

## Chairman's Report

The Christmas season has come and gone, with our wonderful **Christmas Party** at the fabulous Bluestone, thanks to Ruth Redelmeier, and we have turned the page on another year.

This is my last report as your Chair. The two years have just flown by; I can't believe my term is up in February. As I noted previously, ours is a Branch we should be very proud of. We are almost unique in the success of our many projects, events and social activities. I want to thank my fellow members of the Executive for all their support and hard work over the past two years, carrying on our traditional activities. We continued to run our wonderful House Tours and Garden Tours, hold our Annual Artifacts Auction, organize Bus Tours and Evening Lectures, provide Scholarships to deserving students in conservation, offer Grants for the conservation of significant heritage properties and of course publish this wonderful Newsletter. Dozens of volunteers have made all this happen under the leadership of our capable Committee Chairs. I want to thank you all. It is you who have made our Branch so successful and able to carry out its work.

Some of you may know there have been a few "issues" in town with recently proposed development. We find that some of our heritage buildings, most notably our older institutional and industrial ones, are neither designated nor listed. So this year we established an Advocacy Committee to bring more focus onto the work that needs to be done. Many years ago our Town was a leader in designations and Heritage Districts but we have fallen behind. Heritage is more than just buildings; it is also a District's context and its Cultural Landscapes. The 'new' Heritage Act of 2005 allows heritage properties to be listed without a full, possibly expensive, designation process, but the Municipality is not using this tool much, if at all. Our new Committee will keep an eye on inappropriate development or alterations, or loss of heritage, and advocate for more listings and designations.

Finally, lots of events are coming up. First and foremost is our **AGM**. Look in our pages for more on the following: Our annual **Auction**, always interesting, on April 22nd; the **Bus Tour to Kingston**, a city rich in history on April 25th; this year's **Heritage Conference** runs from June 7-9th in Sault St. Marie, and on Tuesday, June 19th, Rachel Arnaud, Port Hope's Archivist, is talking on **Overland and Overnight**, about stagecoach travel and the old hostelrys in our region where travellers put up.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Phil Goldsmith**



## Annual General Meeting

Thursday, 22nd February, 7pm for 7:30  
Sculthorpe Room, Capitol Theatre

Once more the Annual General Meeting draws near — our 53rd — marking the end of Chairman Goldsmith's term, when we survey what our branch has undertaken over the past twelve months and look forward to future plans.

One order of business will be to vote for next year's Executive, three of whom are new, and information on the Slate and these new candidates is overleaf.

We'll also discover who's to receive the annual **Marion Garland Award** for the year's finest instances of architectural conservancy or restoration in this region.

There will then be a short break, after which our **Guest Speaker, Chris Mahood, of the Ontario Heritage Trust** will offer an overview of the heritage system in Ontario, illustrated with great examples of restoration and adaptive reuse.

Chris is the Manager of the Operations Unit at the Ontario Heritage Trust where he has responsibility for the Trust's portfolio of cultural heritage properties. Prior to the Trust, he worked at Ontario's Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport where he held a variety of positions. These included providing advisory services and training to municipalities and heritage stakeholders on the conservation of cultural heritage resources, commenting on environmental assessments and planning

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applications, working with ministries and public bodies to ensure the conservation of provincially-owned heritage properties and supporting the implementation of the federal-provincial-territorial Historic Places Initiative. He has also held positions at the City of Kitchener, the City of Burlington and Archaeological Services Inc. He has a BA in Anthropology and Comparative Development Studies from Trent University, and an MA in Community and Regional Planning from the University of British Columbia.

As usual, there will be food and drink to enjoy before and after the business part of the meeting, and following the conclusion of the Guest Speaker's talk.

