

Pickering Junction News

Pickering Museum Village Foundation Newsletter

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PICKERING Museum Village FOUNDATION

THE FIRST
ANNUAL
General
Meeting of
the

Foundation was held June 23, 1999. Gwen Mowbray gave an enlightening presentation of the history of the museum village. Election of officers was held with the following results:

Chair: Laura Drake
Vice-Chair: Pat Dunnill
Treasurer: Bill Weston
Secretary: Mary Cook
Directors: Bill McLean
Linda O'Brien
Bill Utton.

Our Tuesday Morning Breakfast BINGOs at the Mayfair Delta Bingo

Hall on Dillingham Road continue to be our primary fundraiser. However, we continue to be short on volunteers. If you or someone you know is available to help out once a week, once a month or on occasion, please let Pat Dunnill know at 905•839•4672.

Membership in the Foundation can be had for as little as \$25 annually. These funds go a long way towards making your museum village a much more authentic and enjoyable centre for children and adults to learn about our cultural heritage. Charitable tax receipts are provided for memberships. If you wish to contribute, please contact any Foundation Board member or send your cheque to *continued on page 4*

'99 Events

History in Action
September 11 & 12

A Spirit Walk
September 17, 18, 24 & 25

Fall Family Festival
Sunday, October 3

Christmas in the Village
December 5 & 12



A Spirit Walk



The March of the Kibbets upon Toronto in December, 1837
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Tickets will go on sale September 1. Book early for this candle lit evening walking tour through the museum village. Meet the spirits of the 1837 Rebellion with the help of 'Hannah Matthews'.

The Bush-Ladies

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

The Foundation has booked this delightful production into Dunbarton High School Theatre from October 22 to 24. If you missed this show when it played in Toronto last spring, don't miss the opportunity to see this poignant look at the lives of four 19th century pioneer women. Tickets on sale September 1 for \$18 each.

About our artifacts

MANY VISITORS HAVE seen that reconstruction has already started on the Puterbaugh House, which will become our 1830 schoolhouse.

With the assistance of the educational staff, plans for the building have been customized to allow maximum flexibility to meet museum and community needs.

This log house, dated by growth rings on the logs, was built around 1830. Moved from its original home in

Maple, it is now in Phase I of its transformation.

Research by Tom Murison tells us that the home underwent many changes over its long life. It is one of a very small group of the early log structures which have survived in Ontario. Locally cut pine logs went into the construction 169 years ago.

Although the building originally had two rooms, the Foundation thanks Louise Parkes, descendant and donor of her family home, for her sup-

port and encouragement to allow the building to be transformed to best suit the needs of the village.

Fundraising for Phase II has started as you can see by the request for BINGO volunteers, The Fall Family Festival, The Mare's Horseshoe Challenge and The Bush-Ladies.

Thank you for being a part of this exciting project and with your help 'Mary Matthews' will soon be teaching in the Puterbaugh Schoolhouse at Pickering Museum Village. ☺

From the Foundation Chair

Dear Museum Supporters:

Have you attended any of Pickering Museum Village's special events this season? Some of the most interesting ones are yet to come and they are the best value in town. Check out the information re A Spirit Walk, the Fall Family Festival and Christmas in the Village contained in this newsletter.

Our log schoolhouse reconstruction is now in progress. Make sure you come and see the hard work which was necessary for our ancestors to set up house-keeping in the new world. Watch this new building come to life over the next few months.

If you haven't made a financial contribution to the building's reconstruction fund, the Foundation would be happy to receive your dollars and give you a receipt for a fully creditable taxable donation.

Continuing appreciation to Mayor Wayne Arthurs and council for their fund matching in the schoolhouse project. Thanks to all who helped with our BBQ at Loblaw's in June. Everyone enjoyed our food.

We cannot survive without our constantly supportive community partners. We especially thank Ontario Power Generation for their support re Kids' Day and for all the local media coverage we get from News Advertiser, Shaw Cable and KX96.

Our gardens are looking fabulous thanks to our special volunteer group affectionately known as Bloomers and Britches. The naturalization of parts of the village and the research being done on historically correct plantings has enhanced the village experience. Keep up the good work.

