

Accessibility: It's Everyone's Business

2011 NHSAO Conference
National Historic Sites Alliance for Ontario

October 3-4, 2011
LEACOCK MUSEUM
Orillia, Ontario



FIND OUT MORE | NHSAO.CA | NHSAO.OFFICE@GMAIL.COM

Accessibility: It's Everyone's Business

2011 NHTSAO Conference

National Historic Sites Alliance for Ontario

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The National Historic Sites Alliance for Ontario (NHTSAO) is proudly hosting their annual fall conference in October 2011 at the Leacock Museum NHS in Orillia, Ontario. This two day conference is an opportunity for individuals involved in the museum and heritage sector to increase awareness of National Historic Sites, gain knowledge and network with their peers.

This year's conference at Leacock Museum National Historic Site in Orillia, Ontario will focus on the ever present issue of accessibility at National Historic Sites. Leacock Museum provides an exceptional setting – not only for its picturesque location on Lake Simcoe, but also as a case study demonstrating the accessibility challenges facing National Historic Sites across the province.

To Note

Pre-Conference Events October 2, 2011
Conference Days October 3-4, 2011

Pre-Conference Tour

October 2, 2011 | 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

A pre conference tour to the Midland area will occur in the afternoon of October 2nd. Please indicate your participation on the Registration Form.

Evening Reception

October 2, 2011 | 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

All participants are invited to Leacock Museum NHS for the Sunday night opening reception. Reception is included in the registration fee, but please RSVP on the Registration Form.

Dinner on Day 1

October 3, 2011 | 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

A banquet will be held at the gorgeous Swanmore Hall at the Leacock Museum in the evening of the first day of the conference. Please indicate your attendance on the Registration Form.

Brochures

You are welcome to bring promotional materials from your site/organization. A table will be provided.

Speaker's Gifts

If your site is able, the NHTSAO Conference Committee is requesting that you bring along a gift item relating to your National Historic Site to distribute to the speakers to show your appreciation. In previous years, items have included books, coffee mugs, posters, t-shirts and CDs. Please indicate in the Registration Form if you intend to bring gifts.

Subsidies

A limited number of subsidies for this year's conference are available. A maximum of \$400.00 per person will be provided on a first come, first served basis. For more information, please contact the NHTSAO Coordinator at NHTSAO.Office@gmail.com.

The Conference Committee

Chair:

Sheryl Smith,
Ontario Service Centre, Parks Canada

Members:

Fred Addis, Curator
Leacock Museum NHS

Shannon Prince, Curator
Buxton NHS & Museum

Ellen Kowalchuk, Cultural Heritage Specialist
Infrastructure Ontario

Kevin Fox, Cultural Resource Management Advisor
National Historic Sites Section, Parks Canada

Marilynn Havelka, Chief Administrative Officer
Ruthven NHS

NHTSAO Coordinator:

Elora Vink (Fall 2011)



Accessibility: It's Everyone's Business

2011 NHSAO Conference

National Historic Sites Alliance for Ontario



CONFERENCE VENUE

Leacock Museum National Historic Site

When I build my house, I shall make it very plain but at the same time very large. ... it will become a charming English place - I'm tired of cities and people - it's a case of Good-bye proud world, I'm going home.

Stephen Leacock

Stephen Leacock, Canada's beloved humourist spent his most creative time in what he coined as Lake Simcoe Country.

The success of his *Elements of Political Science* and his first satirical books *Literary Lapses*, *Sunshine Sketches of a Little Town* and *Arcadian Adventures of the Idle Rich* allowed him to move from his family's summer house at Sibbald Point, Lake Simcoe and over time develop his own lakeside retreat at Old Brewery Bay, where Lake Simcoe and Lake Couchiching join.