*See you there!*

**The ACO Executive Slate is:**

**Julie Mavis** – elect as Chair

**Bruce Bowden** – elect as Vice Chair

**Susan Carmichael** – elect as Secretary

**Matt Desbarbieux** – re-elect as Executive Member

**Ted Holmes** – elect as Executive Member

The following Executive Members were elected last year for a two year term and are not required to stand for re-election at this time:

Treasurer: **Hugh Parker**; Executive Members: **Terry Hill**, **Anna Gray**, **Joanne Marrison**, and **Jo Anne Mathew**.

**Phil Goldsmith** will continue for one more year in the role of Past Chair.

**New candidates for election:**

**Bruce Bowden** has lived in Port Hope since 2009 and joined ACO a year later. While a member of Western's History Department for sixteen years, he also carried out a variety of administrative roles in the Social Science Dean's office for much of that period. While Registrar at Trinity College, U of T for twenty years, he also taught an annual seminar as an Adjunct appointee to the University's History Dept. He has produced papers and lectures on various topics, such as Vernacular Architecture, Georgian style Canadian furniture, first nations and Loyalist histories, as well as WWI and WWII subjects. Has extensive volunteer experience, having sat on various committees and boards, most recently for the Northumberland Learning Connection, Port Hope Library Board and as Chair of the ACO's Advocacy Committee.

**Susan Carmichael** has over 30 years experience in the retail financial services industry in North America, Mexico and the UK. Also, for 25 years has provided accounting and administrative support for a spousal business. With two others she self-published a book on Gardens in Northumberland County, and volunteered for 9 years on the Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation Finance Committee. Between 2009 and 2014 she was a Director, then Secretary, for the ACO, and from 2008-10 chaired its House Tour Committee. Her present role on the Community Futures Development Corp. in Northumberland County continues till 2020.

**Ted Holmes** worked in senior management in broadcast television, with a proven record in engineering, operations and project management. For various organizations evaluated, selected and integrated new technologies into their infrastructure. Also managed many design/build construction projects in North America. Ted and his wife Christine moved to Port Hope in 2016. They joined ACO, finding its mission accorded with their own strong interests in heritage conservation. Ted will be joining the Board of the Capitol Theatre in April and has accepted an invitation to join the ACO Advocacy Committee.

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## Projects Does it Again: Two adjacent stores get a face-lift

Add another success to the list of downtown buildings recently restored with financial support from the Port Hope ACO. Only a few weeks ago, work was completed on two Victorian commercial blocks, namely 65 and 67 Walton Street. The buildings, which house two of the most enduring businesses in town — Furby House Books and Lent’s Travel — were treated to a thorough masonry restoration. Under the watch of RTM, a Mississauga-based restoration contractor, an overcoat of paint was painstakingly removed from both facades, while the brickwork was entirely repointed. When the work was done, no less than 500 worn and damaged bricks had to be replaced.

This is the latest project in which the ACO has allocated funds — money collected from your generous donations, the house tour, the auction and other fund-raising activities — to deserving buildings in town. Our projects are ongoing and we are always willing to entertain inquiries. If your house is designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, it just might qualify. Be advised that grants are allocated to restoration projects, not routine maintenance. You can get more information by writing committee chair Tom Cruickshank at [tecruickshank@gmail.com](mailto:tecruickshank@gmail.com).



65 & 67 Walton Street

## ACO 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Antiques & Artifacts Auction and Tag Sale

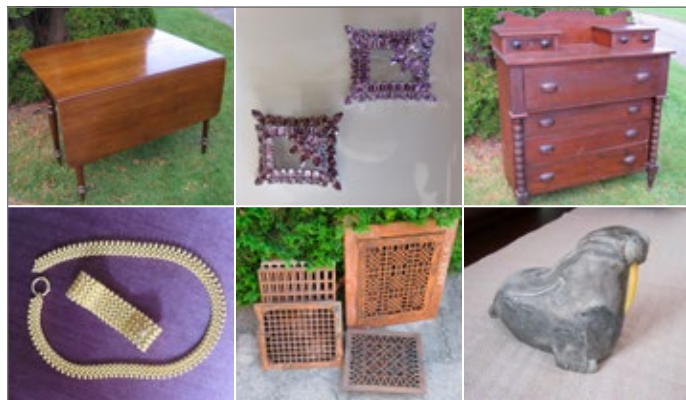
Sunday April 22rd, 2018

Come early, browse and buy, pick up a bid number, check the catalogue, have lunch, bid often. This is a fund raiser as well as a fun event. Don't miss it!

