

Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons was the Venue for The Friends of *The OPP Museum* 'Reel to Reel' Fundraiser

Event Highlights:

- A private after-hours tour of the historic 17th Century Sainte-Marie Jesuit settlement, arranged by Diane Archambault of Huronia Historical Parks;
- A gourmet dinner hosted by Nick Boudouris at Restaurant Sainte-Marie and
- A very profitable silent auction with numerous items generously donated to Friends by area businesses and individuals.

In all, over 100 persons supported the event including attendees, auction donors and volunteers. The proceeds were specifically earmarked for the restoration of *The OPP Museum's* collection of vintage 16mm films.

We are pleased to report that the nearly \$6000.00 raised at this event will enable us to proceed with the restoration of 13 films identified in *The OPP Museum* film library. These aging and deteriorating acetate films will be converted into modern and permanent digital format.

Thanks so much to all who participated to make this event a resounding success!



Commissioner Lewis endorses the film project.



Debbie & Sean Sokoloskie, Jeff Taylor, Tiffany Taylor.



Diane McLachlan & Dorothy Anderson, silent auction participants

'Reel to Reel' Fundraiser *(continued from front)*



Father Mike O'Donnell, S.J. and Master of Ceremonies Ted McCollum



Former Friends Board members Paul Delaney & Rod Williams



Bob & Liz Arbour paying up!



Jenn Bruder with President Norm Feaver and Past President Doug Cole



Restaurant Sainte-Marie Dinner



Original artwork donated by Ginny Aitchison

Friends of *The OPP Museum* introduce On-line Credit Card Payments

The Friends of the OPP Museum have recently installed a secure on-line payment program on their website through TD Canada Trust to enable secure payments to Friends by credit card.

Visit our website: <http://www.oppmuseumfriends.ca> and see how easy it is to make all your payments to the Friends on-line including:

- NEW MEMBERSHIP AND RENEWALS
- DONATIONS - GENERAL AND SPECIFIC
- MEMORIALS
- EVENT REGISTRATION AND SPONSORSHIP PLEDGES



Be sure to complete all areas of the on-line payment form including the explanation section to specify the purpose of the payment. In the case of sponsorships, specific donations, or memorials, ensure details regarding the individual(s) you are referencing are included with the payment.



President's Message

by Pat Bromley

After serving on the Friends Board as a Director in 2009 and as Vice President since 2010, I recently replaced Norm Feaver as President. We thank him for his time as our leader. Norm will remain on the board as a Director.

I would like to welcome Debbie Sokoloskie to the Board as our newest Director.

Our Board is comprised of active and retired individuals from both the public service and private sector with special skills who all contribute to an effective and efficient organization.

We will be holding our largest annual fundraiser this Sept 6th, with a 50 km and 100 km Fun Bike Ride through the hills of Oro-Medonte. Funds raised will begin our Henderson Motorcycle Restoration project. We encourage Friends members to support our fundraisers through **participation, pledging, or volunteering** at the event.

The year ahead brings us a review of our bylaws to ensure we conform with the new Non-Profit Corporations Act, and a review of our Memorandum of Understanding with the Ontario Provincial Police.

We plan to have four annual newsletters and interim bulletins (if needed) to keep our membership apprised of events, activities, and fundraisers. If you have any suggestions for articles, improvements in service, or wish to receive only electronic versions of newsletters, please contact the Friends office by phone or email.

2013 will be our 5th anniversary year of incorporation as a non-profit organization and plans are being made for special events and celebrations. Be sure to check out our website for updated information.

Editor's Message

by Cathy Bell

Please enjoy this abbreviated summer version of the newsletter. You will find updates and photos from our Annual General Meeting held in May of this year. As well, this is an opportunity for us to celebrate the success of the fundraising dinner held June 15, 2012 at Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons in Midland. Also, find included a membership renewal form so you can continue to support the Friends. If you are interested in becoming a Friends supporter, you will find a membership application form in

the newsletter, or you may visit us at our website: <http://oppmuseumfriends.ca> for more information.

Don't forget the upcoming "Pedal for the Past" bike ride. The ride is in support of the Friends and *The OPP Museum* in the mission to preserve and celebrate the history of the OPP.

As always, please forward any ideas or suggestions for the newsletter to: cathy.bell@ontario.ca.

Donations to Friends of *The OPP Museum*

A reminder to our donors that monetary gifts to Friends are eligible for a charitable tax receipt (Charitable registration #81381 0819 RR 0001). The receipts for 2011 have been sent out. Anyone wishing to make a donation to the museum's artifact collection should contact the museum directly by calling (705) 329-6889.