Here in 1928 he built Leacock House (above) designed by Wright & Noxon, Toronto. The scale and ambience of the plans reflected Leacock's success and prestige as a world renowned author and a celebrated academic.¹

1. Hilary Russell, National Historic Sites Directorate

Stephen Butler Leacock, 1869-1944

Leacock was born 30 December 1869 at Swanmore, county of Hampshire, England. In 1876 he emigrated to Canada with his family and settled on a farm near the hamlet of Egypt, south of Sibbald Point on Lake Simcoe. Leacock was educated at Upper Canada College, Toronto. He completed a degree in modern languages at the University of Toronto in 1891.

Inspired by Thorstein Veblen's *The Theory of the Leisure Class*, he enrolled at the University of Chicago, receiving a Ph.D. in political economy and political science under Veblen in 1903. Concurrently he joined the Department of Economics and Political Science at McGill University, Montreal.

In 1906 he published his first and most profitable book: *Elements of Political Science*, a university textbook. Twenty-seven other books of non-fiction followed. In 1908 he became head of his department at McGill, helped found the University Club and began developing Old Brewery Bay.

The first of his thirty-five books of humour, *Literary Lapses* was published in 1910. *Sunshine Sketches of a Little Town* followed in 1912 and in 1914 *Arcadian Adventures of the Idle Rich*. Leacock was elected to the Royal Society of Canada in 1919 and in 1921 made an extensive lecture tour of the United Kingdom. In 1935 he received the Mark Twain Medal. He retired from McGill in 1936.

Stephen Butler Leacock died 28 March 1944 at Toronto from throat cancer and was buried, across the lake from Old Brewery Bay, in the Leacock family plot at St. George's Church, Sibbald Point.

- Leacockmuseum.com

The Leacock Museum is wholly owned and operated by the City of Orillia – Department of Culture and Heritage.

Accessibility: It's Everyone's Business

2011 NHSAO Conference
National Historic Sites Alliance for Ontario

CONFERENCE LOCATION

Leacock Museum NHS

50 Museum Drive
Orillia, ON
L3V 6K5

Phone: 705-329-1908
E-mail: lmcurator@rogers.com
Website: <http://www.leacockmuseum.com>

Driving from Downtown Toronto (west)

Take ramp onto **ON-401 W**

Take exit **359** to merge onto **ON-400 N** toward **Barrie**

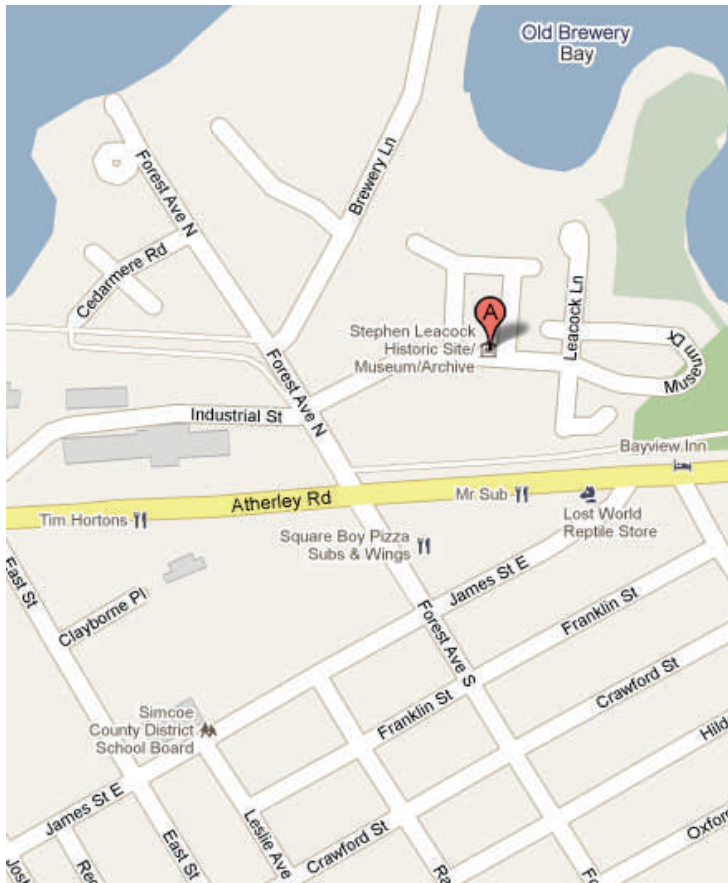
Continue onto **ON-11 N**

Take exit **131A** to merge onto **Trans-Canada Hwy/ ON-12 S**

Turn **left** onto **Atherley Rd** (signs for **Atherley Road W**)