To donate items to the sale call Ed Pamentor (905-885-2737) or Joan Tooke (905-885-1116). The deadline is April 2, 2018.

Closer to the event, check the ACO website [acoporthope.ca](http://acoporthope.ca). This year we are also on Instagram ([antiquesandartifactsporthope](https://www.instagram.com/antiquesandartifactsporthope)) and will soon be on Facebook.

A previous donor told us the volunteers helped remove many of our precious things for the auction that we later happily attended, saw these items moving on to new homes, and were rewarded by charitable donation receipts.



## ANTIQUES & ARTIFACTS

Sunday April 22 2018

Town Park Recreation Centre —  
McCaul Street, Port Hope

9:30 Expanded *Gardens R Us*  
and *Chairs R Us* sales, Fall Fair Centre

10:00 Tag Sale and other specialized sales,  
Town Park Recreation Centre

10:00 Auction preview and Silent Auction begin

12:30 Auction starts. Absentee bidding available.

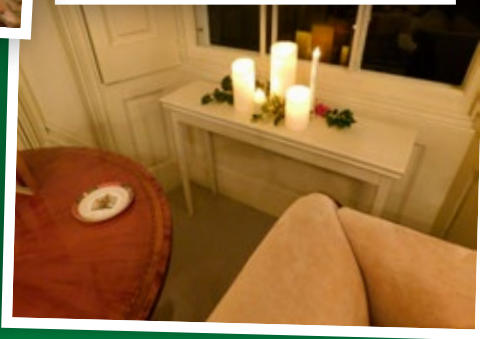
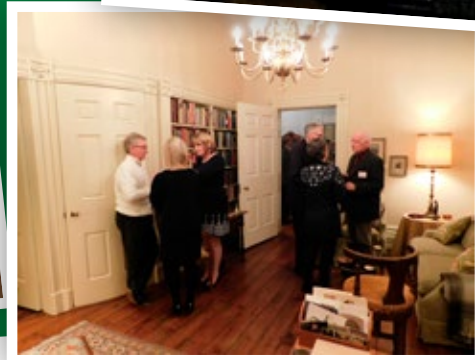
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# ACO Christmas Party at the Bluestone





# 2018 ACO Cobourg/East Northumberland Bus Tour to Kingston

Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**It's time to book your seat on this year's trip to the beautiful limestone city of Kingston where we will see several examples of 19th century buildings that have been preserved and given different roles than those their builders intended.**

**O**ur trip begins with a guided driving tour of Ontario's earliest Heritage Conservation District.

Tiny Barriefield Village is home to over 40 carefully preserved, designated houses that date from as early as 1814. We'll see several "infill buildings" that have gone up since the 1980s.

We will then cross the Causeway into downtown Kingston and head for the Frontenac Club, built in 1845 as a local branch of the Bank of Montreal. It was converted in 1906 to a gentleman's club and in 2000 became an inn. We'll have coffee and refreshments here and then walk two blocks to the City Hall (those who prefer to take the bus may do so).

Paul Robertson the City Curator and his staff will give us a tour of this magnificent 1842 building, built when Kingston was the capitol of the combined provinces of Upper and Lower Canada.

Lunch will be served in the nave of the 1837 stone chapel that is now known as the Renaissance Event Venue. The gourmet meal will include "Chicken Breast Fricassee with a White Wine and Mushroom Sauce" (Vegan stuffed pepper is an option if you don't want the chicken).

