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Riverdale Historical Society fonds: Gerald Whyte Collection:

Finding aid

Riverdale Historical Society fonds. 1931-2014.

Administrative history

The Riverdale Historical Society was established in September 1999 by a group of residents of the Riverdale neighbourhood in Toronto. Its purpose was to discover, preserve and promote the history and heritage of Riverdale, defined for purposes of the Society as the Don River on the west, Lake Ontario on the south, Pape Avenue on the east and Danforth Avenue on the north. The Society's inaugural meeting was held at Riverdale Branch, Toronto Public Library, on November 30, 1999, when the following officers were selected: Chair, Ron Fletcher; Vice-Chair, Elizabeth Abbott; Secretary, Gerald Whyte and Treasurer, Susan Baker.

As well as holding regular meetings, the Riverdale Historical Society took an active interest in promoting historical preservation and commemoration of Riverdale history and heritage. It worked closely with the City of Toronto's Heritage Preservation Services to have important buildings listed or designated on the Toronto Heritage Register, and with Heritage Toronto to present about 15 plaques on buildings of architectural and historical importance that it supported with research and fundraising. The Society also participated in events to assist local community service organizations, such as an annual garden tour for WoodGreen Community Centre.

The Riverdale Historical Society received Heritage Toronto's *Community Heritage Award* and the Heritage Toronto *Members' Choice Award*.

Custodial history

The fonds came as a gift to Toronto Public Library in 2018 from the Riverdale Historical Society, with permission from the executor of the estate of Gerald Whyte, at whose home the materials had been housed, on the understanding that they would be retained at Riverdale Branch so that they would be readily available to the local community.

Biographical sketch

Gerald Arthur Whyte was born on December 18, 1933. He was the son of Percy John Whyte (1896-1986), who emigrated from England to Canada in 1907, and Gladys Olive Inch (1893-1974), originally from Toronto. Gerald grew up in Ottawa and attended Carleton University and then Princeton University. By 1969, he was the assistant registrar at the Ontario College of Education, University of Toronto, and was Professor of History and Admissions Officer at University of Toronto.

In the late 1980s Whyte moved to 49 First Avenue in Toronto's Riverdale neighbourhood, and became interested in the history of the area. He was a founding member of the Riverdale Historical Society, established in 1999, and served on its executive for about 15 years, first as the secretary, 1999-2007, and then as the president, 2007-2014. Gerald worked tirelessly for the Society, organizing events, leading walks, giving talks, raising funds, hosting parties, and spearheading the installation of almost 20 historical plaques in the local area, mostly in partnership with Heritage Toronto. His book, *The streets of Riverdale: an illustrated history* (2012), was written partly as a fundraiser for more plaques. He also was a lover of Handel, and the theatre and dogs, especially his own three, Lancer, Chivas and Timmie. Gerald Whyte died in his 83rd year at Toronto Grace Hospital on June 26, 2016, and funeral services were held on July 23 at his church, St. Matthew's Anglican on First Avenue.

Scope and content

The Riverdale Historical Society fonds is divided into three series: 1) Events and 2) Buildings & Research and 3) RHS Newsletters.

The records in these series were organized, housed, and in some instances created by Gerald Arthur Whyte.

Series 1. Riverdale Historical Society. Events.

November 1999-November 2014. 10 binders, housing volumes 1-14

Events include Society meetings, tours, visits to historic places (houses, churches, etc.) heritage plaque presentations (usually not numbered but called "Special"), fundraisers (e.g. garage sales) and participation in Doors Open.

Each binder is arranged chronologically by the event number. The binders include an index listing events by number with a summary of the name, location and date of the event. Binders usually include photographs of the event, but there may also be historical background information (sometimes prepared or transcribed by Whyte), newspaper clippings and other ephemera (programs, invitations) relating to an event.

Series 2. Research materials

1931 – 2012. 4 binders

The series is comprised primarily of research materials that Gerald Whyte compiled for his book, *The streets of Riverdale: an illustrated history* (2012), "A history project for the Riverdale Historical Society", as well as for heritage plaques and heritage award nominations.

The binders are comprised mostly of photographs of buildings on Riverdale streets that were taken by Whyte, but also included are a few original images that were donated to the Riverdale Historical Society, e.g., Maple Leaf Softball Team, 1931, along with copies of pictures and maps from archives/libraries, research papers and newspaper clippings.

