September 2026 - News and Updates



Join us for a tour and learn the history of the Willowbank Cemetery, a non-denominational cemetery since 1856.

Sunday September 27th, 2 p.m.
4714 County Road 2, Gananoque

Members only (Membership costs $45/year).
Please RSVP by email: contact@frontenacheritage.ca
There are no washrooms on site and sensible footwear is recommended as there is some uneven terrain.

Willowbank Cemetery Tour

Sunday, September 27, 2 p.m.

Join us in Gananoque for a tour of this peaceful, historic cemetery. Please note that parking is on the edge of the entry lane or well onto the shoulder of Hwy 2; the cemetery is located just west of Gananoque.

This is a members only tour; please register with an email to contact@frontenacheritage.ca.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there!

If anyone needs a ride to this event, there are limited seats available. Please email us at contact@frontenacheritage.ca for more information and to register.

In case you missed it ...



August 13: Tour of the Babcock Mill in Odessa

Twelve of our members braved the rain and construction detours to tour the 1856 Babcock Mill. Originally a water-powered grist and woolen mill, John Babcock converted it in 1907 to manufacture wooden "Babcock Baskets." Loyalist summer student guides led the tour, explaining the basket-making process and the machinery used, including the basement's cutting, steaming, and tumbling equipment, as well as the main floor's slat bending and weaving molds. The top floor features displays of early Odessa, including a miniature village created by grade 8 students.



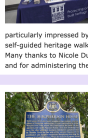


August 25: Active Living Expo

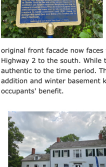


Board members Kristine Hebert (shown left) and Jane Kelly distributed over 500 pamphlets and 300 fridge magnets at the Seniors Active Living Expo from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Many attendees showed great interest in the FHF and the preservation of heritage buildings, and we hope to recruit new members from this event. Attendees were particularly impressed by the QR codes on our brochures, which link to our website's self-guided heritage walks (Kingston, South Frontenac, Loyalist, and Gananoque). Many thanks to Nicole Duncan for designing our FHF fridge magnets and tablecloth, and for administering the QR codes.

August 26: Macpherson House in Napanee



Fourteen members and one new student member, Jake Breadman, joined Azalea and Alannah for a tour of the 1826 vernacular Georgian Home on the Napanee River. The tour highlighted the home's striking symmetry, including the aligned front and back doors and mirrored windows. Interestingly, the original front facade now faces the back of the property, as early access was from Highway 2 to the south. While the furniture is not original to the MacPhersons, it is authentic to the time period. The tour also showcased how the summer kitchen addition and winter basement kitchen were designed to manage the climate for the occupants' benefit.





Mark Your Calendars!

October – Alicia Boutilier - Evolution of the Agnes Etherington Art Centre

November – Heritage Awards - November 17, Renaissance. **The FHF Board would love any recommendations from members for the Heritage Conservation Awards by end of September.**

December – social

More details to follow about these events in upcoming newsletters.

Watch for the next online edition of *Foundations* coming soon!

Members will receive an email with the log-in information to access our next *Foundations* online publication. Not a member? It's not too late to join and receive all the member perks, including access to the all online editions of *Foundations*. If any member wishes to write an article for *Foundations*, we would be pleased to consider it. Please forward to contact@frontenacheritage.ca

Attention All Students!

If you have any local family members who are students or have connections to students as clients or tenants, point out the benefits of joining the Frontenac Heritage Foundation for only $10 per year! Great events and knowledge for projects!

Renew your support for built heritage by joining the FHF!

Current Membership Rates: Individual, Family and Corporate $45. You will receive a tax receipt for $35 of your $45 membership fee and 100% of any donation.

Don't miss out on all that a membership offers, including members-only events and tours, access to our prestigious *Foundations* digital booklet, a monthly newsletter deliver to your inbox, and so much more. More information at www.frontenacheritage.ca

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