Take the first **right** onto **Forest Ave N**

Turn **right** onto **Museum Drive**; destination will be on the left



Accessibility: It's Everyone's Business

2011 NHTSAO Conference
National Historic Sites Alliance for Ontario

Conference Hotel

STONE GATE INN

A full-service luxury boutique hotel in Orillia Ontario, the heart of Ontario's Lake Country. Guests may indulge in complimentary wine sampling and snacks every afternoon in the Library.

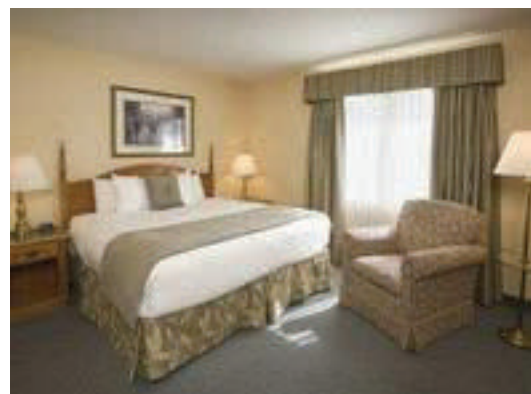
Regular rate: \$120-\$200 per night

Conference Rate: \$99/night

(Reference NHTSAO Conference when booking)

437 Laclie Street
Orillia, ON

Phone: 705-329-2535
1-877-674-5542
E-mail: info@stonegateinn.com
Website: <http://www.stonegateinn.com>



Accessibility: It's Everyone's Business

2011 NHTSAO Conference

National Historic Sites Alliance for Ontario

Conference Schedule

Pre-Conference Activities: Sunday October 2, 2011

- 1:00 – 4:00** PRE-CONFERENCE TOUR
A tour to the National Historic Sites of the Midland Area
- 7:00 – 9:00** EVENING RECEPTION
Experience Leacock Museum National Historic Site in the evening. Meet, mix and mingle with your fellow conference goers. Wine and light appetizers will be served. Reception is included in the registration fee, but please RSVP on the registration form.

Day 1: Monday October 3, 2011

- 8:30 – 09:00** REGISTRATION
On-site registration
- 9:00 – 9:30** WELCOME , INTRODUCTIONS & CONFERENCE OVERVIEW
Sheryl Smith, Chair NHTSAO 2011 Conference
Location: Swanmore Hall
- 9:30 – 10:00** SITE INTRODUCTION
Fred Addis, Curator, Leacock Museum National Historic Site
- 10:00 – 10:15** NHTSAO UPDATE
Shannon Prince, Chair, NHTSAO Board of Directors
- 10:15 – 10:40** PARKS CANADA UPDATE
Robert Moreau, Director, Heritage Programs Branch
- 10:40 – 11:00** HEALTH BREAK

Accessibility: It's Everyone's Business

2011 NHSAO Conference

National Historic Sites Alliance for Ontario

Day 1: Monday October 3, 2011 (Continued)

- 11:00 – 11:40** KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Terry Fallis
Novelist and Winner of the 2008 Stephen Leacock Award for Humour
Location: Swanmore Hall
- 12:00 – 1:30** LUNCH
- 1:30 – 3:00** SESSION 1
The Ventin Group
Senior partners of the Ventin Group will address the group primarily from an architectural perspective, providing examples from their extensive experience with heritage buildings. A conservation study of the Leacock museum currently being undertaken will showcase accessibility efforts.
- 3:00 – 3:30** HEALTH BREAK
- 3:30 – 5:00**
- | | |
|---|--|
| SESSION 2A
At Your Service
Amy Farkas
<i>AccessAbility Advantage</i>