Series 3. RHS Newsletters

Selected issues of the *Riverdale Observer* and the *Riverdalian* (2008-2013).

(The binder also includes 1 pamphlet of the Isaac Johnson House, 483 Broadview Avenue).



EVENTS, RIVERDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Established 1999, Toronto Ontario
VOLUME 1 (Events 1 – 14)

- 1 Tuesday, November 30, 1999,
Riverdale Public Library, 7 P.M.,
Inaugural Meeting / Stained Glass.
- 2 Tuesday, January 25, 2000,
'Riverside', Home of Bev. Dalys and Don
Procter, 469 Broadview Avenue, 7 P.M.
- 3 Tuesday, February 29, 2000,
Bain House, 7 P.M., 14 Dingwall Avenue.
- 4 Tuesday, March 28, 2000,
Riverdale Perk, 633 Logan Avenue, 7 P.M.
Logan Business Community History.
- 5 Tuesday, April 25, 2000, 7P.M.
Falph Thornton Centre,
765 Queen Street East.
- 6 Sunday May 28, 2000, 10 A.M.
Doors Open Toronto, The Don Jail.
- 7 Tuesday June 27, 2000,
Organizational Meeting, 7 P.M.
Riverdale Perk, 633 Logan Avenue.
- 8 Saturday, September 30, 2000,
Tour of Queen Street E. Antique Shops, 2 P.M.
- 9 Tuesday, November 28, 2000,
17 Simpson Avenue, 7 P.M.
- 10 Tuesday, January 30, 2001,
Ashbridges House, 7 P.M.,
1444 Queen Street East.
- 11 Thursday, April 19, 2001, 4.P.M.,
Bus Tour of E. J. Lennox Buildings.
- 12 Tuesday, April 24, 2001, 7 P.M.,
Scadding Night, Riverdale Perk,
633 Logan Avenue.
- 13 Saturday, May 26, 2001,
Doors Open Toronto, 10 A.M.
Don Jail.
- 14 Saturday, June 23, 2001,
Historical Tour of First Avenue,
2 P.M., 49 First Avenue.



EVENTS, RIVERDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Established 1999, Toronto Ontario
VOLUME 2 (Events 15 – 23)

15 Saturday, September 29, 2001,
North Riverdale Walking Tour, 2 P.M.

16 Tuesday, November 27th, 2001.
E.B. Cox House, 483 Broadview Avenue, 7P.M.

17 Saturday, December 9, 2001,
Todmorden Mills Christmas, 12 noon.

18 Tuesday, January 29, 2002,
Home of Nola Crewe and Harold Nelson,
74 Riverdale Avenue, 7 P.M.

19 Tuesday, February 26, 2002,
'Riverside', Home of Bev. Dalys and Don. Procter,
469 Riverdale Avenue, 7 P.M.

20 Saturday March 29, 2002, 2 P.M.
St. Matthews Church, St. Ann's Church.
(Refreshments after at 49 First Avenue)

21 Wednesday April 24th, 2002, 6 P.M.
Book Launch for "Over the Don" by Ron Fletcher,
Ralph Thornton Centre.

22 3rd Annual Doors Open Toronto,
Saturday, May 25th, 2002, The Ralph
Thornton Centre, 765 Queen St. E.

23 Picnic in Riverdale Park East,
Sunday June 2, 2002, 12 Noon,
Annual Report to Membership.



EVENTS, RIVERDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Established 1999, Toronto Ontario
VOLUME 3 (Events 24 – 34)

- 24** Lost Creeks Walking Tour,
Hogarth and Ingham, Sat. Sept 28,
2002, 2 P.M. , Ron Fletcher. Exec.
Meeting 121 Victor, 12.30 P.M.
- 25** Tour of 20, 22, 24, 26 and
28 Wardel Ave., Tues, Oct. 29, 2002, 7 P.M.
- 26** Tour of 98 Riverdale Ave., an 1889
house, Tues. Nov. 26, 2002, 7 P.M.
- 27** Riverdale Share Christmas,
The Music Hall, 147 Danforth Avenue,
Sunday, December 15, 2002, 2 P.M.
- 28** Tour of Chinatown East,
Sunday, January 18, 2003, 11 A.M.,
Followed by dim sum at the Pearl Court.
- 29** Book Night, Riverside Bookstore,
808 Queen Street East, Tuesday March 25,
2003, 7 P.M.
- 30** Tour of St Johns Presbyterian Church
and National Presbyterian Museum,
415 Broadview Avenue, Wednesday April 30,
2003, 7 P.M.
- 31** Lecture on stained glass and tour of
Metropolitan Community Church, 115 Simpson
Avenue, Tuesday May 27th, 2003, 7 P.M.
- 32** Annual Picnic Riverdale Park East,
by the cannon, 12 noon, Annual General Meeting,
1 P.M. , Tour of St. Matthews Lawnbowling Club,
2 P.M., Saturday June 14th, 2003.
- 33** Visit to Margaret Fraser House, 301
Broadview Avenue, Tuesday June 24th 7 P.M.
- 34** Conducting the tour of 469 Broadview Ave. as
part of the Secret Gardens Of Riverdale tour,
11 A.M. to 5 P.M., Sunday July 13, 2003.



