

Communiqué

Working to Conserve London's Heritage by providing contemporary uses for heritage properties

A Quarterly Newsletter

Summer 2007

New Groups at the Lodge

Grosvenor Lodge would like to extend a warm welcome its new tenants, and introduce them to the Heritage London Foundation. With the arrival of these groups, there is a full house again at the lodge

Heart-Links

Heart-Links was founded in 1994 by Sister Janet Zadorsky with the goal of improving the living conditions for the people of Northern Peru. She saw Heart-Links as an effort to bridge the gap from isolation to friendship; from the deadening situations of disease, hunger and illiteracy to life-giving support in friendship

and/or funds. Heart-Links became an autonomous non-profit organization with charitable status in January, 2003.

Osteoporosis Canada

Osteoporosis Canada, a registered charity, is the only national organization serving people who have, or are at risk of, osteoporosis. The organization works to educate, empower and support individuals and communities in the prevention and treatment of osteoporosis.

McCabe Landscaping

A local landscaping company who specializes in all types of landscaping and gardening projects.

Outside the Lines

Outside-the-lines Coaching and consulting is a Life Coaching Business focusing on individual coaching and personal development workshop retreats. Life Coaching offers a unique opportunity where anything is possible for your future and for self-development. For all that is possible if you dare to dream, dare to break the rules and dare to live 'Outside-the-Lines'.

A Busy Summer Ahead

There have been numerous upgrades at both Grosvenor Lodge and the Elsie Perrin Williams Estate. The newly renovated hardwood floors at the Lodge have received many compliments from guests and brides alike, with a new carpet from Ruth Drake Alloway completing the look. Ron Benner has again been busy in the garden, and the result of all of these improvements has been an increase in bookings. Likewise, the Estate has benefited from new carpeting from Fred Kingsmill.

Greening Up At Grosvenor, the annual environmental summer camp held at Grosvenor Lodge, is again shaping up to be a big success. With 70 kids already

signed up, only session 3 has space remaining. We would like to welcome back Rebecca Chandler, our great counsellor from years past, and our new counsellor Chris Hannay. Together they have been working hard on bringing the best elements from previous years, while updating the activities for this new year.

Bookings at both Grosvenor Lodge and the Elsie Perrin Williams Estate have increased this year. To date, the Lodge has 11 weddings, while the Estate has 51. The properties have also seen a significant growth in other events with numerous

meetings and retreats are being held at both properties. This past weekend Stan C. Reade Photography held its annual Photo Day at the Estate. This event attracts 2,000 - 3,000 people every year.

Upcoming on July 18th will be our annual "Croquet Anyone?" fund raising to support the continued use of the properties. For \$50.00 (a \$25.00 tax receipt will be issued) you can play croquet, enjoy a delectable meal prepared by our caterers and an opportunity to socialize under the warm summer sky.

Jan Dickinson
Estate Manager

Greetings from the Chair



Thank you for the faith you placed in me by selecting me as Chairman of the Heritage London Foundation Board. It is truly an honour to serve you in

this capacity and to be a part of the heritage sector in London. I am appreciative of the excellent work that Genet Hodder has accomplished for the organization and hope that we can continue in the directions she has wisely set for the organization.

I am very pleased with members who have volunteered to be on this year's board. In this newsletter is a list of these people and how to contact us if needed. Let me especially welcome 3 new board members: Mary-Jane MacKenzie, Diana Coates and Kevan Ashworth. I am de-

lighted that they have gotten involved in the committees and are actively participating in our work.

We will be participating in several important activities during the remainder of the year. The Membership Committee will launch a new initiative to attract corporate interest in Heritage London Foundation. We will offer companies an opportunity to sponsor our organization and they will benefit by having their names and logos prominently displayed in our literature and at our heritage sites.

The Programs Committee has a number of activities planned:

- Croquet Anyone? is our annual board fundraiser to be held at Elsie Perrin Williams Estate on Wednesday, July 18th at 5:00PM.
- All Candidates Meeting on Heritage will be held in September prior to the October provincial election. We hope to hear how London candidates would support our valuable built

heritage when elected.

Our staff is running flat out with all the wedding and other events being held at both the estate and the lodge. We continue to be very successful with this side of our business thanks to the efforts of our manager, Jan Dickinson, and her excellent staff. Be sure to see Jan's report in this newsletter for more details.

Finally, thank you for belonging to Heritage London Foundation. We live busy lives and many of you may wish to be more involved in preserving London's heritage but can't find the time. We value your support through your membership and we hope you enjoy the Communiqué Newsletter. If you have any suggestions or ideas you wish to pass on please contact us at Grosvenor Lodge. We'd love to hear from you.

John Manness
Chair, Heritage London Foundation

Doors Open London set for September 22nd and 23rd

Get set for a lively Doors Open London weekend on September 22nd and 23rd, when 51 sites of historic, architectural, or environmental interest will be open to the public, free of charge.

