

Pickering Junction News

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Pickering Museum Village Foundation Newsletter

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From the Advisory Committee Chair

Dear friends and supporters:

Greetings once again from your newly appointed Pickering Museum Village Advisory Committee. This season promises to be an entertaining and exciting one in the life of the Village.

Dave Marlowe and Katrina Pyke, our amazing staffers, have planned most of the activities for both volunteers and visitors alike. This Advisory Committee appreciates and recognizes the extra time and patience all staff contribute to operate both educational programmes and special events.

The City of Pickering works with the Advisory Committee to plan and carry out the long term mandate for the museum village. With the financial support of the Foundation, we are working on the refurbishing of the Bible Christian Chapel. We will need some community assistants to apply paint supplied by Benjamin Moore.

Research is continuing as to how to display the Brougham Central Hotel in our overall plan. To open up the Hotel to students and visitors, many contingencies must be in place as we will need to relocate staff and volunteer activities. Very soon you will be hearing from us and be invited to review the plan with us as we launch a major fundraising campaign.

In this International Year of the Volunteer, we will need more and more volunteers to assist with a more varied set of tasks. We need interpreters knowledgeable about historic building techniques in the Hotel. Most of all, we will need partners to help us do the fundraising to open up the Hotel and create new spaces to facilitate activities now housed in the Hotel.

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Events 2001

May 26 & 27

Steam-Up and Opening

Demonstrations of 1800s steam and gas equipment, garden displays. On Sunday, Pickering Spinning and Weaving Guild will shear a sheep, spin the wool and knit a sweater.

Sunday, June 10

Walking Through Thyme

Exploring the use of herbs for curative, culinary and cosmetic purposes in our village.

Sunday, June 24

Antique & Classic Car Show

Presented by the Antique and Classic Car Club of Canada. Cars will be on display from noon until 3:30 PM.

Saturday, July 7

Whodunit

Can you solve the crime before it happens again? Tickets for this mystery evening and dinner must be purchased in advance.

Sunday, August 12

Pastimes of Past Times

Games and leisure activities of the 1800s

September 8 & 9

History in Action

Featuring the steam barn and the bounty of the harvest

September 14, 15, 21 & 22

A Spirit Walk

Rebels or reformers? Meet the spirits of the 1837. Tickets go on sale August 31.

Sunday, October 14

Fall Family Festival with the Mare's Horseshoe Challenge

Fun for the family presented by Pickering Museum Village Foundation

December 2 & 9

Christmas in the Village

Experience Scottish Hogmanay, Germanic Christmas Traditions and a Victorian Christmas



Workshops to ignite your interest

THE STAFF AT Pickering Museum Village is pleased to be able to offer you a wide selection of workshops this year. Many visitors have expressed the desire to learn more and here is the opportunity. Pre-registration is required and costs vary depending on materials used.

April 21, 28, May 12 – **Quilting**
a three day beginner workshop with Lyn McGowan – cost \$ 45 registration cut-off date April 12

May 12 & 13 – **Blacksmithing**
two day introduction workshop with Rob Carkner – cost \$150 cut-off May 3 or when course full

June 9 – **Hearth cooking**
with Barb Pleva, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. cost \$35 – cut-off June 1

June 16 – **Decorative arts and faux finishes**
from 9 to noon cost TBA – cut-off June 8

June 23 – **Cooking with herbs**
with Dave Marlowe, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – cost \$35 – cut-off June 15

June 30 – **Redwork embroidery for beginners**
with Lyn McGowan, 9 to noon cost TBA – cut-off June 22

July 14 – **Paper quilling**
with Lyn McGowan, 9 to noon cost \$25 – cut-off July 6

July 14, 21, 28 – **Chair caning**
three day workshop with Dave cost \$45 – cut-off July 6

July 28 & 29 – **Blacksmithing**
two day introduction workshop with Rob Carkner – cost \$150 cut-off July 16 or when course full

August 4 – **Soap making**
from 9 a.m. to noon cost \$30 – cut-off July 27

August 11 – **Grapevine basket weaving,**
from 9 a.m. to noon cost \$25 – cut-off August 3