EVENTS, RIVERDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Established 1999, Toronto Ontario
VOLUME 4 (Events 35 – 42)

3 5 Walking Tour of Allen Avenue and
Tour of the Chinese Alliance Church,
71 First Avenue, Tues., Sept. 30, 2003, 6:30 P.M.

3 6 Unveiling of the three bronze
plaques on the Queen Street Bridge,
Saturday, October 18, 2003, 12 Noon.

3 7 October Event, Mystery Evening,
Tuesday October 28, 2003,
121 Victor Avenue, 7 P.M.

3 8 Visit to Withrow Public School
to view the Exhibit Marking the 100th
Anniversary of the School
Wednesday, December 3rd, 2003. 7.30 P.M.

3 9 Visit to 137 Withrow Avenue to view
a 1906 house about to be renovated.

4 0 Book Fair and Antiques Appraisal,
Ralph Thornton Centre, Saturday
February 28, 4 P.M. to 10 P.M.

4 1 Visit to 68 Riverdale Avenue,
the William H. Jeffries House, 1886,
Wednesday April 28, 2004, 7:30 P.M.

4 2 Annual General Meeting,
Riverdale History Project Report and
Photo Archives Viewing,
Tuesday, May 25, 2004,
115 Simpson Avenue, 7:30 P.M.



EVENTS, RIVERDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Established 1999, Toronto Ontario
VOLUME 5 (Events 43 – 52)

4 3 Researching Your House,
A Presentation by Jane MacNamara
at the Metropolitan Community Church,
115 Simpson Ave., Tues. Sept. 28, 2004,
7:30 P.M.

4 4 Walking Tour of Riverdale,
By Ron Fletcher,
Sat. October 23, 2004, 2 P.M.
Beginning at the Ralph Thornton Centre.

4 5 A visit to Cranfield Manor,
450 Pape Avenue, the home of
William Harris, 1848 - 1914,
Tues. Nov. 23rd, 2004, 6:30 P.M.

4 6 Lecture by
Charis Cotter on her Book
Toronto Between the Wars,
Life in the City, 1919 - 1939,
Tues. Nov. 30th 2004, 7 P.M.
Riverdale Public Library.

4 7 Photograph Evening, Tues. Jan. 25th,
2005, 7:30 P.M., The Riverdale Perk,
A Showing of old Riverdale Photographs
And a talk by Lincoln Ross on the
Preservation of Old Photographs.

4 8 A Visit to 9 Frizzell Avenue,
A 1908 Edwardian Cottage,
The Home of Jane Graham and
John Benninger, Tues. Feb. 22nd, 2005, 7:30 P.M.

4 9 A discussion of the proposal
to create a Heritage District on First Avenue,
De Grassie St. to Logan Ave.,
Tuesday March 29th, 7:30 P.M.,
The Riverdale Perk, 655 Logan Ave.

5 0 A Retrospective of Riverdale Historical Society
Events, Riverdale Library, Tuesday April 26th,
2005, 7P.M.

51 A visit to 646 Broadview Avenue,
the home of James Harris from 1909
to 1927, Tuesday May 31st, 2005, 7:30 P.M.

52 The Annual General Meeting for 2005,
Riverdale Park East, Saturday June 18th, 7:30 P.M.



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VOLUME 6 (Events 53 – 63)

53 Evening of Reminiscences of Riverdale,
Riverdale Presbyterian, Church 662 Pape Avenue,
Tuesday September 27th, 2005, 7 P.M.