Curator's message

by Chris Johnstone

Our busy summer continues with lots of new visitors and some old friends stopping by the museum in Orillia – the sunshine town. Think of us if you're in the area travelling this summer – we offer a great retreat from the scorching summer sun! The Kidzone is once again a popular hang out in the gallery with new OPP puppets and lots of activity sheets to try out. And while you're here, why not stop by Car one and take a photo – it could be the first stop in your Sumac Scavenger Hunt challenge! Visit www.sumac.info for more information, or pick up a map at the museum entrance – one lucky participant is going to win an all access Family Pass for four to Horseshoe Resort's Adventure Park! Museum staff have also been fortunate to get to spend some time out and about joining Friends members at a few special events with our new kids dress up relay challenge, including a fun day at Coldwater Canadiana Museum to celebrate the launch of the Sumac Cultural Places Pass – in partnership with Simcoe County Libraries. Want to try on a uniform for size? Meet us at Couchiching Beach Park on Friday August 17th, the first day of a three day Sunshine City Festival celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Stephen Leacock's Sunshine Sketches of a Little Town. Don't be alarmed if you run into a 1912 Ontario Provincial Police Officer – he's with us!

Recently, the museum was thrilled to participate in honouring two of its most steadfast supporters. Mr. Jim Watt and Mr. Rob Keery accepted their 15 year Volunteer Service Award pins at a ceremony held at ODAS Park. Their years of dedicated service to The OPP Museum is a remarkable accomplishment marked by significant contributions to research, artifact care and education. I was very proud to accompany the honourees at a lovely ceremony and reception held on June 14th, 2012 and on behalf of the OPP, thank both gentlemen for their continued commitment to the preservation of OPP history.



Annual General Meeting

The 2012 Annual General Meeting of Friends of *The OPP Museum* was held on May 31st in the Sam Browne Room at Kelsey's Restaurant in Orillia. Past President Doug Cole acted as Master of Ceremonies. The Board of Directors for 2012-2013 was acclaimed. Outgoing board member Sandra Stanton was presented with a certificate of appreciation and thanked for her years of service. In addition to serving as President and Secretary, Sandra was also a founding committee member.



Pat Bromley, Len Aitchison and Ted McCollum



Ted McCollum and Sandra Stanton



Sandra Stanton, Insp. Robyn MacEachern and Norm Feaver

The OPP Museum Volunteers

Mr. Jim Watt and Mr. Rob Keery accept their 15 year Volunteer Service Award pins at a ceremony held at ODAS Park.



Friends of *The OPP Museum* Board of Directors

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Term</i>
Board Executive		
President	Pat Bromley	2012 - 2015
Vice President	Ted McCollum	2012 - 2015
Secretary	Len Aitchison	2010 - 2013
Treasurer	Terry Hehn	2010 - 2013
Board Directors		
Director	Norm Feaver (Past President)	2010 - 2013
Director	Angie McCollum	2011 - 2014
Director	Debbie Sokoloskie	2012 - 2015
Director	Doug Cole	2011 - 2014
Director	Dave Truax (Commissioned Officers' Association Rep.)	2010 – present
Others		Participation
Newsletter Editor	Cathy Bell	2011 – present
Honorary Chair	Chris D. Lewis, OPP Commissioner	2010 - present
Honorary Director	Inspector Phil Whitton, Corporate Communications and Executive Services	2012 - present
Honorary Director	Chris Johnstone (Museum Curator)	2010 - present
Honorary Director	Nancy Merriman (Manager, Communications Support Unit)	2010 - present
Past Presidents	Norm Feaver Doug Cole Dorothy Duncan Sandra Stanton	(2011 – 2012) (2009-2011) (2008-2009) (2008)
Past Honorary Chair	Julian Fantino, OPP Commissioner	(2008 – 2010)
Past Board Members	Paul Delaney, Paul Laing, Rod Williams, Linda Rodenburg, Rae Fleming, Bruce Waite, Angie Howe and Sandy Thomas. Sandra Stanton, Secretary	(2009 – 2012)



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Membership Application/Renewal Form

Name:			
<input type="checkbox"/> this is a renewal and my address has not changed			
Bureau:			
Street:			
City:	Province:	Postal code:	
Phone:	Phone:		
email:			
Signature:		Date:	

Whenever possible, I would prefer to receive my Friends of *The OPP Museum* meeting notifications, newsletters, updates and special invitations:

- by email
 by regular mail
 please do not send any notices

Annual membership fee	\$25.00
Additional donation (optional). Tax receipt required for this portion? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	\$
Registered Charitable Organization # 81381 0819 RR0001	Total enclosed: \$

Payment by Visa or Mastercard. Name on card: _____
 Card number: _____ expiry _____
 3 digit security code from back of card _____

Please make cheques payable to **Friends of *The OPP Museum***. Do not mail cash.

Friends of *The OPP Museum* is a non-profit organization that supports and promotes *The OPP Museum*. The Board of Directors reserves the right of refusal for any membership application.

OFFICE USE ONLY:	Membership # _____	
Database updated: <input type="checkbox"/> new member entered <input type="checkbox"/> renewed member updated	Method of payment: <input type="checkbox"/> cheque (#) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> credit auth # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> cash (\$) _____	
Payment processed	Date:	Initials:
Member package sent	Date:	Initials:

Personal information on this form is collected pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act R.S.O. 1990 section 39(2) and will be used to track your membership and association with **Friends of The OPP Museum** under the authority of Exception for Educational Institutions, Libraries, Archives and Museums Regulations SOR/99-325 sub-clause 6.2b, made under the Act to Amend the Copyright Act (Canada) S.C. 1997 c.24. This information will be retained in perpetuity and shall remain confidential unless written permission to disclose has been provided.



