



## Spring Edition – April, 2017

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**The Annual General Meeting  
will take place on  
Sunday, May 7th, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.  
Reception will be from 1:30-2:00 p.m. and  
The meeting will commence at 2:00 p.m.**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to spring, Applewood members! Although it's just early April, hyacinths and tulips are poking up, and crocuses are blooming. An early start to the nice weather will help us get going on our busy event season (see our schedule later in this Almanac). We've also started on some "home improvements" around Applewood by utilizing part of a generous contribution made late last year to our Foundation by Heritage Etobicoke. Terry Faichnie has beautifully renovated several of our upstairs offices for new occupants, and has started on a refreshing update of our "museum room" in the basement area.

Our marvelous Terry has also tackled the problem of getting a new web site up and running for us. Our previous web site became inoperative when our volunteer webmaster of many years, Ron Raffin, passed away. Terry learned the complexities of web design and made all the arrangements to build and register our own new site, which you can find by typing "applewoodshaverhouse.ca" into your favourite browser.



*Beth and Doug Willoughby at Doug's  
Applewood Retirement Party on Jan 22*

The close of 2016 saw the end of an era at Applewood – our long-time staff member and resident historian, Doug Willoughby, retired. Doug has toured countless visitors through the Shaver Homestead, regaling them with colourful stories, anecdotes and facts about the historical significance of Applewood and its place in Etobicoke's pioneer heritage. As a parting gift, Doug presented Applewood with a 50-plus page handbook of his notes and narratives on his "Old House", for our use in training future generations of docent on the finer points of Shaver/Woodsworth history.

To celebrate Doug's over-35-years of contribution to events, committees, boards, and the day-to-day running of Applewood, we threw a party in his honour on January 22. The

turnout of Applewood's friends, old and new, was fantastic. With good humour and heartfelt tribute, we gave Doug a send-off befitting Applewood royalty.



*Doug and Friends at the unveiling of the "Willoughby Montage" covering 35 Applewood years*



*Applewood Presidents, past & present, congratulate Doug on his "Applewood Retirement"  
(Left to Right: Lawrie Crump, Rob Evans, Peter Peachey, Doug, Dave Young, Dennis Mills)*

Finally, I would like to mention some important upcoming dates. Saturday, April 22 is our annual Earth Day event. Dedicated member, Johann Fisch, organizes a volunteer cleanup of the Applewood surroundings each year, so if you are able, bring your garden gloves and join us at around 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning to fill the trash bags (provided). Refreshments will be available and at 11:30, we will be planting a sugar maple tree in the park in honour of Doug Willoughby and Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The Annual General Meeting of the JSWH Foundation will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday May 7 at Applewood. Come out and hear the results from last year, the plans for this year, and help elect our new slate of Directors.

A sure sign of spring in Etobicoke is our annual Doors Open and Plant Sale event, held for two days instead of just one this year: Saturday and Sunday May 27 and 28. Our hours are the same as usual: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. See you there!

Dave Young, President

## **REV. ALLAN LOGAN – 1927-2016**



The Reverend J. Allan Logan, passed away suddenly at the end of December 2016. Allan served as a wedding officiant at both Applewood and the Old Mill. He delighted in personally getting to know the couples he married and his warmth, kindness and charm made the wedding ceremonies so memorable.

Allan was a long-time Member and loyal contributor to Applewood, introduced initially by Rev. Stewart East and Grace Procnier. The Board and Members of The James Shaver Woodsworth Homestead Foundation offer their sincere sympathy to Allan's wife Janet and the Logan Family and thank them for their many years of support.

Allan, you will be missed!

*"A Life Well Lived" - Author Unknown*

*A Life well lived is a precious gift of hope and strength and grace,*

*From someone who has made this world a brighter, better place.*

*It's filled with memories sweet and sad, with smiles and sometimes tears,*

*With friendships formed and good times shared, and laughter through the years.*

*A Life well lived is a legacy of joy and pride and pleasure*

*a loving lasting memory our grateful hearts will treasure*

## **THE GARDEN LADY**

Many times, we hear about something interesting that we wish to do but... maybe next year! Next year was ...this year! and I was sorry not to have gone to the wonderful Philadelphia flower show before. The theme this year was Holland, it was spectacular. Bridges with containers of flowers, waterways lined with tulips, windmills, bicycles of all shapes, colour and sizes, all carrying baskets filled with flowers. Thousands of tulips, in all colours, in fabulous arrangements. And surprising was the hundreds of different plants that people care for in their homes, some I have never seen before. And, let's not forget the orchids and the wonderful sweet pea type of flower imported from China, beautiful soft colors but not the sweet scent of our sweet peas. On the way there, we stopped at the fabulous PHIPPS Conservatory in Pittsburgh, and at Longwood with its enormous orchid display and wonderful children's garden.

And so, we are waiting to get our hands in the earth and enjoy our own gardens, much smaller and simpler but most enjoyable, especially the Applewood garden!

Odile Sahl



## **ANNUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE FAIR**

Once again, Applewood was pleased to have a table at the Community Service Fair at Cloverdale Mall on February 11. Many people stopped by, either those very familiar with the House and also many others interested in the activities that take place there.



**SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL EVENTS – 2017**

- **Earth Day** - Tree Planting/Cleanup, Saturday, April 22 - 10:00 a.m.
- **Doors Open Toronto & Perennial Plant Sale**  
- Saturday and Sunday, May 27 & 28, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- **Twilight Concerts in the Park (Wednesdays, starting at 7:00 p.m.) – 23rd Season**
  - June 21** Etobicoke Community Concert Band
  - July 5** Etobicoke Community Concert Band
  - July 19** Etobicoke Community Concert Band
  - July 26** Toronto All-Star Band
- **Woodbine Day at the Races** – [October date to be confirmed]
- **Christmas Craft Sale** - Sunday, November 26, 10:00 am -3:00 pm

As usual, please mark your calendars, and plan to join us at Applewood’s Twilight Concerts this summer as our wonderful musical tradition continues! *Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on.*



**Welcome Spring**



***In closing, this is just a reminder to those of you who may not have renewed your membership. We are very dependent on your support, and it will be greatly appreciated.***



For, lo! The winter is past the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.

*King James Bible  
Old Testament*