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## **Take a peek into history during 'Doors Open Georgina'**



Georgina, Ontario – August 30, 2010 – Twelve heritage buildings, mostly in Sutton and Jackson's Point, will open their doors to the public during the 2010 Doors Open Georgina event to be held on Saturday, September 11, 2010. The event is being organized by the Georgina Historical Society in collaboration with Ontario Heritage Trust and the Town of Georgina.

"We are inviting the public to celebrate the community's heritage by exploring various historic properties across Georgina," said Phil Rose-Donahoe, Manager of Culture Services at the Town of Georgina. "I invite residents and visitors alike to discover Georgina's hidden heritage treasures and see for themselves what a truly unique area we live in."

Admission to each of the 12 participating sites is free of charge and visitors will be treated to a guided tour of some of the facilities by knowledgeable volunteers. Visitors will also receive a printed brochure which provides details on the historical significance of each participating site.

The "2010 Doors Open Georgina" collection of venues will include access to: Bouchier's Mill; The Briars; Eildon Hall Museum; Georgina Military Museum; Georgina Pioneer Village & Archives; Homestead Orchards; Jackson's Point Pier; The Manor; St. George's Anglican Church; St. James Anglican Church, St. James Parish Hall; Malone Masonic Lodge; Fahey Crate Law Office.

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"This is the first time Georgina has participated in the Doors Open Ontario program and we are extremely proud to be one of the 58 communities across Ontario celebrating their heritage in this way," Mr. Rose- Donahoe said.

In addition to the guided tours being offered at the 12 "Doors Open" sites, visitors will be given an opportunity to participate in two self-guided tours by using walking tour maps as they stroll along Sutton's historic main street and explore the celebrated history of the Jackson's Point area.

For eight years now, Doors Open Ontario has delivered valued experiences to the people attending events and substantial rewards to the communities that host them. It has provided a means for communities to rediscover and re-evaluate their heritage through the efforts of local volunteers. It has also been highly successful in boosting civic pride, generating awareness of local heritage, increasing tourism and stimulating local economies. In fact, since the program was launched in 2002, more than \$13.5 million has been invested in host communities by out-of-town visitors.