

Don & Marion Page



This was once the home of Peter Crane, son of George Crane who traveled to Canada with Col. Talbot in 1820. The original house was built in 1856 by a carpenter named Morris, well known in South Dunwich. The original home was named Chestnut Grove, and is currently named Sandridge House.

The present owners purchased the two-story brick residence from neighbours nearly 20 years ago. Since then major renovations have been completed and two new wings added, but always in keeping with the original décor. The current layout has two dining areas, two kitchens, ten bedrooms with six bathrooms, a family room, a library, a butler's pantry and a greeting room.

The home features antique furnishings throughout, ten ft. ceilings on the main level, a 16 place dining room and an adjoining parlor with 18th century leaded glass windows and oil paintings. In the large main entrance hallway an inviting winding staircase leads to a sitting area on the second story, with nine ft. ceilings, and the ensuite master bedroom.

Seasonal designer: Fellows Fernlea Flowers, St Thomas
- by Treana & Laura

South Dunwich Community Hall



The Tweedsmuir History of the Wallacetown Community (Wallacetown Womens Institute) tells us that this building sat originally on Wallace Street, east of Currie Road and directly opposite the old school, on land then called "The Commons". Among the recorded stories of those early days we read of gypsies who would pitch a tent beside the building and rest a few days, much to the amusement of the school children.

The hall was used primarily for meetings of the Dunwich councillors and for public dances. It was also the home of the Young People's Literary Society.

Wallacetown United Church donated a new parcel of land for the hall in 1946. A foundation was built for it on the new site and the building was moved to it's present location.

The hall is owned by the Municipality of Dutton/ Dunwich, and is operated by a board of trustees to this day.

Seasonal designer: The Balloon Experience, Dutton
- by Claire Champ

Holly Berry Tea Room



Refreshments at the Holly Berry Tea Room have been provided by the UCW of Wallacetown United Church.

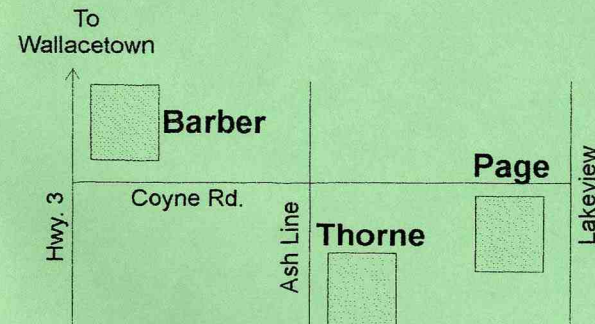
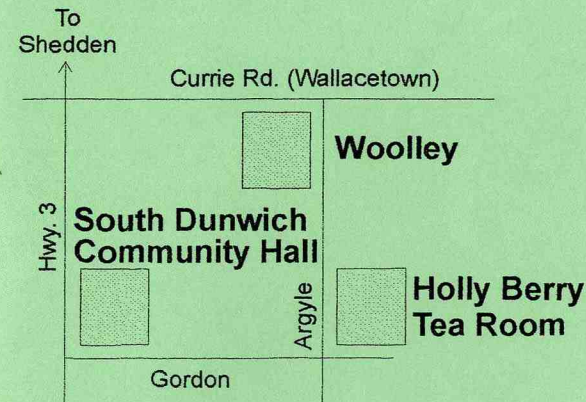
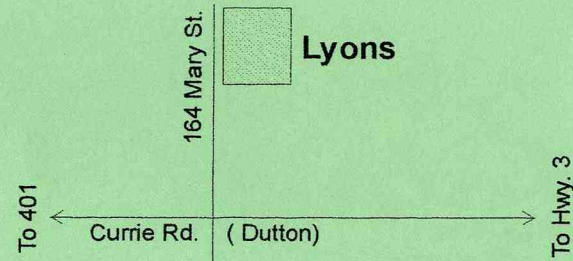
Your servers are members of our 4-H Club.

Our beautiful fresh green seasonal decorations were designed by members of the Dutton/Dunwich Horticultural Society.

Gift boutiques staffed by local artisans around the Tea Room are displaying a variety of decorating ideas, seasonal crafts, and offering items for sale. We sincerely hope that you will take time to visit each boutique.

Again, thank you for your participation in our Christmas Home Tour.

