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BAY AREA RESTORATION COUNCIL BRINGS THE PAST TO LIGHT AT SECOND ANNUAL HISTORY NIGHT

**Guest Speaker Margaret Houghton presents
A Virtual Tour of Hamilton's North End
Thursday, November 24, 2005
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Workers Arts & Heritage Centre
51 Stuart Street, Hamilton**

Hamilton, ON—How did the Harbour shape the history of North Hamilton? What did our predecessors harvest in the dead of winter? Historian and archivist Margaret Houghton answers these questions and more as she joins the Bay Area Restoration Council (BARC) to present **A Virtual Tour of Hamilton's North End**. The presentation, which will offer a fascinating glimpse into the circumstances and individuals who shaped our city, takes place on Thursday, November 24th, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Workers Arts & Heritage Centre (51 Stuart Street, off Bay Street North, Hamilton).

Historian, archivist, editor and author Margaret Houghton is an accomplished speaker with a passion for the history of Hamilton. For the past 20 years, Mrs. Houghton has worked as an Archivist in the Special Collections Department of the Hamilton Public Library. As past president of the Head-of-the-Lake Historical Society, and with the participation of other members of the organization, she co-authored the books *Hamilton: Panorama of Our Past* and *Downtown Hamilton: The Heart of It All*. Her extensive knowledge of our city and our history have earned her editing credits on titles including *Hamilton Street Names*, *The Hamiltonians*, and *Vanished Hamilton*. Mrs. Houghton is also author of *Hamilton at war: on the home front*.

Part of BARC's lecture series, **A Virtual Tour of Hamilton's North End** provides an opportunity for the public to learn more about the role of our harbour in defining the character of our city and particularly the north end. The presentation is open to all members of the public and attendance is free.

The Bay Area Restoration Council is at the centre of citizen efforts to restore and protect the ecosystem health of Hamilton Harbour and its watershed. A community non-profit group BARC functions as a watchdog organization, assessing and promoting the clean up projects for the bay. In addition to our lecture series, BARC also delivers school programs, guided harbour tours, public planting events and shoreline clean ups, newsletters and reports on the state of the harbour, as well as guidelines and recommendations to government.

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