

Oshawa Historical Society Celebrates 50 Years!!

2007 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Oshawa Historical Society. Oshawa City Council formed the Oshawa Historical Society on November 7, 1957. The main goal at the time was to convert an early settler's house at the Oshawa lakefront into a museum and to start a collection of artifacts from Oshawa's history. Henry House was restored and converted into a museum, opening to the public in 1960 as Oshawa's first community museum.

In 1964, another early settler's home, Robinson House, was slated for demolition and the Society rallied to save the house, raised the funds to restore it and converted it into the second house of the Oshawa Sydenham Museum. Robinson House opened to the public on October 25, 1969.

In 1984, Guy House was restored and became the last house of the Oshawa Sydenham Museum, opening on July 1, 1985.

On Canada Day 1998, the museum name officially changed to the Oshawa Community Museum & Archives to reflect the important role this organization plays in the Oshawa community.



Board Members with Mr. Ed Broadbent, keynote speaker at the 50th Anniversary Dinner held at the Oshawa Shrine Club on November 9, 2007.



Mrs. Verna Conant, first president of the Oshawa Historical Society poses with her scrapbooks containing valuable history on the beginnings of the society. To commemorate the 50th anniversary and Mrs. Conant's contributions to the society, the boardroom at Guy House has been re-named the Verna Conant Gallery.

In 2008

Our anniversary celebration continues in 2008 with a surprise addition to the Henry House Gardens and a new publication on the history of the society.

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