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Upcoming Events

Assembly Hall Tour

Join us on Wednesday November 7, 2001 at 7:30 pm at the main entrance (glass addition) for a tour of the Assembly Hall (3121 Lake Shore Blvd. West at Kipling). The tour will be conducted by one of the architects of Teeple Architects, the main architects of the Assembly Hall Restoration.

Christmas Singalong at Montgomery's Inn

Join us on Friday December 14, 2001 for "Its Christmastide" an evening of Christmas Song and Singalong at Montgomery's Inn beginning at 8:00 pm. This event sells out early so get your tickets now. Call Wendy at 416-251-1349 before December 1, 2001 to reserve your tickets. Cost is \$15 which includes refreshments

Assembly Hall Restoration

Built in 1897 by patient labour, the Assembly Hall was the focal point of the recreational, theatrical and religious life of the former Lakeshore Psychiatric Hospital. It also played a critical role in the recreational life of the Town of New Toronto.

Being the largest facility in the area, the Assembly Hall was often lent to the citizens of New

Toronto for theatricals, assemblies, school events, and even boxing and wrestling matches.

Upon closure of the Hospital in 1979, the future of this and the rest of this remarkable complex of late 19th century buildings was very much in doubt. However, we are fortunate that the complex has been saved including the Assembly Hall.

The restoration of the building began in 1997 and was completed in early 2001. The final touches were added and the building re-opened in June 2001 as Toronto's newest Community Cultural Centre.

The new and improved Assembly Hall includes three Community Rooms and a kitchen on the ground floor, Gallery Spaces for the display of art; and a 250 seat Performance Hall and Lobby.

In the grounds outside there is a public art installation entitled "Third Garden", designed by artists Millie Chen and Warren Quigley situated at the northwest corner of Lake Shore Blvd. W. and Colonel Samuel Smith Drive.

Join Us !

Join us to learn more about the history of the Town of New Toronto. New Members welcome ! Please phone Wendy Gamble at 251-1349 for more information.