



Cabbagetown Preservation Association

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CPA'S AUTUMN MEETING

WHEN - Wednesday, November 13 at 7:45

WHERE - ST. MARTIN'S SCHOOL GYMNASIUM on WINCHESTER ST.

The CPA's Fall meeting will be having two very special guest speakers.

Katherine Ashenburg's talk will be "How to Read an Ontario Town." She has lived in Cabbagetown for 11 years and has recently had published a book called, "Going to Town: Architectural Walking Tours in Southern Ontario." Katherine has been with the Globe and Mail for 9 years, currently editing the Facts and Arguments Column. Katherine also writes for the New York Times and the National Geographic. She has graciously donated one of her books for a door prize.

Arthur Lepper, a retired teacher who lived on Amelia Street from 1930 to 1989, will speak on "Youthful Reflections on Cabbagetown 1930-1955. The Lepper Terrace, named after a Lepper ancestor, is on Parliament Street south of Spruce.

CABBAGETOWN WAS PART OF TORONTO'S BIG WIN

Recently it was announced that Toronto was judged the most beautiful capital in Canada in the **Communities in Bloom** contest. Toronto also received the award for Community Participation. Judging was completed during the summer by a panel of judges who travelled from city to city evaluating the parks, streets and private home gardens for landscaping, neatness and environmental awareness. The competition was sponsored by the National Capital Commission, White Rose, Air Canada, Green Cross, and the Life Network.

Cabbagetown had two areas that were judged during the contest -- our famous Riverdale Farm and a group of houses 84 to 96 Winchester Street. CPA nominated this group of houses to participate in the competition. The owners of these homes, built 1898, have been getting ready for their Centennial by having their homes painted in heritage colours and returning their gardens to their Victorian splendour. Margy Hunter-Hoffman, one of the owners, reports that her neighbours are enjoying bringing back the Victorian feel to their homes. She believes that more and more Cabbagetowners are striving for that look and pointed out the number of front gardens filled with perennials. Margy also stated that one of the wonderful things about Cabbagetown is the way people get together on projects. CPA would like to congratulate Riverdale Farm and the homeowners at 84 to 96 Winchester.

NEW CPA STREETSCAPE AWARD

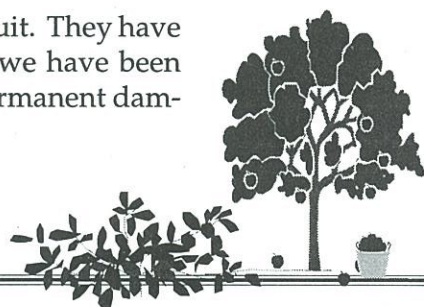
In light of the success of Toronto in the Communities in Bloom contest, the board of the CPA has decided to hold a new contest in Cabbagetown. Our new competition will be the judging of Cabbagetown streetscapes. As a committee hasn't been setup yet, the details haven't been set. One thing is clear however, the judging will take place in the summer and the prize given out at the Autumn meeting. More information will come in our next newsletter so you can start planning your front gardens. Our present Cabbagetown Renovation Award will continue to be presented at our Annual Meeting in the Spring.

CHESTNUT TREES

Last month, members of CPA posted many signs around Cabbagetown about the fungus that has hit our chestnut trees. In case you missed it, we are placing the information in our newsletter.

Because of the cool and wet spring, the lovely chestnut trees did not set fruit. They have been hit by a mild fungus. The trees are now losing their leaves, but we have been informed by the City of Toronto's Urban Forestry Department that no permanent damage from the fungus will occur if all the fallen leaves are removed.

The worst thing would be to allow the leaves to remain at the base of the trees over the winter. This could cause re-infestation of the trees in the spring. Do not compost the leaves.



REPORT ON THE CABBAGETOWN FESTIVAL

Thank you, thank you to all those volunteers, tour guides and Board members who showed up on time for their tour of duty during Hurricane Fran's temper tantrum. Being philosophical, it had to happen once in awhile, although Cabbagetown is the best place to live, we do not have the weather of Southern California but then we don't have the earthquakes either.

The CPA raised its new leafy green gazebo, the one to keep the volunteers out of the sun, and set out its display of merchandise. Then the heavens opened and we huddled underneath our sunscreen and tried to keep dry. Our intrepid guides did lead tours both days, not suprisingly, the numbers were down.

Interesting quote:

Music has been kindred with architecture because of the commonality in rhythm, harmony and movement through time. Each is open to interpretation by every generation. --- unknown.

THANK YOU TOUR OF HOMES

The Tour of Homes is helping with the costs of the Forsythia Festival. They have given CPA \$1500 which they raised at the Cabbagetown Festival. We plan to use this money on the next three Forsythia Festival. Thanks again!

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 Lene Badhwar a call at 920-4601.

CPA'S LIBRARY

CPA has a library and if you are a member, you can borrow heritage books and magazines. Do you need information about detailing, the right front door, or other historical items? Contact Lene at 921-4601, she may have just the book you need.

CORRECTION

Due to a typo, a mistake was in the article in our last newsletter about the Storefront Competition. The funding for this joint BIA and CPA competition was supplied by the Toronto Film Liaison Office and the Don Vale Property Owners Association.

HOLIDAY SEASON GIFT GIVING TIME IS HERE !!!

Those of you without webbed feet and gills, who did not attend the Cabbagetown Festival, have not seen our **new, new merchandise**.

CPA has new T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, and Mugs all printed in a shady, leafy green colour. This colour and the designs are not only reminiscent of the shady trees in Cabbagetown, but are versatile for many occasions including, Christmas, St. Patrick's and May first, or any other social occasion where green is appropriate; Also available are books, cards, and totes.

Merchandise Outlets are:

Boutique "5" North - 923-8640 - all items and members' discounts

Boutique "5" South - 921-4601 - all items and members' discounts

Regular Priced Merchandise is available at the following outlets:

One More Time Books - 462 Parliament St. - all items
More Than Cabbages - 317 Carlton St. - Books and Totes
An English Tea Room - Winchester/Sumach Sts. - Books
Across the Pond - 503 Parliament St. - Books and Totes
City Hall Shop - City Hall - Sweats, T's, Cards & books
University of Toronto Book Store - Books
Ballenford Books - 600 Markham St. - Books

Of course - the best time and place to buy is at the regular meetings of the CPA. There is a meeting this month, Wednesday, November 13. It also gives you a chance to hear interesting speakers, help with the decision making and meet and greet other like minded Cabbagetowners.

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