

## **COSTUME BRANCH UELAC**

### **1988 Spring**

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Your efforts to make costumes a significant vehicle for preserving our heritage and promoting the history of Canada is appreciated and welcomed. A thank you to all of you who participated in the May 23rd parade to Queen's Park and the U.E.L. Convention Banquet at Black Creek Pioneer Village. We look forward to your supporting our anniversary dinner to be held October 21st at the University Women's Club.

Our draw/auction/donations and sales from the convention will help us continue operating and we thank you for your support. Progress is also being made on our quilt.

New members are welcome to join us at our fall meeting to be held on Sunday, September 18th at 234 Eglinton Avenue East, Suite 601. We are indebted to Toronto Branch who has provided us with a room for our supplies and meeting space.

by Joy Davidson

### **1989 Spring**

The first anniversary dinner of the Costume Branch was held as previously at the University Women's Club of Toronto, 162 SL George Street. Members gathered at 5:30p.m. to meet Dianne Poole, M.P.P. for Eglinton which is the riding of June Pierson, President of the Costume Branch.

Piper D.L. Thomson led the way to the dining room. Grace was said by Dr. Vera F. Vanderlip, Past President of the U.E.L. Association of Canada and Honorary President of the Costume Branch. Dessert and coffee were served in the lounge. The Anniversary cake was cut by LCol. A. Frank Cooper, President of the Association, who gave a very interesting after-dinner talk on the future of the Association. The highlight of the evening was a concert of songs by Patricia Rideout, accompanied by pianist, Lynda Wigglesworth.

Many members attended in Costume and it was a delightful colourful event enjoyed by all.

### **1989 Fall**

At the Annual Convention of the U.E.L. in Lennoxville, Quebec the Costume Branch presented a Period Fashion Parade. This event proved to be very popular, with 65 entrants taking part. Prizes were awarded and presented by Mrs. David Macdonald Stewart of Montreal.

The Costume Branch is anxious to receive the names of those who attended the Convention in costume.

### **1990 Fall**

- Feb. 16 - Heritage display at Yorkdale.
- Feb. 23 - Louise Beck and June Pierson attended lecture on Williamsburg Costumes at Jackman Hall.
- March - Louise Beck and June Pierson attended a day of six workshops and lectures at the Bata Shoe Museum
- May - Costume Ball at Annual Convention in Oshawa. Judges were Louise Beck and Dorrine Macnab. Winning participants of the Costume Ball were Angela Johnson (camp follower), Jean Lake (afternoon gown), Harvey Rowson (old soldier), Roben Smith and Arnold Nethercott, Shauna and Amanda Moore. Prizes donated and presented by Sherri Grills – chairperson of the 1990 Convention.
- June - Display at Cumberland Terrace by John Mitchell, Louise Beck, Joyce Bradford and June Pierson.
- July - Three Day Workshop at Black Creek Pioneer village, attended by June Pierson.
- Aug. - Simcoe Day at Todmorton Mills with a display and participation in V.I.P. group. Seven of our gowns were worn for the ceremonies.
- Sept. - Display at U.E.L. Head Office by Madeline Goldring, Loyalist Roses donated to Head Office.
- Sept. - General Meeting – speaker Nancy E. Watt from Royal Yorkers.

Patterns, books, Loyalist Roses, pin (Jessup Rangers), buttons (Royal Provincial) Hasty Notes and writing paper are for sale.

Contact Laural Sloan of R.R. #1, Ameliasburg, ONT. K0K 1 A0 who will sew Loyalist Costumes.

**1991 Fall**

**A**t the convention this year, we sold patterns, and guide books, our silk Loyalist roses, pins, R.P. (Royal Provincial) buttons and some lawn (fine linen). When you visit the George Brown U.E.L headquarters please note the gown on the form. The gown was donated by Madeline Goldring, Ridgeville, Ontario, to whom we are grateful. Some other costumes which were donated, have been worn on Simcoe Day and at the May Parade at Queen's Park.

Our costumes are eye-appealing and make an Historical Statement especially to our multi-cultural society here in Toronto. Keep your costumes in good form, ready to be worn on short notice.

Mrs. Wyn Van Slyck, founder of the Dugald Costume Museum, gave UEL Winnipeg branch President Bill Olmstead a personal tour. She emphasized the Loyalist Period Gown. During Queen Elizabeth II's visit to Winnipeg in 1984, Mrs. Van Slyck conducted Her Majesty around the museum. All board members and their spouses, duly costumed, were introduced. We are grateful to Mrs. Wyn Van Slyck for her information of the gown just mentioned.

June Pierson, U.E.,  
President, Costume Branch