



HERITAGE VIEWS



Entitled "*Late Afternoon in Assiniboine Park*" from an original oil painting by Roman Swiderek, this world renowned artist works with drawings, oil, and watercolor. His art is found across Canada and abroad. Prints are available at most local art galleries.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As 2006 draws to a close, it is most rewarding to consider the special achievements of the past year. In addition to the on-going work of advocacy to protect our wonderful built heritage, the development of a unique Winnipeg Buildings At Risk database project (first of-its-kind in Canada) and the education of young people through the schools' program to name just three initiatives of the many undertakings of Heritage Winnipeg, we can also proudly look on 2006 as being the year when we became the lead organization for Doors Open and took it to a new level of success. With the full support of the Board of Directors, we also delivered on our commitment to improved future sustainability of the organization with the establishment of an endowment fund (as mentioned in the previous newsletter, more details will be forthcoming in the future on how you too may become involved in the *Heritage Legacy Fund*).

In 2006, there was a very strong and positive mixture of ongoing and new projects and this was a result of the work of many people. A special thank you to Cindy Tugwell and Kristen Ketchen, to the Directors, to all our Volunteers, to our Members and to all Partners, Sponsors and Contributors for your contribution to the various projects and programs that are an integral part of the work done by Heritage Winnipeg. You each made a difference in 2006!

Thank you to all who joined us at the reception to recognize Cindy Tugwell on her election as Manitoba Governor, Heritage Canada Foundation and Professor William Neville for being recognized with the Gabrielle Leger Awards. It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to meet you and speak with you. Thank you to Gerald Butler, Decanters Restaurant & Wine Bar and Doug Stephen, WOW Hospitality Concepts for their sponsorship of the evening.

The first quarter of 2007 is already identifying itself as a very busy time, with new and exciting

enhancements to Doors Open 2007 already being pursued. It is looking even more exciting and interesting than past years so plan to be part of the event as a volunteer or as a participant. Development proposals involving demolition are coming forward for several buildings in the Exchange District and other areas of the city and we know that advocacy will continue to be a vital part of our contribution to Winnipeg's future community persona. We continue to work with the Friends of Upper Fort Garry as we await the outcome of the City's call for Expressions of Interest for 100 Main Street.

We are looking forward with excitement to everything that 2007 will bring. Partnerships with other groups, organizations and individuals will continue to be a priority as we know that together we will achieve new levels of success. We look forward to working with you in 2007. May 2007 bring you good health, happiness and prosperity!

Penny McMillan



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Since our last newsletter a lot has happened in protecting our built heritage, this time in the historic Exchange District. Heritage Winnipeg has been involved in the advocacy of the Business Block at 38-44 1/2 Albert Street and long-term re-development of the St. Charles Hotel which has been a highly viable issue in the media since November .

Given the amount of publicity recently, I feel compelled to clarify a somewhat nebulous position. I spoke in delegation on behalf of our organization at the Lord Selkirk/West Kildonan Community Committee in **support** of the Historical Buildings Committee's recommendation to designate the block as a grade 3. Unfortunately the Councillors voted 2 to 1 'not' in favour of this recommendation. In addition, I have in my new capacity as Manitoba Governor of Heritage Canada, requested support to this issue by way of sending a letter to Mayor Sam Katz. It has national significance due to the very fact that it is located in a national historic site. The integrity of the streetscape should be preserved and moreover no heritage building, or any building for that matter, should ever be lost to surface parking. It should be duly noted that the CanWest Global parkade is just across the street.

My final comment on this issue is that with reference to various articles that have been printed over the last few weeks, I would like to comment on one in particular written by Robert Galston, co-chair of the Point Douglas Residents' Association on 'Demolition dilemma in Exchange'. He commented that I am "in apparent support of demolition-for-redevelopment." This is simply not the case as we are on record at community committee in support of designation, and that because of our need to openly communicate with the owner of the St. Charles Hotel, which has clearly been tied to the Business Block, his perception is inaccurate.

Unfortunately he did not call me for my comment or thoughts. I am disappointed that if our organization leans towards finding out all the concerns developers may have, that one would ascertain that it is in support of demolition. *For further details about this advocacy issue please see page 10.*

On a much more positive note, I have had the pleasure recently, also in my capacity as a board member of the 389 Main Street Corporation, on behalf the Millennium Centre, to meet with the Executive Director of the International Centre Inc., Ms. Linda Lalande.