August 18 – **Folk art/Fraktur**
from 9 a.m. to noon cost \$25 – cut-off August 10

August 25 – **Preserves**
from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. cost \$35 – cut-off August 17

From the Foundation Chair

by Patrick Dunnill

THIS SPRING'S REPORT from the Foundation is a good news story with even greater hopes for the future. We were all pleased last summer with the magnificent Puterbaugh Schoolhouse opening and the excellent work of Tom Murison and all his helpers. It has now been topped off by the creation of period benches constructed by Ed Cammack with funding provided to the Foundation by Irene Dewar's "Quilters."

Thanks to wonderful support in the form of both a grant and paint from Benjamin Moore Paints the Foundation has been able to fund a major restoration to the interior of the Bible Christian Church. The final results of this project should be on display early in the new season. Part of the grant requirement is that we have volunteer painters to help out on this project; so if you have a bit of Michael Angelo in you please let us know you are willing to help.

Once again this year Ontario Power Generation has agreed to provide major funding support for all of our special events. OPG does not only supply funds to help us present these events but also gives us additional assistance for specific events. They deserve much credit for this community service.

The major attention of the Foundation is now directed to the long awaited restoration of the Brougham Central Hotel. With last year's revelation that part of this hotel most likely was the original home of Peter Matthews we

look forward with great anticipation to the recommendations expected from a more in depth study to be carried out this summer. That's where you come in. To make this dream come true the Foundation needs your support. We are seeking major grants to assist with the



study and restoration. If we are successful, one of the criteria of these grants is that we seek out matching funds from the community. To do this we will need your contribution, be it in

the form of funds or in help in our fundraising events. Primary among these, of course, is our weekly Tuesday morning bingos. If you can, or you know someone who can, give us four hours just some Tuesdays or every Tuesday please get in touch. The work is not hard and the group is fun to work with and the cause, well I don't have to tell you.

Be a contributor to the restored hotel that will be a centerpiece of Pickering Museum Village. Give me a call at 905•839•4672 or at patdunnill@idirect.com if you can help in any way. Watch for exciting announcements regarding the Brougham Central Hotel restoration and our campaign kick-off this summer.

The Annual General Meeting of the Foundation takes place at the Museum site on June 15th and all are welcome to attend, a \$25.00 membership contribution gets you a vote. 🍷

Season Memberships

Single \$20 🍷🍷 Family \$45

not including A Spirit Walk

PICKERING MUSEUM VILLAGE membership allows you to visit the museum village during the season as many times as you want, also the opportunity to book for A Spirit Walk one week before the limited tours go on sale to the public and receive \$2 off the tour price. Plus bring your children to Kids in the Village at no extra charge. 🍷

Kids in the village Summer craft programme

Returns in July and August

Half Day Camp

One week \$53, Two weeks \$88

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

Membership forms and tax receipts will be available at our AGM. 🍷

If walls could talk

SUPPORTERS CAN BUY a copy of *If walls could talk*, the book containing information on Pickering Museum Village's heritage buildings with drawings from the Ajax Creative Arts – Millennium Collection as well as our own artist volunteers. This great souvenir or hostess gift can be bought through Foundation members, at the museum village, Pollikers in Greenwood, Imagine That in Whitby or Willoughby's in Pickering.

We are also delighted to have ready to frame reprints of the collection available at special events during the summer. For only \$10 you can support our next project and take home an image of the museum village.

Postcards will soon be introduced. 🍷

Gifts from the garden

BLOOMERS & BRITCHES are working on a new book for gardeners. Tips, recipes and more will be packed into this must have book. 🍷



Mary Cook ©

Ed Cammack handcrafting benches

Our Millennium

We are a part of history!