The education staff is gearing up for a full fall schedule of activity. If your child's class has not visited the site for a half or full day program, have their teacher check out our programme brochures or call staff for more details.

Visit Pickering Museum Village's special events this fall for many exciting trips down memory lane, as well as educational and entertaining afternoons of family fun.

Sincerely,

Laura E. Drake

Laura Drake

Ajax Creative Arts

RUMOUR HAS IT that Ajax Creative Arts Millennium Project will be to prepare and donate pen and ink sketches of the heritage buildings at Pickering Museum Village.

Visitors have often asked for more information and the Foundation plans to include the original art work in a new book

which should be ready for spring. Most of the information is already typeset but needs accompanying sketches. The Foundation has its fingers crossed about this rumour and hopes to get a sneak preview at the Ajax Creative Arts show and sale in mid November. 🐼

Season Passes

Regular Season Membership

Single \$20 🐼 Family \$45

Pickering Museum Village membership allows you to visit the museum village during the season as many times as you want.



For more information, please call the site at 905•683•8401.

Pickering Museum Village Foundation Membership Levels

Member	.....	\$25
Friend	.....	\$50
Historian	.....	\$100
Benefactor	.....	\$250
Pioneer	.....	\$500
Settler	.....	\$1000
Citizen	.....	\$2500

A sneak peak from Bloomers & Britches new cook book due out in the spring.

Lavender Cookies

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tbsp. lavender flower buds finely crushed
- 1 tsp. finely chopped spearmint
- 1 tsp. lemon zest
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking soda

Preheat oven to 375° (or feed wood-stove & heat for two hours).

Cream butter & sugar. Add egg & lavender, mix well. Sift together flour, soda & salt. Add to egg mixture & mix well. Fold in lemon zest & mint. Drop by teaspoon on ungreased cookie sheet & bake about 10 minutes. Watch carefully so they don't brown too quickly. Should be golden. 🐼

HISTORY IN ACTION on September 11 & 12 is the longest running event at Pickering Museum Village.

The steam barn will be open Saturday and Sunday with threshing demonstrations.

Children will be able to participate in hi-jinks in the haystack, watch as Dr. Zonk performs one of his Victorian acts and hear stories

History in Action



by Catherine MacLean. Music will be by the popular Ballad Project and John Heighway & Country Friends. If you are wondering just what's in your garden you can eat, Norma's Edible Flowers & Herbs is a talk you won't want to miss.

PLUS bring your old clothes and make a scarecrow to take home!

PICKERING JUNCTION NEWS is a Pickering Museum Village Foundation and Advisory Committee publication.

If you have any questions, comments, requests or additions to its contents, please send them to Laura Drake, Advisory Chair % Pickering Museum Village.

Wanted

THE PICKERING MUSEUM Village is looking for volunteers 17 years of age and up. There are many ways that you could donate your time to help the museum. Gardening, assisting with event set-up, helping with admissions, and costumed interpretation are just a few of the areas in which the museum could use your help! Full training is included in our volunteer programme. The museum is currently taking Adult Volunteer Applications for the upcoming season. Katrina Pyke, Volunteer Co-ordinator, will be pleased to contact you for an interview, and to set up your training schedule. 🐾



THE FALL FAMILY Festival featuring Mare's Horseshoe

Challenge will offer games to both competitive and recreational players. With the addition of four new pitches there should be lots of horsing around this year. Sponsors and teams are invited to challenge their friends and co-workers.

Team entry (2 per team) \$100

Sponsor a pit \$150 (one end)

Sponsor a pitch \$250 (two ends)

Players' and sponsors' pre-registration is required, call Bill McLean by September 28 at 905•839•9177.



