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CPA: Who Are We?

Founded in 1988 to preserve the architectural integrity and historic character of Cabbagetown, the CPA does that and more. Here's what we do:

Heritage Preservation

- Review applications to Committee of Adjustment and the Ontario Municipal Board,
- Make submissions to regulatory bodies
- Represent the community at Toronto Historical Board

Heritage Promotion

- Produce quarterly newsletter
- Produce special heritage displays
- Organize "Speaker Series"
- Manage "Walking Tour" program

Awards Programs

- "Restoration Awards"
- "Streetscapes in Bloom"

Community Events

- Forsythia Festival
- Cabbagetown Cabaret
- "Tour of Homes" Tea

Special Long-Term Projects

- Heritage Conservation District
- Books on Cabbagetown Heritage
- "Cabbagetown People", a commemorative plaque program

Volunteers Needed

The CPA's activities benefit the entire community, so please support us by becoming a member. If you have the time and the interest, we would also welcome you as a volunteer. Mini-jobs are available!

Needed now: Newsletter distribution

15 minutes, four times per year.
Contact CPA office: 416-410-4259

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CPA Membership/Volunteer Application

Mail to Cabbagetown Preservation Association, P.O. Box 82512, Toronto, ON M5A 4N8
or e-mail www.cabbagetownpa.ca

Date _____ Name _____
1 year (\$20) _____ Address _____
3 years (\$50) _____ Postal Code _____ Telephone _____
5 years (\$75) _____ E-mail _____ Interested in Volunteering? _____
single _____
family _____



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NEWSLETTER

Cabbagetown Preservation Association
Preserving the architectural integrity and historic character of our neighbourhood

CPA Restoration Awards honour two projects

Busy year of thoughtful renovation results in eight nominations

Eight nominations for this year's awards were nicely distributed across the CPA territory. Three of these made up the short list. The winning award went to Heather Angus and Weenen General Contracting Limited for the excellent restoration of Heather's house at 422 Sackville Street. The house occupies the centre of an important row of bay-and-gable Victorians between Amelia and Salisbury. This work completes the felicitous restoration of the whole row.



Before: Exposing the brick



After: the restoration of 422 Sackville completes the row.



The private view facing the garden.



The public face on the rear lane

Maurice Collado and Jennifer Sharp shared the Honorable Mention this year for the skillful design of a two-story coach house to the rear of their residence at 351 Berkeley Street. The jury were impressed with the attention to detail and the flair displayed in the overall use of form and materials. Our recognition of this project reflects CPA's new interest in the rear lane "streetscape" as public space.

It was suggested at this year's AGM that we should consider awarding a "Raspberry Prize" for the worst job of construction. Given that there have been some particularly regrettable projects in Cabbagetown this

year over which, despite our best efforts, we have no control, the idea is tempting. Give us your thoughts. Meanwhile, enjoy the latest winners.

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Want To Get Involved?... Become A Volunteer !

As an organization run by volunteers, we are always looking for more people to join. There are several volunteer committees that take responsibility for various interesting projects including Heritage Walking Tours, Heritage Research, Cultural Festival, Forsythia Festival, Tour of Homes Afternoon Tea, Newsletter Delivery, etc.

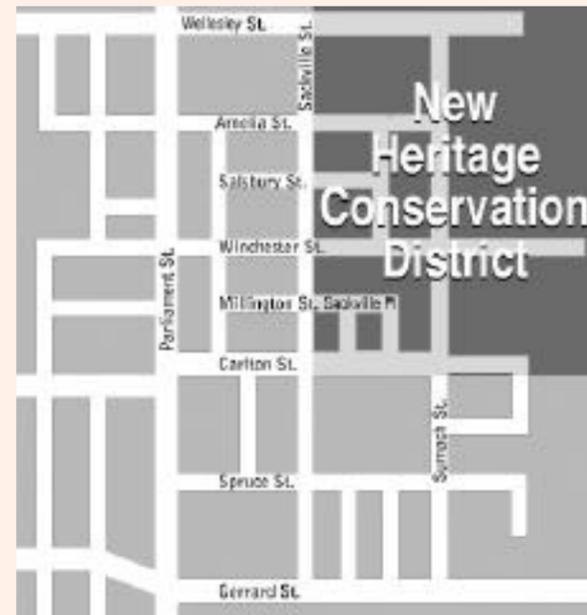
Some committees are responsible for an annual event, some a few times each year, and some on a more frequent basis. Our intention is to have a chair person for each of these committees, and this person would connect with our Volunteer Director who is a member of the Board.

Being a volunteer on any of the Cabbagetown Preservation Association committees is a great way to become involved in our community and to get to know your neighbours.

If you are interested in joining in, please contact our Volunteer Director, Anne Keffer at (416) 944-1864 or by e-mail at secretary@cabbagetownpa.ca.

