



Historically Speaking

The Newsletter of the Cobourg and
District Historical Society

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Feasting and Fasting: Canada's Heritage Celebrations

The Cobourg and District Historical Society invites you to join us for our Annual Social Event. After conversation, hors d'œuvre, coffee, tea and a cash bar, we will be treated by the renowned heritage food expert Dorothy Duncan.

Our social event and meeting is on Tuesday, May 31, starting at 3:00 pm at the Cobourg Yacht Club, 100 Third Street, Cobourg, ON.

Tickets are \$20.00 per person and may be purchased at 66 King Street East or from Judith Goulin, 905 372 7684. Please purchase tickets as early as possible so that we can make the necessary arrangements. All are welcome so bring a friend!

CDHS Membership Renewal

Since the end of our membership year on March 31, 2011 only 40 of our 80 memberships have been renewed. The largest part of the Society's income is derived from membership dues so we are crucially dependent on this support. We ask members to get their renewals in before the summer vacation season. For financial planning over the summer we need a good idea of what our resources will be. Also knowing what the member base will be helps guide the planning of next year's programs and activities. Please take a moment to send in your renewal (a form is attached for your convenience) and accept our thanks – we look forward to seeing you in the Fall. Have a wonderful summer!

Submissions

The CDHS Newsletter welcomes submissions – short articles, announcements, book reviews, letters to the editor, etc. – that will be of interest to members in the Cobourg area. Articles should generally be limited to 300 words although exceptions can be made. Submissions should be sent to the editor at 24 Pebble Beach Drive, Cobourg, ON, K9A 2C5 or by email to newsletter@cdhs.ca.

From the Archives

Name That Building



Photograph courtesy of the CDHS Archives

Where in Cobourg was this building?

The Arlington Hotel was on King Street East opposite College Street. The hotel opened in 1874 and was the centre for the American Colony in Cobourg. Madame Albertini (pictured to the right), the daughter of Doctor Edward Scovel of Detroit and a talented singer, ran the hotel for many years. The hotel's popularity declined after the Great War and it was closed in the late



1920s. After a fire the hotel was demolished in 1937. The hotel's former grounds are now part of Victoria Park.

Two other hotels, the Columbian Hotel and Lakeview House, were located in the same area of King Street East as the Arlington Hotel.



Notes and Notices

Book Signing

Jill Downie who will be the speaker at the September CDHS meeting and authored *A Passionate Pen* and *Storming the Castle*, will be at the Avid Reader on Thursday, June 9th at 1 P.M. to sign copies of her first mystery book, *Daggers and Men's Smiles*. The subject of the book is the war years in Guernsey where the author once lived and went to school.

Jill would love to see you at the Avid Reader!

CDHS Dues

Your annual CDHS membership fees are now due. Please send a cheque to Martha Watson, 381 Ontario Street, Cobourg, ON K9A 3B9 or pay at our next meeting.

Heart of Northumberland Garden Tour

The Heart of Northumberland Garden Tour takes place on Sunday, June 26, 2011, from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. in the lovely countryside near Cobourg. Included in the tour is a serene heritage homestead, built circa 1880 on a hill in Baltimore and offering breathtaking panoramic views. Long before the land was cleared by Irish immigrants, this was the site of an ancient native burial ground.

Tickets are \$25 and are available from Pineridge Nursery and Cobourg Paint and Wallpaper. For more information please visit www.heartofnorthumberland.ca or call 905-885-6422.

Ontario Heritage Conference

The Ontario Heritage Conference is being held in Cobourg on June 3-5. Complete information regarding the conference programme and registration information can be found at www.cobourgtourism.ca/heritage.htm. You can register on-line or by telephone to 905-372-1005 x4455 or 1-888-262-6874.

The conference includes a keynote address, panel discussions, various concurrent sessions, a downtown walking tour, a reception at the Art Gallery of Northumberland, a dinner at the Yacht Club, a ghost walk, a bus tour of heritage landmarks with a picnic lunch at Barnum House, and an optional tour to Port Hope followed by a dinner at a Cobourg restaurant in Cobourg. These events take place on June 3 and 4. On June 5, the Annual General Meetings of the ACO and the CHO take place.

Registration for the full conference is \$300. One-day registrations are also available. Lunch and dinner vouchers are provided for June 3 and the picnic lunch on June 4 is included in the fee. Morning and afternoon nutrition breaks are provided on June 3 and 4.

This is an opportunity to hear and perhaps meet the leaders in the heritage field on our very doorstep. We hope many of our members will be able to attend.

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Mark your calendars for Tuesday May 31st!

Be enlightened and entertained!

Dorothy Duncan

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