

Norval Park

Celebrating Our History In Norval, Ontario, Canada

Norval in 2014 40 Years of the Norval Community Association

Since a red brick schoolhouse was built on this site in 1840, The Norval Park lands have played a pivotal role in the community, helping to foster pride in the village, and encouraging an outstanding record of volunteerism that continues to this day.



David Vance Painting – Norval School

Originally owned by the Esquesing School Board, the parklands are situated on three acres between the west branch of the Credit River, to the west, and Guelph Street, or Highway #7, to the south. The park entrance is off Mary Street, on the east.

These parklands were used as an outdoor education facility for generations of Norval students who attended the red brick school, and later, in the 1950s, the newly built Norval Public School. For 175 years Norval students enjoyed track and field days with both three-legged and potato sack races, baseball games, and other sport day competitions that brought closure to the end of each school year.

Norval Park was the site of special ceremonies held to recognize the efforts of service men and women returning from both the First and Second World Wars. Gold watches were given to each Norval resident who served their country in time of war. Joan Browne Carter's history booklet *Norval History 1820 - 1950* has a complete list of all Norval war veterans.



Joan Carter holding daughter Janice born 1947

Generations of Norval citizens have gathered on these grounds to enjoy Norval Park in many ways. The Reverend Self, minister at the Norval Presbyterian Church, started youth sports in the park in the 1940s. A lacrosse rink and ice skating rink were built and baseball and hockey teams organized. Groups of Brownies, Guides, Cubs, Scouts, Rovers and Rangers were established and made great use of the Park. Wonderful Victoria Day celebrations graced the park with parades, barbecues, music, pony rides, and of course, fireworks!

1956 NORVAL JUNIOR FARMERS HOCKEY

Champions



*Back Row: Ross Cunningham, Herb Wilson, Don Smith, Ken Hearn, Ken Richardson, Fred Barnes, Floyd Brigden, Cliff McDonald, Dunc Robinson
Front Row: Earle Wilson, George Ferguson, Jamie Cunningham, Bill Wilson, Len Coxe*



Norval Cubs – 1981



Norval Cubs - 1955

More recently, Norval citizens have hosted many special events such as Riverfest, Anne of Green Gables Day, annual Montgomery Christmas celebrations, NCA's President's Garden Party, May 24th Parade, Canada Day, Georgetown Horticultural Society's Garden Tours, celebration fireworks, weddings, and sports events.



Norval Clean Up Day 1990



Canada Day Celebration Neil Bloomer, Rev. Paul Ivany

The row of “Norway Spruce trees” along the property line of “Lilac Lawn” (475 Guelph St.) and the Norval Park boundaries were planted by the students of Norval Public School in the early 1940s.



Norway Spruce Trees in Norval Park - 2014



Norval Public School - 1940

Norval Centennial 1967

When the historic school was demolished, the Norval Women's Institute saved the original school bell, and Bob Crawford saved the bell tower. Fred Fendley designed and built a cairn to hold the bell as a Centennial Project in 1967, initiated by the Women's Institute. Every member of the Institute brought a stone from their Norval home farm, which Fred carefully incorporated into the cairn. Today the bell is a reminder of the past and of the 1840s red brick school. The Women's Institute also buried a time capsule, to be opened in 2017 at the Sesquicentennial Celebration.



Fred and Lois Fendley, granddaughter Gayle Taylor

Special Note: The Norval Centennial backdrop was painted by Utta Pettingill



The new Norval School was built in the early 1950s, but with declining enrolment in the early 1970s, the Esquesing School Board was forced to close the school, in 1974. This closure precipitated the founding of the Norval Community Association (NCA), which was instrumental in keeping the Norval School building available for community activities and events.



1953 First Students at Norval Public School Junior and Senior Classes



Norval Public School

Norval Women's Institute Members 1967



Standing Left: Dorothy McLean, Grace Crawford, Carrie (Buck) Graham,
May Cleave, Gwen May, Lois Fendley, Amy Burke,
Grace Smellie (Fiddler) Maire Smellie (Murray)
Sitting Left: Ethel (Swindlehurst) Webb, Kathy (Pennycook) Chester,
Georgina Patterson



Norval Women's Institute 1995

A History of the Norval Community Association

The following italicized paragraphs, written by Hugh McFarlane in 1982, comprise his *History of the Norval Community Association*. As well as this written contribution, Hugh and Bonnie McFarlane donated a painting of the old Norval School (by late Norval artist David Vance) to the Community Association when they moved from Norval. The original art hangs on the wall at St. Paul's Anglican Church parish hall.

The fight by the citizens of Norval to keep their local school ended in September 1974, when it was closed, but from this began the Norval Community Association that continues to this day.

Basically the Association was formed on November 11, 1974 so that the Norval Community would not suffer another "School Episode." It was decided that the community must have a voice that could muster opinion and speak for all residents on issues important to preserving the quality of life in this Hamlet. The Association had four basic purposes:

- 1. To foster a strong community spirit.*
- 2. To provide a forum for residents to air their views.*
- 3. To liase with regulatory authorities.*
- 4. To preserve historic value and promote beautification.*

The Association was designed to be a positive force in the community, not just another protest group against "everything." The first executive was comprised of: Marie Carney, Hugh McFarlane, Bob Crawford, Dorothy McLean, Randy Fendley, Pat Patterson, Ken Gould, Tom Pettingill, Pearl Guthrie, Julian Reed, and Michael Lawlor, with Hugh McFarlane as President.

