



CABBAGETOWN PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Annual General Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 1993, 8:00 P.M.
ST. MARTIN SCHOOL, 55 SALISBURY AVENUE

The annual general meeting of the Cabbagetown Preservation Association will be held soon. This meeting provides an important opportunity for you to participate in protecting and maintaining the integrity and historical character of our neighbourhood. At this year's meeting, various informative guest speakers will focus on a number of local building developments including 35 Spruce Street, Winchester Square, the Amelia Street Cottages, the Northwest corner of Parliament and Winchester as well as the Bram Hole at the Northeast corner of Parliament and Winchester.

The election of new Officers and Directors of the Association will also be held at the meeting. We

welcome the nomination of any local resident which you may wish to make for purposes of the election. If you wish to do so, please contact Lena Badhwar at 921-4601 or nominations will be accepted from the floor.

In reading the next two articles, you will discover other events planned for this exciting evening.

And now the final plug, everyone attending the meeting will receive a FREE cabbage plant to add to their collection. We hope you are able to attend this important meeting and look forward to seeing you there.

CABBAGETOWN RENOVATION AWARD FINALISTS

The CPA is pleased to announce the finalists in the 1992 Cabbagetown Renovation Awards. A panel of judges has reviewed the nominations received from homeowners and their neighbours in the Cabbagetown area and have selected four finalists for final round of judging. The four finalists are:

- 0 Spruce Street for its meticulously restored iron railing along the roof line, lovingly restored wooden shutters, barge board added to the east side of the house and carefully chosen Victorian colours applied to all the wooden trim;
- 156 Winchester Street for erecting an exact duplicate of the original front porch with copper sheathed roof and Victorian fretwork to match archival photographs;
- 394 Wellesley for restoration of a dilapidated Second Empire semi which included stripping paint from the brick facade, repairing a slate roof, painting the wood trim in Victorian colours and cleverly adding a two storey extension to the rear of the house in such a way as to preserve the roof-line of the house; and
- 421 Sackville for a major exterior repair which involved restructuring the exterior to a pleasing harmony with the street, attractive Victorian colours chosen for the wood trim, and the addition of wrought iron railings and beautiful stone front steps.

Best of luck to our finalists. The winner will be announced at our Annual General Meeting on May 25th. The owners of the winning house will be presented with a framed watercolour painting of their home by Toronto artists Constance Johnson and Mary Thompson.

EXHIBITION OF WORK BY RYERSON STUDENTS

RYERSON RESTORATION ARCHITECTURE STUDENT PROJECT
On display at the Annual General Meeting will be five projects by students taking the Restoration Architecture course at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute given by Marie Etkind and Mark McBurney. The exhibit will include sets of measured drawings of the Toronto Dance Theatre and Wellesley cottages as well as examples of infill charettes and storeyboards. Both Marie and Mark will be there to answer questions. Do plan to come early.

HERITAGE CONSERVATION LECTURE

The John A. McGinnis Heritage Conservation Lecture, sponsored by the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority will be held on Thursday, June 3, 1993 at 8:00 p.m. The guest speaker at the first annual lecture will be renowned Toronto architect, Jack Diamond. Tickets for the program are \$16.00. For further information or to order tickets, please contact Lina Pilato at the

Black Creek Visitor Centre 736-1733.

CPA BOARD

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

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CABBAGETOWN FORSYTHIA FESTIVAL

The sun shone - it was a bit cool - but the sun shone on the Forsythia Festival which was held true to tradition, on the first Sunday in May. Local children, dressed up in fancy costumes and with painted faces paraded round the neighbourhood with their decorated bikes, to celebrate the arrival of Spring.

The parade was led by the Metropolitan Toronto Mounted Police, and the horses weren't the only animals in the parade - dog owners joined in with their pets. Children and dogs all received prizes for their efforts after the ceremonial planting of the forsythia bush at Wellesley Park.

