



HOLIDAY HOMES: The Acton BIA's Deck the Halls house tour on Saturday - a benefit for the Agricultural Society's building fund - was a great success as four Acton homes, beautifully decorated for Christmas, were open for viewing. In photo above, Acton's Marie Vickery (left) and Acton Agricultural Society member Marg Aitken flank a beautiful tree in Vickery's tastefully renovated Bower Avenue home, built in 1860.



Belynda Campbell and Sheeba pose in the front parlour before the crowds arrived for the house tour. The Campbell home on Bower Avenue was built as a Syndicate House in 1874.



Acton's Chris Rivers warms himself beside the fire as visitors begin to arrive for Saturday's BIA Deck the Halls house tour. The Rivers home was built in 1873 and has been lovingly restored.



DECK THE HALLS: Acton sisters Ali (left) and Jackie Rivers check out the holiday decorations at Knox Presbyterian Church following the Acton BIA's Deck the Halls Christmas house tour to raise money for the Agricultural Society's building fund. The girls' Bower Avenue home - built in 1873 - was one of four heritage houses featured on the tour.- Frances Niblock photo

Deck the Halls Tour



Gail McDowell enjoys a cosy sit by the fire in her Alice Street home, one of the stops on the Deck the Halls house tour. The Victorian home was built in 1920.

MacKinnon Family Funeral Home
"Shoemaker Chapel"
 55 Mill Street East, Acton, Ontario
OPEN HOUSE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1999
 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

You are probably aware that our family has purchased the Shoemaker Funeral Home, which has been providing funeral service to the community for over 60 years. We have already met some of our new neighbours and appreciate your gracious welcome. We would like to open our home to all of our neighbours and invite you and your family to drop by on Saturday, November 27 between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. for light refreshments.

The holidays are often one of the most difficult times to face for those who have recently experienced a death. The dove is a symbol of peace and we invite any of you who have lost a loved one over the past few years to take a complimentary dove from our "memorial" tree. This dove can become a part of a Christmas memorial for your own tree or a part of your holiday centerpiece.

If you are unable to join us on November 27, our "memorial" tree will be in the funeral home until December 24. We would urge you to take a few minutes at your convenience, to take a dove from the tree and in return, complete an "in memoriam" card and place it on the tree in memory of your loved one.

We have also established a library which includes many books and pamphlets on dealing with grief. We invite you to take advantage of this bereavement resource. Particularly appropriate at this time of year is a little brochure entitled "Can't Face the Holidays!"

As the summer months come to an end and the long shadows of autumn begin to fall across the landscape, it begins to strike many newly bereaved people that the first Christmas season without their loved ones will soon be upon them. This is one of the most difficult times of the year and it is quite common to hear the cry, "I can't face the holidays!"

With this in mind, we have purchased copies of this brochure to help you with this time of the year. These complimentary brochures will be available at the funeral home for anyone who wishes to take one.

We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

Margaret and Bob MacKinnon

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