1976 Executive Photograph



Back row Left: Bob Crawford, Pat Patterson, Jim Lagerquist Front row Sitting: Judy Pomeroy, Dorothy McLean, Hugh McFarlane, Pearle Guthrie Missing from the Photo: Tom Pettingill, Joyce Hutton, Fred Howse,

Immediately, the Association took on specific projects, such as:

- 1. Getting the Norval School Building as a Community Center*
- 2. Having Georgetown water extended to Norval*
- 3. New street lighting*
- 4. Recreational programme and activities*
- 5. Beautifying the Village*

Through a great deal of hard work on the part of many people, the Association is proud to claim among its achievements the following:

In 1975 the Town of Halton Hills acquired the school site from the Halton Board of Education and declared it a "Community Center" for the residents of Norval and the surrounding area.

In 1977 new low pressure sodium street lights were installed, providing much needed security lighting for the Village.

In 1978 the Georgetown water system was extended to the Village of Norval, making dependence on wells (many dry, others contaminated) a thing of the past.

Recreational activities have been much more available to residents of all ages as a result of the former school facility, as well as the efforts to organize on the part of Association members. One of the most successful activities was the "over 50 Club" which met every Wednesday, and was originally headed by Mrs. Dorothy McLean, a lifelong resident and enthusiast of the Norval Community.

Largely as a result of community activities, Julian Reed went on to become the local M.P.P. for Halton-Burlington. He has been re-elected twice since running originally in 1974, and remains a stout community supporter.

Another member of the executive, Pat Patterson, went on to become the area Councillor for two terms for Ward 2, which includes the Village of Norval.

A current member of the executive, Peter Pomeroy, is in his second term as Mayor of Halton Hills.

The current executive is comprised of Earle Benson, Peter Pomeroy, Linda Howse, Joyce Hutton, Hugh McFarlane, Deanna Reed, Walter Ridley, and Linda Todd, with Hugh McFarlane as President and Joyce Hutton as Secretary/Treasurer.

These are merely the highlights of the Norval Community Association's accomplishments; the real achievements can be measured by the feeling of belonging that so many now have for Norval, both newcomers and mainliners whose presence has been felt for generations. Who says democracy can't work?

Lucy Maud Montgomery Heritage Gardens

The Norval Community Association designed and built the first phase of the

Lucy Maud Montgomery Heritage Gardens in 1992 as a Canada 125 project. A Canada 125 grant helped kick start the project, and NCA president David McPhail organized volunteers to oversee the work.



NCA President Dave McPhail and wife Pauline -1996

The heritage gardens were designed with famous Canadian author Lucy Maud Montgomery as inspiration. Montgomery was Norval's most famous citizen, living here from 1926 until 1935. She was an avid photographer and gardener; these gardens mirror a natural link to her own gardens at both the Norval Presbyterian Manse (402 Draper St.) and the English Country Gardens of her youth in Cavendish, Prince Edward Island.



Strictly Dance Studio celebrating Lucy Maud Montgomery in Norval

Montgomery has long been associated with fine fiction; Anne of Green Gables, first published in 1908, remains to this day one of the world's best-selling books, and has become a classic in children's literature. It has been translated into many foreign languages, produced as film, and presented on stages around the world. Montgomery was a prolific writer throughout her life, completing 22 novels, volumes of personal journals, collections of essays, dozens of poems and short stories, and copious correspondence to her family, friends, and fans around the world.



Selena Karlsson, Brianna Richardson – Anne of Green Gables Day 2008

Plant research for the gardens was undertaken by two Norval residents: Master Gardener Dianna Pooke, and the late Ruth Thompson, who will always be remembered as "Norval's Garden Angel." Both Dianna and Ruth inspired the community to create an English Country Garden to honour Montgomery.

The late Chris Graham, Director of Horticulture at the Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG) in Hamilton, took a personal interest in the project and extended the resources and archives of the RBG to the Norval group. An appeal was made to local residents to donate pieces of their heirloom plants to the garden in an attempt to preserve as many plants as possible in one place in Norval Park. It was felt that the garden should contain plants that would have been growing at the time that LMM lived in the village. Additionally, efforts were made to identify plants mentioned in Montgomery's writing, and as many as possible were incorporated into the garden.

Mary Maxwell's gardens provided several very old varieties of lilac that originally grew on the Coupland homestead north of the village on Winston Churchill Blvd. The group was also able to obtain varieties of white iris from the gardens of Marion Laird (a relative of Maud's) who had come from the Island to marry Murray Laird of Norval. Old cultivars of phlox came from the garden of Marion's daughter, Elaine Crawford, and from the garden of Ron Moffat, a lifelong resident of Norval.



Kathy Gastle, Melanie Simmons, Mary Maxwell in the LMM Gardens Norval

A very old and unique, but unidentified, rose was discovered in the gardens of the old Norval United Church Parsonage by Ted and Ruth Thompson. This plant became known as "The Norval Rose" and was later identified by the RBG's rosarian as "Prolifera de Redoute" or "Steeple Rose." The Norval Rose flowers profusely once a year. Its deep rose-pink flowers are quite double and intensely fragrant; each rose has a little green

“eye” in the center. In about one sixth of the roses, the eye in the center develops into a cluster of perfect little rosebuds.



