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SUMMER HOURS

Open for Events or By Appointment

(We are trying to arrange for Summer Students which would allow us to be open for traditional summer hours.)

MISSION STATEMENT

To maintain, promote and preserve the historical building known as Cottonwood Mansion as a Living Museum that encourages the Public to experience the heritage of the Victorian era.

Board of Trustees

Chairman	Derek Burrage
Vice Chairman	Helen Bingleman
Treasurer	Wayne Knox
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Committee Heads

Genealogy	Helen Bingelman
Grounds	Vacant
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Housekeeping	Carolyn Burrage
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Editors	Shirley Otterman Karen McDonough

Coordinators

Bookkeeper	Janet Rutka
Card Parties	Dorothy Hare
Decorating	Vacant
Flower Garden Maintenance	Vacant
Musical Afternoons	Treva Riley Doug Maxwell
Monthly Fundraisers and Private Rentals	Carolyn Burrage

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Trustees have set two o'clock **Saturday** afternoon, **May 27th**, for the AGM in the Music Room of the Mansion. **A notice of the meeting and a proxy form** for each member is included with this Newsletter. Please return your proxies, as soon as possible, in the envelope provided. THANKS.

FYI: The two-year term for Trustees Derek Burrage and Helen Bingleman expires with this election. Nominations for Trustees are taken from members present at the AGM. Elected Trustees determine among themselves who will fill which office.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Can you believe! - Thirty-eight dedicated members recorded 3,866 hours of labour for the year 2005. That number is without a doubt lower than was actually contributed, since often the volunteers forget to record their time and some of the work is done at home. Besides the time element, many of the same people make donations of sandwiches, soup, baking, etc. What would we do without volunteers? **Thank You!!**

IN MEMORIAM

On February 17th, a recent member, Edwin Miller of Hagersville. Ed leaves his wife Donna, a son and daughter.

Our sincere condolences to the Miller family.

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MEMORIAL DONATION

Beverly Bain, of Victoria B.C., has sent a donation to Cottonwood in memory of her friend Lillian Parry, Port Dover, and her brother-in-law Bob Keefer, Caledonia.

Donations may be made to Cottonwood in memory of a loved one, or in honour of a birthday, anniversary etc. and a notation is made in the special book.

RECENT EVENTS

On Sunday, February 5th, a potluck dinner was held for Cottonwood Volunteers. Toby Barrett was on hand to extend congratulations to those present.

Tickets were sold out for two seatings of a catered Valentine's Dinner on February 12th. The excellent meal of Chicken cordon bleu and cherry cheesecake was prepared by Anne Mago of Jarvis. Our St. Paddy's Dinner was also a sold out affair! Our reputation for a good time is spreading! Watch for these events in 2007!

Anyone who does not feel sufficiently strong in memory should not meddle with lying.

Michel Eyquem de Montaigne (1533 – 1592)

LUCKY DRAW



1st prize - English Elegance quilt made and donated by member Joan McNeice with some quilting help from member Joan Ribble. It is double-bed size and is valued at \$800.

2nd prize – Red and black man's outdoor jacket, size large, donated by Don Hyde Marine, Hagersville. Valued at \$180.

3rd prize – Use of the Mansion for a private event. Valued at \$100.

If you wish tickets to be mailed, let us know. They are \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5. Draw to take place on December 10, 2006 at the Mansion.

PARADE FLOAT



Trustees are looking for people interested in having a Cottonwood float made for use in various local parades and are asking for ideas and construction assistance. If you can help with an idea, with construction, or anything you might think would be useful, please contact one of the Trustees.

(Speaking from experience) When you don't get your beauty sleep, you turn ugly.

Shirley Otterman (1928 -)

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COMMUNICATION

Some of our members have requested to be notified of events through email. So, we are asking that you let us know your email address and, if you wish, we will keep you posted as to upcoming events and information. (See the front page for our email address.)



