

DESIGNER SHOWCASE 2000



Assembled in 1934, Graydon Hall's original property included farmland, a wooded park, five acres of gardens and a golf course

THE HISTORY OF GRAYDON HALL

Henry Rupert Bain, a wealthy young financier and an avid outdoorsman must have thought he had discovered his own "little piece of heaven" when he came upon a sprawling 100 acre tract of land with a spectacular view of the pastures and woodlands surrounding the Don River.

After purchasing the land in 1934, he commissioned architects George and Moorehouse to design a 29-room Georgian mansion, indicative of the English manorial style so popular with his fellow Canadian financiers. This magnificent structure was completed in 1936 at an estimated cost of \$250,000 and although humbly referred to as Graydon House, the estate was only surpassed in grandeur by Casa Loma.

During their brief but eventful tenure in the manor, hundreds of guests of Rupert and Aileen Bain passed through the impressive stone gates to enjoy a day of polo, fox hunting or golf. Invitations to their elegant balls, formal dinners, and huge breakfasts on the terrace were highly coveted by friends and neighbours. Stepping out onto the grand forecourt surrounded by natural coursed fieldstone walls, visitors entered Graydon Hall through the ashlar porte cochere, resplendent with channelled limestone pilasters and topped by a pannelled stone parapet.

The manor, also built of natural coursed fieldstone and trimmed with Indiana limestone, required a staff of 10 and boasted 10 bedrooms, 9 bathrooms and 10 fireplaces.

Exquisite architectural details; mahogany and pine paneling, intricate custom moldings and Travertine marble floors graced the west wing's principal rooms. Interior decorator R. Malcolm Simon furnished the rooms in a formal and traditional style with adornments typical of a luxurious lifestyle; hand painted Chinoiserie wallpaper, persian rugs, ribbed silk drapery, Chippendale furnishings and Chinese porcelains.

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To accentuate the breathtaking view from Graydon Hall's massive south terrace, Rupert Bain employed the talented landscape architectural firm of Dunnington-Grubb and Stensson (founder of Sheridan Nurseries) to design the five

acres of formal gardens. A tea pavilion and lawn promenade led to the fountain court, down to an informal pool, then on to cascades that fell between rock gardens to another large limestone pool. A nine-hole golf course completed the landscape that was kept clipped to perfection by a troupe of gardeners.

His love of travel took Rupert Bain on many holidays to exotic locations. While on vacation in Mexico in 1952 he died at the age of 54 of a head injury sustained during an earlier riding accident.

Graydon Hall was then sold to Nelson H. Davis and his family. Mr. Davis, a successful Toronto business man, President of Inter-city Forwarders Limited and the H.M. Davis Corporation Limited, subsequently sold the manor to Normco Limited and Combo Construction Limited in 1964. The house now lends its name to a subdivision road which has brought new houses and high-rise apartments to the area. However, the private enclosed nature of the design still works to retain a quiet air of dignity about the house.

The present owners of Graydon Hall purchased the 1.5 acre estate in 1977. It has been used primarily since that time as office space and a sought after location for film and commercial shoots.

Following a major restoration in recent months, a talented team of Toronto's finest interior designers and landscape architects have restored Graydon Hall to its original state of elegant sophistication.

SHOWCASE 2000

TICKET INFORMATION

DESIGNER SHOWCASE 2000 AT GRAYDON HALL MANOR
MAY 5 TO JUNE 4, 2000

For ticket information, contact The Designer Showcase 2000 Hotline at (416) 485-4218 ext. 312 or Ticketmaster at (416) 870-8000.

HOURS OF OPERATION: Daily 10 AM - 4 PM
Wednesdays & Thursdays 6 PM - 9 PM



Graydon Hall Manor

GRAYDON HALL MANOR

1926-2000

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF TORONTO VOLUNTEERS VISION COMMITMENT

MISSION

The Junior League of Toronto is a women's organization of trained volunteers, committed to improving the community through effective action and leadership.

THE BARE FACTS

Membership in 2000: 535 members

COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

Since 1926, the JLT has raised nearly \$3 million and devoted 40 million volunteer hours to improve the GTA.

PROJECT/PROGRAM DIVERSITY

In 74 years the JLT has contributed funds and volunteers to meet a variety of community needs, often establishing valuable partnerships.

These are just a few:

- Hospital for Sick Children – 1st therapeutic pool
- The Elizabeth Fry House – Co-sponsor
- The C.M.Hinks Treatment Centre – Adolescent programs
- Toronto With Ease – A guidebook
- New Directions – A women's support agency
- Toronto's 2nd Ronald MacDonald House
- Perfection and Control – documentary video package
- Anne Johnston Health Station – Family resource centre
- Growing Together Downtown Early Intervention Program

PREVIOUS SHOWCASES

- The McLean Estate
- Valley Halla – The Jackson Estate
- George Brown House
- Ronald MacDonald House II
- The Bob Rumbal Centre for the Deaf



The Graydon Hall Showcase 2000 Committee: Ede Michel, Jennifer Doozan, Wilk Gauthier (front row); Leigh Fransiscotti, Joyce Clark, Carol Roward, Anita Fellows, Lynda Rogers (middle); Liz Carter, Jane Clark, Kristine Kozmichuk, Alice Adikund, Louise Dubois, Marg Tamaki (back); Ann Hockendorff, Amanda Ploughman (far back).
Absent from photo: Rosemary McInosh and Janet Kewich

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP DIVERSITY

- Membership – Junior League members enjoy the opportunity to network and gain new skills and perspectives through working with women from different cultural, educational and professional backgrounds.
- Individual Volunteer Placements – each year members can choose from a variety of community and in-League placements charting a course to acquire leadership and life skills invaluable to their personal development and career opportunities.
- Range of Projects and Programs – our legacy of funding, service and hands-on community assistance is best reflected in the wide range of projects and programs we have been involved with over the past 74 years.