Meeting for New proposed Heritage Conservation District September 17

The general meeting for the new proposed Heritage Conservation District is to be held on Wed. Sept. 17th at 7PM at the Meeting House at Riverdale Farm. All property owners from the proposed new section are invited to attend. The new area's southern border is Carlton St., northern border includes St. James the Less Cemetery, western border is first building east of Sackville St. and eastern border includes Riverdale Farm and the Necropolis and Wellesley Park.



Citizens' Committee To Examine Cabbagetown Issues

In a further step to implement the recommendations of the Advisory Committee to the CPA, a committee is being formed to examine, and where feasible to act on, matters of interest to the Cabbagetown community that fall outside the CPA's mandate to deal with heritage and streetscape issues. Problems associated with safety and security, playgrounds, parks, and schools, and other matters, will form a large part of the new committee's concerns.

The pro tem Chair will be Claus Schirmer, and the committee will liaise regularly with Carol Moore-Ede, a new appointee to the CPA Board of Directors. Contact us if you wish to be involved.

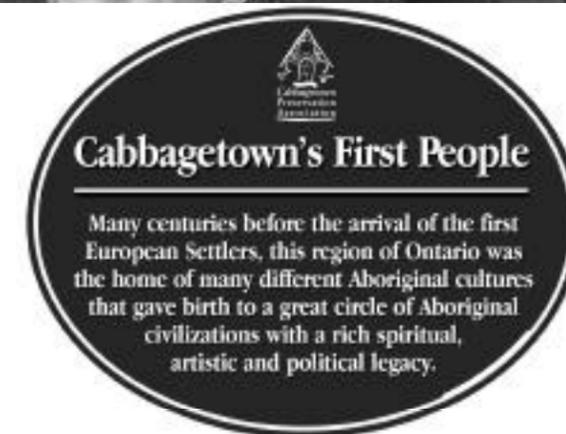
Cabbagetown Festival

The Cabbagetown Cultural Festival runs Wednesday September 3 to Sunday Sept 7. Events include the Cabbagetown Short Film & Video Festival, Restaurant Tour & Pub Crawl, Cabbagetown Theatre Company's Sleeping Beauty, performed at the Necropolis Chapel, Blair's Run, the Grand Parade, Riverdale Farm Fall Harvest Festival and many more events. See the complete schedule at www.oldercabbagetown.com.

Visit the CPA at our kiosks on Parliament Street and in Riverdale Park at Winchester and Sumach Streets. Walking tours of Cabbagetown will be guided from the Riverdale Park kiosk on Saturday and Sunday every 20-30 minutes from 1-2:30 PM. Watch for us in the parade.

Plaque Commemorates our First People

On June 21 in Riverdale Park, Roger Obansawin, Provisional Chairman of the Aboriginal Peoples' Council of Toronto, unveiled a plaque to commemorate Cabbagetown's first people. This latest in the series of Cabbagetown People plaques joins Francis Simcoe's plaque at the SW entrance to the park. Below, Sheila Schirmer, chair the plaque program, hands Roger a framed version of the plaque.



Grant From Tour Of Homes Kickstarts Heritage Street Signs

The Tour Executive of the Old Cabbagetown Tour of Homes have designated the CPA as their major beneficiary for 2003. Their Chair, Peggy Weir, says the Executive wish to celebrate the twenty fifth anniversary of the Tour of Homes by underwriting a significant, permanent, public display in Cabbagetown. The grant would therefore be used to initiate the design, production, and installation of distinctive street signs that will eventually cover Cabbagetown's Heritage Conservation Districts. The CPA, which is the moving force behind our HCDs, will manage the street sign project.

Elsewhere, as in Corktown, street sign installation is normally subject to a lengthy, expensive process, taking three years or longer. Through the generosity of the Tour of Homes, we hope to bypass much of this process, and have the signs in place quite soon. We shall keep you posted.

Many thanks to Peggy and her colleagues for this wonderful project.



The proposed sign uses CPAs logo and the blue of the Cabbagetown People plaque program.

Tour of Homes marks Twenty-Five Years

For twenty-five years Cabbagetowners have been opening their doors to let others see what lies behind the oak and brick. This is your chance to see alternative ways your house could be designed and to be inspired by unique layouts in unusual buildings.

There will be two tours this year. On Saturday Sept 20 from 8 to 11 PM a candle-light tour of seven homes includes refreshments in one of Cabbagetowns finest gardens. A tea tour of

nine homes on Sunday September 21 from 1-5 PM features tea at The Second Mile Club on Carlton. Tours are self-guided and take place rain or shine. Comfy shoes are recommended (and spike heels discouraged, as these are private homes).

Call 416-413-9757 for a detailed message. Tickets are \$25 cash and are available at the BIA at 237 Carlton, Pet Valu and the Riverdale Farm Shop or with credit card at Ticketmaster, 416-870-8000.