Two wonderful columnar oak trees were donated by Bernard (a professional nurseryman) and Theresa Scholz of Old Pinecrest Road, who also gave lily of the valley to be planted along the pathway. Dianna Pooke was able to obtain several varieties of heritage seeds; from these she grew the hollyhocks, feverfew, marguerites, pinks, and balloon flowers that are so much part of the garden today. Sheridan Nurseries donated the old-fashioned Jackmanni clematis and climbing roses growing over the arbor, as well as many varieties of hosta.



The garden’s historical plaque was unveiled in 1992, with Marion Webb Laird, Elaine Laird Crawford, Luella Macdonald Veijalainen and her daughter Karim Allen, all relatives of Montgomery - on hand. Professor Gabriella Ammendston Swedish LMM Scholar, Dr. Mary Rubio (Professor of English at the University of

Guelph), the Regional Councillor Bill Robson, former Regional Chairman and Halton Hills Mayor Peter Pomeroy, and local Councillors Gail Rutherford and Kathy Gastle were also in attendance.



Marion Laird White Iris, Dr. Mary Rubio top with Dorothy McLean, Middle: Marion (Webb) Laird with Dr. Mary Rubio, Bottom Left: Professor Ammendston of Sweden, with Mary Rubio Luella -LMM Granddaughter and her daughter Karim

NCA Annual Plant Sale

The Association holds an annual plant sale (initially in the garden itself; later, elsewhere in the village) to raise money for the maintenance of the garden. Plants for sale come from the LMM Garden, from many private Norval gardens, and recently, from the Georgetown Horticultural Society.



Top: Hadlows, Tom Pettingill, Jamie Cunningham, Barb Hannon, Bud Carter, Bob Kipfer, Ann Evans, Bottom photo: Stephanie Crammond, Bill Appleby

Analematic Sundial - One of Ten in North America



Joan and Ormie (Bud) Carter at the Veterans' Plaque

In 1997 an Analematic Sundial was unveiled in honour of the men and women from Norval who served their country during war. The Carter Family assisted with the financing of the project, and monies have been received over the years from Joan Browne Carter's Norval History 1820 - 1950. The large Credit River stone is marked to identify 1997 as the year of the appearance of the Hale Bopp comet (not expected to reappear for another 2,500 years.) This gives Norval's Sundial a place in the history of the universe.





A large crowd of Norval's citizens gathered on June 22, 1997 for the unveiling ceremony. This date was the closest possible to the summer solstice. The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 120's colour party participated, and Joyce and Merry Ann Hutton led the guests singing the national anthem.

Background of the Analemmatic Sundial

When it was first decided that a sundial would make an appropriate and unique memorial to our service men and women, a small group researched the idea. One of the members had seen the recently installed analemmatic sundial at the Royal Botanical Garden in Hamilton, and contacted Dr. Lapp, MD a retired specialist at McMaster Medical Center who had designed the RBG's sundial. Dr. Lapp came to Norval to meet with the NCA and outline how to go about building one. He agreed to act as a consultant throughout Norval's project.



David Carter, Dr. Paul Lapp, Tom Pettingill



Analemmatic Sundial Plaque

A bronze dedication plaque for the sundial is inscribed with words chosen by Joan Carter: **"United in Time, Parted in Time, To be reunited when Time shall be no more."** In honour of Norval's men and women who served Canada in times of war.

Lest We Forget



1995 Executive of the NCA Left Front: Stella Bryant, Barb Fuller, Ruth Thompson Maria Britto, Joan Carter, Theresa Scholz, Greg Fuller, Neil Bloomer, Dianna Pooke, Ted Thompson, Tom Pettingill

A technical committee was set up with Tom Pettingill, Bill Pooke, David Carter, and David Soward taking the lead. Many other Norval residents were involved: Bob Kipfer, Neil Bloomer, Bernard Scholz, Ted Thompson, Bob Crawford, Ormie Carter, George Bryant, George Gastle, and Gary Murray. Bob Wolf and David Carter searched out the Credit River Valley stone which forms the standing stone and base of the sundial.



Left David Carter, Tom Pettingill, Bill Pooke, Bob Wolfe

The beautifully engraved standing stone contains a number of small crosses which, if linked together, form the figure 8. The stone also highlights the summer solstices, about June 22. The equinox one of two points at which the sun crosses the celestial equator, and the length of day and night is the same. The vernal or spring equinox around March 21, and the autumnal equinox September 21.

Sundials tell “sun time.” Clocks and watches tell “clock Time.” Sun Time is anchored around the idea that when the sun reaches its highest point (when it crosses the meridian, it will be noon again. The time which has elapsed between successive noons is sometimes more and sometimes less than 24 hours of clock time. In the middle months of the year the length of the day is quite close to 24 hours but around 15th of September the days are only some 23 hours, 59 minutes and 40 seconds long while around Christmas, the days are 24 hours and 20 seconds long.

The Norval Sundial Committee began their plans to design and build a unique Analemmatic Sundial in January of 1997. It should be noted that Tom Pettingill undertook the mathematical calculations needed to accurately tell sun time in Norval.

