

Architectural Conservancy of Ontario — Port Hope Branch

Antiques & Artifacts Appraisal Day – Saturday March 17, 2007

Port Hope's own "Antique Roadshow"

Port Hope, Ontario, February 23rd, 2007 — The Port Hope Branch of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) will be holding its third annual Antiques & Artifacts Appraisal Day — Port Hope's Own "Antique Roadshow" on Saturday, March 17th, 2007 in the lobby of the Capitol Theatre, on Queen Street, from 10am to 3pm.

Antiques experts, David Simmons of Waddington's Brighton, Lee Caswell of Antiques on Queen, Clay Benson of Smith's Creek Antiques, and Kendra Simmons of Antiques on Queen will be on hand to identify and appraise antique and vintage items brought in by their owners.

The Appraisal Day is the prelude to the ACO's Antiques & Artifacts Auction, this year to be held on Sunday April 15th at the Town Park Recreation Centre.

Those bringing in their antique items, whether glass, pottery, silver, textile, jewellery, small furniture, art or "what-have-you," will pay a fee of \$5 for each appraisal — up to three items. The ACO is unable to offer appraisals for coins or stamps.

Owners may choose to donate the item to the Antiques & Artifacts Auction, in which case the appraisal fee is waived and a tax receipt issued following the auction. Others may choose to *consign* the item, in which case they will receive sixty percent of the sale price, providing the item *does* sell, with the balance being retained by the ACO. All monies collected from the Appraisal Day and the Auction go towards the ACO's ongoing support of local restoration and preservation projects as well as to a restoration arts scholarship fund which is presented each year to a deserving student.

The ACO is currently collecting items for the April auction. Those wishing to donate

may call the ACO at 905-885-7929. More information is available on the web site at:
www.acoporthope.ca.

The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario was founded in Toronto in 1933 by architect Eric Arthur to help preserve Ontario's architecturally significant landscapes and structures for future generations. There are eleven ACO branches across Ontario. The Port Hope ACO Branch is the largest and most active and is currently involved with the repainting and repairing of the historic chapel located in the town cemetery. In the past, this branch has spearheaded the preservation and restoration of numerous vintage structures in the town and the region surrounding it including the Port Hope Band Shell; the Grand Trunk (now VIA) Rail Station; the clock tower of the Port Hope Town Hall; and the Ganaraska Region Archives Building.

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