

CPA: Who Are We?

Founded in 1988 to encourage the preservation of 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

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" plaque program
- Cabbagetown/Regent Park Museum
- HCD street signs



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Attention All Volunteers and Would-be Volunteers:

We are also always looking for more people to join in.

There are several volunteer committees that take responsibility for various interesting CPA projects including:

Heritage Walking Tours, Heritage Research, Cabbagetown Festival Booth, 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. We have a chair person for each of these committees, and this person connects with our Volunteer Director who is a member of the Board.

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

To confirm your participation, and if you are interested in joining in as a new volunteer, please contact **Mary Gallant**, Volunteer Director, at **(416) 920 3882** or by e-mail at secretary@cabbagetownpa.ca

Museum Tidbit

The Hula Hoop was a popular toy in C'town and RP in the late '50s. Two American toy inventors, Richard Knerr & Arthur "Spud" Melin, learned about Australian children who used rings made of bamboo for exercising. In 1958 they produced a plastic hoop and visited playgrounds across the Los Angeles area where they gave them away for free resulting in the biggest American toy fad. In only four months 25 million Hula Hoops were sold and during all of 1958 over 100 million. The manufacturer, Wham-O produced 20,000 hoops daily.

Researchers Needed Urgently

The Cabbagetown/Regent Park Museum project, jointly managed by the CPA and Regent Park communities, is in need of volunteers to help in researching the history of our communities and in assembling material for exhibition purposes.

Volunteers who have some knowledge of, or are interested in local historical research, are asked to contact Carol Moore-Ede at 416-962-9139.

CPA Membership/Volunteer Application

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

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

NEWSLETTER

Preserving the architectural integrity and historic character of our neighbourhood

Blooming Streets

Attention all gardeners and gardening aficionados. It's that time of year again: nominations are open for this year's Streetscapes in Bloom award. As you stroll the streets of our charming neighbourhood, take note of the eye-pleasing gardens. Look for charm, colour and design. Big or small, any garden can be nominated. Previous years' winners are listed below and cannot be nominated again unless the owner has changed.

The winner receives a water-colour of the garden, and a glass medallion with a shepherd's crook to place in the garden, on outward sign of having won the award.



the award

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to Helen Coltrinari. Be sure to give the exact address and name of garden owner, if possible, and your own name and number as the nominator of the garden.

Phone 416-923-6165 – leave a message if necessary or contact by email at Helenc.hmc@sympatico.ca

Nominees will be notified after nominations close and judging will begin with the first visit before the end of May. Subsequent visits will be made once a month into September. The winner will be notified in early October for the presentation at the CPA general meeting in November.

In addition to the winner, five runners-up will receive CPA Streetscapes in Bloom certificates. *Please see page 3*

Nominations are due Friday, May 26, 2006 and may be sent

CPA's Annual General Meeting

Hear Barbara Myrvold, author of *Parkdale in Pictures*.

Parkdale's recent and accelerating revival parallels Cabbagetown's history of decline and restoration. This year's **Annual General Meeting's** Guest Speaker is the author of *Parkdale in Pictures*, **Barbara Myrvold**, who will give a talk on Parkdale's fascinating past and its current progress.

The meeting will begin at **7.00 pm** at the **Meeting House in Riverdale Farm** on **Wednesday, May 31**. Arrive early at **6:30** for munch & mingle.

The AGM will also deal with the election of Directors, awards announcements, and reporting on the past year's CPA involvement in projects and local issues.

Nominations to CPA Board

As of 1 June, there will be two vacancies on CPA's twelve-member Board of Directors. Nominations are invited from Members in good standing for election to the Board. If more than two nominations are received, election will be determined by a secret ballot at the AGM on 31 May. Nominations, accompanied by a resume, should be addressed to the Board Secretary, Sue McMurtry, and received no later than 24 May. You may drop them off at 317 Carlton St. attention Steve Yeates. In the event of a ballot, nominees will be invited to give a brief verbal presentation to the AGM.

AND Buy a copy of Sally Gibson's new book, *Inside Toronto*. This is your chance to learn what was in your living room in 1895! See page 3 for details.



Cabbagetown People

**A Pioneer for Womens Rights who made Laura Secord a Household word.
Plaque location: 274 Carlton Street**

Sarah Anne Curzon lived at 274 Carlton Street between 1873 and 1875. She was a playwright, poet, journalist, and a pioneer in educating readers of her newspaper and magazine columns in which she wrote about female suffrage, property rights equal to men and access to higher education for women.



Canadian history was the main source of her writing. Furthermore, she wanted to prove that women could write professionally in a field that at the time in Canada was dominated by men.

Although she moved easily among fiction, poetry and history, she felt that the moral lessons of Canadian history could be taught in novels and poetry.

While living in Cabbagetown, she wrote the play, *The Sweet Girl Graduate*, which mocked the idea that women were not intelligent enough to study at the university level.

Sarah supported Dr. Emily Stowe's efforts to found the Women's Medical College on Sumach Street, which opened in 1883. The two women also founded the Toronto Women's Literacy Club, which focused on advancing women's rights, as well as literacy.