54 Walking Tour of Queen Street East,
Saturday October 29th, 2005, 2 P.M.

55 House Tour, Bowden Avenue,
Monday November 28th, 2005, 7:30 P.M.

56 Bruce Bell Talk on Victorian Theatre in Toronto,
Tuesday January 31st, 2006,
6:30 P.M., The Riverdale Library.

57 Riverdale Authors Night,
Tuesday February 27th, 2006,
6:30 P.M., The Riverdale Perk,
633 Logan Avenue.

58 Railway History in Toronto,
a talk by Derek Bowles,
Tuesday March 28th, 2006, 7:30 P.M.,
Riverdale Presbyterian Church

59 Visit to BLP Bronze International,
260 Bartley Drive, Toronto,
Thursday, April 27th, 2006, 11 A.M.

60 Unveiling of the Don Jail Heritage Designation Plaque,
Saturday May 6th, 2006, 1 P.M.,
St. Matthews Lawn Bowling Club and
Don Jail Governor's Residence.

61 Visit to 56 Grandview Avenue,
Tuesday May 30th, 2006, 7 P.M.

62 Annual General Meeting and Pot Luck Garden Party,
Saturday June 24th, 2006,
49 First Avenue, 1 P.M.

63 Talk on the Don Jail by Ron Fletcher,
Tuesday June 27th, 6:30 P.M.
Riverdale Library.



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VOLUME 7 (Events 64 – 77)

64 Researching Your House, —
a Talk by Gerald Whyte,
Tuesday September 19, 2006, 6:30 P.M.
Riverdale Library.

65 A Walking Tour of Riverdale, beginning
at the Don Jail, with Ron Fletcher,
Saturday September 30th, 2006, 1 P.M.

66 Tour of 509 Logan Avenue, Home of
Daphne Hart, Tuesday, October 24th, 2006, 7:P.M.

67 Christmas Food in Historic Riverdale, with
Liz Driver, President, Culinary Historians of Ontario,
Tuesday November 28th, 2006, 7:30 P.M., St.
Matthews Church Hall, 135 First Avenue.

68 Pot Luck Dinner, home of Ron Fletcher, 121
Victor Avenue, Friday Dec 1st, 2006, 7P.M.

69 Heritage Seeds and Gardens, a Joint Event
with Talk by the Riverdale Horticultural Society, Maria Kasstan
guest speaker, Franklin School, Logan Avenue,
Tuesday January 10th, 2007, 7:30 P.M.

70 Heritage Fireplaces in Riverdale, talk
by Ron Fletcher at his home, 121 Viictor Avenue,
Tuesday February 27th, 2007, 7 P.M.

71 Visit to the Presbyterian National Museum
St. John's Church, 415 Broadview Avenue,
Tuesday March 27th, 2007, 7 P.M.

72 Visit to the Owen Staples House,
59 Hogarth Avenue,
Tuesday April 24, 2007, 6 P.M.

73 Unveiling of the Poulton Block Plaque,
Mustard Seed, 791 Queen Street East,
Saturday May 12, 2007, 10:30 A.M.

74 Annual General Meeting,
and Trish Wood, Local Author,
Riverdale Perk, 633 Logan Avenue,
Tuesday May 29th, 2007, 6 P.M.

75 Third Annual R.H.S Garage Sale,
59 Withrow Avenue,
Saturday June 2nd, 2007, 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

76 Tour of the Renovated Music Hall,
147 Danforth Avenue,
Tuesday June 26, 2007, 6 P.M.

77 Scadding Day, Sunday July 29, 2007,
Scadding House 11 A.M.,
Scadding Cabin 2 P.M.



EVENTS, RIVERDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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VOLUME 8 (78 – 90)

78 Talk by Carol Moore Ede on the Cabbagetown-Regent Park Museum, Riverdale Library, Tuesday September 25th, 2007, 6 P.M.

79 Heritage Toronto Awards, Monday, October 15, 2007, The Carlu, 444 Yonge Street.

80 Heritage walk of Logan Avenue, led by Gerald Whyte, and tour of St. Matthew's Anglican Church, 135 First Avenue, November 4th, 5:30 P.M.

81 Bring a dish and a Concept: Potluck Meeting to Generate Program ideas. Friday, December 7, 2007, 6:30 P.M., St. Matthew's Anglican Church, 135 First Avenue.

82 Artists in Riverdale, talk by Jeff Powis, photographer, Tuesday, January 22, 2008, 6:30 P.M., Riverdale Public Library, 370 Broadview Avenue.

