



Cabbagetown Preservation Association

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Cabbagetown Preservation Association

Annual General Meeting **Thursday May 28, 1998 at 7:30**

St. Martin's School Auditorium - Winchester Street
Elections for the Board of Directors and Officers

Featured Speakers: Christopher Dew, Owner 35 Spruce Street & Edward Zelma, Architect & Contractor, 35 Spruce Street

The topic for this year's presentation at the AGM is the restoration and renovation of the 1860's cottage at 35 Spruce Street. The owner, Christopher Dew, and his architect and contractor, Edward Zelma of Glen Wood Homes, will show slides and speak on their work. They were so successful, that last year they won an award of merit from Heritage Toronto for the preservation and renovation of 35 Spruce Street. Many of you may have visited this house during last year's Tour of Homes. Now find out the secrets of this successful restoration.

**Once again this year we will be giving away
FREE ornamental cabbages to celebrate
Cabbagetown's history**

President's Annual Report

At the end of a busy year, I would like to tell you about the work of the board and Members on behalf of the Cabbagetown Preservation Association.

The planning and implementing CPA's involvement in the Cabbagetown festival takes up most of our volunteers time in the summer and the early fall. Besides the usual walking tours, chaired by Chris Howard and Marijan Bayer, and the display in the park, chaired by Victoria Fraser and June Rowlands, CPA entered the large parade that officially opens the Cabbagetown Festival. Our portion of the parade and the making of the banners were handled by Judi Pay and volunteers. This year the Tour of Homes invited us to host their Sunday Afternoon Tea. It took Chris Howard weeks to plan and 15 volunteers a hard day's work, but CPA appreciated the donation we received from the Tour of Homes. Our part of the Festival required about 40 volunteers and the complete Board of directors of the CPA.

Our first meeting of the year was a candidates meeting for Ward Councillor. All 8 of the candidates spoke and answered many questions from the large audience at the Cabbagetown Youth Centre. George Rust-D'Eye was the moderator of the very successful event, chaired by Lene Badhwar. The winner of the first Cabbagetown Streetscape Contest, Susan and Bill Brereton, was also announced at the meeting.

And talking about the elections, one of our Board members assisted the Metro Area Heritage Group in writing and producing a heritage handbook for the winning Ward Councillors about heritage in Toronto. It is hoped that the handbook will identify the economic importance of the heritage component to the future of our new City of Toronto.

In December, CPA had a reception for our volunteers at the home of our Secretary, Paddy Hanlon. It is always such a pleasant surprise to see the number of members that actively participate in our work and events.

Our Heritage week meeting in February consisted of Sue Macaulay and Marion Moore, showing slides and giving suggestions for Cabbagetown gardens. As usual, Board member Ray Barton looked after the sound system.

Throughout the whole year, walking tours are conducted for students of grade schools, high schools, universities and English as a Second Language classes. This summer CPA volunteers will be conducting walking tours for Heritage Toronto. Heritage Toronto has organized walking tours for every weekend from April 19 until October 11. CPA's tours are being held Sunday, July 12 and Sunday, August 16, both at 1:30 and meeting at the south-east corner of Winchester and Parliament Streets. Heritage Toronto Walking Tour brochure will be available for you at our AGM on Thursday, May 28.

As I am writing this before the 27th Annual Forsythia Festival occurs, I can't comment on the success of the event. However, I do know that all of the committee of 14, headed by Victoria Fraser and myself, have worked hard. It was decided that this year the festival activities would be centred around the children. No auction or fund-raising. However, the children would still expect the 300 lootbags and twirlers and we need to pay the entertainers. How did we do this? First the Tour of Homes gave us \$500, and then our volunteers asked for cash donations from our Cabbagetown merchants. We have included a list of our generous contributors elsewhere in the newsletter, but I would like to mention that as usual the Menagerie Pet Shop has given us treats for all the participating dogs and Riverdale Farm and the Toronto Police have, of course, helped in MANY ways.

Recently I attended an all weekend conference on Terra Cotta and Mortar hosted by the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario. The most relevant point for Cabbagetown that many speakers made was - don't use Portland cement to repair your brick mortar. It is too strong for the bricks and makes the brick slowly deteriorate. A book has been placed in CPA's library about the proper mortar to use.