There will be music by The Pickering Concert Band, Ronno and Dan the Music Man, a scavenger hunt, heritage passport, Doc Century and his travelling medicine show and story teller Catherine MacLean. Adults will want to buy a square for the Cow Plop Lottery. Tickets for this annual live dropping of nature's frisbee on a numbered square go on sale August 23. Squares numbered from 1 to 100 cost \$10 each and can be reserved by calling the site at 905•683•8401. First prize is 50 pounds of beef. Visa & Mastercard accepted. The Steam Barn with shingle maker, sawmill and wood splitter will be in operation. 🐾



We have already had a response to our appeal for donations of

old roses. Beverley Trull has started cuttings of several varieties for us, including Rosa Alba, Compte de Chambord, Apothecary rose, York & Lancaster, Souvenir de Malmaison, Reine des Violettes, La Belle Sultane, & La Reine Victoria. She has also given us several roots of a heritage variety of iris called iris honorabile which will be planted in August. Many thanks to Beverley for her generous donation.

Lavender has been harvested and is currently drying in the attic of the log barn. Sachets are being made and will be sold, along with any surplus vegetables, will be sold at fall events.

Bloomers & Britches had an outing in July: a private tour of the gardens at Black Creek Pioneer Village courtesy of head gardener Dennis Pollock. Our August excursion is a visit with noted gardener and herbalist Patricia Bate, who will speak to us on Victorian gardening.

Clean-up Day, October 30, call Julie at the site for more information. 🐾



Five new feathered families made blue bird nesting boxes their home this year thanks to volunteer Marion Thomas. Three families of tree swallows and two families of chickadees moved in. Marion built and installed five new bird houses "to alleviate the housing shortage".

Over the winter she will build more. Chickadees, tree swallows and blue birds all use the same size box and she has plans available for anyone who would like to build a few this winter. Please contact the museum village and leave your name and phone number if you can help. 🐾

Special thanks to **Lyn McGowan** and friends for providing a hand embroidered quilt to raffle. The quilt was started in 1998 and the draw will be held Sunday at History in Action. Tickets are still available.

PICKERING MUSEUM VILLAGE is proud of the family oriented events offered for the 1999 season.

History in Action September 11 & 12 see page 3 for details.

A Spirit Walk now four evenings, September 17, 18, 24 & 25 presents the 1837 Rebellion and circumstances leading up to it. Each year deeper research is done to bring you more local history in each performance. Your spirit guide takes you on an evening candle-lit walking tour through the museum village and introduces you to the Spirits who inhabit it. This year you will be able to sample some traditional fare in the Oddfellows' Hall at the end of the tour.

Tickets are \$5 each and go on-sale September 1. Pre-book your tickets, VISA & Mastercard accepted.

Our **Fall Family Festival** is on October 3, see page 3 for details.

Christmas in the Village will celebrate a Victorian Christmas and Hogmanay in the log house and the Miller-Cole House.



Budget money has been found for attention to be paid to the cataloguing and maintenance of our artifacts. The education officer's job description has been somewhat altered to give time to focus on this very significant part of our museum collection policy. We will be giving you more as we photograph and organize the material so it can be available for research on our website. 🍷

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As reported elsewhere in this newsletter, reconstruction of the Puterbaugh Schoolhouse is now underway but the Foundation has a long list of buildings and

artifacts requiring restoration with funds raised through your donations and Foundation activities. 🍷



Gloria Papastavros

Read-A-Thon
Chapters
Great Books Are Just The Beginning

Schoolhouse Read-A-Thon

We'll be back in Pickering, Ajax and Whitby schools in September. Support your school by reading Canadian books between September 20 and October 15 and recording them on tally sheets. The schools with the highest books read per capita will win library resource material from Chapters/Ajax. Information to go to elementary schools in early September.

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Site Rentals



BRIDES AND GROOMS looking for a different location for weddings or photos have chosen the Museum Village. Bookings are still being taken for the *Chapel, Hall or Bandstand* as well as use of the grounds for photo shoots, family and bridal portraits.

Make your wedding an 'Historic Event'. 🍷 🍷

Pickering Museum Village

is operated by the Department of Culture & Recreation
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Regular Hours of Operation

Spring & Fall – Tours by appointment only

July & August – Wednesday to Sunday – 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

We are on Hwy. 7, between Brock Road and Westney Road, in Greenwood.