
 Frontenac Heritage Foundation: Spring Newsletter

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Spring Newsletter - April and May Updates and Events!

April Events



On **April 8th** at the Renaissance Event Venue, Dr. Marcus Létourneau gave a detailed chronological presentation on the "*The Ebb and Flow of Heritage in Kingston.*" He spoke about the local advocacy that started the movement to conserve and protect heritage structures. He gave credit to notable local key figures, including Ron Way, Margaret (Peg) Angus, and Mayor Val Swain, for creating the local heritage policy that was the basis for the Ontario Heritage Act. While the turnout was not super big, it was a very knowledgeable and informed group that attended.

On **April 12th**, at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Dr. Susan Bazely gave a presentation

on “*Out of Sight but Not Unseen*” - *Revelations from the Lower Burial Ground beneath the church hall*. This very well-attended talk also featured a history of the formation and activity of the Lower Burial Ground Restoration Society by John Grenville and an overview of commemoration design/details on grave markers of the 1800’s by Alysha Strongman. The entire church site was once the only burial ground in early Kingston and contained, by estimate, 600 graves. This site is now predominately covered in church buildings and a parking lot. The only visible portion of the former cemetery is in the south-west quadrant, which contains some of the restored markers and vaults of early prominent Kingstonians (including Molly Brant, Rev. John Stuart, Joseph Forsyth, Robert Macauley, Thomas Markland, Hon. Richard Cartwright, Col. Richard Bonnycastle and Hugh Earl). More information about the fascinating history of the church site can be found here: <http://www.stpaulskingston.ca/history.html>.



May 2, 3 and 4: Jane’s Walk in Kingston Celebrate Jane Jacob’s urban legacy!

Join a walking tour showcasing our liveable, walkable City. Jane’s Walk was founded in Toronto in 2006 by a group of Jane Jacob’s friends and colleagues, as a way to honour her life and activate her ideas. The website below details all the varied walks - there is something for everyone! Some of the heritage-related walks include:



- Friday May 2, 11 a.m. – *Barriefield Walk*. Craig Sims
- Friday May 2, 2 p.m. – *Kingston Market Square and Their Stories*. Ryan Leary (City Heritage Planner)
- Saturday May 3, 2 p.m. – *Portsmouth: Shipwrights and Quarrymen*. Marc Seguin

- Saturday May 3, 3 p.m. – *William Street*. Peter Gower
- Saturday May 3, 4 p.m. – *The Evolution of Old Sydenham Ward*. Dr. Carl Bray
- Sunday May 4, 10:30 a.m. *Grenville Park: Creating a Co-Operative Neighbourhood*. Dave Axford, Sue Chamberlain, Susie Everding
- Sunday May 4, 12:30 p.m. – *The Memorial Centre: From Loyalist Land Grant to Community Hub*. John Grenville
- Sunday May 4, 1:30 p.m. – *Finding the Lost - A Few Cemeteries*. Dr. Susan Bazely
- Sunday May 4, 2 p.m. – *Kingston's Inner Harbour Maritime Heritage and Current Political Issues*. Mary Farrar
- Sunday May 4, 4 p.m. – *Queen Street Architecture and History*. Kristine Hebert

For more information and the meeting place for each walk, check out the website: <https://janeswalkkingston.wordpress.com>

May 28 – FHF Annual General Meeting



Our AGM is May 28 at The Spire - Lower Hall. There will be a tour of the repurposed church by Elspeth Deir at 7 p.m. followed by the business portion of the evening with our AGM report and updates. We need a quorum of 20 persons plus four board members so put this in your calendar!

If you are a current FHF member who cannot attend but wishes to vote, please print and fill in the [proxy form](#) and mail to Frontenac Heritage Foundation c/o PO Box 27, STN Main, Kingston ON K7L 4V6, or scan and forward to contact@frontenacheritage.ca. Your voice matters - there is still time to renew your membership to participate!

Proposed Upcoming Events for the Year! If you wish to assist in planning, your help would be appreciated!

June date TBD – North King's Town St. Lawrence Ward Heritage Character Area walking tour by Dr. Carl Bray

July date TBD – Celebrating Ten Years of the Old Sydenham Heritage Conservation District walking tour by Dr. Carl Bray

August date TBD – Bus Tour of Rural Heritage Buildings in Our Area

September date TBD – Tour of Fairfield Gutzeit House (Loyalist Parkway)

October date TBD – Tour of Wolfe Island

November date TBD – FHF Heritage Conservation Awards

December date TBD – FHF Social

Spring Foundation Issue

In case you missed it, the spring edition of Foundations has been shared. It is a wonderful booklet of John Lynn Bell's retrospective photos from 1859-1920, featuring people and built heritage in our area. We are always looking for new articles for our Foundations booklet. If you have any ideas or have done research on items of heritage interest, please contact the FHF Board at contact@frontenacheritage.ca.

Join Us in Protecting Built Heritage!

Are you passionate about heritage, architecture and community history? We're seeking interested leaders to join our board. It's not a major time commitment being a FHF board member - minimal attendance at monthly board meetings (Zoom) and attendance at our events (when it works with your schedule). We are a great group and you will be benefiting heritage in the community! If you'd like chat with a current board member, please contact us at contact@frontenacheritage.ca.



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