Lena Badhwar, resplendent in a vivid yellow cloak and green hat decorated with forsythia in full bloom, was honoured for her many years of service to the community as Parade Grand Marshall. She planted the new forsythia bush close to the memorial for Tony Brady who started the festival in the 1970's.

The celebrations ended with entertainment provided by the ever popular Cabbagetown Youth Centre Dancers who had the crowd tapping their toes and clapping their hands to Latin American and rock n roll rhythms. Music was provided by the Cabbagetown Cultural Centre Youth Band and everyone voted the festival a great success.

Many thanks go again to the volunteers who worked through the winter to make the day a fun event for the community and to the sponsors who supported this community event including, the CPA, BIA, McDonalds, Shoppers Drug Mart, Nicki's No Frills, Epicure, Loblaws, Sergeants of Canada, Paul May Contracting, TV Ontario (who provided Polka-roo) and the Metropolitan Toronto Auxiliary Police. A plaque will be presented to the MTAP at 53 Division on June 1st to acknowledge their continuing participation in the Forsythia Festival.

Planning for 1991 will start in a few months and CPA is looking for a volunteer or volunteers to Chair the Volunteer Committee. Please contact Peggy Kurtin at 967-6432.

URBAN CONSERVATION GRANT PROPOSAL

A new grant program to promote urban heritage in Canada was recently launched by the Samuel and Saidye Bronfman Foundation. The CPA took this opportunity to submit a proposal for a grant of \$30,000 to fund the landscape inventory portion of a Heritage Protection Study.

If the funding proposal is approved, the landscape inventory study will be carried out by a consultant who will work with a volunteer "community street captain" for each street to do the following:

- conduct a street by street inventory of existing trees in terms of age, condition and suitability;
- identify appropriate suggested tree species for new planting;
- determine suggested planting locations with regard to vistas, canopy and future heritage trees;
- develop an information package which will include hints for care of trees, shrubs and flowers;
- work with the city and homeowners to plant landmark trees; and
- plant one special tree to celebrate Toronto 200.

Funding decisions will be announced in July.

UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL CABLES

Several weeks ago, the CPA was approached by a local resident who is concerned about new above ground electrical cables which have been installed recently in the neighbourhood. Mr. Fankhauser is particularly concerned about the health and safety issues related to electrical emissions from these cables. The CPA indicated that it would support the idea of underground cables since this would help to improve neighbourhood streetscapes. Anyone wishing further information regarding health and safety concerns related to the new above ground cables should contact Hans Fankhauser at 924-2120.

TORONTO 200

As part of the Toronto 200 celebrations, the Toronto Historical Board is sponsoring a number of guided walking tours of historic Toronto from May 2 to September 26, 1993. For further information please call 392-6827.

STOP MERIDIAN - THE FINAL BATTLE OF SOUTH OF ST. JAMESTOWN

Progress has been made in the continuing struggle with Meridian over their plans to construct high density high-rise buildings on the south side of Wellesley between Ontario and Blecker. While Meridian came up with a 'compromise' proposal in which the maximum height of the buildings dropped from 29 to 18 floors, they didn't give one inch on density. Their proposed density on the vacant sites of the Ontario/Blecker Block remains at 5.18x coverage compared to the 3.25x coverage in St. James Town.

On February 23rd real progress was made when Councillor Barbara Hall successfully steered a new site specific zoning bylaw through City council including a maximum building height parameter of 8 floors - the favoured proposal of City Planning and the Winchester Square Working Committee.

The much delayed Ontario Municipal Board hearing was again deferred until July 12th. This three week hearing will deal - on a consolidated basis - with Meridian's revised plan and the new City bylaw and resolve the matter once and for all.

If you have not already done so please sign and clip this petition and mail or drop it off (hopefully with a donation payable to the Winchester Park Residents Association to help with their continuing legal costs of representation at the Ontario Municipal board) with:

Graham Mudge, 511 Ontario Street, Toronto M4X 1M8 or Peggy Kurtin, 93 Winchester Street, Toronto, M4X 1B1.

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

Name _____ Signature _____

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Address _____