THANKS FROM THE Community Foundation of Durham Region goes to Pickering Museum Village volunteers and Irene Dewar for the Millennium Quilt, to Pickering Museum Village Foundation for the publication of 'If walls could talk' and the interior restoration of the Bible Christian Chapel, Bloomers and Britches who participated with the heritage dye garden and Ajax Creative Arts for the drawings of the heritage buildings. For other millennium gifts check out the website www.archives.ca 🍷

The Backwoods Players

by Mary Delaney

ALL THE WORLD'S a stage, even, it would seem, the paths and parlours of the Pickering Museum Village.

The Backwoods Players, a newly-formed drama society based at the museum village, is seeking thespians, writers, musicians, performers and behind-the-scenes people of every description to join our fledgling group. No experience is necessary – the only requirement is enthusiasm.

Whether you lean to history, humour, drama or music, we are interested in plumbing your depths, exploring your talents and exploiting your creative resources. We want to laugh with you, get serious with you, sing and dance with you, all on the unique indoor-outdoor stage that is the Pickering Museum Village.

Laundry Day - 1850

by Mike Lindo – Pollikers

DOING LAUNDRY in the first homestead was a staggering task. If you had already made soap, (in itself a long term project;) it was then a matter of building a fire and heating water in the biggest pots, kettles or cauldrons available. Having the fire close to the river made things easier and a sunny day helped, then all you had to worry about were snakes, bears, wolves, mosquitoes and black flies.

When the water was heated and the lye soap dissolved; the laundry was swished about in the water with a long paddle or pounded with a wooden pounder then taken out and scrubbed with a scrubbing stick or on a rock. Laundry was then rinsed in the stream and hung over trees and bushes to dry. As the land was cleared and the family moved from the log house into some-

Bloomers & Britches

by Julie Oakes

CALLING ALL GARDENERS itching to get dirt under their nails! Soon it will be time to don gloves and old clothes and enjoy another season of blissful digging and weeding.

Why not join Bloomers & Britches, the heritage gardeners of Pickering Museum Village, as we dig, mulch, deadhead, and plant the period gardens in the Village. We meet Tuesday mornings from May to September with a Thursday rain day.

Coming soon are auditions for the hugely successful annual production of A Spirit Walk, the story of local hero Peter Matthews and other settlers embroiled in the Rebellion of 1837. Auditions will take place May 4 and 11 at O'Leary's School of Drama.

Next on the program is our Whodunnit mystery evening on July 7 (audition dates to be announced). Other productions may include small vignettes to be performed at events from May to December. Another benefit of membership will be access to workshops. Training in first-person interpretation will be of special interest to those people who are already volunteers at the museum village.

For further information on the club or to book an audition time for A Spirit Walk, please call Katrina Pyke, Volunteer Co-ordinator at the Pickering Museum Village, 905•683•8401. 🐾

thing more substantial and if the farm was doing well such luxuries as a wood stove with a water tank, soft soap, and copper boilers and perhaps a well near the house made the job easier.

By about 1890 in this area, factory-produced washboards were available, clothes lines were coming into fashion and hand carved clothes pegs were used. At about this time all sorts of manually operated washers turned up on farms many of them operated on the same principal as rocking or dasher churns.

SOAP RECIPE: When sufficient fat has been saved in the rendering barrel, boil over the fire and add lye (leached from hardwood ashes, straw and lime) reduce by one third and pour off and allow to congeal. All natural ingredients, but it must have been hard on the skin. 🐾

Last year we planted a new dye garden: this year we plan to add more heritage roses, plant a round Victorian bed by the Miller-Cole House, re-locate our pumpkin patch and expand our teaching garden.

In addition to our gardening, we often plan outings to other historical gardens, for example Casa Loma, Spadina: Historic House and Gardens and Black Creek Pioneer Village.

For more information call Julie Oakes at 905•728•6953 or leave a message in the gift shop at Pickering Museum Village. 🐾

WANTED



THE PICKERING MUSEUM Village is looking for adult volunteers 17 years of age and older for the 2001 season.