Meanwhile, Diana Pooke, Pam Soward, Theresa Scholz, Stella Bryant, Kathy Gastle, Ruth Thompson, Joan Carter, Ellen Carter, Brenda Bryce, Marj Finnamore (Harrison), Kim Thompson, and Ann Evans concentrated on the landscaping and proposed plantings for the area surrounding the sundial. The Norval Analemmatic Sundial is one of only four such sundials in Canada; others are located in Calgary, Penticton, and Hamilton.

A simpler, more understandable name for this kind of sundial is a “Human” or “Interactive” sundial. When a person stands on the appropriate month on the inscribed stone slab, their shadow points toward a low elliptical wall, at the base of which are bronze numbers representing watch time. Another set of bronze numbers run along the top of the wall, representing true Norval sun time. The beautiful bronze numbers were donated by Daphne and husband Howard Shropsal.



Howard and Daphne Shropsal

As one of the honoured guest speakers at the unveiling ceremonies Dr. Paul Lapp presented the following message to the large gathering in Norval Park on June 22, 1997.

It is an honour to be asked to speak on this auspicious occasion and to make some comment on the sundial, which is to be dedicated as part of this memorial to the veterans of Norval. When I began to think about what I would say there was a problem. The sundial would not be unveiled until later in the program and if I described in any detail what you were going to see the unveiling would be spoiled. The solution to this problem is that I shall talk about what you will not see. To lead into this topic let me start with a few lines from a poem by "Longfellow" called "The Builders."

*In the elder days of art,
Builders wrought with greatest
care, Each minute and unseen
part, For the Gods see
everywhere.*

"Builders wrought with greatest care." What you will not see in this sundial is the great care, which went into it's design and construction. This is an analemmatic sundial and there are only a few of these on this scale in North America. There is no book of designs to which the Norval citizens could use for the calculations necessary to make a sundial work at the latitude and longitude of Norval. They had to draw plans in detail, choose the materials, and with help construct the sundial with great accuracy. I emphasize this unseen care and accuracy for, without it, this would not be a sundial but only a pretty collection of engraved stones without purpose and significance. The purpose is to show the hours, but what is the significance? The answer lies in the last line of the poem "For the Gods see everywhere."

The early civilizations built their sundials as a link to the universe and their Gods. In a book called "Technology and Culture," Derek Price words the idea more nicely than I can. I quote:

"It would be a mistake to suppose that sundials had the primary utilitarian purpose of telling time. Doubtless they were on occasion made to serve this practical end, but on the whole their design and intentions seem to have been the aesthetic or religious satisfaction derived from making device to simulate the heavens. Greek and Roman sundials for example, seldom have their hour lines numbered but almost invariably the Equator and tropical lines are modeled on their surfaces and suitably inscribed. The design is mathematical tour-de-force in elegantly mapping the Heavenly Vault." End of quote.

*The significance of sundials is that after 5,000 years they still connect us to the sky and the magic of our existence. The builders of **Stonehenge**, the mathematicians of*

Babylon, the Wise Men of the Christmas Story or the Shamans of the First Nations would readily recognize what the people of Norval have created here.

In closing: I feel this sundial, this elegant map of the “Heavenly Vault,” combining as it does, both beauty and spirit, makes a wonderful veteran’s memorial and I congratulate all those who have contributed to making it so.



Deb Quale Author LMM “The Norval Years, 1926-1935” husband David and NCA Volunteers -2006



Norval Women's Institute Gazebo unveiling in Norval Park 2006 Janice Carter from London, England.

The family of Stan and Mona Fishburn donated a beautiful park bench in memory of their mother, Mona, with the inscription "We call Norval Home."



Seated on the Fishburn Park Bench: Mary Churchill, Jamie Cunningham 2014



LMM Garden - Jim and Janet Fiddler, Sharon Fishburn Atkinson 2000

A second, more traditional Victorian sundial was added to the garden with the assistance of Halton Hills Councillor Bob Inglis: its bronze plaque reads "*Among the Flowers! Tell the Hours.*" Norval is grateful to Bob's Uncle Jerry, a stonemason, for contributing other necessary stonework in the garden.



Traditional Sundial- Councillor Bob Inglis, G. Gastle, Ted Thompson –Mika 1998

Norval Women's Institute Partners with the NCA

A Trillium Grant was successfully applied for by the NCA in partnership with the Norval Women's Institute to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of NWI, in 2006. Several projects were made possible with this funding. Both the McNab Pioneer Cemetery and St. Paul's Pioneer Church Cemetery were identified with a bronze plaque. A beautiful walking tour brochure was designed for use by tourists visiting Norval and the LMM Heritage Gardens. The "Welcome Kiosk" in Norval Park, originally built by Chuck Bryce and George Gastle back in 1995, was upgraded with new information panels. (Chuck and George had, also back in 1995, designed and built the gateway Norval sign at Pine Court.) The Norval Women's Institute provided a gazebo, unveiled by President Eileen Nixon. Inside the gazebo are panels quoting poems written by L.M. Montgomery.



McNab Pioneer Cemetery



St. Paul's Anglican Pioneer Cemetery



Bernard Tobin – George and sons Brad and Derek Gastle

Special Awards, Notable Citizens, Anniversary Celebrations

Perhaps the active, contributing, celebratory nature of Norval's people dates all the way back to Lady Tweedsmuir's suggestion, in the mid-1930s, that Women's Institute branches in Canada follow the example of their English counterparts and keep detailed local history books. WI members had been recording the names of early settlers and details of agricultural practices since the 1920s, but the cachet of a request from the Governor General's wife, herself an active WI member, was most encouraging. Even all these years later, the people of Norval are still heeding the call, remaining strongly interested in the life of their village.