83 Book Launch: Sugar: a Bittersweet History, talk by Elizabeth Abbott, Tuesday, February 26, 2008, 6 P.M., 130 Riverdale Avenue.

84 Shoebox to Order: The Importance of Preserving Family Pictures, talk by Cory & Victor Home, Tuesday, March 5, 2008, 7 P.M., Riverdale Public Library, 370 Broadview Avenue.

85 Heritage Toronto Plaque Unveiling: Owen Staples House, 69 Hogarth Avenue and Thomas Hogarth House, 58 Hogarth Avenue, Saturday, May 3, 2008, 2 P.M.

86 Annual General Meeting. Talk by author Maureen Jennings, Tuesday, May 6, 2008, Riverdale Presbyterian Church, 662 Pape Ave.

87 Stained Glass, talk by Corey Keeble, Saturday, May 10, 2008, St. Barnabas Anglican Church, 31 Danforth Avenue.

88 Toronto and Montreal in Literary Imagination, talk by Nino Ricci, Tuesday, June 3, 2008, 6 P.M., Riverdale Public Library, 370 Broadview Avenue.

89 Annual garage/yard sale, Saturday, June 7, 2008, 9 A.M. – 1 P.M., 59 Withrow Avenue.

90 Heritage Toronto Walking Tour: Riverdale Homes and People, Saturday, June 28, 2008.



EVENTS, RIVERDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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VOLUME 9 (91 – 100)

91 Growing Up in Riverdale, A Panel Discussion,
Riverdale Public Library, Tuesday September 6th,
2008, 6 P.M.

92 Putting the Charm Back in a Remuddled House,
Tour and Discussion, 34 Albemarle Avenue, Sunday
October 26th, 2008, 6 P.M.

93 Heritage Toronto Plaque Unveiling, St. Matthew's
Anglican Church Riverdale, 135 First Avenue, Sunday
November 9th, 2008, 12 Noon.

94 Collections Fair, St. Matthew's Anglican Church,
135 First Avenue, Saturday January 31st, 2009
11 A.M. – 3 P.M.

95 Heritage Toronto Plaque Unveiling, William Peyton
Hubbard House, 660 Broadview Avenue, Montcrest
School, Saturday February 12th, 2009, 2:30 P.M.

96 Artists in our Midst, Riverdale Artists, Riverdale
Public Library, Tuesday March 31st 2009, 6 P.M.

97 The Streets of Riverdale, Introduction of the Book
Project, Gerald Whyte, Riverdale Public Library,
Tuesday April 28, 2009, 6 P.M.

98 Unbuilt Toronto, Book Discussion by Mark
Osbaldeston, and A.G.M., Riverdale Public Library,
Tuesday May 26th, 2009, 6 P.M.

99 Annual Yard Sale, 59 Withrow Avenue, Saturday
June 6th, 2009, 8 A.M. – 1 P.M.

100 Heritage Toronto Plaque Unveiling, The Music
Hall, 147 Danforth Avenue, Tuesday August 18th,
2009, 7 P.M.



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VOLUME 10 (101 – 114)

101 Corey Keeble, Talk on St. Matthew's Anglican Church Stained Glass. 135 First Avenue. Saturday September 19, 2009, 2 - 4 P.M.

102 House Visit: 443-445 Broadview Avenue. Tuesday, September 29, 2009, 6 P.M.

Special: Jane's Walk with Paula Fletcher, Queen Street East, Sunday May 2, 2010, 12:30 P.M. - missing

103 Haunted Riverdale: Talk by Scott Smith and Gerald Whyte. Riverdale Public Library, Saturday, October 17, 2009, 1 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

104 History on a Plate: Talk by Liz Driver, St. Matthew's Anglican Church, 135 First Avenue, Tuesday, November 24th, 2009, 6:30 P.M.

105 Arts and Crafts Fair, Riverdale Presbyterian Church, 662 Pape, Saturday, December 5th, 2009, 10 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Special: December 2009, 49 First Avenue, Christmas Party, RHS Board & Supporters

106 The Queen of Empire Avenue: Presentation by Corey Lemos, Riverdale Public Library, Tuesday, January, 26, 2010, 6 P.M.