Customer Service Standards and the
Tourism/Culture Sector. | SESSION 2B
Best Practices for Historic Places
Bob Topping
<i>Designable Environments</i>
Patrick Connor
<i>Ontario Trails Council</i>
Ellen Kowalchuk
<i>Infrastructure Ontario</i>

Universal Design - Best Practices for Historic
Places: What is required and regulated,
and what is good practice. |
|---|--|
- 7:30 – 9:00** DINNER
Please join us at Swanmore Hall for a wonderful dinner at a spectacular location.

Accessibility: It's Everyone's Business

2011 NHTSAO Conference

National Historic Sites Alliance for Ontario

Day 2: Tuesday October 4, 2010

7:30 – 8:30 SUNRISE CEREMONY, MNJIKANING FISH WEIRS NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

8:00 – 8:30 REGISTRATION
Day 2 Registration at Leacock Museum National Historic Site

8:30 - 9:30 NATIONAL HISTORIC SITES ALLIANCE FOR ONTARIO
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

9:30 – 11:00

SESSION 3A

How to Get There From Here!

John Zvonar

*Heritage Conservation Directorate,
PWGSC*

A design charette exercise, this session places particular emphasis on exterior accessibility at National Historic Sites.

Location: Leacock Museum Front Steps
Maximum number of participants: 40

SESSION 3B

Doors and Corridors

Ken Trevelyan

Trevelyan Architect Inc.

This session will discuss movement within National Historic Sites, with particular emphasis on interiors and accessibility.

Location: Leacock Museum Interior
Maximum number of participants: 40

11:00 – 11:15 HEALTH BREAK

11:15 – 12:30 SESSION 4:
Brigitte Shim- Making the Unseen Accessible

Brigitte Shim, of Shim-Sutcliffe Architects, will discuss ways in which professionals and the public can access the unseen and intangible - including the sacred.

Location: Swanmore Hall

12:30 – 1:30 LUNCH

1:30 – 3:30 PECHA KUCHA PRESENTATIONS

Location: Swanmore Hall

3:30 CLOSING CEREMONY

Accessibility: It's Everyone's Business

2011 NHTSO Conference

National Historic Sites Alliance for Ontario

2011 Conference Registration Form

Name: _____ Site/Organization: _____
(Please print exactly as you wish it to appear on your name tag)

Address: _____ City: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3 2011

- Day 1 Registration only \$75
 Day 1 Student Registration only \$35
 Dinner: Vegetarian \$24 Chicken \$24 Roast Beef \$34 (Please indicate your meal choice)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4 2011

- Day 2 Registration only \$75
 Day 2 Student Registration only \$35
 DAY 1 & 2 REGISTRATION \$130
 DAY 1 & 2 STUDENT REGISTRATION \$60

Total Due: _____

Session Selection (Please indicate the sessions you plan on attending)

DAY 1

- Session 1
 Session 2A Session 2B

DAY 2

- Session 3A Session 3B
 Session 4

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Cheque enclosed
(Pay to *Leacock Museum NHS*)
 Money Order enclosed
 Visa/Mastercard via Leacock
Museum, (705) 329-1908

Additional Information

- I will be attending the pre-conference tour on October 2nd
 I will be attending the evening reception October 2nd at Leacock Museum
 I have food allergies. Please specify: _____
 I will be bringing gifts for the speaker
 I am a first time Conference attendee
 I agree to have my name printed on the Conference Participants List

Please complete and return this form by September 15th 2011 to:

NHTSO Coordinator
E-mail: nhsao.office@gmail.com
Phone: 416-212-6969
Fax: 416-314-7175

c/o Ministry of Tourism & Culture
Programs and Services Branch
401 Bay St., Suite 1700
Toronto, ON M7A 0A7