills. EYHS table was attended by Pat Barnett, Margaret
McRae, Diane Brockman, Christopher Salmond and
Christine Ioannou

July 1, 2014 - Canada Day. We walked in the parade and
had a table at Stan Wadlow Park. Attended by Pat Barnett,
Alan Redway, Joyce Crook, Margaret McRae, John
Michailidis, Ron and Erica Chamberlain, Ian Wheal, Joanne
Green, Rhonda Barnett and Kay Horiszny.

August 21, 2014 - Heritage Toronto's "Heritage Matters"
Mayoral Debate at the Cathedral Centre, Church & King
Streets. Attended by Pat Barnett and Kay Horiszny.

September 21, 2014 - Harvest Festival at Todmorden
Mills. Christopher Salmond was at the EYHS table.

*Submitted by Pat Barnett, President
and Val Dodge, Treasurer*

SAVE THESE DATES...

THE EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS PLANNING AHEAD

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

January 27, 2015

Black History Month ...Presenter: Karen Carter
Executive Director of Heritage Toronto. Do You Know
About The Boys?...Karen Fraser-Women Like Me

May 26, 2015

The Barbershoppers of East York.
Presenter: Mr. Greg Shields and the performers

September 29, 2015
TBA

March 31, 2015

Bob Rumball Centre of the Deaf...How it all started
Presenter Derek Rumball

November 24, 2015
TBD

Our Wednesday afternoon show and tell discussion meetings start at 2 pm.
Refreshments are always served.

Wednesday, February 18, 2015
Wednesday, October 14, 2014

Wednesday, March 11, 2015
Wednesday, November 18, 2014

Wednesday, April 15, 2014

East York Historical Society
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014
TO BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

	2014	2013		2014	2013
Income			Expense		
Donations			Administration		
Individual Donations	\$ 120.00	\$ 303.00	Bank Fees	\$ 18.00	\$ 20.50
Refreshment Fund Donations	\$ 85.03	\$ 89.74	Gifts	\$ 20.00	
Total Donations	\$ 205.03	\$ 392.74	Office Supplies	\$ 81.05	\$ 99.19
Grants			Photocopies	\$ 10.90	
Government Grants	\$ 385.00	\$ 385.00	Postage	\$ 2.50	
Total Grants	\$ 385.00	\$ 385.00	Total Administration	\$ 132.45	\$ 119.69
Investments			Other Types of Expenses		
Bank Interest	\$ 1.74	\$ 8.00	Other Costs	\$ 15.75	\$ 12.66
Investment Interest	\$ 8.00	\$ 3.69	Total Other Types of Expenses	\$ 15.75	\$ 12.66
Total Investments	\$ 9.74	\$ 11.69	Program Expenses		
Merchandise Sales			Info boards	\$ 109.76	
Books	\$ 31.75	\$ 52.00	Membership Dues	\$ 95.00	\$ 55.00
Bumper Stickers	\$ 2.00	\$ 12.00	Newsletter Printing & Expenses	\$ 851.43	\$ 775.67
Flags	\$ 140.00	\$ 1,100.00	Outreach	\$ 21.80	\$ 86.00
Total Merchandise Sales	\$ 173.75	\$ 1,164.00	Refreshments	\$ 80.20	\$ 150.17
Other Types of Income			Speakers	\$ 345.00	\$ 460.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 3.35	\$ -	Public Events	\$ 86.00	\$ -
Total Other Types of Income	\$ 3.35	\$ -	Other Costs	\$ -	\$ 931.60
Program Income			Total Program Expenses	\$ 1,589.19	\$ 2,458.44
Membership Dues	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,364.50	Total Expense	\$ 1,737.39	\$ 2,590.79
Total Program Income	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,364.50			
Total Income	\$ 2,326.87	\$ 3,317.93			
Net Income	\$ 589.48	\$ 727.14			
Net worth (end of previous Fiscal Year)*	\$ 6,313.55	\$ 5,586.41	* FY2013		
Net change in finances	\$ 598.48	\$ 727.14	now		
Net worth (end of this FY)	\$ 6,912.03	\$ 6,313.55	includes		

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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.

INTERESTED IN THE EAST YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY, CONTACT US:

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NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Justin Van Dette, Secretary, East York Historical Society

HELP PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF EAST YORK BY RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO 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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