

Communiqué

...Heritage London Foundation

Message from the Chair

Greetings to all our members and to the many supporters of London's built heritage, particularly the supporters of Grosvenor Lodge and the Elsie Perrin Williams Estate, of which we are the custodians for the City.

At the Heritage London Foundation AGM in March, several Board members retired, and I would like to thank all for their contributions over their terms. Whitney Cottingham was our Treasurer for just over three years and we are most grateful for her work for us over that time. Ann Martin, James Bullbrook and Kathy Manness stepped down during the latter part of 2015 and each made a significant contribution over their time with us.

We are happy to report, however, that we have also made some great additions to the Board, both at the AGM (Brenda McQuaid and Marty Peterson), and in the month following- Jake McNiven, Wooi Koay, Michael Wojtak and John Therriault joined us in April. These new members have grabbed the bull by the horns and are already making a significant difference to HLF's functioning. Brenda has taken on the Chairmanship of the Operations and Resource Review Committee which is taking a good hard look at the whole organization and how we do things. This review is long overdue and I am very grateful to the five members of that group for taking on such a mammoth task. Anne Warren, Cristine Teston, Marty Peterson and Kathy Bowering, our Treasurer, are the members, with Maggie Whalley and me acting as advisors or resource people. Interim reports are due in July and September with the final report due in November.

Michael Wojtak has agreed to become Chair of the Property Committee and will work with John Manness for a couple of months to learn the ropes. Wooi Koay's background in banking makes him an ideal member of the Finance Committee, and John Therriault's years with the ACO make him a perfect fit for the Heritage Committee. We also welcome the following volunteers to our committees: Gino Nicodemo, who is joining the Heritage Committee; Linda Pistor, who joined the Special Events Committee and is taking the lead for the Do you Dare? Haunted Mansion event in late October of this year; and Andrew Webb, aka M, who is a content writer and has joined the Communications/Marketing Committee.

Three of us on the board met with our local Councillors, Phil Squire (Grosvenor Lodge is in his ward) and Josh Morgan (EPWE is in his ward) recently and brought them up to date with various concerns we have. They gave us very positive feedback and offered several helpful comments on various aspects of our mandate.

We have been out and about in the community promoting the two properties and also our upcoming Shaken or Stirred? fundraising gala on July 7th. We attended The Gathering on the Green and The Woodfield Fair (thanks to Cristine, Jake,

James and John T for manning our booth) and we thank the ACO for sharing their space (and their shade!) at both events.

Shaken or Stirred? We realized that the approximate date of this year's summer fundraising gala would be on 07/07 and one young staff person suggested that we consider making our theme "007 on 07/07" and there you have it. Consider the Estate as the grand mansion of a Bond villain perhaps- and you can see why it makes such a good location for this year's big party! There is more detailed information elsewhere in this newsletter, and, please plan to come. What fun to come dressed as your favourite Bond character- good or evil!! Ticket sales are going well, but we hope to sell out - that means 120 tickets. A Bond event would not be complete without some cars from the movies and thanks to two local dealerships, Audi and Jaguar/Land Rover/Mercedes Benz, there will be cars from Spectre and Skyfall to add to the atmosphere.

We would like to acknowledge the retirement of Don Menard, the senior Heritage Planner of the City. Don was a tower of strength and a significant source of support and advice for our Board and our Estates Manager. He volunteered for many of our events as well as being a tactful and helpful liaison with City staff. We will miss Don very much and wish him and Fran many years of happy and healthy retirement together.

Kyle Gonyou, who is proving to be an extremely capable young planner, will now be joined by Laura Dent, and we welcome Laura to the heritage fold and wish her all the best in her new job. It is wonderful to think that there is enough going on in the realm of built heritage that we now need two full-time planners dedicated to this sphere!

Now we are looking forward to next year's big event, namely the centennial of the Elsie Perrin Williams Estate. Plans are afoot to mark this milestone by many different means and we encourage you to look out for ways in which to participate in our celebration of Elsie Perrin Williams and her generous gift to the people of London.

I wish you a happy and safe summer, pray for enough rainfall for our farmers as well as for our gardens and new trees at Grosvenor Lodge!
Susan Bentley

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007: Shaken or Stirred? —FOR YOUR EYES ONLY—

Date: 07/07/2016

Time: 18:00 – 23:00 (6:00 pm – 11:00 pm)

Location: Elsie Perrin Williams Estate, 101 Windermere Road, London

Greetings agent,

Intelligence reports indicate that the Heritage London Foundation (HLF) is holding a gala on July 7th at the Elsie Perrin Williams Estate, hidden away in north London.

Our analysts believe that this event will support the HLF's mandate to connect the community to two important heritage sites, being this estate and Grosvenor Lodge. MI-6 wants to scout the heritage properties as potential event venues in the future, and the directors believe that you are uniquely positioned to carry out the task.

