

## CHAFFEY'S LOCKS AND AREA HERITAGE SOCIETY

For a number of years the Chaffey's Lock and Area Heritage Society has been negotiating with Parks Canada to acquire use of the Lockmaster's House at Chaffey's Lock. The intention of this society was to use the building for the storage, preservation and display of artifacts and written documents which have a bearing on the heritage of the Chaffey's area. The area we are concerned with is bounded on the east by Highway #15 from Elgin to Crosby. The northern boundary runs from Crosby along Highway #42 to the town line of Newboro. It skirts Newboro and follows the north shore of Newboro and Loon Lakes to the Perth Road. The southern boundary follows the Davis Lock Road from Highway #15 to Davis Lock. It crosses Davis Lock and follows the south shores of Opinicon, Lower Rock and Upper Rock Lakes as far as the tip of Upper Rock.

The C.L. & A.H.S. has been successful in its negotiations with Parks Canada. Indeed, this federal agency has been most supportive of our efforts. They have agreed, at great cost to themselves, to renovate the lockmaster's house this year in such a way as to give us many advantages and facilities usually found only in museums situated in larger metropolitan areas. Our society members have been attending seminars on such topics as artifact restoration, archival storage and preservation, and general museum management in order to prepare themselves for the museum's operation. The museum will open in the summer of 1982.

Parks Canada is willing to accept the cost of renovating the building and any major maintenance costs in the future. The day-to-day operational costs of the museum, setting up displays, filing systems, copying old documents, restoring artifacts etc. will be the responsibility of the Chaffey's Lock & Area Heritage Society. For the first year of the museum's operation this society must depend on monies gathered locally through memberships, and fund raising events. After the first year of operation we will be eligible for grants from the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Recreation which will offset much of the need for local monetary support.

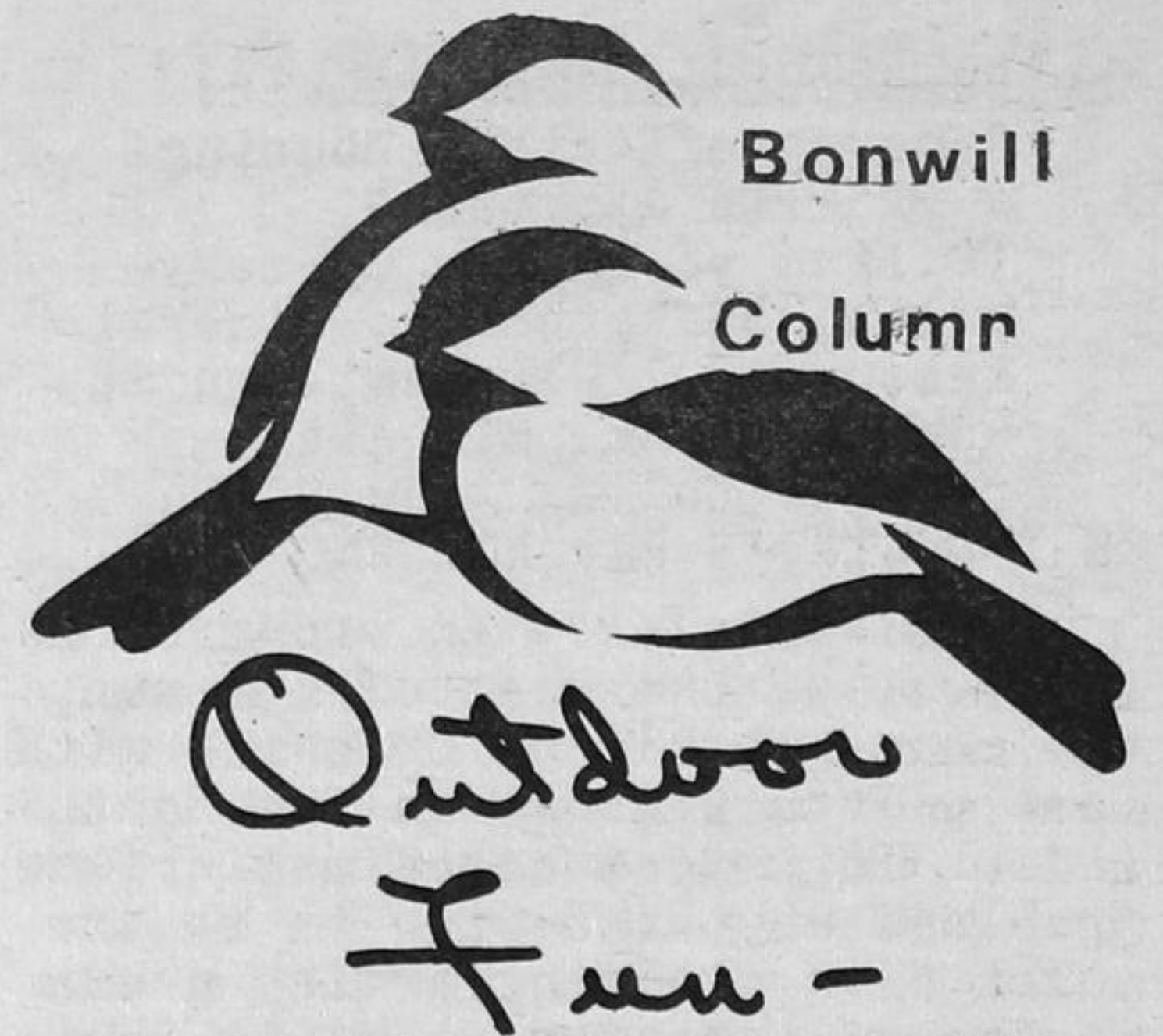
The first year of operation will be the most expensive. We have estimated that we will need \$5000.00 in order to get through the first year. Considering that over \$100,000 in federal funds will be going into this project this year and that, after the first year, provincial funds to the tune of several thousand dollars may be available to us annually for many years in the future, \$5000.00 seems not such a large amount to ask the people of our area to come up with. It means a return in the first year alone

