

AGM & Conference Update – September 18, 2012

Accommodation Update

Please note that Isaiah Tubbs has set aside a limited number of rooms at a discounted room rate for the Friday and Saturday evenings September 28 and 29. The discounted rooms rates include a hot breakfast the following Saturday or Sunday morning as applicable but please note these rooms are available on a 'First Come-First Served' basis only. We suggest you book accommodations early by phone only to Sarah Clark at Isaiah Tubbs (toll free 1-800-724-2393 ext. 5010), and requesting the 'CFHA' rates. To view information about the resort facilities, driving directions and a site map click on the website www.isaiहतubbs.com. Please note you cannot book the special rates via Internet booking. Please remember your conference registration (includes lunch, bus tour, and /or dinner) needs to be made with Gladys Castonguay at 905-841-3504.

Bus Tour Update: Quaker Heritage Living and Departed

We are delighted to have Jennifer Lyons, Head Curator of the Prince Edward County Museums, as our local tour guide. Jennifer will help us understand the opening up of Prince Edward County to settlement and the context of the local Quaker communities which once flourished there. Although our tour will not travel a great distance we will visit the sites of no less than 5 different meetinghouses and associated burying grounds. Of these sites only one meetinghouse remains standing and continues to serve the community as the Wellington Museum. The bus tour will leave Isaiah Tubbs at 1:30 PM and return at 5:30 PM.

Did you know?

Most of us are familiar with the Orthodox-Hicksite schism which erupted in 1828 and spread like wild-fire throughout the North American Quaker world. Did you know that only a few scant decades later some of the Orthodox Quaker meetings experienced a second split into Orthodox and Conservative meetings? The separation of the Conservative meetings followed a much slower process. We will visit the site of the former meetinghouse where the dramatic split of 1881 took place—an event which was to have far reaching legal consequences in a young Canadian legal system.

A Special Meeting for Worship in the Manner of Friends

Regular Religious Society of Friends (the formal name of Quakers) or 'Friends' meetings for worship have been absent from Prince Edward County for over 5 decades. Through the kind efforts of local Friends and with the support of Wooler Monthly Meeting a gathering for worship will be held on Sunday (First Day) morning at 11:00 AM at the site of the former Baxter Cannery in Bloomfield. All are welcome to attend. The exact time and location will be announced once they are determined. Please note that Wooler Monthly Meeting does not meet this weekend, and so we are very pleased that an 'opportunity' for meeting in Prince Edward County itself is now confirmed. Directions to the meeting location will be provided.

Good Things Grow inPrince Edward County!

Local Prince Edward County produce will be featured where ever possible in the meal plans at Isaiah Tubbs Conference Centre and Resort. Much of this produce will be provided by local farms. Our AGM and 40th Celebration comes near the peak of Harvest season, and Prince Edward County roads will be dotted with roadside stands. Staff Conference organizer Sarah Cooper has kindly agreed to provide a list of the source farms and growers who will be supplying food products for our meals. CFHA registrants who wish to seek out these providers will find Prince Edward County tourist guides and sites to see included in the registration packages provided at the registration desk.

Did you know?

The fertile and easily worked soils found in some areas of Prince Edward County proved especially suitable for the development of extensive market gardens and orchards. But did you know the local Quaker reputation for honesty and integrity became a marketing feature in the form of local “Quaker” branded canned goods? Today’s “Quaker Oats” continues in the footsteps of these local entrepreneurs.

Do You Have a Local Ancestor?

As United Empire Loyalists, and Quakers among them, migrated up the St. Lawrence River valley conditions were right for the establishment of populous Quaker centres in and near Prince Edward County. The nature of Quaker communities and the regular cycle of Half-Yearly and yearly meetings meant that close family and religious ties were sustained over long periods. As we tour the local Quaker burying grounds participants will be able to check the lists of names of Quakers and their descendants. Perhaps there are unsuspected connections to the local community to be discovered!

Walking with Avery Dorland

Quaker ‘Built Heritage’ in the form of individual residences, farm houses and farm buildings is readily found in Prince Edward County. For those who are up for a little fresh air and exercise our tour bus will stop near the original home of Arthur G. Dorland. Our keynote speaker Avery Dorland will provide comment on this and other nearby examples of Dorland original built heritage. The group will then walk down main street Wellington (approximately 1.4 kilometer) to rejoin the bus at the group at the Wellington Museum.

Celebrating the Founders of CFHA: Tea and Apple Pie!

In the published works of Arthur G. Dorland one finds a good number of references to apples. What better way to celebrate and show our appreciation for the Founding members of the Canadian Friends Historical Association than by enjoying an afternoon break with Tea and Apple Pie! Arrangements are underway to enjoy some wonderful apple pie during a tea and refreshment break during our bus tour. This ‘taste of the County’ will be hosted by the local community group Friends of the Wellington Museum, and the intended venue will be, appropriately enough, in the backyard of the former Quaker Meetinghouse which is now the Wellington Museum.