Just down the street is the 1886 Queen Street Methodist Church which now houses the award winning conversion known as "The Sanctuary". The Frontenac Heritage Foundation Award states that "this innovative office and event

space, housed within a significant heritage structure, provides a model of conservation and re-purposing in downtown Kingston."

Next we're off to the waterfront and Queen's University. Two old stone buildings that were once a brewery and a distillery have been converted into the Tett Centre and Isobel Bader Performing Arts Centre. The former houses galleries, offices and a restaurant, while the latter has a world renowned concert hall that we will visit.

A quick driving tour of the Queen's Campus will lead us toward the Sydenham Ward, the Kingston neighbourhood, which is full of restored historic houses. We'll also be shown several of the 19th century 'villas' that were built by Kingston's 'movers and shakers' on what were then the outskirts of town.

Bidding farewell to Kingston, we'll visit Bath on our way home. We'll tour the 1796 Fairfield-Gutzeit House which was donated by the original owner's great granddaughter, furnished as it was when she left the house to the Saint Lawrence Parks Commission in her will.

Our last stop will be across the street at Ham House. Those who came on the Amherst Island tour will remember Ron Tasker giving us a thorough tour of his monumental work-in-progress. You'll be glad to hear that the painstakingly authentic restoration of the exterior is

finished and the interior is well on the way to completion. Ron will give us a brief re-cap of the trials and victories in this rehabilitation saga.

As always, our trip home will include a celebratory happy hour to round out the day!

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 25th of April. – **Des Conacher**

The bus **leaves** Port Hope at 8:00 a.m. and Cobourg at 8:15 a.m.

Prices are \$90 for members; \$100 for non-members.

Make out cheque to ACO Cobourg/ East Northumberland, 'Kingston'. Your cheque guarantees a seat on the bus.

Our rule is, cancellers must find a substitute or lose payment. If we have a waiting list, there's no problem.

**Do not fail** to include your email, phone #, address, and the name and daytime phone #. of a contact person in case of emergencies; also which ACO branch you belong to.

Mail or drop off to 184 Ontario St. Cobourg, K9A 3B5 c/o Gail Rayment.

Queries to Des Conacher at **705 924-1504**, or (preferably) email to **kordconacher@gmail.com**.

## Evenings Talk: Overland & Overnight

Tuesday, 7pm. June 19th,  
at Port Hope Library

Rachel Arnaud, Port Hope Archivist, will be talking on the travails of travel in 19th century Ontario, and in particular on William Weller's wonderful stagecoach service which transported travelers between the major cities, and the local inns and hostelrys where they put up.

**\$20 members, \$25 non-members, includes Wine and Refreshments. Make out cheque to ACO Port Hope, 'Overland', and mail to: Beeson, 305-148 Third Street, Cobourg, K9A 5X2. (Do not fail to include name, email, and telephone number)**

For more information call Patsy Beeson at 905.373.4512, or, preferably, email [pbeeson@eagle.ca](mailto:pbeeson@eagle.ca).

## Hard Matters behind Hard Copy: The Dollars and Cents of the Printed Page

Undeniably there's something very agreeable about holding a printed page in your hands and reading it...and setting it by to read again later if you so wish. Which is why a number of our members like to receive the printed version of ACO Matters (those actually without emails are in single digits). But sadly the pleasure comes at a cost. Because these are rising, once again the subject of the hard copy version of the newsletter and the expense involved in producing it arose at a meeting of the executive.

At present the printed newsletter received by 141 of our members costs ACO Port Hope \$10 per person annually. This covers the postage, printing, paper, envelopes and the labels required for the mailing (that's another thing about the printed version — it's very labour intensive, but this is not our point). ACO Membership is \$35. When one considers that ACO Central office claims \$18 of this, you'll appreciate that very little remains after that additional \$10 is deducted — all of \$7 in fact — to go towards supporting the wonderful conservation objectives which we work so hard to achieve.