or \$20.00 from outside sources for every \$1.00 raised locally. This is certainly a good investment by anyone's standards.

Museums of good quality are commonplace in larger cities. A modern museum, controlled by the community around it and responsible for its own displays is rare in a rural area. In fact, ours may be unique.

The members of C.L.&A.H.S. appeal to all those living within our area or who are interested in our region to donate funds to our cause. No amount is too small. You may not only be helpful to preserve a unique heritage but you may be aiding a future generation to interpret and preserve the feel of the times we are now living through. All materials collected by our society for display will remain the property of our community. They do not end up in the hands of any government agency.

Those who wish to donate funds or become society members should contact any of the following:  
 Don Franklin Chaffey's Lock  
 Don Warren Chaffey's Lock  
 Al Cross The Opinicon Chaffey's Lock  
 Jane Monaghan Elgin  
 John Fleming Chaffey's Lock  
 N.B.  
 Proper address for Chaffey's Lock residents is R.R.#1 Elgin.



OUTDOOR FUN sometimes starts indoors then moves outdoors - or it can even be totally indoors, bringing outdoor things inside with us.

Here are three events in which many may like to participate. We will hope to see you at all three.

MAY 6 - 30, KINGSTON ARTISTS ASSOCIATION GALLERY, 21A QUEEN ST., KINGSTON  
 A multi-media exhibition of laminated paper sculptures, photographic prints, and color slides, set to music. Those of you lucky enough to have seen some of these life-size birds, made of paper, will share our enthusiasm.

Set up as mobiles, hung with black thread from the ceiling, these are unbelievably real.

You are cordially invited to meet the artists at the opening of the exhibition on Sunday, May 10, from 2 to 5 p.m.

This gallery is open from 12-5 Tuesday to Saturday; usually closed on Mondays and Sundays.

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 MAY 16, 10:30 A.M. and bring your own picnic lunch. GRAFTING DEMONSTRATION at Skycroft. Also information on grafting nut trees. If it is buggy, we can move into the barn, so come along. Children welcome. Skycroft is 3½ miles along the Opinicon Road, after you cross the bridge at Chaffey's Lock.  
 Tel: 359 - 5491.  
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