YPHS Annual Dinner

Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2013
Place: The Coach House on Sunnybrook Estates
2075 Bayview Ave, Toronto
Time: 6:30 p.m. for dinner at 7 p.m.
Cost: $78 for members, $82 for non-members
Parking: Complimentary!
RSVP: Micki Allen, by phone (416) 968-2658 or email mickiallen@marac.com before Friday, May 31

Cheques must be in our mailbox (address above) by Friday, May 31.

Silent Book Auction
The ever-popular auction of books on the history of Toronto and York (primarily) helps defray dinner costs.
If you have a book in good condition that you wish to donate, please contact archivist John Marshall at (416) 961-4420.

Need a Ride to Sunnybrook?
If you would like to attend the dinner but do not have transportation, we will do our best to arrange a ride. Please call Audrey at (416) 656-0812

Guest Speaker: Dr John Carter, author and historian; Director of the Ontario Historical Society; vice-chair of the East York Foundation and a long-time York Pioneer will speak on “The Result of Rebellion: North American Political Prisoners in Van Diemen’s Land”.

Although the Rebellions of 1837-1838 began in December 1837, in 1838 there were at least 13 armed invasions of Canada from the United States. This year marks the 175th anniversary of these unsuccessful attempts to overthrow British rule in Upper Canada.

Dr. Carter’s illustrated presentation explains the events in Upper Canada that resulted in the transportation of 93 English-speaking “Patriot Exiles” to Van Diemen’s Land. These men became political prisoners for participating in the Upper Canadian Rebellion of 1838. Dr. Carter will describe their lives in the penal system, their period of probation, and time of freedom prior to their return to Canada and the United States.

Note: Copies of the special rebellion themed Ontario History (published by the Ontario Historical Society) will be available for $10.

Left: The Coach House at Sunnybrook Estates, the venue for this year’s dinner.
Book early for this popular event; the Coach House accommodates just 40 diners!
On April 27, at Scadding Cabin, the YPHS ad hoc War of 1812 committee hosted a group of approximately 300 people who were taking part in a walk to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Battle of York. Several purchased a copy of the 2013 York Pioneer and/or joined our society.

A perfect spring day for the festivities!

The 2013 York Pioneer launch was held from 1-2 pm with about 60 in attendance. Stephen Fuller fiddled, Hannah Shira Naiman sang and RH Thomson read from the 1813 diary of Ely Playter - and our own David Raymont gave a rendition of Flumerfelt’s The Bold Canadian.

Organizers ordered exquisite spring weather for the commemoration of the Battle of York and the launch of the 108th volume of The York Pioneer. Actor RH Thomson generously donated his time; Exhibition Place gave us parking passes for the day; visitors came from far and wide to attend the event and enjoy treats under a brilliant sun and we welcomed many new members to our society.

Fourteen of our 15 board members, as well as several members, volunteered their time, several from 9 a.m. until after 3 p.m.

All in all, a great day, thanks to the efforts of many!
President Ken Carter welcomes guests to the launch of the 2013 York Pioneer; Andrew Marshall unfurls our flag.

Barry Mapes, Doreen Moor Mapes, Cheryl Kennedy (a Playter descendant) and actor RH Thomson who read from Ely Playter’s April 27, 1813 diary pages that described the American invasion of York.

Carolyn King, former Chief of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation with, from top, youth volunteer Devon Jones, YPHS board member Barry Mapes and fiddler Stephen Fuller

Right: York Pioneer editor Audrey Fox, far left, introduces and thanks contributors to the 2013 York Pioneer.

Left to right: David Raymont, Linda Kelly, Marilyn Horwood, Andrew Marshall, Nancy Robinson Eves, Patricia Robertson, David A. Jarvis, Michael Anastasakis, John Marshall and Lisa Jemison

Absent: Katharine Williams, Chris Raible and graphic designer Richard Peachey

Hannah Shira Naiman

Stephen Fuller

David Raymont presented RH Thomson with the 2013 York Pioneer

Photo: Taylor Kennedy

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The YPHS extends a warm welcome to the following new members: R K Watson, Matthew Singleton, David A. Jarvis, Dawn Ayer, John Healy, Ian Smith, Mark Winter, Linda Young, John, Elsie & Michael Anastakis, Brian Green, Margaret Kowal, John MacDonald, Michael Breen, James Maynard, Nancy Eves, Virginia Lund, Sheila Holland, Robert Kerns and Patricia MacLean.

Board member Andrew Kennedy Marshall has become a Life Member.

And of note: four sisters are now members, the great grand-daughters of our founder, Richard Oates - Marilyn Horwood of Toronto, Judith Sales and Virginia Lund of Victoria and Sheila Holland of Comox.

Lost Life Members: over the years, we have lost touch with some Life Members. If you know how we can reach any of the following, please phone Membership chair Alwyn Robertson at (416) 932-8154 or drop a line to yorkpioneers@gmail.com

RE Barron, Iva D Curry, Mr & Mrs Evan Dickson, Dr. John Elder, WA Harris, Paul Millar, Mrs. RG Pearse, Leeds Richardson, Mrs NS Robertson, Edna Robinson, Mrs. Don Sharpe, Mrs NL Thompson and Dorothy White

New Update Editor

The YPHS board is very pleased to welcome Matthew Singleton to our board to fill the “Publicity” position (editor of The Update). Matthew worked on this issue and will, with the summer issue, take over as full editor.

The YPHS joined Volunteer Toronto two years ago. The annual $50 fee includes the ability to advertise for volunteers on the Volunteer Toronto website; that is how Matthew found us.

Matthew has an undergraduate degree in History and a Masters in Library and Information Science. He is a librarian who currently works as a business researcher with a large accounting firm; he also writes for Bookshop Blog on a semi-regular basis.

As well, several years ago Matthew worked at the Trinity College archives at U of T. He has long had an interest in Toronto's history.

“I’m looking forward to creating future newsletters and welcome any suggestions for, or contribution of, content. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at yphsupdate@gmail.com”, wrote Matthew.

Thank you to Dana Webster for her technical expertise & proofing, and to the many other proofreader who caught many errors!

~ Audrey Fox

SCADDING CABIN PART OF DOORS OPEN TORONTO

Scadding Cabin, Toronto’s oldest building, will be open May 25 and 26, from 2-5 p.m. both days.

The theme for this 14th annual event is “Creators, Makers and Innovators”. If you would like to volunteer at the Cabin for Doors Open, please call Kristine at (647) 202-4465 or send a note to kristine.janzen@gmail.com

Scadding Cabin on April 27, 2013   Photo: Taylor Kennedy

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