107 Book Talk by author Howard Shrier, Riverdale Public Library, Tuesday, February 25, 2010, 6 P.M.

108 Book Launch: A History of Marriage by Elizabeth Abbott, Riverdale Avenue, Tuesday March 18, 2010, 6 P.M.

109 Woodgreen in Riverdale: A Presentation by Suzanne Duncan, Riverdale Public Library, Tuesday, March 30, 2010, 6 P.M.

110 House Visit: 9 Frizzell Avenue. [First visit: Tuesday February 2nd, 2005] Owner Jane Graham, Tuesday April 6, 2010, 6 P.M.

111 Merchants of Green Coffee: Presentation at 2 Matilda Street, Saturday, April 10, 2010, 2 P.M.

112 Site of Upper Canada's first Parliament Buildings: A Presentation by Rollo Myers, Riverdale Public Library, Tuesday, April 27, 2010

113 Presentation by John Sewell on Toronto's suburbs and the RHS AGM, Riverdale Public library, May 25, 2010, 5:30 P.M.

Special: Public Relations event at Withrow Park Farmers' Market, Saturday, May 28, 2010, 10 A.M.

114 Annual Yard Sale, 59 Withrow Avenue, Saturday June 5, 2010, 8 A.M. – 1 P.M.

Special: Annual Garden Party for RHS Volunteers, 49 First Avenue, Saturday, June 26, 2010, 2 P.M.



EVENTS, RIVERDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Established 1999, Toronto Ontario
VOLUME 11 (115 – 125)

115 Tuesday September 28, 2010, 6 P.M.
Riverdale Library. Valerie Mah - The History of
the Chinese Community in Canada and
especially Riverdale.

116 Saturday October 2, 2010, 10:30 – noon.
Riverdale. Riverdale Library to Library in
Riverdale Heritage Toronto Walking Tour.

117 Tuesday October 26, 2010, 6 P.M.
Riverdale Library. History of the Riverdale
Branch Library.

118 Karolyn Smardz Frost. Slavery, the
Underground Railway & Resistance - Black Life
in Toronto 1793 - 1900. Tuesday November 13,
6 P.M. Riverdale Library.

119 Three Sisters Around the Greek Table - Talk
and Cooking Demonstration. Tuesday
November 30, 6 P.M. St. Barnabas Church.

2010 Special: RHS. Christmas Party for Friends
and Volunteers.

120 Tuesday January 25, 2011. Food Scarcity in
Riverdale - then and now. Riverdale Food
Working Group. Riverdale Library.

Special Withrow Park Market.

121 Tuesday February 22, 2011. Alissa York -
Talk on her book, Fauna. Riverdale Library 6
P.M.

122 Stephen Otto, founder of Friends of Fort
York. Tuesday March 29, 2011. Riverdale
Library, 6 P.M.

123 Tuesday April 26, 2011. Elizabeth Abbott -
A History of Marriage. Riverdale Library, 6 P.M.

124 Wednesday May 25, 2011. A.G.M. & David
Miller Book Talk, Witness to a City. Riverdale
Library, 6 P.M. and 6:15 P.M.

125 Saturday June 4, 2011. Annual Garage Sale,
8 A.M. to noon, 59 Withrow Avenue.

Special: June 18, 2011. 49 First Avenue. Annual
Riverdale Historical Society Garden Party.



EVENTS, RIVERDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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VOLUME 12 (126 – 133)

Special: July 27th, 2011. Bain Co-op.
Bain Co-op - Riverdale Courts Plaque
Unveiling. Heritage Toronto with the
support of Riverdale Historical Society

126 Tuesday September 20, 2011.
Riverdale Library. Restoration of St.
Matthew's Clubhouse. Participating
Architects Ian McGillivray and Allan Killen.

Special: October 16, 2011.
St. Matthew's Clubhouse. City of Toronto
Open House. Hosted by city Councillor
Paula Fletcher.

127 Tuesday October 23, 2011.
Riverdale Library. Riverdale, a History of
Community Activism. Speaker, Dennis
Raphael.

128 Tuesday November 29, 2011.
St. Matthew's Clubhouse. The Street Arab
Book Presentation with Sandra Joyce. Sale
of her book.

129 Tuesday Jan 24, 2012.
Riverdale Library. Starting Research in
Genealogy with Kevin Bowers.

130 Tuesday February 28, 2012. Riverdale
Library. Goodherham and Worts, the
Family, the Business and the Community.
Speaker - Douglas Worts.

