A Word from the Editor

by R.B. Fleming

This final newsletter of 2009, in celebration of a year of events on the part of the Friends and The OPP Museum, as well as the OPP itself, reminds us of the great work done by all three organizations in celebrating the centenary of the OPP. Since this issue is mostly photographs, the editor merely delegated the work to three people, Jeanie Tummon, Chris Johnstone and to our new graphic designer, Joel Emberson, who expertly handled the daunting task of laying out all these beautiful images taken by several photographers, all of whom deserve thanks. This is Joel’s first issue, and it is obvious that he is carrying on the high standards of design established by Dave Lees, who has moved on to other activities with the OPP. I would also like to thank our proofreader, Ruby Ryder.

Message from the Honorary Chair

OPP Commissioner
Julian Fantino

In January 2009 we embarked upon a journey throughout Ontario to commemorate the OPP’s 100th Anniversary, our law enforcement accomplishments and our service to the people of Ontario. Many signature events and museum activities were featured throughout the year. We appreciate the many tributes and compliments paid to the OPP during all the many community events. I also want to extend my personal thanks to the hard-working volunteers who comprise Friends of The OPP Museum. Thank you for your dedication, commitment and on-going support - 2009 was truly a year to remember.

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.

President’s Report

by Doug Cole

As the photographs and stories in this special edition illustrate, the past year has been an exciting milestone. In 2009, to celebrate events around the province, the Friends worked hard to assist the dedicated staff of The OPP Museum and the 100th Anniversary Team, who marked the OPP’s proud century of heritage. Along the way, Friends encouraged thousands of members of the general public to visit Orillia and The OPP Museum. Also we witnessed the pride taken by current officers, constables, civilian staff, auxiliary and cadets in their daily tasks, and we enjoyed meeting hundreds of veterans, who shared stories of their time in the ranks. To all who helped over this past year, we thank you. All our best for a peaceful, healthy and enjoyable holiday season.
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**Commemorative Patrol**

*February 1 – February 21, 2009*

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A frosty **Erik Howells** testifies to the fact that the patrollers encountered a variety of weather.

**Guy Higgot** with his two lead dogs **Astro** and **Boss**

**Minister Rick Bartolucci**, Sergeants **Guy Higgott** and **Erik Howells**, Commissioner **Julian Fantino** and ChocPaw guides **Andrew Pace** and **Graeme Mitchell** pause for a photo at the launch in Hearst.

**Above right:**

**Paula Drew** and **Paul Delaney**

**Right:**

 OPP photographer **Harold Staats** and **Dorothy Duncan** enjoy a few words about the Friends special commemorative cookbook MUSH!!

**100th Anniversary Launch**

*January 8, 2009*

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Arresting Images Preview
March 7, 2009

On hand to celebrate the preview of Arresting Images: Mug shots from The OPP Museum, the museum’s first travelling exhibition, Friends members were treated to special refreshments: bread and water! A selection of bread provided by Dorothy Duncan, who used an historic recipe, received rave reviews as did the exhibit.

Lakehead University students volunteered to assist with the mug shot activity during the preview event

John Blaubergs takes a closer look at the photographs

Deputy Commissioner Larry Beechy, Associate Curator Tim Laurin and MP Bruce Stanton

Exhibit catalogue sales got underway with Terry Hehn

Jim Watt and John Bobyk
Friends of The OPP Museum
100th Anniversary Gala

March 28, 2009

The Friends Gala brought the community together to raise funds for the Museum and celebrate OPP heritage. Yes, a good time was had by all!

MP Bruce Stanton (left), Dr. Alice den Otter and MPP Garfield Dunlop (right) lend their support to the event

Linda Rodenburg

Sandra and Mike Saddy

Doug Lewis and Ret. Det/Const. (OPP) Frank Takacs

Frontiers: A century of policing Opening

April 30, 2009

The museum’s 100th anniversary signature exhibition opened to good crowds and a great celebration of heritage.

Rob Keery tries out the exhibit’s new historic photo cut-outs

Retired member E.F. “Pep” Martin with his grandchildren

Dave Sabatini greeting a guest at the museum as an early “recruit candidate” from 1909

On hand for the official opening are Superintendent Angie Howe, Constable Lisa Peters, Deputy Commissioner Larry Beechy, Museum Curator Jeannie Tummon and Actor John LeClair, who was playing the role of historic detective John Wilson Murray
Three Museums Giant Book Sale

*May 23 & 24, 2009*

There were books and buyers galore at the Three Museums Giant Book Sale, May 23 and 24, sponsored by Friends of The OPP Museum, Stephen Leacock Museum and Orillia Museum of Art & History, where the sale was held. Thank you to all the donors, volunteers and supporters for their interest in this very successful fund raising event.

Signature Events

*May - September 2009*

Friends celebrated throughout the 100th Anniversary year at regional events including Niagara Falls, Caledon and London and in Oshawa at the spectacular Tattoo.
Connecting with retirees, Terry Hehn and Dorothy Duncan staff a Friends exhibit at the OPP Veterans’ Association AGM in London this year.

Retired Sergeant Bill Litowski, #1942 generously donated the tunic and original Stetson worn by early OPP member Leonard Hardwick (badge #99) to the museum; seen on display here at the 2009 London OPPVA AGM.

Friends First Annual General Meeting

June 11, 2009

With many great stories to tell, Sergeant Guy Higgott spoke at the AGM about his adventures on the trail during the Commemorative Patrol. Paul Delaney, Chris Johnstone, Guy Higgott and Doug Cole at the reception.

Doug Cole and Bruce Waite

Jeanie Tummon and Sharon Armstrong

Inspector (Retired) Rod Williams and Sandra Stanton

Deputy Commissioner (Retired) Bill Lidstone and outgoing board member Superintendent Paul Laing

New board members A/Superintendent Sandy Thomas and Staff Sergeant (Retired) Pat Bromley (centre) are welcomed by Jeanie Tummon and Angie Howe.
100th Anniversary Celebration

October 13, 2009

The year’s celebrations culminated with an event at General Headquarters on the official anniversary, October 13, 2009. Events included celebrating the creation of the 100th Anniversary Time Capsule.

Award of Excellence

October 22, 2009

At the annual Ontario Museum Association conference on October 22, 2009 in Hamilton, an Award of Excellence was presented to The OPP Museum, for its “outstanding, innovative and engaging” travelling exhibition, Arresting Images: Mug shots from The OPP Museum. Left to right: The Honourable Aileen Carroll, Minister of Culture; OPP Museum Curator Jeanie Tummon; Chair of the 2009 OMA Awards Committee Anne-Marie Hagan; and OPP Museum Collections Coordinator Chris Johnstone.

Cook Book Caper

November 21 & 22, 2009

Cook Book Caper, hosted by the Stephen Leacock Museum on behalf of Friends of The OPP Museum and the Orillia Museum of Art and History on November 20 and 21 was also an unqualified success. New, used, historic and modern cook books flowed in from generous donors across Ontario, and Fred Addis, Curator-Chef of the Stephen Leacock Museum, prepared chili and corn muffins for the hungry shoppers. Lucky draws were held during the day for treasures, both old and new that were carried home by the winners. Again, our sincere thanks to all our supporters who worked so hard to make this event a success.
The OPP Museum’s inaugural travelling exhibition, **Arresting Images: Mug shots from The OPP Museum**, made its debut in 2009. This catalogue and boxed set of 100 postcards provides compelling glimpses into the stories of the 100 criminals and suspects featured in the exhibit.

**Arresting Images: Mug shots from The OPP Museum** catalogue and boxed set of cards, available for $24.95 from The Off Duty Shopp.

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