Norval Women's Institute – McNab Park Unveiling 1991



Rev. Mary Campbell as LMM 1993 Olde Tyme Concert photo with famous Canadian Actor Cedric Smith, and Chris Henderson



Stella Bryant, Jackie Fraser, Dianna Pooke, Kathy Gastle, Marie Carney, Teresa Scholz



Oktoberfest - Norval

Gardening remains a passionate pursuit. Canada Blooms gave the Sunflower Award to Norval in 2000. The NCA received the Heritage Garden Conservation Award from Ontario Heritage Trust in in 2006. The WI acknowledged both Noreen Vanlue's 90th birthday and her many years of dedicated service maintaining the Norval Tweedsmuir History Books by planting a forsythia bush in 2011. A beauty bush was planted in 2013 in memory of past WI president Jean May.



Jack May and family with Norval WI in the L.M. Montgomery Garden

The LMM Heritage Gardens continue to be a work in progress, twice winning the Best Community Garden Award from the Georgetown Horticultural Society, often included in garden tours, and host to many visiting groups from around the world. 2014 will see the Garden re-designed by landscape architect Eileen Foley to reflect and include a children's Garden of the Senses. A Sensory Garden is a place for visitors to look, smell, feel, taste, and listen, and is designed to accommodate those with special needs, such as the visually, developmentally, or mobility impaired. Gardening is a universal interest for all ages and abilities, and while this sensory garden will be primarily therapeutic, it will be instructive as well. The Garden of the Senses will blend into existing flower beds, but each garden will be joined by pathways, creating the feeling of the garden growing together.

To celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the NCA, the community applied for a Municipal Assistance and Trillium Grant to create a commemorative booklet, reprint Joan Carter's History Booklet, update a brochure and existing signage, and redesign the LMM Heritage Garden to incorporate a children's Garden of the Senses. The Lucy Maud Montgomery Heritage Garden sign, originally designed and built by Bob Crawford and George Gastle in 1993, has been replaced; the new one is similar, painted by Duane McCoy, of Peter D. Laird Transport Ltd., and the lettering finished with gold leaf by Bob Crawford. On this 40th anniversary, three of the founding members of the NCA are still involved: Bob Crawford, Jamie Cunningham, and Tom Pettingill.

Also in this 40th Anniversary year, the family of the late Ted and Ruth Thompson donated a bronze sculpture called "The Story Girl", placing it beside the Norval Women's Institute Gazebo.



Dedicated Norval Volunteers and NCA Members

Ruth Thompson, past NCA president, was a gentle gardener who patiently tended her own splendid gardens at 473 Guelph St. She was always ready to share her passion for gardening, and spent endless hours planting and weeding flower beds at the LMM Garden and throughout the village. Helping make Norval more beautiful was Ruth's gift to the village. Ruth's husband, Ted, was also involved in the NCA's work; the pair shall always be remembered as active and supportive volunteers. Ted and Ruth are now deceased, and sadly missed by all.



Ted and Ruth Thompson, longtime dedicated Norval volunteers



Lucy Maud Montgomery famous Hollyhocks



Maria Britto longtime NCA volunteer standing with Stella Bryant

Stella Bryant, past NCA president, secretary and editor of the Norval Newsletter, was a grand role model for all. Stella was always ready and willing to assist with any project, and is remembered for “schlepping” plants from the garden to car trunk, and from car trunk to garden, in an effort to plant in the rainy cold early mornings or nights of the fall. She saved the mood during deadline panic attacks, her sense of humour keeping everyone laughing when we would otherwise have cried.

Maria Britto a longtime resident on Old Pine Crest Road was a dedicated volunteer bringing her talents and endless support to everything “Norval.”

Diana Pooke, Master Gardener, RBG certified Horticultural Judge, editor of *The Ontario Rock Garden* and *Hardy Plant Society's Journal*, Co-President of the Georgetown Horticultural Society, and popular speaker on horticultural topics, was a long-time member of the NCA executive and founding member of the Garden Committee. She continues to act as consultant to the Association on heritage plants.

Bill Pooke grew up surrounded by his father's show stopper dahlias in England. Also a Master Gardener, Bill has a talent for producing beautiful prizewinning dahlias, which he regularly shared with the LMM Garden.

Pam and David Soward bring a strong gardening background to their volunteer work at the LMM Heritage Garden. They have remained active in the Association with David holding the position of Treasurer for more than 9 years. Pam with a Horticultural Certificate from the University of Guelph has offered her expertise to the LMM Garden projects for many years.



Left: Bill Pooke, Pam Soward, Dianna Pooke, Dave Soward



Jamie and Marlene Cunningham volunteering in the LMM Garden, Norval Park - 2014

Jamie Cunningham is a dedicated volunteer in both the Norval Presbyterian Church and his community. Jamie works to improve the lives of others, and helps ensure that all those who have lived in Norval are remembered. He believes in preservation and protection for the hamlet of Norval, his birthplace.





