



EAST YORK INKLINGS

Newsletter of the East York Historical Society

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President's Message...

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

The Fall season has arrived and with that comes a return to our regular routines – many of course are heading back to school, summer vacations have ended and its hard to believe that we're only a few months away from the holiday season.

Much has happened in the last few months and I am hopeful that this report will highlight some of those newsworthy items.

Our next meeting is set for the evening of Tuesday, September 24th and we're very pleased to welcome author Terry Reardon who will be speaking to us about two of his books.

The East York Historical Society will be busy during the next few months as more details will be provided to you soon about our other meetings and we welcome your involvement for our Annual General Meeting, which will take place in November. Volunteer organizations such as ours would not succeed if it wasn't for our membership and especially those who give so much of their time on our Board of Directors.

A warm welcome to new members Lynn Austin, Michael Austin, Peter Chan, Heather deVeber, T. Anthony Green, Gillian Mandel, Peter Matthews, Vanessa Rose. Please remember to pick up your name tag from the table, so that we can get better acquainted.

Speaking of members, we've had a great year with the growth of our membership and we're hoping you will continue supporting us as a member for 2014. You can renew your membership at our registration table on September 24th.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

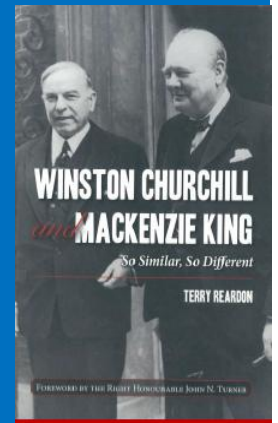
Sincerely,

Jane Pitfield
President

*Mark your calendar
and join us at the
meeting below*

Tuesday, September 24, 2013
Refreshments at 7:00pm
Meeting commences at 7:30pm

We invite you to meet author Terry Reardon who will be discussing his acclaimed book. "Winston Churchill and Mackenzie King So Similar, So Different"



Please note that our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, November 26th with our special guest speaker Dr. John Carter. Further details will be sent out in November.

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.

Meetings take place on the last Tuesday of January, March, May, September and November.



The passing of Donna-Lynn McCallum – a great loss for East York

The East York Historical Society was very sad to learn of the passing of our member Donna-Lynn McCallum. Donna was a proud East Yorker who passed away at Toronto East General Hospital this past May.

She was an adamant opponent of the Toronto megacity and often spoke out on community issues that took place at the East York Civic Centre and at Toronto City Hall. In 2012, her hard work, advocacy and volunteerism was recognized as she was bestowed Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal.

“Donna-Lynn McCallum was an icon of East York who fought vehemently against amalgamation and stayed true to her beloved Borough even when it got swallowed up by the megacity,” said Beaches-East York MPP Michael Prue in a statement announcing McCallum's death.

In a 2007 East York Mirror story about the 10th anniversary of megacity amalgamation, McCallum showed that she still had the sign opposing the forced merger up on the fence of her home.



“When I found out we were being amalgamated and going to lose East York, I would play my stereo and cry real tears,” she said.

With a large East York flag covering her coffin, her funeral was packed to capacity, with community members, neighbours, friends and past and present elected officials from all political parties which demonstrated how well she was liked by so many people.

“Donna-Lynn was an icon in East York and she was our biggest champion,” added East York Historical Society President Jane Pitfield. “She will be missed by all of us.”

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?fref=ts>

Courtesy: Toronto Public Library.
1951: Leaside Presbyterian Church,
Eglinton Ave E, n/w corner of
Hanna Road –during construction



East York Historical Society

Making a difference for our community.

On May 8th, some members of the East York Historical Society volunteered on McHappy Day to raise funds for Toronto East General Hospital. Over \$10,000 at five local restaurants was raised thanks to the help of 80 volunteers. Above, Pancheta Barnett and Justin Van Dette (far right) were pleased to be at the special announcement.



Toronto Field Naturalists celebrates 90 years

This show is written and performed by TFN members to celebrate our history and love of nature. It is divided into the four seasons and each season will have skits, haikus, stories, reports and songs including a few sing-alongs for audience participation. Presentations include the Junior Field Naturalists, the Nature Reserves, Hurricane Hazel, and TFN walks.