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, will be to infiltrate the gala and procure as many prizes as possible. There will be more than one way to accomplish your mission, including trivia, games, and a silent auction. Our reports suggest that your targets include handcrafted pottery, original artwork, and car rentals for future events. Rumours are circulating about a golden gun, but it is unconfirmed.

Past HLF galas attract attendees from the ranks of London's most dedicated heritage supporters and their networks, leading us to anticipate three things:

1. Tickets will sell out quickly.
2. Winning prizes will require your best costumes and trivia knowledge.
3. Competing agents will be after those prizes.

The mission will take place outside of the estate proper, under a canopy on the lawn where the key players will gather.

You need to be at your best to win the espionage games and quizzes, so remember your training. To accomplish your mission, you need to win as many prizes as possible, but do not arouse suspicion. Blend into the crowd like a spectre.

And under no circumstances should you create another international incident like your recent Day of the Dead excursion in Mexico City. You are granted a license to kill only the competition's chances at winning the costume contest, so bring your best tuxedo but no weapons.

You will have a chance to survey the crowd for competing agents during the formal dinner. Culinary Catering Services will be providing the dinner. Partnering with the HLF is Music Central Entertainment for live music. Liaise with this organization to create an in-road for future infiltration missions.

Capitalize on the dance held in the Great Hall after dinner to deepen your connections with the prize winners for best costumes and trivia scores. They may be open to recruitment for the agency. Study the indoor layout and report back to HQ by midnight—and remember the password: 07/07.

The agency encourages you to gain intelligence at every opportunity. One of the analysts wants to know how to book the Elsie Perrin Williams Estate as a wedding venue. Please learn as much about this as is possible and consider it a secondary objective.

[Sign up for the event](#) with the account that we approved for you to ensure your place on the guest list.

Good luck, agent.

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Greening of Grosvenor Project. Spring 2016 update.

Thanks to Sylvia Behr, landscape architect, who recently donated her time to prepare a new design for the central flower beds in the old kitchen garden at Grosvenor Lodge. The new "Wedding Garden" as we have decided to call it, will eventually be full of perennials which means lower maintenance costs and lower watering needs. Sylvia did the master plan for the Lodge grounds way back in 2001, but, without proper regular maintenance the gardens gradually slid into a bit of a mess and the gravel paths became overgrown and the flowing currant bushes took over! Local artist Ron Benner took on the care and planting of many of the Lodge's most prominent flower beds with a gloriously colourful array of plants native to the Americas each summer for 11 years, but without a real team of helpers the edges and further reaches of the grounds became a real mess and the dreaded giant pokeweed began to appear everywhere, as well as a myriad unwanted Buckthorn saplings. We have been trying, alongside Ron to begin with, and then with some truly great volunteer help, to gradually bring the grounds back to some formality and it is our ambition to rival the grounds of Eldon house as a beautiful London garden for the public to visit.

The nine native species trees planted last year with a TD Friends of the Environment Foundation grant are flourishing, I am glad to say, and they have just had their identifying markers installed, which give their names in Latin as well as their common names.

This spring we had help from Moore's Garden Centre in Aylmer, Canada in St. Thomas, and Parkway Gardens on Gainsborough Road, who all gave us discounts this year. Our prime supporter is Heemans Nurseries who were once again very generous to us in giving a large discount on our purchase of annuals. For the first time we linked up with the Friends of the Civic Garden complex and Gail Dimson, their volunteer manager kindly donated three flats of annuals that had been planted in their greenhouses by her volunteer team.

Fisher of Hyde Park gave us a discount on the compost and topsoil needed to prepare the beds for planting and waived their delivery fee. Union Gas once again gave us a generous \$1,000 grant for plants and also sent their wonderful team of HELPING HANDS to help for an evening after work. The team of ten men and women worked for four hours on an extremely hot and muggy evening and in that time moved 5 yards of soil/compost mix, dug over the four central beds and helped to plant hundreds of plants. To say their contribution was invaluable would be an understatement

Our warm thanks go to all these businesses for their support.

I am glad to announce that TREA- one of the Lodge's loyal member groups, has been given a grant to redesign their small demonstration garden which lies behind the wedding garden along the Lodge boundary. We are delighted that they have consulted us on this project, and look forward to a beautiful new teaching garden appearing in the near future

Maureen Temme is now working (very part-time) as our paid Head Gardener at the Lodge. Look out for her and have a chat when you drop in. She is a very knowledgeable gardener and we are grateful for both her labour and her leadership. Come and visit - we are getting there!