Tom Pettingill – Volunteer in Norval for over 40 years

Tom Pettingill is a founding member of the NCA, and remains active despite turning 90 in 2014. He volunteers in the wider community, helping improve lives wherever he can. Tom owns 401 Draper St., the former British Hotel built in 1840 and designated as a heritage site in 2014.



Norval Garden Party -Brittany and Krista Kunzig with Melanie Simmons

The late Bob Kipfer lived on the north hill of Norval and clearly valued his friendships, appearing with Neil Bloomer whenever a job needed tending in the village. Bob’s jolly personality and well-known desire to paddle the Credit River in early spring every year keep him alive in our memories.



Bob Kipfer and George Gastle paddling the Credit River



Norval School Bell



Brenda Bryce and Debbie Appleby G. Gastle and Chuck Bryce



Norval kids Easter Party and Christmas Caroling

Chuck and Brenda Bryce volunteered as a team, contributing countless hours promoting community events. The success of Norval's Olde Tyme Concert was due to Chuck's extraordinary work transforming the Parish Hall for the stage production. Chuck designed and built the stage backdrops and fence, while Brenda sewed countless costumes for the children. The gateway sign at Pine Court, the rose arbour, and the Welcome Kiosk were three projects that Chuck took a lead role in designing and building. Brenda organized Christmas caroling for children in the village, and helped with lots of children's special events and birthday parties.



Les and Mary Bond were also active with the production of the Olde Tyme Concert, and have quietly volunteered with projects in Norval for more than 30 years.





Elaine and Bob Crawford longtime Norval volunteers

Bob Crawford, past president of the NCA, and his wife Elaine have worked tirelessly for village events while managing Crawford's Village Bakery for more than forty years. Bob and Elaine have collected and preserved Norval artefacts which keep the memory and history of Norval alive. Through their teamwork both have provided the historical backdrop to put Norval on the world stage. *Aunt Maud's Recipe Book*, a collection of Montgomery's recipes from her own recipe ledger, combined with family history and anecdotes, was published by Moulin Publishing (also of Norval) in 2006, and is now also published in both Japanese and Polish. Bob and Elaine have provided space for community events such as Octoberfest, monthly NCA meetings, and the Lucy Maud Montgomery Museum. They volunteer their time at all events which promote Norval.



Norval Town Crier B. Crawford and Mayor Marilyn Sarjeantson



Ormie (Bud) and Joan Carter – 50th Wedding Anniversary - 1996

The late Joan and Ormie (Bud) Carter were active in the NCA since its inception. Joan worked in Norval's Post Office, which was well-positioned as an effective place to promote all sorts of village events. They encouraged everyone to attend local dances, May 24th celebrations, church events, Ground Hog Night, and The Riviera Club's annual fundraisers. Keeping villagers informed through everyday conversation helped to better the community.



Norval Community Garden Party June 1999 –Home of Theresa & Bernard Scholtz- missing Ted Thompson, Greg Fuller, Frank Britto

Perhaps more generally, the NCA would like to acknowledge the long list of past presidents who gave generously of their time. Of particular note are two Norval United Church Ministers who are previously unmentioned: Rev. Walter Ridley, and Rev. Paul Ivany.



Rev. Walter Ridley and Margaret



Rev. Paul Ivany and Elizabeth



Norval Gateway Signage

Norval's Montgomery Christmas

In February of 1926 Lucy Maud Montgomery settled her family into the manse of Norval's Presbyterian Church, and spent the next nine years in the village. Seventy-three years later, Kathy Gastle, Bob Crawford, and Julie Pomeroy met to discuss creating a community event which would celebrate Maud's life, work, and presence in Norval from 1926 to 1935. From that first meeting in 1993 has come an annual event, held on or close to the author's birthday, November 30, 1874. The charm of Norval's Montgomery Christmas are the activities: old-fashioned horse and buggy rides, guided historic walking tours, puppet shows, poetry readings, guest speakers, historic displays, live music, book signings, and bazaars held in each of the three village churches. St. Paul's Anglican Church bazaar is held in the parish hall.

Each year, the brass band from the Norval United Church entertains visitors throughout the village. Crawford's Village Bakery makes "Aunt Maud's Fruit Cake" from the author's handwritten recipe ledger, which is always on display at Crawford's during Montgomery Christmas. Jack and Linda Hutton, owners of *The Bala Museum, with Memories of Lucy Maud Montgomery*, travel each year to showcase and sell a wide collection of specialty L.M. Montgomery items, including Anne of Green Gables dolls, books, and other souvenirs.



Norval United Church Brass Band – Montgomery Christmas



Linda and husband Jack Hutton from Bala Museum, Elaine and Kelly Crawford – author's of Aunt Maud's recipe book published in 1996

The Norval Community Association opened the Lucy Maud Montgomery Museum, located within Crawford's Village Bakery, in 2008. It is open all year long and serves as one of the village's focal points for Montgomery Christmas celebrations. Norval is proud to host visitors from around the world each year, and most visit the museum.



Kate Macdonald a granddaughter of L.M. Montgomery and Rev.

Ewan Macdonald visiting the LMM Museum Margaret Miller Walbank and Benjamin Lefebvre, Ph.D. is director of the LMM Research Group

Message from the NCA President

As President of the Norval Community Association in our celebration year of 2014, it is my honour to congratulate all the wonderful people who have given unstintingly of their volunteer time over the past 40 years. Of course the number of volunteers are too numerous to record, and difficult to mention by name. However, your invaluable contribution of hard work, and dedication to our village is a priceless service made visible throughout our community. Each volunteer over the past 40 years has contributed their time and energy and talent, for which we are tremendously grateful, and proud to remember.

