



CABBAGETOWN PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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OUR NEW BOOK ABOUT CABBAGETOWN IS OUT.

Take a walk around Cabbagetown with your "hot-off-the-press" **TOURING OLD CABBAGE TOWN**, the first book produced by the Cabbagetown Preservation Association.

Yes, as we go to press with our newsletter - so has our much-awaited book, inspired by three years of walking tours designed and delivered by members of the Cabbagetown Preservation Association (CPA).

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TOURING OLD CABBAGE TOWN is a 98 page book about our neighbourhood, lavishly illustrated by pen and ink drawings by local artists John Coburn, Bernie Harris, Dominique Prince, Bill Stapleton and Janiska Zurowski.

To give the book a personal flavor, the committee decided to tap the rich resources in our neighbourhood - namely those people who have made Cabbagetown their home for many years. These stories as well as researched information fill the book with information you will want to know about your community.

TOURING OLD CABBAGETOWN will be sold during the Cabbagetown Cultural Festival at the CPA booths. One booth by the stone entrance of the Riverdale Park, Winchester and Sumache, will be open Saturday and Sunday. We will also have a booth on Parliament St. at Winchester on Saturday.

The cost of **TOURING OLD CABBAGETOWN** \$15. However, if you are a member CPA, the price will be \$10. Perhaps buying a membership will be worthwhile, membership is \$10. That way, you can also buy several books at a saving to give to a new neighbour or for gift-giving occasions.

If you miss buying a book at the Festival, it will be on sale at our general meetings. Watch for further CPA newsletters and posted notices.

The committee of CPA members who work on this book for over a year are: Ann Ames, Lena Badhwar, Marijan Bayer, Nancy Poulin-brubaker, Dominique Prince, Earl Vitalis, Ruth Wagner and Janishka Zurowski.

We gratefully acknowledge the assistance of the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Communications, in awarding us a generous publishing grant.

A T-Shirt and a mug have also been produced, each with one of the house drawing from the book, and will also be for sale at the Festival.

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BOARD OF CPA

If you have concerns about the integrity and historical character of our neighbourhood, please feel free to call one of the CPA executive.

President	Peggy Kurtin	967-6432
Vice-President	Lene Badhwar	921-4601
Secretary-Treasurer	Ross Fraser	920-5202
Past-President	Pat Poulin	923-6934
Nancy Allin	Sue Langton	Earl Vitalis
Doug Johnson	Janice Hall-Harris	John Durnan



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CABBAGES IN OLD CABBAGETOWN

Each person who attended the May 1992, Annual CPA Election, was presented with a few cabbage plant to place in their gardens. While walking my dog around Cabbagetown, I have noted some exceptional looking cabbages. Whether these cabbages are from the CPA meeting or not, I would like to congratulate the gardeners at 65 and 162 Winchester and 31 Metcalfe Street for the huge, healthy cabbages in their gardens. I am unhappy to report, my cabbages, which have been growing in the shade, look like scrawny purple lettuce. However, we hope the cabbages will remind the Cabbagetown residence and visitors why Cabbagetown was so named. If you don't know, come to the CPA walking tours during the Cultural Festival!

CABBAGETOWN FESTIVAL FREE WALKING TOURS

Do you know the previous name of Sackville St.?

Can you identify a Bay-n-Gable house?

What Cabbagetown home started life as a coach house for two Clydesdale horses?

If the answers to these questions elude you, don't despair! Join your knowledgeable C.P.A. tour guide during the Cabbagetown Festival for a interesting, informative walking tour, where you will learn the answers to the above - and more.

On Sept. 12 & 13, C.P.A., as part of its educational

program, is sponsoring its fourth annual walking tour. This year the tour will highlight the southeast section of Cabbagetown, an area we have not toured before. *Tours will run for approximately an hour, on Saturday, Sept. 12, starting every 15 minutes between 2:00 and 3:00 pm and on Sunday, Sept 13, between 11:00 and noon.* The starting point of the tour will be at the corner of Sumach and Winchester Streets, near the gates of the Riverdale Park where the C.P.A. booth will be located. Plan to join us there for a free walking tour of Old Cabbagetown.

PS. - If you knew the answers to the above questions, why not consider becoming a tour guide next year?

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RIVERDALE FARM

Have you ever wondered what happens to the produce from Riverdale Farm? We all know that you can buy the eggs, however, did you know that the Farm is now selling wool products made from the fleece of their very own sheep?

After the fleece is clipped in the spring, it is shipped to Prince Edward Island to the McCausland Wool Mills to be spun into yarn. Some of the yarn is then made into sox and beautiful blankets.

Waiting for you at Riverdale Farm are sox and yarn in natural tones and twin, double and queen sized blanket in both natural tones and strong primary colours. I am sure that Judy Spurr, Superintendent of the Farm, will be happy to give you further details.

Something that I must ask Judy; is the family of the McCausland Wool Mills related in any way to the McCausland family that made the beautiful leaded glass windows that abound in Cabbagetown?

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WHAT MAKES CABBAGETOWN SUCH A TERRIFIC PLACE TO LIVE?

It's the people --- the people who plant and tend their magnificent gardens --- the people who are responsible dog owners --- the people who restore and maintain their homes --- and the people who are involved in community events.

The Cabbagetown Preservation Association (CPA) was established to "preserve the integrity and historical character of our neighbourhood", and in order to do this the CPA needs those gardeners, dog walkers, proud home owners and community participants as members. Most importantly, we need you.

The annual membership fee is only \$10. What could you possibly get for such a paltry sum you ask? Well, not only do you get the opportunity to help the integrity and historical character of our neighbourhood but you are also entitled to buy those great CPA T-Shirts and mugs at special discount prices. The newly published Touring Old Cabbagetown is also a great buy for members at \$10 instead of the regular \$15 price.

If you haven't got the time to help us this year, perhaps next year, however, join the CPA to-day.

To join CPA, fill in the form below and either return it to CPA, 93 Winchester St. Toronto M4X 1B1 or to the CPA booth at the Cabbagetown Cultural Festival.

I would like to be a member of the Cabbagetown Preservation Association. I may be interested in contributing time to one of the following Committees:

- Writing Walking tours Negotiations
 I can't help this year, perhaps next year

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Postal Code _____

STOP MERIDIAN

In the brochure included with this delivery, you will read about the struggle going on against Meridian's proposals for highrises along Wellesley Street. South of St. Jamestown has never received the same level of protection against bad development as our area, leading Meridian into thinking that they can get away with this final insult to that neighbourhood and Cabbagetown as a whole.

We really can't stand by and see this last dinosaur of downtown neighbourhood "redevelopment" plans succeed. If you agree, please sign this petition, clip and deliver or send (hopefully with a donation payable to the Winchester Park Residents' Assoc. to help cover their cost of hiring a lawyer for the Ontario Municipal Board hearing starting on September 8) to:

Graham Mudge, 511 Ontario St., M4X 1M8

or

Peggy Kurtin, 93 Winchester St., M4X 1B1

We, the undersigned Cabbagetown residents, are opposed to the proposed construction of the highrise apartment buildings on the south side of Wellesley between Blecker and Ontario Streets. We are in support of compromise proposal whereby buildings would be a maximum height of 8 stories.

Name _____ Signature _____

Address _____