

## **Doors Open Peterborough 2007 - Mark Your Calendar**

**Peek into some of Peterborough's fascinating built heritage sites, and learn more about the Lift Lock City's history. Join us *Saturday September 29, 2007* for FREE heritage tours! Sadleir House, the Canadian Canoe Museum, notable buildings at Catharine Parr Traill College, and some special "upstairs" in the downtown make up our 13 venues this year. A FREE Doors Open Shuttle Bus will traverse the route, making visits easier for all.**

Sites are: Miranda Studios for the 'back-by-popular-request' Roy Studio tour, Sadleir House (with the Peterborough chapter of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario), six buildings at Traill College (Bradburn, Crawford, Kerr, Langton, Scott, Wallis), Pappas Billiards, the Pig's Ear Tavern, the Spill Coffee Bar, the former Toronto Bank and the Canoe Museum (with its behind-the-scenes tour showing many more of the over 600 canoes that make up its collection). Check the general website at [www.doorsopenontario.on.ca](http://www.doorsopenontario.on.ca) for more information, or the PACAC website at [www.pacac.ca](http://www.pacac.ca).

### **More About Doors Open**

Doors Open started in France in 1984 and has since spread around the globe. The purpose is to offer free tours of places people might not have had the chance to see before. Some sites are historic in nature, or of outstanding historic or modern architecture. Others offer a glimpse 'behind the scenes' where the public is not usually welcome. Toronto became the first North American city to host the concept in 2000. The Ontario Heritage Foundation took on province-wide sponsorship in 2002. Doors Open cities across Ontario hold their events on different weekends from spring to fall; 45 municipalities are on board for 2007.

Peterborough's event is usually held the Saturday *before* Thanksgiving weekend each year. No tickets and no pre-registration are needed. Visitors choose their sites and tour at their own pace. Venues must offer free admission BUT can sell mementoes or refreshments, showcase activities or have presentations by special groups. Normally the hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The City's event is featured in the full-colour print publication put out by the Ontario Heritage Trust that was published in Spring 2007. An attractive "Doors Open Peterborough" rack card has been printed, ready for tourist season (we especially thank local graphic designer Louis Taylor for his help!) Venues are also listed on the OHF website and the PACAC website; the event is listed in tourism brochures and marketing websites for Peterborough and Kawarthas Tourism. You can obtain copies of the provincial guide and the tourism information card by calling Sue Schappert at City Hall (742-7777 ext. 1491).

This year, we welcome Trent Valley Archives as a sponsor of Doors Open Peterborough. TVA will help promote the event and has graciously offered to provide tour guides for our free shuttle bus through the city. See you soon for Doors Open Peterborough!

Come explore all that Peterborough has to offer - be a Doors Open visitor!