Gardening, assisting with event set-up, taking admissions, and interpreting Pickering Township's history are just a few of the ways that you could donate your time. Museum volunteers' training workshops offered this season include:

- ♦ Volunteer Orientation
- ♦ Techniques for Successful Interpretation
- ♦ Candlemaking
- ♦ Drama
- ♦ Soap Making
- ♦ Wool Spinning
- ♦ Wool Dyeing
- ♦ Christmas in the Village Interpretation.

Adult **Volunteer Applications** can be obtained from the museum village or downloaded from the museum's web page. Completed applications can be submitted at the Pickering Museum Village or to the Culture and Recreation Division of the City of Pickering. Following receipt of your application, **Katrina Pyke**, Volunteer Co-ordinator, will be pleased to contact you for an interview.

For more information on the Pickering Museum Village Volunteer Service and Recognition Programme, please call the museum. 🐾

Foundation help wanted

BINGO HELP NEEDED is on Tuesdays at Delta Bingo in Pickering. Experience **helpers** & **runners** **wanted** NOT necessary.



Painters and patchers are needed for work on the 1853 Bible Christian Chapel.

Call Pat Dunnill at 905•839•4672. 🐾



From the Advisory Committee Chair continued from page 1

Pickering Museum Village cannot operate its special events and do its restorations without your assistance. Your unselfish gifts of time, talent and dollars make it a pleasure to serve the City of Pickering as an Advisory Committee.

Thanks. Thanks. Thanks.

Laura E. Drake

Laura Drake

Thank you

AS WITH MOST groups, support and sponsorship from the public and community groups is critical.

We would like to take this time to thank **Glendale Tennis Club** and its members for holding a raffle to buy lighting for the Schoolhouse.

Irene Dewar, for her design and time creating the Millennium Quilt.

Ontario Power Generation – Pickering Nuclear events sponsor.

Benjamin Moore Ltd. will supply paint and funds for the interior of the Bible Christian Chapel.

John Arkelian, was so taken with 'A Spirit Walk' that he wrote an article for Fifty Plus (CARP).

Thanks to the media: News Advertiser, Shaw and Rogers Cable, KX 96 and CBC for their continued support.



From left: Irene Dewar, quilt designer, Pat Dunnill, Foundation Chair, Mayor Wayne Arthurs and Priti Schdeva, quilt winner.

A request for pool covers for our heritage gardeners brought in lots, thanks.

Some of the groups who helped to promote the museum village and its events: The PineRidge Arts Council, The Durham Council for the Arts and The Writers' Circle of Durham Region.

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Durham's heritage education centre

by Dave Marlowe

Forging ahead into a new season

THIS YEAR THERE are two new outreach programmes and one addition to the on-site tour programmes.

**"Wordsmiths" will be available for both on-site tours and as an outreach programme. Using games, quizzes and several hands-on activities it explores the origins of words and puts the *play* back into *word play*. This programme is geared for Junior and Intermediate grades.

Beginning in September, our popular **Rebellion of 1837** program will also be available as an in-class program for Intermediate grades. With this programme, students will be encouraged to participate in challenges and group research activities, leading them to a better understanding of the causes and results of the Rebellion.

**WARNING!! Certification as a Wordsmith may result in an overgrown vocabulary!

For information about these, or other exciting programs, contact the museum village. 🍷

Congratulations

PICKERING MUSEUM VILLAGE Advisory Committee and Pickering Museum Village Foundation members were the recipients of a Certificate of Achievement from the Heritage Community Recognition Program. The Ontario Heritage Foundation presented the awards in appreciation of contributions to heritage conservation, and work to preserve, protect and promote our Province's rich heritage.

Thanks goes to the city for the nomination of this award. 🍷



Site rentals

Make your wedding an 'Historic Event.'

BRIDES AND GROOMS looking for a unique location for their wedding or photos often choose the museum village. Some dates are still available for the Bible Christian Chapel, Oddfellows' Hall or Claremont Bandstand. Bookings of the grounds for commercial photo shoots, and family portraits can also be arranged. 🍷

Pickering Museum Village

is operated by the Culture and Recreation Division of the
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Regular Hours of Operation

Spring & Fall – Tours by appointment only

June weekends only – 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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. 🍷

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