



# CABBAGETOWN PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

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## NEWSLETTER

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### CABBAGETOWN FESTIVAL WALKING TOURS

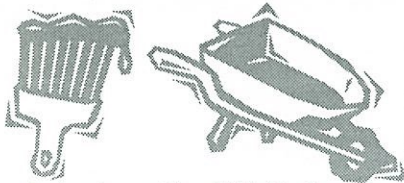
Once again, during the fall festival CPA will be giving free walking tours of our area. This year's tour will explore the south eastern section of Cabbagetown — parts of Carlton, Sackville, Sumach, Spruce and Geneva Streets.

The tours all leave and return to the CPA booth at the Riverdale Park Gates — Winchester and Sumach Streets. This booth, which will be open all day Saturday and Sunday, will be selling memberships, postcards, cotton shoulder totebags, T-shirt, mugs, all with drawings of Cabbagetown on them and our book, Touring Old Cabbagetown. Again this year, we will also have a booth in the middle of Parliament St. after the parade on Saturday. Come and visit us — Renew your membership.

Tours leave approximately every 15 minutes during these times:

**Saturday Sept. 9 — 1 to 3 pm & Sunday, Sept. 10 — 11 to 12 noon**

Tours are all **FREE** of charge. We hope to see you there.



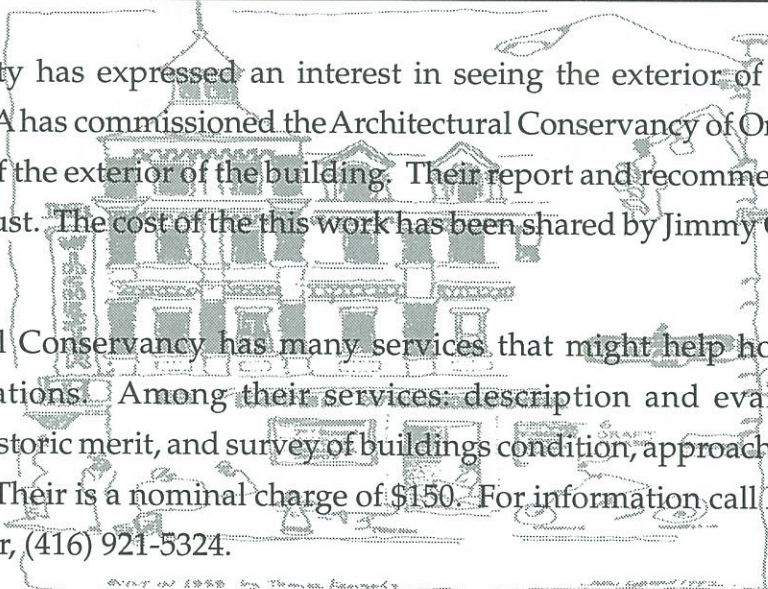
### 1995 RENOVATION AWARD

*The home of Blaine Curry and Terry Smith, at 485 Sackville Street, is this years winner of CPA's Renovation Award. This house, which is just north of Wellesley Street, is part of a row that was listed by the Toronto Historical Board in 1975. Our Renovation Award judges felt that with cleaning of the brick, the gaslights, the urn and the mailbox, this house has been brought back to the full glory of its 1890 beginning. Blaine and Terry were presented with a water-color painting of their home.*

### — WINCHESTER HOTEL UPDATE —

As the community has expressed an interest in seeing the exterior of the Winchester Hotel improved, the CPA has commissioned the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario to do an analysis of the condition of the exterior of the building. Their report and recommendations will be ready at the end of August. The cost of the this work has been shared by Jimmy Christodoulou and the CPA.

The Architectural Conservancy has many services that might help homeowners as well as historical associations. Among their services: description and evaluation of property's architectural or historic merit, and survey of buildings condition, approaches to repairs, upgrades and restoration. There is a nominal charge of \$150. For information call Paul Dilse, Consulting Heritage Manager, (416) 921-5324.



*"There is another view, a view as old as cities. A view that establishes the city not as an enemy, as a hostile battleground, but as our noblest and most challenging cultural creation. A love for the physical form of the city not just in grand actions but in the affectionate creation of a myriad of small gestures is ...the crucial third element in creating a Toronto worth living in.*

*" Joe Berridge, Cityplan '91 Forum"*

### **METCALFE STREET**

As you may know, CPA is preparing to request that the Toronto Historical Board designate the south block of Metcalfe Street as an historic street. Members Kevin McEvenue, Shannon Carson, Richard Wilson and Peggy Kurtin have completed the architectural and historic evaluation on the houses. Stewart MacIntosh has documented the trees and landscaping and Rollo Myers has taken the official portraits of the houses with a special architectural camera.

### **JET FUEL EXHIBIT**

Brian Summers, past board member of CPA and a professional photographer who makes his home in Cabbagetown, is having an exhibit of some of his most recent works at the Jet Fuel Coffee Shop at 519 Parliament Street. The portraits are of local merchants and their staff. They were taken during a two-week period in June this year. Brian's aim was to capture not only the diversity of Parliament Street but its sense of community as well; he has done an admirable job of both. **The show runs until September 15th.**

#### **35 SPRUCE STREET**

As you may have noticed, there is some construction activity on this site. You will be pleased to know that an Heritage Agreement has been finalized and registered on title. This means that they have agreed to restore and renovate the beautiful small 1860 brick Georgian home as suggested by the Toronto Historical Building as well as build 6 new townhouses across the back of the property.

#### **AVION HOTEL UPDATE**

The new provincial government has agreed to fund the renovation of this hotel and the attached house into 16 units for ex street people. They will have first lived in a group home to teach them the skills they need to live in these small apartments. This is a Homes First project.

#### **1995-1996 CPA BOARD**

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*Board: Janice Hall-Harris, Mary Harlan, Donalda Hilton, Stephanie Wylie, Paddy Hanlon, Kevin McEvenue*

#### **STORAGE NEEDED**

CPA has a large tube that we use to display pictures at the Cabbagetown Festival. We need somewhere to store this 3 feet in diameter and 6 feet high hollow pressed cardboard tube. Do you have a garage etc. with an empty corner? If you can help, please call Lene at 921-4601.

### **ITS TIME TO RENEW YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP TO THE CABBAGETOWN PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION.**

The annual membership fee is \$10.00. It will cover from the annual meeting of 1995 to annual meeting 1996.  
If you haven't got the time to help us this year, perhaps next year, but join CPA to-day.

I may be interested in contributing time to one of the following:

Forsythia Festival       Walking tours       Research       Newsletter delivery

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