

Roe appears in popular TV series Evil Encounters

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cate with spirits since she was a child.

"I'm considered a paranormal expert in some fields, but I come at it very differently from Peter. I come at it from the spiritual perspective," she said. "I've been involved in this over 21 years and been able to see spirits my whole life."

Roe is a member of The Searcher Group, a national organization that since 1979 has sought to prove the existence of ghosts and life after death via scientific means. Roe recently started a local Georgetown chapter of the group called Mortal Coil Paranormal.

He also appears in a docudrama series called Evil Encounters airing its second season on the Travel and Escape channel, where he provides commentary and analysis for the stories recreated on the show.

Ford-Pimento says she

has done more than 30 "clearings" of houses and haunted places in Halton Hills over the last 10 years. She describes a clearing as "helping a spirit cross over to the other side" in order to clear the house or space of paranormal activity.

Roe, on the other hand, has taken part in a number of paranormal investigations using video, audio recorders and other equipment some claim can reveal the presence of spiritual beings in haunted places.

"It's mostly surveillance-based. We use proximity meters and electromagnetic frequency detectors that have worked very well for us. We run the gamut from high-tech, sort of state-of-the-art equipment right down to low-tech using baby powder," said Roe.

The pair recently investigated two sites in Georgetown with their teams, including the Devereaux House on Trafalgar

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Road in Georgetown, a home built in the 1860s that they believe is haunted by a spirit they have come to call "Anna."

The investigation of the Devereaux House involved bringing a number of Ford-Pimento's mediumship students to the house without any prior knowledge of the location. They then paired them up with members of the Searcher Group and their equipment.

"Each paired group wandered the properties, and the InSpirit Centre mediums shared what they saw, sensed or felt in the space while their Searcher Group partner recorded everything. Later, each group met to dis-

cuss consistencies in what information came through," she added.

According to Roe and Ford-Pimento, the group encountered some strange happenings including one member of the Searcher Group team experiencing what they described as a "hug" from a spirit in the house.

They also said a couple of the student mediums came up with names very similar to "Anna," like "Anne" or "Annie," with no prior knowledge of the site. Roe said research into the property's history revealed a resident who lived there long ago named Anna. He also said their recording equipment picked up what sounded like

ghostly voices.

A podcast in which Roe discusses the investigation and findings and features some sound clips can be found at ccia.libsyn.com/ccia-s-ghost-investigation. Roe says other examples can be found at thesearchergroup.ca.

Roe and Ford-Pimento agree the quest for unquestionable scientific evidence of the paranormal remains elusive.

While both one day expect such proof to come to light, that's not the only reason they do what they do.

"For me, the collaboration helps us corroborate our findings. We'll share our proof and pieces of evidence to anyone who is interested ... but as far as openly making (proof) one of our goals, that's not one of our goals. We're in it for the research and finding out about the human condition," said Roe.

"Both Peter and I firmly believe in paranormal

phenomenon - life after death. It's nice. When you collaborate you get a more balanced perspective of what's happening in a space, and I think we are moving towards being able to have more and more proof that it exists," said Ford-Pimento.

Other sites they've heard reports and rumours of paranormal activity in Georgetown - but haven't yet had the chance to investigate - include the old McGibbon Hotel and Berwick Hall on Main Street, the old Station House Hotel by the GO Train station, as well as the Barber Mill on River Drive, which is in serious disrepair and is unsafe to visit.

"Most of the people who come to me are fairly discreet, I would say, though, if people were to chat with the business owners on Main Street in Georgetown - they would have a lot to say," added Ford-Pimento.

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