The celebration takes place at The Papermill Theatre at Todmorden Mills Heritage Site, at 67 Pottery Road, Toronto, M4K 2B9 at 7:30 pm on Friday, October 4, 2013. The show takes about an hour and a half without an intermission and will be followed by serving of anniversary cake, coffee and tea.

General Admission tickets are now being sold online and through the office. As it is a small theatre, you should reserve early if you wish to attend. Price is \$15.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 6 to 12 years. Please, no children under 6. We hope to offer rides down the hill to the theatre. If you

need a ride or can offer a ride please let us know when you order your tickets.

The Toronto Field Naturalists is an 800 member charitable organization which aims to stimulate public interest in natural history and to encourage the preservation of our natural heritage. Each year we hold over 150 guided walks, 8 public lectures, publish 8 newsletters, maintain a website, and we own four nature reserves near Uxbridge. All our work is done by volunteers.

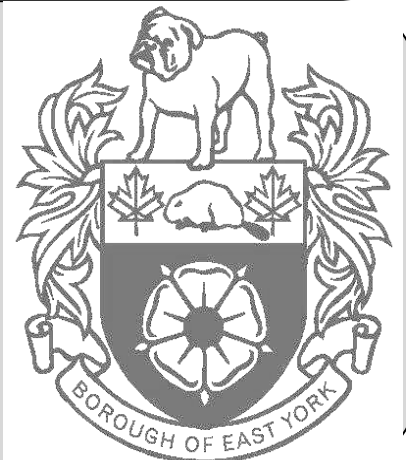
Please check our website at www.torontofieldnaturalists.org to purchase tickets online or send payment to the TFN office at 1519 - 2 Carlton Street, Toronto, ON. M4B 1J3 or drop in on Friday mornings between 9 am and 12 noon.

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The East York Historical Society presents...
Reminiscing by former East York employees about the great days.
Dick Anderson
Retired after 32 years with the East York Works Department

Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at 2:00pm
The S. Walter Stewart Library, 170 Memorial Park Ave. at Durant Ave.

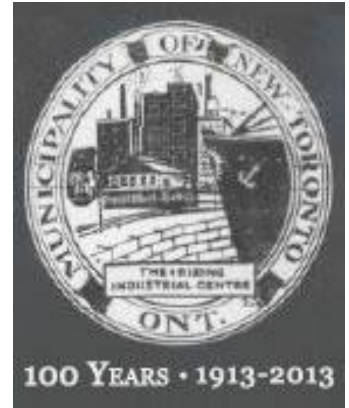
Please join us and bring your own stories and reminiscences.
Bring any photos, memorabilia, questions or stories you would like to share with the group.



UPCOMING EVENTS

New Toronto Celebrates 100 years

Saturday, October 5, 2013
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
St. Margaret's Church,
156 Sixth Street, Toronto, ON
TICKETS: \$15.00 each



For further information, contact: Wendy Gamble at (416) 251-1349 or by e-mail wgamble@eol.ca You can also find out more information on their website at www.newtorontohistorical.com

Or, send your name, address, number of tickets and a cheque for the full amount to: New Toronto Historical Society (1903 - 1515 Lakeshore Rd. E. Mississauga ON, L5E 3E3).

It was 100 years ago that New Toronto became a municipality. Then, the Village of New Toronto, the first council met at the School Hall (present day LAMP building) on January 12, 1913 at 7PM for their first meeting.

The first members of Council were George Ironside, Reeve, Charles Lovejoy, Councilor Fred J. Hicks, Councilor George Edgar James, and Councilor Samuel Robinson.

September 26: The Friends of Fort York's annual fund raiser, the Georgian Mess Dinner. Funds go to support the Fort York Guard and the Fife and Drums. www.fortyork.ca or email info@fortyork.ca

September 26: A Spirited Affair; celebrating beer, whiskey & wine, at 7.00 p.m. Ticket includes 6 drink samples, delicious food, actors, great music, silent auction. Tickets \$75.00. www.BlackCreek.ca/SpiritedAffair

September 27: 2-hour Ghost Walks through Exhibition Place, starting at 7 pm. Hosted by the Swansea Historical Society. Call 416-263-3618 for details.

The East York Historical Society is dedicated to preserving and sharing information about East York's rich past. The Society meets 5 evenings a year usually on the last Tuesday in January, March, May, September and November and selected afternoons in the autumn and winter months.

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