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APPLE BLOSSOM TYME DRAW WINNERS

PHOTO BY BOB OWEN

They entered the draw at the Apple Blossom Tyme Festival on May 24-5 in Colborne – and they won. On May 29, the winners picked up their prizes at the Keeler Centre. From left, are Apple Blossom Tyme Chair Donna Rusaw, Durham Transport weathervane winner Lewis Parker from Brighton, VIA Rail trip to Quebec City winners Ed and Linda Charles, Apple Blossom vice president Pat Johnston and Apple Blossom director Carl Wilce. Funds from the draw were combined with a matching grant from the Futures Development Corporation Local Initiatives Grant Program.

Doors Open promises to be good

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Down the road in Salem the 147-year-old Salem United Church may have quilts on display.

And, for those who think green, there's the Keeler Centre and its geothermal system.

Further east in Brighton there are seven more buildings with their doors open to the public.

Wherever you go there will be handouts to tell you more about the place you are visiting

Doors open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On June 3 the organizing committee had the endorsement from both municipalities reinforced.

Chris Herrington, Mayor of the Municipality of Brighton and Warden of Northumberland County declared, "On behalf of the Municipality of Brighton Council, I would like to congratulate the organizers of the Brighton/Cramahe Doors Open 2008. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase Cramahe and Brighton's historic treasures. As well, this year, we welcome the addition of 'green' properties as part of the featured list of sites to be open to the public.

"This is an excellent way to bring these important properties to the forefront for their unique contribution to our communities. I would like to conclude by saying how wonderful it is to see new partnerships between Cramahe and Brighton and that we can share an event such as this."

Jim Williams, Deputy Mayor, Cramahe Township added his support.

"Cramahe Township is thrilled to be partnered with the Municipality of Brighton for Doors Open 2008. It is special when we can have an event such as

this that draws both local and non-local visitors so that they may experience the heritage in our communities," Mr. Williams said.

"Results from the province-wide statistics for the events held for Doors Open 2007 state that 49 per cent of visitors to Doors Open are now inspired to take an active role in heritage preservation. That is evidence that events such as these increase the profile and importance of heritage in our communities. Congratulations to the organizing committee and to all the volunteers."

Doors Open is a province-wide celebration of heritage, now in its seventh year in Canada. Last year nearly over 80,000 visitors made almost half a million visits in 44 events.

About 40 per cent of people who attend Doors Open days are visitors to the community.

Quilts document local history

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While the quilt is in their hands the women sew in a numbered identity tag and take photographs. The idea of a registry was introduced to Mrs. Corbier and Cathy Galt by Gerry Logan. Since then, the women have been collecting data on quilts which they have found out about largely by word of mouth. They

are looking for specific people who might have quilts or may know of others with quilts.

Anyone knowing of a quilt with local ties can call Mrs. Corbier at 905 355-3401 or Mrs. Galt at 905 355-2394. There is no charge for the quilt study.

As Mrs. Corbier says, "It's a history project." One they hope one day to publish.