Currently the Centre is housed at the Knox United Church on Edmonton Street but they now have outgrown their space. We are committed to partnering and working with the International Centre to see if the Millennium Centre space is conducive to their growing needs for additional space. They will be undertaking a feasibility study in the New Year and I will keep you updated in the next issue of our newsletter.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY!

Cindy Tugwell



Penny McMillan, President of HW and
Cindy Tugwell, Executive Director and newly elected
Manitoba Governor of Heritage Canada Foundation.

Heritage Winnipeg Recognizes Excellence on Heritage Day!

Heritage Winnipeg is pleased to announce our **National Heritage Day** celebrations at the University of Winnipeg at 515 Portage Avenue on Monday, February 19th, 2007 commencing at 4:30 p.m. Hall location to be determined at a later date.

Heritage Winnipeg's 22nd Annual Preservation Awards Ceremony recognizes outstanding conservation of heritage projects. This year we are proud to partner with the University of Winnipeg and Parks Canada to celebrate this event.

The public is cordially invited to this free event. For more information, please contact Cindy Tugwell, Executive Director of Heritage Winnipeg at 942.2663 or email at info@heritagewinnipeg.com.



Heritage Day Luncheon

On **Monday February 19th, 2007 from noon to 1:30 p.m.**, Heritage Winnipeg will be celebrating *National Heritage Day* with a hot buffet style luncheon at the **Ramada Marlborough Hotel**. Held within the hotel's beautiful and historic **Churchill Room**, the afternoon celebration will include a door prize draw, and a presentation on our built heritage by guest speaker, author **Russ Gurluck** who will also have his new book available, "*Going Downtown A History of Winnipeg's Portage Avenue*". It is a wonderful way to spend an afternoon celebrating our city's unique heritage. Ticket prices are as follows: (all taxes included):

Member – \$30

Non-member – \$35

Corporate – \$250

Please make your cheque payable to Heritage Winnipeg and mail to: 509-63 Albert Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3B 1G4. For more information contact the Heritage Winnipeg office 942.2663.



The Ramada Marlborough Hotel



In November 1914, a stately three storey hotel opened its doors at 331 Smith Street in Winnipeg. The hotel was originally named the Olympia by its original owners, the Garibaldi brothers, and was dubbed in travel magazines “The Miniature Hotel Deluxe of Canada.”

Its crowning jewels were the restaurant and bar. A 1914 Winnipeg Tribune article described the bar as “without a doubt, the most beautiful example of Gothic interior to be found on the continent.”

The Olympia closed its doors in 1915, and was used for military purposes until the end of the war. In the early 1920s, a five storey addition was built and the hotel was named the Marlborough, with an elaborate ballroom, then the largest ballroom between Toronto and Vancouver. In 1925, the Royal Canadian Legion was formed at the Marlborough.

Most recently, the hotel has expanded its facilities once again, with the purchase of the former Garrick Theatre. Linked by the skywalk to the hotel, the addition of this new conference and entertainment centre, makes the Marlborough the largest conference hotel in Manitoba.

Hot off the Press!

Going Downtown, A History of Winnipeg's Portage Avenue is a wonderful trip down memory lane, full of timeless pictures and classic stories of this famous streets history by author Russ Gourluck. Personally autographed by Mr. Gourluck, this is a wonderful deal. Get your copy today!

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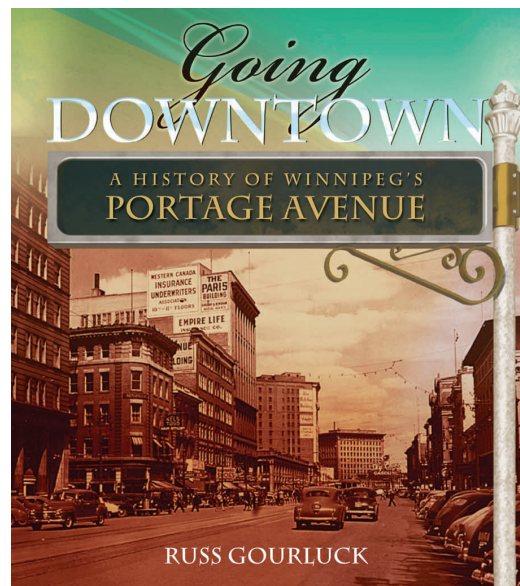
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Congratulations!

A fabulous reception was held on Friday, November 24th to honour Cindy Tugwell's election as Manitoba Governor of the Heritage Canada Foundation and Professor William Neville's receipt of the 2006 Gabrielle Leger Award. All who attended had a wonderful time. Thank you to Heritage Winnipeg's Board of Directors for putting together a truly special evening for our guests of honour and all who attended.