Current dedicated members of the Norval Community Association during our celebration year are:

Kathy Gastle, President Bob Crawford, Vice-President

David Soward, Treasurer

Mary Churchill, Secretary

Executive Members: George Gastle, Tom Pettingill, Jamie Cunningham, Sandra Hamilton, Jean Hadlow, John Hadlow, Norma Tripp



Norval Community Association Executive 2014

Congratulations to each and every Village Volunteer, past and present!

Kathy Gastle, President, Norval Community Association

Norval Cubs 1981 – Page 3

Leader: Jim Dodd, and ?

Left Andrew Perrin

Mitch Dodd, Michael Carter, ? Brad Gastle

Back Left George Anderso, Sean Dunlop, Chris Henderson, Aron Dunlop

Norval Cubs 1955 - Page 3

Leader: Ormie Carter

Backrow Left: Jamie Carter, Richard De Sylva, Ted Royal, George Shering, __ Bryan Reynolds

Front row kneeling: Arnie Kelsbic, __ Brian Youmans, Gary Murray, David Carter, Barry Richardson

Norval Public School Page 5 1940's - Donated by Margaret Miller Walbank

Left Standing Teacher: Miss Rozell Standing Teacher: Miss McCrea

Backrow Standing: Laurie Reed, Julian Reed, George Grasby, Shorty Hazell, Shoale Teramoto John Bray, Raymond Carter, Jamie Cunningham, Donald Jarvie, Donald Smith, Ronnie Scondraw, Fred Haney, Kenny Richardson, Ross Cunningham,

Left Second Row from Back

Masuka Teramoto, Eiko Teramoto, Pearle Louth, Kathleen Cascadden, Joyce Bianki, Eileen Hunter, Jean Grasby, Pat Carney, Lois Jarvie, Elaine Laird, Nancy White, Shirley Grasby, Bill Donaldson, Peter Pomeroy,

Left Third Row from Back Sitting:

Nellie Bray, Linda White, Marlene Henessy, Nancy Grasby, Norma Murray, Shirley Fendley, Ruth Baker, Colleen Grasby, Nancy Fishburn, Elsie Donaldson, Joyce McLean, Greta ?, Barbara Hazell, Paddy Lucas, Masako Teramoto, Sheila Carney, Doreitha Johannson, Charlie Carney, Howard Chester, Bill Richardson.

Left Front Row Sitting:

Carl Sedore, Peter Carney, Barry Cleaves, Bobby Burke, Bobby Grasby, David Cunningham, Ronnie McLean, Kenneth Mill, Harold Johannson, Douglas Hazell, Ross Marshall, Ronnie Fishburn, Douglas Fishburn, Jackie Lucas, James Teramoto

Norval Public School 1953 Photo on Page (7) Photo Donated by Margaret Miller Walbank
Back Row Left: Teacher Mr. Copeland Senior Class

Don Hodge, Bob Walker, Bill Bailey, Charlie Carney, Melvyn Hicken, Bill Donaldson, Ron Fishburn, Carl Sedore, Don Bert, Bob Corley,

Second Row Left Standing: Joan Crawford, Helen Cooke, Verna Pickett, Barbara Hazell, Colleen Grasby, Nancy Fishburn, Gayle Smith, Anne Humphries, Norma Murray, Jean Corley, Patty Lucas, Ruth Baker,

Sitting Third Row Left: Shirley Fendley, Nancy Grasby, Joanne Hodge, Joyce McLean, Ruth Wilson, Elsie Donaldson, Eleanor Lipherd, Linda White, Susan, Canahan, Howard Chester
Sitting Front Row Left: Norman Shea, Danny Smith, Bill Richardson, David Cunningham, Ronnie McLean, Ross Marshall, Bill Patterson, Bruce Eyre, Kenneth Miller

Norval Public School Junior Class 1953

Back Row Left: Ernie Webb, Bob Donaldson Unknown Unknown, Gordon Shoebridge Bill Hennessy, Bill Haynes, Rick Hunter,

Rob Murray, Teacher: Mrs. Cascadden

Third Row Left: Betty Ann Eyre, Unknown, Joanna Flikkema, Evelyn Stamp, Jackie Louth, Evelyn Louth, Sharon Burke, Mary Lou DeSylva

Second Row Left: Rosie Haynes, Unknown, Mary Fricker, Dianne Fendley, Unknown, Janice Carter, Unknown, Unknown, Jane DeSylva, Unknown

First Row Left: Jim Dixon, Bruce Miller, Unknown, Unknown, Willem Flikkema, Maynard Flikkema, Unknown Jackie Cunningham, Ray Carney

Norval Women's Institute McNab Park Unveiling 1991 Page 26)

Front Row left: Grace Crawford (sitting), Norma Tripp, Jean Harrop, Jean May, Marie Murray, Dorothy McLean, Kay Wilson, Gisela Malchin, Rita Deenik, Norine VanLeeuwen,, Eleanor Hyatt, Moe Brander,
Standing Back: Norma Thompson, Gladys Chester

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Norval Community Association – President Garden Party June 1999 Held a the Home of Theresa and Bernard Scholtz

