

Pickering Junction News

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Foundation Update First Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, June 23, 1999

7:00 pm coffee, 7:30 pm meeting

Pickering Central Library

2nd Floor Auditorium,

One The Esplanade

Guest Speakers:

Gwen Mowbray and Don Gibson, *Founding Members of the Pickering Museum Village Advisory Committee*, will give a presentation on the history of the museum village.

Business:

- ✦ Status and Financial Report
- ✦ Confirmation of Constitution
- ✦ Election of Officers
- ✦ Budget and Future Plans

Foundation Activities:

- ✦ Sponsorship of the Fall Family Festival
- ✦ Sponsor the annual Schoolhouse Read-A-Thon



- ✦ Seek donations from individuals, corporations, service clubs and other foundations
- ✦ Weekly fundraising BINGOs (raising \$1000 + per week for restoration projects)

✦ Major projects:

- ✦ Schoolhouse Restoration
- ✦ Artifact Restoration
- ✦ Cataloguing of museum artifacts

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Runabout Restored

THE McLAUGHLIN RUNABOUT, was patented in 1880. It features the innovative fifth wheel, a new development, which allowed for better articulation of the front wheels.

Robert McLaughlin started building carriages on his farm in Tyrone in 1867. In 1869 he founded the McLaughlin Carriage Works in Enniskillen. By 1900 he employed over 600 workmen in Oshawa and had an annual output of 25,000 vehicles. The advent of the automobile at the turn of the Century, led the



McLaughlins to form a motor car company in 1907 and begin producing the McLaughlin Buick. By 1915, sales of carriages were in such decline, that the Carriage Company was sold to a competitor and after that date production of McLaughlin carriages was discontinued.

The fundraising arm of the advisory committee thanks you for your support. The Runabout will be on display at each event.



'99 Events

Steam-Up and Opening

May 29 & 30

Kids' Day

sponsored by Ontario Power Generation, Pickering Nuclear

Sunday, June 13

Antique and Classic Car Show

presented by The Antique & Classic Car Club of Canada

Sunday, June 27

The Word is Out '99

presented by The Writers' Circle of Durham Region

Sunday, July 18

Ol' Fashioned Hymn Sing and Afternoon Tea

Sunday, August 22

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



We regret due to impending gun control legislation, the military event, Muskets, Fifes and Drums has been cancelled.



From the Advisory Chair

Dear Museum Supporters:

The '99 season for Pickering Museum Village is alive with activity on many fronts. Many school children tell us they are having awesome visits to the site facilitated by our talented, well-prepared education staff.

Very Important Volunteer evening featured entertainment provided by education staff as a reminder of the very successful A Spirit Walk, held last fall. Congratulations to staff who also promoted the event at the Pickering Township Historical Society meeting on April 13. Their enthusiasm for Peter Matthews' contribution to the rebellion of 1837 gave the event, which will be held on four evenings this year, an early promotion.

Congratulations to all volunteers who received their first level award en route to becoming well qualified volunteer interpreters.

Happy gardening to the enthusiastic volunteers of Bloomers and Britches who have moved mountains of compost and top soil into the village gardens. The weather has even co-operated.

Staff has received and installed the hood for the McLaughlin Runabout and it is on display in the drive shed.

The new washrooms in the Brougham Central Hotel will be a welcome relief to all of us over the season.

The Advisory Committee established the Foundation to enhance the conservation and preservation of artifacts relating to Pickering's history. You are now invited to become a charter member of the Foundation. The First Annual General Meeting organized by the steering committee invites you to have a say in planning our projects. Foundation Executive must be committed to actively fundraise on behalf of the Foundation.

Sincerely,

Laura E. Drake

Laura Drake

Season Passes

Regular Season Membership

Single \$20

Family \$45

Membership allows you to visit the museum village during the season as many times as you want.

You are also eligible to book your ticket for A Spirit Walk earlier.

Families will love the opportunity to bring their kids to the

Wednesday and Friday,

July and August

Kids In The Village

Summer Craft Program.



Half Day Camp

One week \$53, Two weeks \$88



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

Get your red hots

Foundation members will show off their BBQ cooking skills at Pickering Supercentre on Saturday, June 26. Volunteer cooks and big appetites welcome. Call Pat Dunnill to sign-up for this fun day 905•839•4672.

Pickering Museum Village Foundation Membership Levels

Member	\$25
Friend	\$50
Historian	\$100
Benefactor	\$250
Pioneer	\$500
Settler	\$1000
Citizen	\$2500
Membership forms & tax receipts will be available at our AGM.	

Media Thanks

OVER THE YEARS, Pickering Museum Village has been very fortunate to be a media favourite. Pickering News Advertiser and its sister papers are always willing to run our press releases about our events, activities and volunteers. KX.96 talk about us often and Shaw Cable 10 turn up unexpectedly to give us a moral boost on the 6 P.M. news. We are on toronto.com and the March '99 edition of Canadian Living. Some of our education staff were featured for the bonds that had formed between them while researching Peter Matthews and the 1837 Rebellion for A Spirit Walk.



Saturday, May 29

school choirs & bands

Frenchman's Bay

Holy Redeemer

Maple Ridge

Sir J.A. MacDonald

Vaughan Willard

William Dunbar

Steam-Up and Opening

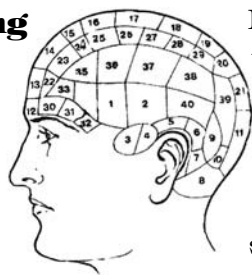
A Celebration of Spring

THE ANNUAL STEAM-UP and Opening weekend at Pickering Museum Village continues to offer family fun for all.