Celine Kear and Tom Dixon, Directors of Heritage Winnipeg with Jess Dixon and Kathleen Leathers.



Members of Heritage Winnipeg.

Board members, John Petryshyn (right to left), Suzie Bonk and business owner, Ray England.



Owner of the Travelers' building, Mr. Gerald Butler and wife Carmen.



Members of the University Women's Club.

Mr. Richard Frost, Executive Director of The Winnipeg Foundation (left), and Dr. Phillippe Mailhot, Curator of the St. Boniface Museum.



A special thank you to *Decanters Restaurant & Wine Bar* and Mr. Gerald Butler, owner of the Travellers building at 283 Bannatyne Avenue for lending us their beautiful restaurant and lounge space for the evening. Thank you to Mr. Doug Stephen of WOW Hospitality Concepts for providing the delicious array of food for the evening. In addition, thank you to Blakeman Welch for the piano entertainment during the evening.

AGM Updates



The Exchange District BIZ held their annual general meeting at the King's Head Pub on Thursday, November 16th. A PowerPoint presentation of the year in review, awards and election of new board members were just a few of the things on the agenda.

The Downtown Winnipeg BIZ held their annual general meeting at the Imax Theatre on Thursday, November 30, 2006. A presentation on the 2006 BIZ programming and proposed 2007 program and budget, as well as presentations of numerous awards were included in this year's agenda.



The Forks North Portage Partnership held their annual general meeting at the Manitoba Children's Museum on Friday, October 13, 2006. Points of interest for Heritage Winnipeg was the information given on the Raleigh Apartments, which have been part of the downtown landscape since the 1930s. The Forks North Portage Partnership applied for and were granted a RRAP program to upgrade the property. This year they completed a pilot project known as Webbsite. It consists of seven funky loft units situated on land just off Webb Place that are completely sold out.

HERITAGE LEGACY FUND



Heritage Winnipeg is pleased to be officially embarking on a long-term sustainability plan which includes the creation of an Heritage Legacy Fund in partnership with The Winnipeg Foundation. Our current goal to raise funds by the first deadline of September 30th, 2006 has been met. We would like to thank the HW Board of Directors for their generous contributions enabling us to start this fund.

We are looking to the "Friends of Heritage Winnipeg" to help by giving a donation to our organization. For more information or to donate to the Heritage Legacy Fund, please contact the Heritage Winnipeg office at 942-2663 or email us at info@heritage.com.



AN EVENING WITH PRACTITIONERS

The University of Manitoba's Faculty of Architecture held an informal evening for the departments Masters level students after a culmination of a 13 week, 3 credit course called "*The Development Process for Design Professionals.*"

Attendees at the December 6th event included Executive Director, Cindy Tugwell and facilitated by Heritage Winnipeg's 1st-Vice President, Steve Demmings.

The course took a case study approach for the construction, leasing and management of single and multi tenant industrial buildings and a strip shopping centre.

Discussion consisted of an open forum with topics of concern affecting the City of Winnipeg, posed by students to invited guests.

THE ART SCENE Featuring David Perrett

On November 25, 2006 local artist David Perrett held a studio inauguration to showcase his new collection entitled "*Moss & Stone.*" Using natural materials like stone, wood, moss, grass, and even snow, Perrett combines these elements with the strength and toughness of industrial settings.

After only five weeks, a near derelict warehouse space at 290 McDermot Avenue was transformed into an amazing and impressive art space to showcase all of David's work.

The exhibit, which was attended by HW Executive Director, included a variety of mediums, such as sculptures, drawings, and photography.



Lights, Camera, COMMERCIAL!



Funded by The Winnipeg Foundation, Heritage Winnipeg along with CTV created a commercial on the life and times of the City of Winnipeg through the eyes of the Confederation Life Building. Running through the month of November, the commercial was well received by the public. A huge thank-you goes out to The Winnipeg Foundation for their generosity, making this project possible. Many thanks to CTV for creating a wonderful creativity. The commercial reaffirms just how important it is to bring awareness to our history and to preserve our historic architecture.



All About the *Seven Oaks Historical Committee*

Forming approximately four years ago, the Seven Oaks History Group is a committee of the Seven Oaks neighborhood resources network. One thing all of the members have in common is a “love and appreciation for history.” Areas within the Seven Oaks neighborhood include West and Old Kildonan, St. Johns, Luxton and they also work with West St. Paul and Point Douglas areas.