Left Sitting on Grass
Barbara Gray

Left Back Row Standing

Kneeling: Malcolm Gray
Marie Carney
Girl in Blue Shirt
Girl in Pink Shirt
Krista Kunzig Straw hat with pink ribbon
Child with Stuffed Monkey
Brittany Kunzig – Straw hat
Nancy McDougall
Todd McDougall
Jenny Jatten
Second Row Sitting
Marge Reynolds
Jeannie Armstrong
Theresa Scholtz
Stella Bryant – child on knee
Melanie Simmons
Kathy Gastle (Ward 2 Councillor)
Howard Shopsall
Daphne Shropsall

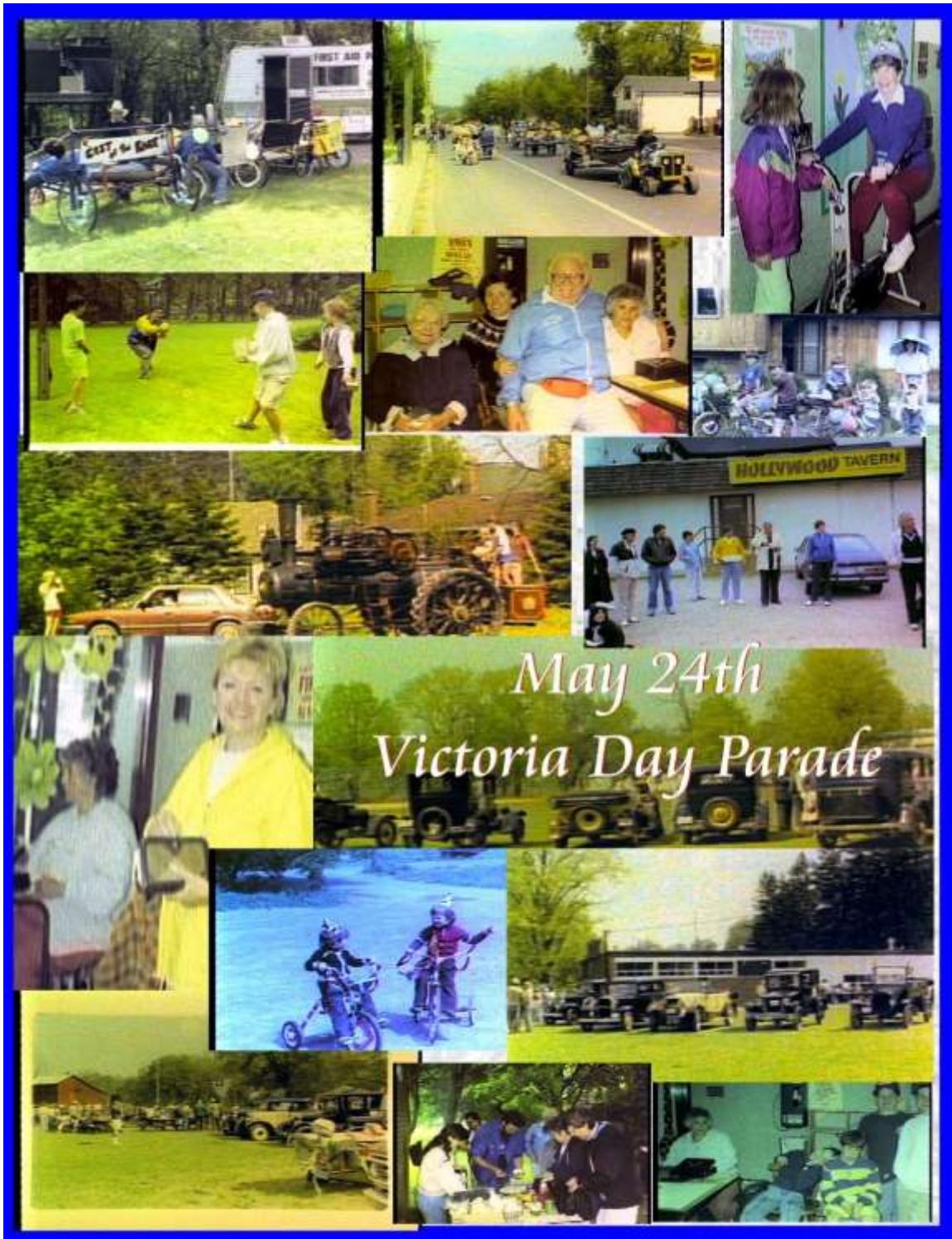
Barb Fuller , Granddaughter Cassandra
Brian Heinmiller
Nancy Heinmiller
Bill Pooke
Ormie Carter
Ellen Carter
Ruth Thompson
David Carter
George Bryant
Tom Pettingill
Maria Britto
Helen Pettingill
George Gastle
Connie Karlsson
Brenda Bryce
Debbie Appleby
Bill Appleby
Diana Pooke
Clayton Evans
Bernard Sholtz
Bob Kipfer

Anne Evans

Missing from the photo: Frank Britto, Greg Fuller, Ted Thompson

The Norval Community Association is grateful to the Town of Halton Hills for supporting our 40th Anniversary Celebration in Norval Park June 15, 2014.







Parking: Nashville North, Anglican Church, Presbyterian Church, United Church, Mary Street and McNab Park





Celebrations in Norval