UPDATE ON VICTORIAN EVENTS

A variety of attractions greeted more than 100 visitors who attended our open house on Saturday, March 25th. The purpose of the afternoon was to provide a preview of some of the activities planned for our Victorian summer, which will culminate in our Grand Ball on the evening of September 23, 2006. It was quite heartening to hear the positive comments from those who were visiting Cottonwood for the first time.

Our Victorian events committee, comprised of Clayt Spears, Eileen Peart, Helen Bingleman, Catherine Stidsen, Doug Maxwell, Carolyn Burrage, Dorothy Hare and Karen McDonough has been meeting regularly and is pleased to report that a package outlining our summer events leading up to the Grand Ball will be presented at the tea honouring Queen Victoria's Birthday on Sunday, May 21st. Tickets for the Ball will also be available on this date. Scheduled events to date include:

- Victorian Tea Dance, Sunday, June 11th, 4-6 p.m.
- Lunch and inter-active Victorian Fashion Show, Sunday, July 9th, 1-3 p.m.
- Victorian Brass & Military Musicale, Sunday, August 13th, 2-4 p.m.

Our fashion show of July 9th will be highlighted by Cottonwood volunteers dressed

in period costumes thanks to the generosity of Varey-Us Costumes in Port Dover. In addition, visitors for the day will be afforded an opportunity to have their pictures taken in Victorian costumes. Catherine Stidsen is making arrangements to have our volunteers travel to Port Dover for the fitting of costumes. If you are interested, she can be reached at 905-772-3790.

Our Victorian Grand Ball is already generating a great deal of excitement, not only in our local community, but also in areas farther away. We are currently preparing sponsorship packages for those wishing to provide financial support and we are confident that our efforts will reap rewards for Cottonwood.

While the Victorian events are notable for 2006, we must acknowledge those folks who contribute so much of their time and effort by providing a variety of ongoing events to sustain our landmark. I refer to the musicals, card parties, luncheons etc. As you know, the cost of operating Cottonwood is substantial and any contribution plays an important part in sustaining our future.

I look to each of you as being part of a family dedicated to the preservation of an integral part of our local heritage and I'm honoured to be part of your group.

Sincerely,

Clayt Spears, Trustee
Chairman,

Cottonwood Victorian Events Committee



Darline Kinnear with her beautiful floral display at the Open House.

WILLING WORKERS WANTED

Because some Committee Heads have had to leave their positions, we are asking for members to fill those vacancies. The needs and responsibilities include:



Head of Grounds Committee (formerly done by Bob Otterman)



- coordinates the lawn mowing schedule for summer months and oversees whatever else is necessary having to do with the grounds, tree trimming, etc.

Flower Garden Maintenance (formerly done by Marj and Harvey Featherston)



- looks after planting and upkeep of the flower beds and/or finds volunteer or public assistance:

Decorating Coordinator

- would contact volunteers to decorate the Mansion for special occasions, e.g. Christmas, and put decorations away.



It is really important that these positions are filled. Please think about how you might help. If you are willing to fill any of these positions, or even if you are willing to be a partner in any of them, please phone Cottonwood, or let one of the Trustees know. The pay is the pits, but the sense of accomplishment for a good cause is the reason we do it.

Thanks to Derek Burrage who has volunteered for the **Head of Maintenance Committee**.

OUR OLD PHOTOCOPIER

Does anyone know of someone in the area who is adept at servicing a photocopier? If so, we would appreciate knowing. Thanks!!

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MEMBERSHIPS

FYI: Roughly 100 of the 300 households (540 total members) hold Life Membership. Many Life Members have given additional support to Cottonwood, both financially and in donations of their time. We really do appreciate it.



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Within every man and woman a secret is hidden and, as a photographer, it is my task to reveal it if I can.

Yousuf Karsh (1908 – 2002)

WISH LIST

In the last Newsletter, we asked again for a used fridge, but we're okay! Bill Lindsay has donated one as well as a freezer. They were picked up, delivered and installed by Charlie and Blake Hoover and Nick Rutka. Thanks guys!



Albert Hoover and his wife Donna enjoy their Valentine outing!



TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank Balances as of April 7, 2006:

1. Operating Account:	\$6587.71*
2. Raffle Account:	\$3102.00
3. Trillium Account:	\$ 86.08

Investments:

1. Bell Canada Common Stocks 200 @ \$28.20 (April 11, 2006)
2. Royal Bank GIC for \$125,000.00 (Matures May 5, 2008 - Yields 2.3% beginning May 5, 2006 and will yield 4.3% as of May 5, 2007)

*The majority of the operating account balance is from cashing in the interest from the RBC GIC in order to pay for the new roof on the tenant's portion of the Mansion and to provide operating capital.

It takes \$2500.00 a month, at a minimum, to maintain the Mansion using 100% volunteer labour. Therefore, more volunteers are needed and all donations, bequeaths and membership dues are needed and greatly appreciated.

The Mansion itself will soon need a new roof estimated to cost in the \$50,000.00 range. Charitable receipts can be issued to you if you make a donation towards the replacement of the Mansion's roof. A new roof funding campaign will soon have to commence.

Thanks to all who have generously donated in the past and a special thank you to the people who volunteer tirelessly to keep costs to a minimum.

The Treasury Committee – Janet, Treva and Wayne

- ☺ to envelope stuffers who helped editors with the November Newsletter: Doris Fess, Helen Bingleman, Lois Gifford, Sylvia Trott and Helen and Clayt Spears;
- ☺ to musicians who entertained in February and March:
 - ♫ Emcee Doug Maxwell, Hagersville, guitar and ukulele;
 - ♫ Tom Jordan, Jarvis, Irish singer and guitar, and teller of tall tales;
 - ♫ Ed Proctor, Springvale, guitar, singer and yodeler;
 - ♫ Lisa Miller and family, Caledonia, guitar and piano;
 - ♫ Merv Radzik, Ed Bernier, Roy Reaney and Maria Polillo, guitar, singers.

Tues. - Fri. 10am-5pm
Saturday 10am-2pm



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MAINTENANCE

The leaking apartment roof has been replaced; an excellent job and one that should last a lifetime. It looks great! Thanks for your contributions for this. Hopefully it will be a few years before the main building will have to be done and by then we will have established a 'kitty' to cover costs.



Ideas are like rabbits. You get a couple and learn how to handle them and pretty soon you have a dozen.


John Steinbeck (1902 – 1968)



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RECENT DONATIONS

From:

Ruth Anne Hyde, Hagersville – a beautiful wicker baby cradle with doll and cover, placed in the Nursery.



Roseann McCulley, Cayuga – more than 50 antique dishes, plate and cup and saucer sets, etc.

Estate of Marguerite Sherk – a bed coverlet.

Derek and Carolyn Burrage – a carved wooden 'gnome house'.

On Loan:

Glen and Alma Rushton – a green Victorian settee, placed in the bay window of the Sitter Music Room.



Mayor Marie Trainer
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The Rose Bowl is the only bowl I've seen that I didn't have to clean.

Erma Bombeck (1927 – 1996)

COMING EVENTS

Saturday Card Parties

7:30 p.m.

May 13, June 10, July 8, August 5

\$3

Queen Victoria's Birthday Tea

Sunday, May 21 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

\$5

Children under 12 free

Victorian Tea Dance

Sunday, June 11 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Light Refreshments

\$10.00

Strawberry Social

Sunday, June 25 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Entertainment by Haldimand-Norfolk Concert Band

\$8

Children under 12 \$4

Victorian Lunch and Fashion Show

Sunday, July 9

1:00 p.m. Lunch 2:00 p.m. Fashion Show

\$10.00

Children under 12 \$5

Craft Sale, Beef on a Bun & Corn Roast

Sunday, July 23

Craft Sale: 12:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Beef on a Bun & Corn Roast: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

\$10

Children under 12 \$5

Victorian Brass & Military Musicale

Sunday, August 13 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Sandwiches and Tea

\$6.00

Peach Social & Luncheon

Sunday, August 20 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

\$10 Dessert only \$6

Children under 12 ½ price



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