



CABBAGETOWN PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

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THE WEEK OF FEB. 18 TO 24 IS HERITAGE WEEK!

CPA's WINTER MEETING

THURSDAY, FEB. 22, 8:00PM, ST. MARTIN'S SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
WINCHESTER NEAR SUMACH ST.

Marta O'Brien, a Toronto Architectural Historian, will make a presentation with slides on Toronto's Brick Heritage - The Victorian Era. The talk will explain how bricks were introduced as a building material in Toronto and how it was used to execute different building styles. Ms. O'Brien teaches Architectural History at Ryerson Polytechnic University and is currently working on a book.

Councillor Pam McConnell will discuss the report, *Breakthrough Thinking for Revitalization* and the proposed changes at King and Parliament Streets.

I am sure that all Cabbagetowners will be pleased to hear that CPA and BIA has been given a gift of \$5000 by the 1995 Thank you Toronto Ontario Campaign, Ontario Film Development Corporation. The money will be used for a storefront improvement project on Parliament St. A contest is being planned for the merchants. The best proposal submitted by a business owner to improve his or her storefront will be awarded the money. The Bank of Nova Scotia have been asked to match the \$5,000 so that the project or projects can really make a difference.

CABBAGETOWN RENOVATION AWARD

Once again the CPA is calling for nominations for the RENOVATION AWARD. The award is given each year to a building in Cabbagetown whose exterior has been renovated in the past year, and lends itself most easily to our the Victorian streetscape.

Last year the home at 485 Sackville Street won this award.

The winner is given an original hand-painted watercolour of their building. This prize is presented at the CPA's annual general meeting in May.



Don't be shy! Nominate your neighbour or even yourself! Nominations will be accepted till April 1, 1996 Please send or drop off nominations to 312 Sackville Street, M5A 3G2.

200 YEARS YONGE TOURS

As was mentioned in the last newsletter, this year is the 200th anniversary of Yonge Street. Many special events and tours will be happening throughout the year. CPA has committed to conduct walking tours on Sunday June 16, July 21 and August 18. The two-hour tours will start at Carlton and Yonge Sts. at 11AM, travelling the whole length of Carlton, north on Sumach to Winchester, west to Metcalfe and finish at Carlton and Parliament Sts. To encourage the people who go on the tour to stay in the area a little while longer, they will be given a list of Cabbagetown restaurants that will be open for lunch. Horse and carriage tours have been organized by the Metro Heritage Group during June and July. These tours, lead by CPA tour guides will leave Bloor near Yonge, travel down Jarvis St to Carlton, east on Carlton to Sumach St., north on Sumach to Wellesley, then west on Wellesley St. to Yonge St. and north again to Bloor. For more information, please call Peggy Kurtin 967-6432 or Chris Howard 962-7398.

SILVER JUBILEE YEAR

FORSYTHIA FESTIVAL - Sunday, May 5, 1996

This year marks the 25th year that Cabbagetowners have gathered in Wellesley Park on the first Sunday in May to celebrate the end of winter. The Forsythia Festival includes a procession of costumed children, children - costumed or not - with their decorated bicycles, dogs and their proud owners, and, as many clowns as possible in honour of the Festival's founder, the late Tony Brady.

One of the major parts Tony Brady played in his professional life, was a clown named Bridget. His vision of the Festival was two-fold: he wanted to involve local children in a joyful welcome to spring and he also wanted to encourage local residents to plant Forsythia bushes wherever they could. The Forsythia Festival Parade ends with the ceremonial planting of a Forsythia bush in Wellesley Park.

Your Forsythia Festival Committee held its first meeting February 1. The next meeting will be on March 7. If you can help, call one of the Festival's co-chairs, Paddy Hanlon at 324-9277 or Mary Harlan at 921-8255. You'll have fun and you'll be needed.

NEW NEIGHBOURS

If any new neighbours move near you, please let us know. We will visit them, give them a CPA gift and tell them a little about Cabbagetown's history and our association. Please give us a call at 921-4601.

GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Ms Emma, Chicken Wings and Greenery Patch are new to Parliament Street and have improved the west side of Parliament, north of Carlton St.. The designers of Ms. Emma's store front chose a traditional look that suits Cabbagetown to a T. When Chicken Wings decided to move from Carlton St. to Parliament St., CPA's president met with the owners, Joe and Vito Schiavone, to discuss the plans for their new front. The joint design decisions was to have a integrated front with Ms Emmas. These stores are to be congratulated.

BOARD NOMINATIONS

The Annual General Meeting of the CPA will be held at the end of May. One of the most important parts of the meeting will be the election of the officers and the board. This is a working board, each member heads a busy committee! If you are interested in a position or would like to recommend someone for a position, please drop a note as soon as possible to CPA, 5 Dermott Place, M5A 3B5.

1995-1996 CPA BOARD

- President Lene Badhwar, 921-4601
- Vice-President Paul Dollak, 944-1559
- Treasurer Peggy Kurtin, 967-6432
- Secretary Chris Howard, 962-7398

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

MEMBERSHIP

You make the Cabbagetown Preservation Association happen with your membership. Your **\$10.00** membership fee in the Association is very important. It provides part of the financial basis for our survival together with the proceeds from the sale of our books, t-shirts and postcards etc. Please join CPA to-day.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____

Please bring your membership to the Thursday, Feb. 22 meeting, or mail or deliver it to 5 Dermott Place, M5A 3B5.