A friendly road ride...



PEDAL FOR THE PAST

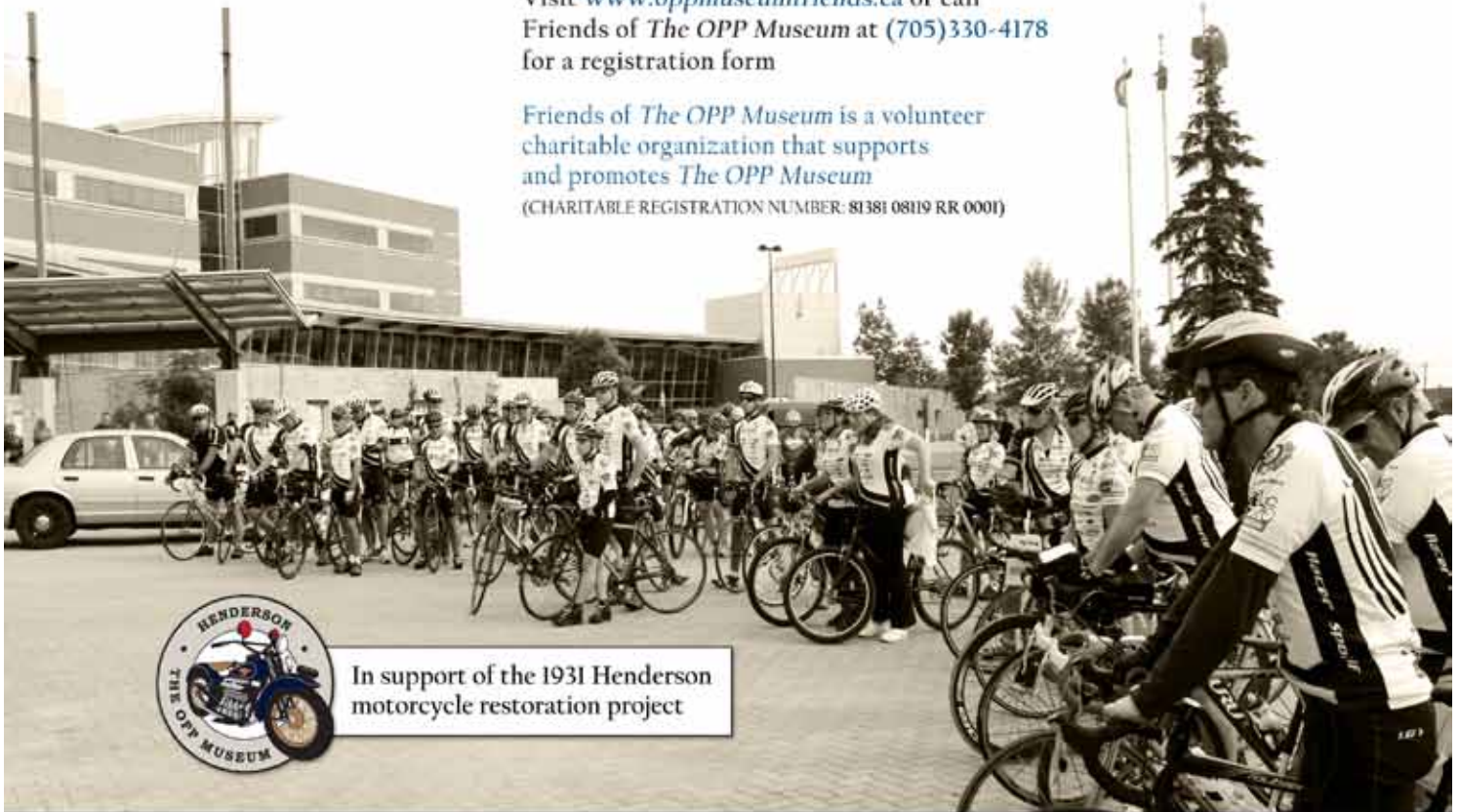
Support the Friends
and *The OPP Museum*
in their mission to
preserve and celebrate
the history of the
OPP and its place in
Ontario heritage.

Thursday, September 6, 2012, 11:00 a.m.

- 50 or 100 kilometre bike ride on paved roads through beautiful Oro-Medonte
- OPP Commissioner Chris Lewis will start the ride
- The Bike Ride departs and ends at OPP GHQ in Orillia
- Entry fee is minimum \$200 in pledges, payable in advance
- Each rider will receive a high-quality cycling jersey designed for the event
- Hydration and assistance stations will be available along the route
- All participants are invited to a complimentary celebratory BBQ after the ride
- The three top fundraisers will receive a dinner for two with the Commissioner

Visit www.oppmuseumfriends.ca or call
Friends of *The OPP Museum* at (705)330-4178
for a registration form

Friends of *The OPP Museum* is a volunteer
charitable organization that supports
and promotes *The OPP Museum*
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In support of the 1931 Henderson
motorcycle restoration project

EVERYONE WELCOME! ALL LEVELS WELCOME!