131 Tuesday March 27 2012. Royal
Canadian Curling Club. Canada Cycle and
Motor, the C.C.M. Story.
Book Presentation with author John
McKenty.

132 April 24, 2012. Riverdale Library. "The
Hangman's Graveyard", a film about the
Don Jail. Speakers - Alexis and John Dunlop
of Archaeological Services Inc., the
company that did the excavation.

133 Tuesday May 29, 2012. St. Matthew's
Clubhouse. A.G.M. & War of 1812
Commemorative Event. Speaker - Guylaine
Petrin - Crime and Passion in Riverdale.

Special: Saturday August 25, 2012. St
Matthew's Church, 135 First Ave. Unveiling
of Heritage Toronto Plaques for Riverdale
H.C.D. and Riverdale Railway Station.
Plaques sponsored by R.H.S.
Walking Tour - Gerald Whyte.



EVENTS, RIVERDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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VOLUME 13 (134 – 142)

Special: September 12, 2012. Riverdale Park East. Heritage Toronto Plaque Unveiling for Riverdale Park East. Plaques sponsored by Riverdale Historical Society.

134 Tuesday September 25, 2012. St. Matthew's Clubhouse. Book Launch - The Streets of Riverdale by Gerald Whyte.

135 Tuesday October 30, 2012. Riverdale Library. Lost Rivers of Ashbridges Bay. Speaker Hellen Mills. Uncovering the Deep History of Landscapes in Riverdale.

Special for 136: November 2012. 49 First Avenue. THS Reception for Vimy Ridge Presenters & Parents.

136 Tuesday November 27, 2012. Riverdale Library. Vimy Ridge Memorial - Students Share their Story. Hanna Halcro and Josh Vivian of Riverdale Collegiate.

137 Tuesday January 29, 2013. Riverdale Library. R.C. Harris and Public Works in Riverdale - by Wayne Reeves, Chief Curator City of Toronto Museum Services.

138 Tuesday February 26, 2013. Riverdale Library. Remembering 1812 with Gary Miedema, Chief Historian - Heritage Toronto.

139 Tuesday March 26, 2013. Riverdale Library. The Harris Family in Riverdale with James Harris.

140 Tuesday April 30, 2013. Riverdale Library. Queen Street E. Heritage Conservation District Proposal by students of Ryerson University.

141 Tuesday May 28, 2013. St. Matthew's Clubhouse. R.H.S. A.G.M. and A Celebration of Lawn Bowling with Alan Dean of the Ontario Lawn Bowling Association.

142 Saturday June 1, 2013. St. Matthew's Clubhouse. Fundraising Garage Sale for R.H.S. plaques fund. 1st garage sale held at Clubhouse.

Special: Saturday June 8, 2013. 49 First Avenue. Riverdale Historical Society Annual Garden Party. Home of Gerald Whyte, Pres. R.H.S.

Special: Saturday June 1st, 2013. 49 First Ave. Annual Garden Party of the Riverdale Historical Society.

Special: June 22 2013. 450 Pape Avenue. Cranfield House - Heritage Toronto plaque unveiling - plaque produced with the Riverdale Historical Society.



EVENTS, RIVERDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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VOLUME 14 (Events 143 – 150)

143 September 24, 2013. St Matthew's Clubhouse. The Toronto Parks & Trees Foundation.

150 May 27, 2014. St. Matthew's Clubhouse. A.G.M. and former Mayor Barbara Hall.

Special: Saturday October 26, 2013. 301 Broadview Avenue. Heritage Toronto plaque unveiling. Garon Cleland House.

144 October 29, 2013. St. Matthew's Clubhouse. The Churches of Riverdale - Peter Richardson.

145 November 26, 2013. St. Matthew's Clubhouse. Growing Toronto with Streetcar Suburbs - Toni Turriffin.

146 January 28, 2014. St. Matthew's Clubhouse. Along the Shore - Jane Fairburn.

147 February 25, 2014. St. Matthew's Clubhouse. The Mystery of Mary Mink - Guylaine Petrin.

Special: Saturday March 22, 2014. St. Matthew's Clubhouse. Unveiling of the H.T. plaques for the houses at the Don Jail.

148 March 25, 2014. St. Matthew's Clubhouse. What is a Park Lot - Wendy Smith.

149 April 29, 2014. St. Matthew's Clubhouse. Frances Shirriff and the Canadian Dinner Table - Sarah Hood.

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Series 3 - Newsletters

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