Choirs and bands from Pickering's elementary schools will shake-up the bandstand on Saturday. The steam barn will be up and running and visitors can walk through an authentic steam operation, and talk to our steam barn volunteers on Saturday and Sunday.

Sunday Entertainment

- The music of Annie and Moe
- The Country Friends
- Storytelling by Catherine McLean



Dr. Zebediah Zonk will present Victorian humour by way of phrenology and his curiosities museum, a collection of strange items, and some unbelievable stories.

Visitors may have the bumps on their head interpreted on Sunday.

Native and Heritage Plants

- Andrea Clark of Spruce Croft Nursery
- Bloomers and Britches
- Diane Tait, Greenwood

Spruce Beer Brewing

Old-fashioned fishing techniques

and as always lots more!

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If you have any questions, comments or additions to its contents, please send them to Laura Drake, Advisory Chair at Pickering Museum Village, or visit us at our web site

town.pickering.on.ca/museum

Wanted

PICKERING MUSEUM VILLAGE is proud of the quality of historical interpretation and demonstration during its special events. This level of excellence could not be achieved without our volunteer team, and the amount of time they dedicate to learning and training for their participation at our special events.

If you are a pioneer wannabe, and think you would like to share your time with us, please request an application at the Gift Shop. The museum is currently taking Volunteer Applications for the upcoming 2000 season. Katrina Pyke, Volunteer Co-ordinator, will be pleased to contact you for an interview, and to set up your training schedule.



This year, the focus of the club is to tidy the beds, and slowly work toward a more accurate historical and horticultural presentation of the gardens. Eventually, Bloomers and Britches will begin to develop a long term plan for the

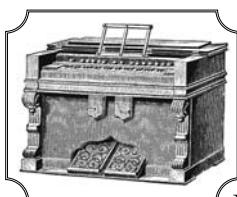
museum village that will be historically accurate. It is expected that the plan will take into account traditional gardening styles and bed design, accurate flowers and vegetables that correspond to the period of the building they adjoin, and correct companion planting. To this end, those who are interested in researching, will be encouraged to delve more deeply into an area that interests them.

Call Julie Oakes, at the site 905•683•8401 for more information.

About our artifacts

THE ORGAN in the Chapel was donated by the Whitevale Methodist Church and manufactured by The Estey Organ Co. in the late 1800s.

A Victorian phenomenon in the days before radio, etc., home music-making was more popular and important than it is today. The reed organ was cheaper, lighter and



easier to keep in tune than a piano. In its oak cabinet, it could withstand the cold and heat in Upper Canada without losing its pitch. Other reed instruments include harmonicas, accordions, melodeons and harmoniums

According to the Battleboro Historical Society, Vermont, from 1880 to 1900 Estey made an average of 10,000 instruments per year.

✿ Petal Humour ✿

✿ A rose by any other name would mean that you are ignorant about flowers.

✿ A person's character and his garden both reflect the amount of weeding that was done during the growing season.

✿ A chrysanthemum by any other name would be easier to spell.

✿ Friendship is usually a plant of slow growth.

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

PICKERING MUSEUM VILLAGE is proud to present family oriented events for the 1999 season. Our *Steam-Up and Opening* is always a huge success.

Kids' Day focuses on children with most activities and entertainment geared for their enjoyment.

The Antique & Classic Car Show features cars from Southern Ontario. If you would like to exhibit your treasure, please contact Chris at the Antique & Classic Car Club of Canada at 905•649•2664.

Spend an afternoon with authors, poets, musicians and songwriters at *The Word is Out '99*. The Writers' Circle of Durham Region will host their fifth Writers' Festival celebrating the wealth of Canadian talent. <<http://www.interlog.com/~wcd/>>

Regular visitors will know just how great the acoustics are in the Chapel and what better way to enjoy a Sunday afternoon than to gather and have an *Ol' Fashioned Hymn Sing* choirs welcome.

History in Action features harvest treats, steam activity, family fun plus the draw for the quilt.

A Spirit Walk presents the 1837 rebellion and circumstances leading up to it. Pre-book your tickets.

Our *Fall Family Festival* will offer The Mare's Horseshoe Challenge, harvest food treats and activities for seniors and children.

Christmas in the Village will celebrate a Victorian Christmas and Hogmanay.



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✻ **Work with Education Programmes**

The Foundation is in need of volunteers to help with the weekly Tuesday morning BINGOs at the Mayfair Delta in Pickering. These BINGOs are a significant part of the Foundation's fundraising efforts but more volunteers are required in order to keep them going. Please call if you can help one or two mornings a month.

For further information on the

Foundation, its annual meeting or to become a charter member, please call Pat Dunnill, Vice-chair, at 905•839•4672.



Gloria Papadarnas

Read-A-Thon

Great Books Are Just The Beginning
Schoolhouse Read-A-Thon
 1998 Winners
 1st 📖📖📖 Southwood Park P.S.
 2nd 📖📖 Glengrove P.S.
 3rd 📖 Elizabeth B. Phin P.S.
 We'll be back in Pickering and Ajax schools in September – ask your teacher for details!

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Statement of Purpose
 The Pickering Museum Village exists to illustrate the historical founding, settlement, and development of the Town of Pickering (formerly Pickering Township).

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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.