This year's list of heritage sites include nine new locations. You can visit the old Victoria Tavern, where Queen Victoria is slated to be on hand, Masonic Hall, the Thames Valley Golf Course, the antiques shoppe on Wellington St., and the magnificent St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica. Please check our website, www.doorsopenlondon.ca for details, or pick up a map-guide by late July at Tourism London bureaus, libraries, and museums and most participating sites.

Regular Doors Open hours are 10 to 4 on Saturday and Sunday, but some sites have limited hours of opening and some are open one day only. For example, the

doors of Grosvenor Lodge and the adjacent Coach House, home to the family history library of the Genealogical Society of Ontario, will be open on Sunday only. Always check hours of opening, listed on the map/guide or website, when you plan your Doors Open tour.

Doors Open London's outstanding new coordinator is Dana Sloan, whose office under the Heritage London umbrella is at Grosvenor Lodge, 529-645-2845. She is regularly in her office on Mondays and Tuesdays.

The Lost Soul Stroll, a companion event to Doors Open London, will guide mystery lovers from the forks of the Thames

through downtown London to meet costumed figures who tell true and ghostly stories from our past. A sell-out performance during its first two

years, this year's rendition of the Lost Soul Stroll has exciting new characters as well as old favourites. Written by Jason Rip with research done by the late Chris Doty, it will be directed this year by Jeff Culbert. Performances will start Doors Open weekend

and run throughout October. For dates, times, and ticket details, check the Doors Open website.

Get set for a great Doors Open London experience!

Genet Hodder
Chair, DOL Organizing Committee





Landmarks London is in Transition

This spring a consulting firm brought forward a series of recommendations to assist Landmarks London to improve the organization. This led to the formation of a Steering Committee under the able guidance of Alan Cohen. The members include: Brian Meehan (Museum London), Sheila Johnson (Fanshawe Pioneer Village), Jim Good (London Arts Council), James Reaney (London Free Press), Tammy Adkins (London Children's Museum), Judy Bryant (London City Councilor) and I.

A Vision and Mission statement was developed for a new organization to be known as London Heritage Council, with a much broader mandate to better serve the heritage community in London and modeled on the success of the London Arts Council. The recommendations of the committee were presented to Landmarks London at a special meeting held in June

and they were enthusiastically approved (see below).

The steering committee is now wrestling with implementation issues as it works to organize a new board for the London Heritage Council, find funding to cover costs of organizing and staffing for this year and undertake the many tasks required to obtain charitable organization status.

I am confident that, with careful consideration and effective relationship building with the city and the heritage community, the London Heritage Council will be an essential factor in making built and cultural heritage a valuable component of life in London.

Respectfully submitted,
John Manness

Landmarks Transition Steering Committee Recommendations

1. Landmarks transform itself into a new not-for-profit umbrella resource organization to be called London Heritage Council.
2. The Vision/Mission of the new London Heritage Council be as follows:

VISION/MISSION OF THE LONDON HERITAGE COUNCIL

The London Heritage Council will enhance the quality of life and civic commitment of all Londoners through the preservation, promotion and celebration of local heritage resources and activities, and will encourage a sense of place and civic memory in London's diverse community.

The London Heritage Council is the primary resource for programs and services that provide information, education, consultation and networking opportunities to the entire Heritage community, Londoners, and visitors.

Following acceptance of Recommendations 1 and 2 the Steering Committee further recommends that Landmarks empower the Steering Committee to :

3. designate a new interim Board of Directors for the London Heritage Council, it being understood that no staff of Heritage organizations would be eligible to serve on the new Board of the LHC.
4. begin immediate discussions with the City of London re a range of possible contract services the LHC may want to negotiate, including a new London Heritage Investment Program, (HIP) to distribute funds to a new Category 2 level of Heritage organizations and individuals.
5. prepare under legal supervision by-laws that follow the general outline as per the attached Appendix 1 (not available yet) and incorporate as a charitable organization.

The Committee agreed that recommendations 1 and 2 need to be approved as is, and that issues re 3, 4, 5 were dependent upon the approval of the Board of Landmarks approving 1 and 2 and authorizing the Steering Committee to proceed with the transition/transformation of Landmarks into the London Heritage Council.

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HLF PLANS PROGRAMS FOR 2007

Heritage London will hold an all candidates meeting again this fall—this time for the provincial election. It will be co-hosted with Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, London Branch at the Elsie Perrin Williams Estate. The focus, as before with the municipal election, will invite comment on issues relating to heritage preservation: the Ontario Municipal Board, Ontario Realty Corporation, and the newly strengthened Ontario Heritage Act will be likely topics on the agenda. The tentative date for the meeting is September 25, just after Doors Open London weekend. Watch for further details.

Program plans for the next year also include two different workshops on home restoration with Chris Cooper of Edifice Magazine in late January. These will be on two consecutive days. The first would be the basic course on home restoration, the second on a new topic to our workshop series.

Croquet Anyone?

You are invited to an engaging evening of croquet on the elegant grounds of Elsie Perrin Williams Estate

*Wednesday July 18th 2007
5:00 p.m.*

\$50.00 per person

*Croquet followed by a Delectable Dinner starting at 7:00 p.m.
A Silent Auction will be running throughout the evening.*

*For information or tickets call
519-432-7961*

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