TEAMWORK

- From its inception, the Junior League has believed strongly that the strength of a team exceeds the sum of its individuals. Supported by this philosophy our members have successfully

tackled the challenges of fundraising, program/project management as well as committee and board administration.

- Our teams are strengthened by a strong commitment to strategic planning and balanced leadership which places an Active and Sustaining member as co-leaders on every community and in-League committee.

EDUCATION

- The Junior League recognizes the power of "trained" volunteers and their ability to practice and reflect a high level of professionalism and excellence.
- The organization strives to provide a supportive educational environment with ongoing general and project specific courses, board training and mentoring.
- The Junior League has trained the community leaders of yesterday and today and will continue to support and develop the leaders of tomorrow.

CAMARADERIE AND INFECTIOUS ENERGY

- Friendships garnered during a career in the Junior League are strong and last a lifetime.
- It is this spirit of camaraderie that has kept 200 of our members in the League for over 25 years. We are also very proud of the 16 members with 50 or more years of service.
- Our energy and commitment are what nourish the growth of our organization.
- This same infectious energy has often been the impetus for 2 and 3 generations of one family to join and sometimes work together in the League.
- Susan Cotton, a valued member of the League for over 25 years, will be assisting in the Showcase Boutique while her daughter Beth, a new and active member, is a participating designer.
- On May 12th, Showcase 2000 will celebrate this intergenerational theme at their Mother Daughter Luncheon.

SHOWCASE 2000 DESIGNERS & LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

FORECOURT
PORTE COCHERE
VESTIBULE
LIBRARY
CONSERVATORY
DRAWING ROOM
GREAT HALL
DINING ROOM
BREAKFAST ROOM
KITCHEN/PANTRY
CHAPEL
MEN'S LOUNGE
STUDY
RECEPTION HALL
BEDROOM 2ND FLOOR
GUEST BEDROOM
GUEST BATHROOM
BRIDAL WASHROOM
BRIDE'S DRESSING ROOM
CONSERVATORY BALCONY
MASTER BEDROOM
MASTER BATHROOM

Janet Rosenberg & Associates
A Day in the Country – Elaine Martin
Upper Canada House Ltd. – Ralph and Jonathan Neal
Joseph Cheng Interior Design Inc.
Michael Barber & Associates
Katherine Burke Interior Design
JD Design & Retins Studio/Judy Davies & Vladimir Jordan – Andre Rites
Katherine Newman Design
Annabelle's Interior Design Inc. – Anne Swain
Cole Duron Interior Design – Karen Cole Banak & Melody Duron
Gluckstein Design Planning Inc. – Brian Gluckstein
Dee Dee Taylor Hannah Architects Inc. – Dee Dee Taylor Hannah & Hugh Leuchen
Julie Walely Design Tracker Ltd. & DelWale Interior Design Ltd.
Shaw-Pezzo Associates Inc. – Wally Shaw & Nick Pezzo
Kate Zaidler Interior Design Inc.
Pierrette-Claude Design
De Jong Design & Bridget Glancy Designs – Liz Greer & Bridget Glancy
Patricia Halpin Interiors
Suzanne Davison Interior Design Inc.
Doi Design Inc. – Jacqueline deVries
Ann Johnson Design Consultants & Murakami Design Build – Ann Johnson & Ray Murakami

GROOM'S ROOM
BED SITTING ROOM
BASEMENT & JOHN-MANUEL SITTING ROOM
HOME OFFICE
LADIES POWDER ROOM
BACK STAIRCASE
3RD FLOOR LOUNGE
SKYLIGHT BATHROOM
3RD FLOOR BEDROOM
3RD FLOOR DEN
3RD FLOOR LADY'S STUDY
3RD FLOOR BATHROOM
MEN'S READING ROOM
CHILDREN'S PLAYROOM
TEA ROOM
BOUTIQUE
WEST EXIT GARDEN
TERRACE
FORMAL GARDENS & THE ALLEE
WATER GARDEN

Holly Dymont Design Inc.
Calley Bowen Design Inc. – Calley Bowen & Melissa Davis
Ivey Design Concepts Ltd. & J. Schofield Manuel Ltd.
Sandra Macgillivray Design Ltd.
Aglicators Design – Elaine Bergen
True Colours Interior Design Ltd. – Kelly Bergers
Cathy Bulk Interior Design & Susan Taylor Interior Design
Robert Tanz Interior Design
Norma King Design Inc. – Robert & Karen King
Design Elements – Maria Surjetic
Linda Crammond Interiors
Linda Schwartz Interior Design
Eve Ranton Interiors Inc.
– Eve Ranton, Peggy-Lou Shook & Rodney Deegrose
Creative Papier-Mache Artist – Beth Cotton
Theresa M. Cassey Interior Design & Carmel Larkin Interior Design
M.E.G.S. – Gigg and Melissa Worts & Cathy Coult
Personal Gardens Ltd. – Michael Dampf
Foliage Fresh Landscaping Inc. – Jim Charron & Don Mulak
Parklane Nurseries Ltd. – Roger van Maris & Tracy Schwets
Water Arts Inc. – Dorothy Shand