

*Grand Opening of
the Grosvenor Lodge
Heritage Garden and
Annual General Meeting of
Heritage London Foundation*

May 28, 2001, 4:30 p.m. – Grosvenor Lodge
1017 Western Road, London, Ontario

Welcome and opening remarks
– Genet Hodder, chair of HLF

Minutes: Annual Meeting, 2000
– Ken Wilson

Financial report – Peter Innes

Election: Board of Directors – Ann McKillop

Heritag: A Personal Perspective
– Jim Chapman, Talk Show Host and Journalist

Creating a Heritage Garden
– Sylvia Behr, Landscape Architect

Ribbon Cutting – Ruth Drake Alloway

Designation of Ruth Drake room
presentation by Mrs. Tom Lawson

Light refreshments will follow the meeting



TO ESTABLISH
WORKABLE, CONTEMPORARY
USES FOR HERITAGE BUILDINGS
AND PROPERTIES.

HERITAGE LONDON FOUNDATION
2001 Annual Meeting

The Heritage London Foundation has been responsible for protecting and preserving two of the finest examples of our past history, namely the Elsie Perrin Williams Estate and Grosvenor Lodge for a period of twenty one years and nine years respectively.

The perennial buzz of activities at Grosvenor Lodge and the Elsie Perrin Williams Estate demonstrate that contemporary uses are a viable alternative to preserving heritage buildings.

Last year, the estate hosted 131 events, including 64 weddings; Grosvenor Lodge held 99 member meetings and 115 other events, including many small weddings. The Lodge continues to provide office space and support for heritage and environmental groups, as well as for small businesses.

In February, we joined with other groups during Heritage Week to showcase London's heritage organizations at Covent Garden Market. In July, we held our second One Enchanted Evening on the grounds of the Estate with dinner and dancing under the stars—a magical evening of fine dining and music, and wonderful fellowship.

The Greening Up at Grosvenor day camp was held in July and August for the fourth year providing summer activities in a natural setting for approximately 50 children, including 10 sponsored children from low-income families. Registration is now underway for the camp's fifth season.

For over a year, HLF has participated in a collaborative process with other heritage organizations and museums to identify common goals, needs and aspirations. This process

resulted in the city recognizing the heritage sector as a vital contributor to the development of London. this year the city will be funding a new position, heritage and museum coordinator and a volunteer Heritage and Museum Coordinating Committee. This new committee will promote heritage sites, museums and organizations using such things as Web sites, videos, brochures and



GROSVENOR LODGE



ELSIE PERRIN WILLIAMS ESTATE

joint programming. Raising the awareness of London's heritage will help increase tourism and will benefit everyone.

Jan Dickinson, our estates' manager, very capably ensures the challenges of day-to-day operation of our facilities are met. During the past year, Jan, Mark Gladysz, the former heritage planner, and Sylvia Behr, landscape architect, oversaw the planning and financial groundwork for the new Heritage Garden. We are most grateful to the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the London Community Foundation, and the Richard and Beryl Ivey Fund for their funding.

In the fall, we said farewell to Ruth Drake Alloway as chair. Ruth has been the inspiration and guiding light of HLF over the last 14 years. Her thoughtful and loving guardianship of these two properties has inspired us all to work harder, care more, and speak out for heritage.

Thanks to all of our sponsors and members for their ongoing support and to our directors for their tireless efforts on behalf of this organization.

GENET HODDER

CHAIR, HERITAGE LONDON FOUNDATION