In 1895, she and feminist Mary Agnes Fitzgibbon co-founded the Women's Canadian Historical Society in Toronto.

She was most impressed with Laura Secord and one of her major works was, *Laura Secord, the Heroine of 1812: A Drama and other Poems.* (1887)

Sarah Anne Curzon is buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

C'town People on the Web

You can now read detailed stories of Cabbagetown People on the web with the program's new website. Learn about the background of the Cabbagetown People project, read about the personalities, see some fascinating images, even hear some of the C'town folk speak (sometimes with strangely familiar voices) and download the text on PDF. The website has been established to extend the reach of this effort and to act as a teacher and student resource to supplement the written materials that have been supplied to local schools. Take a look at www.cabbagetownpeople.ca.



Forsythia Festival...

Celebrate the arrival of spring with this CPA supported event. The celebrations begin at Riverdale Park on Winchester Street. Families and friends are encouraged to meet there at 10:00 to prepare for the parade with face painting, twizzlers and decorating bicycles, strollers and wagons.



At 10:30 the parade from Riverdale Park, winds through the Cabbagetown Streets to the Wellesley Park, where there will be games and family entertainment from 11-1:00 PM.



Hear Andy Barry at Don Vale Cabbagetown Residents Association AGM, May 3rd

The Don Vale Cabbagetown Residents Association AGM will be held at Riverdale Farm Meeting House (the building down the path towards the valley) on Wednesday, May 3rd. Doors open at 6:30pm and the meeting will start at 7pm. In addition to hearing the year-end review and electing board members, you'll have a chance to meet our new community police officers from 51 Division: Inspector Richard Stubbings (Acting Superintendent) and Staff Sergeant Frank Bergen. Andy Barrie, host of CBC radio's Metro Morning, and a long time resident of Cabbagetown will also be on hand as our guest speaker. This is a great chance to meet your neighbours, and to participate in the workings of your organization.

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Winning gardens to date:

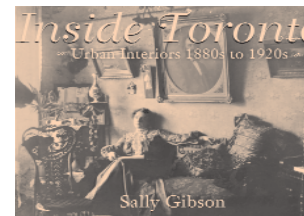
2 Geneva Ave, 334 Carlton Street, 60 Spruce St., 76 Amelia St, 331 Wellesley St., 419 Wellesley St., 31 Spruce St., 94 Amelia St. 123 Winchester St., and 90, 92, 94, 96, 98 Winchester Street. Honourable mention for a garden grouping: lower Metcalfe Street, below Winchester. **See the PowerPoint slides on our website!**

A gentle reminder to past winners: please remember to put out your glass medallion so that we can easily identify a winning garden.



Pick up Sally Gibson's Peek Inside at the AGM

The publication of Sally Gibson's new book, *Inside Toronto: Urban Interiors 1880s to 1920s* was announced in February's Newsletter. The CPA has a supply of these books and you may buy your own copy at the Annual General meeting on May 31 (see meeting details front page). Based on 260 rare vintage images and extensive original research, *Inside Toronto: Urban Interiors 1880s to 1920s* is the first book to investigate the complex, interior life of a single city — the ordinary and extraordinary places where Torontonians lived, worked, shopped, and performed the rituals of daily life.



Heritage Grant Program

The Toronto Heritage Grant Program is administered by the Heritage Preservation Services Unit of the City Planning Division to encourage the conservation of designated heritage properties in the City of Toronto. The Toronto Heritage Grant Program provides grant funds of up to 50% of the estimated cost of eligible heritage conservation work to designated heritage properties. Owners of a property designated under Parts IV or V of the Ontario Heritage Act may qualify to receive a grant for eligible conservation work in either of the two project categories:

1. Residential house form buildings - Up to a maximum grant of \$10,000.00 for individual properties.
2. Commercial, institutional, multi-residential and industrial form buildings.

The Toronto Heritage Grant Program is part of the City of Toronto's Community Partnership Investment Program.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, May 31, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.

More info: <http://www.toronto.ca/heritage-preservation/grants/>

Laneway Naming

One of our members, Doug McTaggart has volunteered to head up a committee to encourage the City to name and identify laneways in the area. There are several advantages to this, some of them apply to the CPA's efforts to preserve architecture and to identify our history. From Doug's initial report: "The laneways are unique elements of the Victorian plan and existing historic streetscape and are subject to regular vehicular, pedestrian and emergency use. The potential benefits of naming and signing to the public-at-large include improvements to: heritage resource identification, heritage resource protection, historic references, public navigation, public safety, bylaw enforcement, parking enforcement, road cleaning, City maintenance, EMS (police, fire and ambulance) response and EMS personnel safety."

In addition to our core interests in preservation, this gives the CPA an opportunity to reinforce our history through the use of names identified in the Cabbagetown People Program.

Douglas worked very quickly in the first phase - contacting the City with a list of lanes and suggested names - to give the program momentum within the bureaucracy before anticipated changes in City policy make the initiative difficult or impossible. Doug has had a dry run with his encouraging the City to name Oskenonton Lane in 2003. Signs should be in place soon.

The next phase will be more relaxed. Douglas will be calling on more volunteers once the City responds. Thanks Douglas for all of that energy!