Some of Seven Oaks Historical Committee’s member groups include, Seven Oaks House, Bleak House, MC Beth House, Marymound School, and advisors on the board from Métis, Jewish and Polish communities.

Some of the committee’s projects include a “A Peoples, History of Seven Oaks” in which the members go out into the community and conduct interviews with individuals. Credit for this project goes to the committee’s former chairman and project manager, Mr. Len Kaminsky. Another one of Mr. Kaminsky’s projects was the development of walking tours, which included “The Famous and Infamous,” and “Seven Ghosts for Seven Oaks.”

The committee is also hoping to start a plaque program for heritage buildings and sites which do not currently have one.

The Seven Oaks Historical Committee holds meetings once a month and often includes a guest speaker. If you have a historical connection or your just an old fashioned history buff, you are welcome to join the committee and see what they are all about! For more information call Roy at 661-0818.

Sir John A. Macdonald Annual Dinner 2007



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The Manitoba Historical Society will be hosting the 42nd Annual Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner . It will be held at 6:00 pm with dinner at 7:00 pm on Saturday, January 20th, 2007 at the historic Fort Garry Hotel. The evening will include a silent and live auction, as well as prizes to be awarded throughout the night. Tickets are \$100 per person for MHS members; \$110 per person for non-members. To order contact the Society at 947.0559.

Proceeds for this fundraiser, benefit the work of the Manitoba Historical Society, Western Canada’s oldest historical society, founded in 1879.





Doors Open 2007 Volunteer Opportunity

Heritage Winnipeg presents the fourth annual Doors Open Winnipeg. If you are interested in volunteering the weekend of May 26-27th, 2007 to help put on another successful and exciting event, Heritage Winnipeg would like you to contact our office! Approximately 200 volunteers are needed.

To register or for more information, please contact the Heritage Winnipeg office at 942-2663 or email us at info@heritagewinnipeg.com. We would like to hold a volunteer orientation this spring to discuss various ideas and tasks.

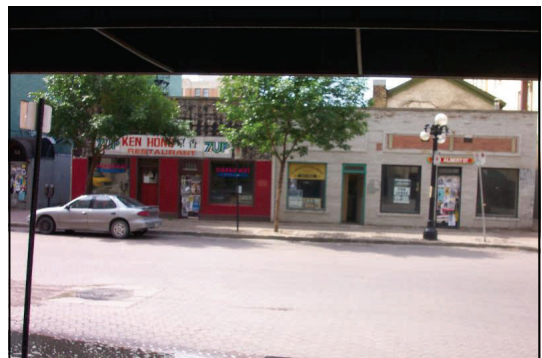
Doors Open Winnipeg 2007— *“Celebrating Stories Buildings Tell”*.

ADVOCACY UPDATE:

Heritage Winnipeg is registered to speak at City Hall in delegation at the Standing Committee on Property & Development on January 9th, 2006 to support the grade 3 heritage designation by the Historical Buildings Committee on the Business block at 38-44 1/2 Albert Street. After the committee’s decision it will then go further on to the Executive Policy Committee and then the final decision will be made at the Council meeting.



Second oldest structure within the downtown area, located behind the business block on Albert Street



Albert Street Business Block

As reported in the media, specifically the Winnipeg Free Press, the Albert Street Business Block is experiencing some pressure from the owner of the adjacent St. Charles Hotel. The plan is to possibly turn the hotel located on the corner of Notre Dame and Albert Street into a boutique hotel. They believe that in order for this to be viable they would need to demolish the adjacent business block in order to convert it into surface parking and patio area. Heritage Winnipeg will continue to follow the issues involving these buildings.

In Memoriam



REV. HARRY LEHOTSKY
1957-2006

Sadly on Saturday, November 11th, 2006 Rev. Harry Lehotsky founder of New Life Ministries passed away. He was 49.

Harry was known for his tireless work within the West End Community. From the founding of Lazarus Housing, a non-profit company that purchased and renovated more than 100 derelict homes to the refurbishment of the Mac Building into the Ellice Café & Theatre to help provide volunteer and employment training for those in need.

Many people will remember Lehotsky as a man who was never afraid to speak his mind, regardless of the consequences. Whether you agreed with him or not, he always remained true to what he believed in while working hard to achieve a better community for the people and businesses within the West End.

Rev. Lehotsky is survived by his wife Virginia, and three sons.

Heritage Winnipeg would like to Welcome & Thank....

Welcome to all new members for 2006 -2007. As always thank you to all of our members, new and old, for your support and generous contributions throughout this past year!

Michael Kulasza
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