

Guelph Historical Society

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Newsletter - September 2004

Founders' Day 2004

On Friday, April 23rd the GHS held its annual Founders' Day event. This year the tree planting ceremony was a collaborative effort with Guelph Museums. GHS organizer Betty-Anne Stammers and Guelph Museums' Coordinator of Public Programs, Val Harrison saw the event as an opportunity for both organizations to combine their annual events celebrating the founding of Guelph. The tree planting ceremony took place at Gore Park on Waterloo Avenue (just east of the Guelph Civic Museum). As well as commemorating the 177th Birthday of Guelph, this year's event also acknowledged some other important anniversaries. The 150th Anniversary of Woodlawn Memorial Park, the 150th Anniversary of the County of Wellington, as well as the 150th Anniversary of the Guelph Collegiate Vocational Institute were also observed with special guests representing these organizations in attendance. After the tree planting those in attendance was invited back to the Guelph Civic Museum where museum consultant Sandy Lucs of Vilnis Design gave an informative presentation on the history of the Guelph Civic Museum. The collaborative event was viewed as a success by all and Guelph Museums' Val Harrison stated she hoped this event would lead to further collaborations between the GHS and Guelph Museums.



GCVI Student Council President Jay Dickieson, Guelph Museums Board of Management Member Anne Holman and GHS President Andrew Thomson cut the cake celebrating Founders' Day. Photo courtesy of Guelph Museums.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 5th, 2004 @ 7:30 pm
St. Andrew's Church – 161 Norfolk St., Guelph

October Speaker:

Joyce Pharoah – Riverslea: A Mystical Mansion.

Once the home of the Goldie family, Riverslea mansion was purchased by the Homewood in 1946 and renovated to become part of the hospital complex. As the Coordinator of Library & Archive Services, Pharoah has worked at Guelph's Homewood Health Centre for 23 years. With over 250 users a day, the library serves staff and patients, and employs 50 volunteers a week. Joyce is familiar with the history of the grounds and has offered tours of Riverslea for the past 5 years. Admission to the meeting is free and all are welcomed.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM CHANGE

November Speaker:

Terry Copp – The Canadians and the Liberation of the Netherlands 1944 - 1945



One of Guelph's founding fathers, "Tiger Dunlop" (as portrayed by Woodlawn Memorial Park's Paul Taylor) mingles amongst the public and assists with the tree planting. Photo courtesy of Guelph Museums.

Important Notice for GHS Members

Included in this newsletter mailing is a membership renewal form. Please return this form with your membership dues for the upcoming year. If you have already paid, please check that your personal information is correct and return the form, marking it 'paid'. Completed forms are helpful to the membership chair, so that the mailing list may be kept up to date. No further reminders to renew will be issued; your 2004 membership expires on **December 31, 2004**. - Pat Bowley, Membership Chair

Become a Member!

Complete this form and mail to the GHS with your cheque payable to the Guelph Historical Society

First Name _____
 Last Name _____
 Street Address _____
 Town/City _____
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Choose Type of Membership

Single	\$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Institutional	\$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family	\$35.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student	\$12.50	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lifetime	\$175.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Donation*	\$ _____	

** A portion of the membership fee is eligible for a tax receipt. A tax receipt will be issued for additional donations of \$10.00 or more.*

The Verne McIlwraith Award Essay Contest

“Shaping A Community – How Immigrants Have Enhanced Our City”

Essays (approximately 2500 – 3000 words) will be judged on their originality, literary style and research.



Cash Prizes!

1st Prize \$500
 2nd Prize \$350
 3rd Prize \$200

An extra \$50 awarded to a first-time entrant prize winner

Deadline: January 31, 2005

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*Any requests for submissions for the next newsletter must be forwarded to Judi prior to **October 10th** so they can be brought forward for consideration at the next meeting of the GHS Board of Directors.*