We'd prefer not to raise the membership fee to cover this shortfall. Instead we wondered whether we might ask recipients of the published version if they might consider either receiving the email version and printing it off, as many of our members do, or making an annual donation to defray the expenses incurred. We trust this won't seem unreasonable. If you decide on the latter and feel you would like to make a donation of this kind, please send it to The Treasurer, ACO Port Hope Branch, PO Box 563, Port Hope, L1A 3Z4, and label it **Printed Matters**. — Editor

## Taking Care of the Caretaker's Cottage

Winter was hard on the Caretaker's Cottage in the large Cemetery on Toronto Street where our ACO Executive meetings are held. Unfortunately the extreme cold caused the furnace to fail. As a result the water meter broke, water filled the basement and the Municipality took the step of shutting off the water supply. Consequently the Executive meeting of January 4th was held at Furby House Books. However, since then Dan MacKenzie has repaired the burst pipes, and the furnace is chugging along once again. The Municipality has re-opened the water valves, and all is well at the Cottage now — we hope! — Ed Pamerter



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## Three more Wesleyville Properties to be Restored

After 8 years of negotiations, the ink is on the paper. The Friends of Wesleyville Village (FOWV) has signed a 20-year lease with Ontario Power Generation (OPG) for the provincially-listed heritage schoolhouse and Oughtred house properties along with the woodlot between the Church and the Barrowclough house to the east.

In the heritage village, the restored church at 2082 Lakeshore Road, Port Hope, is functioning well and the FOWV has 12 more years on the 20-year lease from the United Church of Canada.

Now we need to begin the process of restoring the heritage schoolhouse, the Oughtred house and barn for community, visitors' and educational uses. We're also planning to restore natural habitat areas and create nature trails on the newly leased property.

The Friends of Wesleyville Village would like to thank the ACO and its members for the on-going advocacy and support provided for the conservation of Wesleyville. Together we look forward to many more great years of community, natural and cultural heritage preservation and promotion in Port Hope.

At the FOWV Annual General Meeting on Wednesday April 4, 2018 a tour of the village properties will be offered to all.



Dec 4, 2017: Lease arrangement meeting with OPG.

From the left: Connie Hergert, Cathie Sanford and Jennifer Knox of OPG. From the centre: Paul Andrus, Sue Stickley, Kerri-Sue Lang and Kathryn McHolm of Friends of Wesleyville Village. Petra Becker, FOWV treasurer, was unable to attend. Thank you to the ACO Port Hope for the meeting room and on-going support.

## 2018 Ontario Heritage Conference: June 7 – 9 Returning to Sault Ste. Marie!

Sault Ste. Marie hosted the very first heritage conference in 1988 and thirty years later they're hosting it again. A great opportunity to re-visit this wonderful region!

The local organizing committee has been planning the event for several years now, with a view to showing off their region's considerable heritage assets. The program is shaping up to allow the attendees to visit local heritage sites and venues; among them the Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre, the Heritage Discovery Centre, and the Algoma Conservation Building.

The social program and tours offered during the conference

and on Sunday will provide choices to explore the sites and the history. This beautiful area is a gateway to the canal, and is surrounded by natural beauty.

The main venue will be the Delta Sault Ste. Marie Waterfront Hotel and Conference Centre. Group rates will range from \$139 for a Delta room to \$159 for a Deluxe room offering a waterfront superior view. For budgeting purposes, flights from Toronto to Sault Ste. Marie are less than \$300.

The conference website [www.ontarioheritageconference.ca](http://www.ontarioheritageconference.ca) will keep you updated as planning progresses.



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# Major Upcoming Events

## Annual General Meeting

Thursday, February 22 (p. 1)

## Antiques & Artifacts Auction

Sunday, April 22 (p. 3)

## Bus Tour to Kingston

Wednesday, April 25 (p. 5)

## 2018 Ontario Heritage Conference

June 7-9 (p. 7)

## Evenings talk: *Overland & Overnight*

Tuesday, June 19 (p. 6)

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