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Communications/Marketing Update

The Communications/Marketing committee is pleased to announce the launch of the HLF blog C2TDE, Communiqué 2.0: The Digital Edition. Our goal is to not only be the digital version of this newsletter, but the premier source for heritage information and news in London and Middlesex county. With the launch of C2TDE we are evaluating the need and demand for our traditional Communiqué newsletter, please visit our website for a brief survey, <http://heritagelondonfoundation.ca/survey> or contact us by phone at 519-432-6620. We are also in the process of reassessing our websites to make them easier to access.

Membership Update

Unfortunately membership numbers are still down. Also, donations are down as well. Both of these are making it challenging to maintain the Elsie Perrin Williams Estate and Grosvenor Lodge. At Grosvenor Lodge we will need to do some exterior painting soon and at Elsie Perrin Williams Estate more flooring needs to be sanded and refinished. If you have been thinking about a membership now is the time to join. Or if you are already a member please consider an additional donation. And please talk to your neighbours, co-workers, friends, and family about how they can help us promote and preserve built heritage in London and Middlesex county.

Volunteer Opportunities

We are currently recruiting interested volunteers to participate in the development of Do You Dare?, our annual Haunted Mansion at Grosvenor Lodge - to be held in late October 2016.

We are looking for volunteers to work on this event throughout the summer and early fall. Team leaders needed as well as general volunteers to work on ideas development, construction of sets, sign making, general help for moving equipment, collection and organizing of props, and many other tasks.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with setup and takedown for our upcoming Shaken or Stirred? 007 Gala. The communications/marketing committee is looking for volunteer journalists and photographers to help with our websites and C2TDE.

Plus all of our committees are always looking for volunteer members. Whatever your interest, we have a place for you! A great way to meet people, get your creative juices flowing, and contribute to a great cause!

If interested, please call 519-645-2845 or 519-432-6620 or fill out our volunteer form on our website at <http://heritagelondonfoundation.ca/volunteer-opportunities>. We hope to hear from you!

*please note: must be 16+ to apply

Heritage Alert

Here's a brief update on some recent activity concerning heritage in London:

- 179-181 King St.
Despite added protection to the facade of this building by City Council in January of 2016, extensive engineering reports have shown the building to be in very poor condition and a threat to people and property from falling debris off the decaying structure. Questions exist about the impact that the removal of this structure would have on the neighbouring building, as they directly abut one another. LACH, with reluctance, recommended that Council not oppose the demolition of the structure.
- Camden Terrace, 479-485 Talbot St. (photo by Lois Marshall)

A significant heritage building, Camden Terrace on the west side of Talbot between Fullerton and Dufferin is threatened with demolition. This row of townhomes built mid – 1800s was the home and offices of many of London's lawyers due to its proximity to the Court House. The property has been purchased by a developer with the intent of building a multi- storey residential / commercial complex. The site is listed in London's inventory of heritage resources and LACH will likely recommend designating the property. The heritage structure is now suffering



from neglect and unless action is taken very soon the structure could be lost as part of an historic and heritage streetscape.

- St. George / Grosvenor HCD Study
The consultant's report on the St. George / Grosvenor Heritage Conservation District (HCD) was completed on June 1st. It is a very thorough examination of the study area considering many aspects of the neighbourhood, including its history from early times and more recently, its development from rural to urban use, the significant influence of the Thames River and its evolution to the neighbourhood. The study team recommends that the area become two HCDs; the south part of the area, Great Talbot HCD and the north section, Gibbons Park HCD. This recommendation is based on the different developments and timeframe within each area and the break between the residential areas caused by the Grosvenor Gate apartment complex at the edge of Gibbons Park and the institutional use of St. Mary's hospital and Marian Villa facility which divide the area. The complete study is available online at <http://www.london.ca/About-London/heritage/Pages/StGeorge-Grosvenor.aspx>



Membership Levels:

~ Student: \$10 ~ Individual: \$30 ~ Family (2 adults and unlimited children in the household): \$50 ~ Sustaining: \$100 ~ Elsie's Circle of Friends: \$250

Members receive a vote at the AGM, newsletter, and advance notice of special events. Sustaining members also receive a 10% reduction off tickets to special events and a small gift. On top of the previous benefits, members of Elsie's Circle are entitled to one mid-week (Monday to Thursday) facility rental at a 20% discount (subject to availability).

Contributions are tax deductible and a charitable receipt will be issued.

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Property News

Since our last report, several things have occurred concerning our beautiful properties:

At the Estate;

- The floor of the Great Hall has been refinished
- The City Parks department has planted and refreshed the gardens on the property

At the Lodge:

- The new ramps to improve accessibility to the Lodge and bring them up to the current code have been completed by the City
- Our team of volunteers, led by Susan Bentley, have prepared the gardens on the property for the busy season and they look "awesome" again this year

Our annual inspection of the properties with City staff is planned for June 29th

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