I would like to thank Ted Gzebb for editing our newsletter. The quality of the letter has improved considerably since I turned the newsletter over to him. Victoria Fraser, who is an architect, has written the Bricks and Mortar column. Ray Barton has been in charge of delivering the newsletter, which is an onerous job as he has to sort the newsletters into bundles for each of the 25 or so people delivering them and deliver the newsletters to them for distribution. All of this in 24 hours! Thanks Ray. I believe Ray could use a few more volunteers in the south-east corner of Cabbagetown. Call the CPA's new phone number if you could volunteer - 410-4259.

In closing I would like to ask you for a few things. If you haven't bought a membership to CPA, now is the time to do it. CPA's membership chairman, Kevin McEvenue, has sent letters to all past members to remind them that it is the end of the fiscal year for CPA. Our year begins on June 1 and you may buy a membership for \$10 a year. I would also like to have your input on topics that would interest you for our future meetings. And lastly, PLEASE don't forget, we want stories about Cabbagetown for the proposed new book. Now is the time!!? After publication is too late.

I would like to thank all the officers, Members of the Board of Directors, and the members of the Cabbagetown Preservation Association for their hard work. We are sure that we have helped Cabbagetown to stay a great place to live.

Peggy Kurtin,
President

We would like to acknowledge the help and support we have received from the Old Cabbagetown Business Improvement Area and the Tour of Homes. We wouldn't have been able to finance the Forsythia Festival if the following business and groups had not been so generous with their gifts.

Nicky's No Frills
Menagerie Pet store
Lloyd Ilekys Hot Dog Stand
The Winny Bar and Grill
Nettleship Hardware
Timothy's - The Indian Cuisine
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Ben Wicks Bar & Grill
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One More Time Books
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Simmon's Flowers
Posterity
Epicure
Dale Pharmacy

The Bargain Shop, Parliament St.
Neat Stuff
Toronto Police Force
Riverdale Farm
Canadian Tire
Royal Ontario Museum
The Milk Board
Toronto Hydro
Consumers Gas

With many thanks to the Forsythia Committee and many volunteers. COMMITTEE: Ray Barton, Barbara Corder, Kiely Gates, Mary Harlan, Gerrard Jones, Patricia Landry, Lorna McCormick, Joann McLennan, Penna Mitchell, Linda Ross, Keith Tarswell, Diane Tyzko, Kathy Wardle
CO-CHAIRS - Victoria Fraser and Peggy Kurtin

CABBAGETOWN STREETSCAPES IN BLOOM

A call for nominations is announced for Cabbagetown's 2nd annual Streetscapes in Bloom competition. This competition is for the best front garden/streetscape in the area. The nominated gardens will be viewed from the street, once in June, July and August for seasonal changes. The judges will consider the historical perspective of the garden/streetscape as well as variety, colour, texture and condition of the garden.

Nominations are to be made by phoning CPA at 410-4259, and leaving the address of your nominee. You may nominate your own garden, a neighbor's garden or any garden in Cabbagetown. The nominations must be in by June 2. A note from CPA will be dropped into the mailbox of all nominees to let them know that they have been nominated before the first judging. Last year, 14 gardens were nominated.

The judges are Margie Hunter-Hoffman, AOCA, a well known Cabbagetown artist, Stephen Boddy, a landscape designer, Chris Howard and Peggy Kurtin, representatives of the Board of Directors of CPA.

First prize will be a watercolour of the winning garden and house. There will also be Certificates of Merit. Awards will be presented at CPA's fall meeting.

Board of Directors Elections

The annual elections for the Board of Directors are held at the end of May. If you would like to nominate someone for a position on the Board please send the nominating Committee a note at Board of Director Nominations, Cabbagetown Preservation Association, 93 Winchester Street, Toronto, M5A 3B5, before **May 15, 1998**.

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President - Peggy Kurtin 967-6432

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Ray Barton, Marijan Bayer, Victoria Fraser,
Ted Gzebb, Kevin McEvenue, June Rowlands

Contact the CPA: Phone - (416) 410-4259 or by Fax - (416) 967-9728

MEMBERSHIP

YOU MAKE THE CABBAGETOWN PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION HAPPEN WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

Your \$10 membership fee in the Association is very important. It provides part of the financial basis for our survival together with the proceeds from the sale of our books, t-shirts, mugs and postcards. Please join CPA today:

Name _____

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Postal Code _____ Telephone _____

Please mail or drop off your membership to 15 Dermott St., Toronto, Ontario, M5A 3B5.