Maps



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Tour benefits Wallacetown church

St. Thomas Times-Journal, Tuesday, October 30, 2001

BY TIMES-JOURNAL STAFF
WALLACETOWN — Five homeowners in the Wallacetown area will act as hosts for two days during the Christmas Tour of Homes this Saturday and Sunday.

The tour, now in its fourth year, includes two heritage homes as well as the South Dunwich Community Hall.

This year's tour raises money for the Wallacetown United Church.

Darlene Ford, co-ordinating the tour for the church's board of stewards, said in past years, the tour's profits have benefited different non-profit organizations.

Different designers and business owners in St. Thomas, Dutton, Shedden, West Lorne and Bothwell decorated the homes for the tour and donated draw prizes. The Dutton-Dunwich Horti-

cultural Society decorated Wallacetown United Church where the tour winds up and refreshments are served in the Holly Berry Tea Room. A series of boutiques is located in the tea room for the tour.

Bessie Lyons' home on Mary Street in Wallacetown is the first stop on the tour. Built in 1996, the custom-built, three-bedroom home blends furnishings reflecting a mix of memories and newer acquisitions.

John and Barbara Woolley's home on Argyle Street in Wallacetown is a cottage-style home built in 1937, originally as an egg grading station. It was home to an egg business until 1945 when the conversion to a house began. The Woolleys acquired the home in 1966 and continued with upgrades and renovations



Emerson and Dawn Thorne are welcoming visitors to their home at ThorneBrook Farm Saturday and Sunday as part of the Christmas Tour of Homes in Wallacetown and Dutton. (T-J photo)

The tour of homes takes place Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tickets are available at Wallacetown United Church, Fellows Fernlea Flowers in St. Thomas, Mulberry Lane in Union, and Goliger's Travel in St. Thomas.

until 1996.

Located at Coyne's Corners, on the original Raymond Braddon homestead, Jim and Denise Barber's custom designed two-storey home has features incorporated from the original home including a stained glass window and outside bricks.

The ThorneBrook Farm on Ash Line, featuring a 1½-storey farmhouse built in 1884, is currently the home of Dawn and Emerson Thorne. The home is built on land donated to Col. Thomas Talbot in 1821. It was, at one time, owned by Bessie Lyons who also has a new home included in the tour. A 1997 addition in-

creased the home's size to 3,800 square feet and relocated the centre hall stairway. Inside, the house features cherry wood cabinetry, and custom-made chestnut accents.

The second heritage home, Sandridge House, is owned by Don and Marion Page and located on Coyne Road. It features 10 bedrooms, family room, butler's pantry, antique furnishings throughout, 18th century leaded glass windows and a winding staircase.

The South Dunwich Community Hall, originally located on Wallace Street, was moved beside Wallacetown United church in 1946. Historical-

ly, it was used for Dunwich council meetings and by the Young People's Literary Society.



Darlene Ford, front, co-ordinator of the Christmas Tour of Homes in Wallacetown and Dutton, joins Marion Page on the staircase in her home at Sandridge Farms. The Page family will be welcoming visitors Saturday and Sunday. (T-J photo)

Cycle tour showcases the Talbot Trail

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Shackleton Line as you pass through Iona Station. The balance of the trip is unbroken by hills or attractions but you can rest your eyes on grazing cattle, fields of hay, corn, soybeans and pasture land as you approach the

end of your journey again in Dutton.

Dutton has many restaurants where you can fuel up after your cycling or you can cool off in the public pool. Just follow Main Street North to Mary Street, left on Mary St. to Queen St., right

on Queen St. and on the left is the pool with the showers, etc. The shops back on Main Street welcome you any time. For more information on the history of Dutton/Dunwich visit our libraries or our tourism website www.elgintourist.com

Just outside the village of Dutton where Thompson Line and Currie Road meet if you don't mind gravel roads a three kilometre side trip to John Kenneth Galbraith's former home at 31303 Thompson Line. John, a Harvard professor and internationally renowned economist has advised more than four US Presidents, the Vatican and other world leaders. His book the "Scotch" relates his experiences growing up in Dunwich. This is a private home no longer owned by the Galbraiths.

All the homes on the tour except the Backus/Page House Museum are privately owned and occupied and may be viewed from the road only! NO TRESPASSING PLEASE!

The grand opening of the tour begins Saturday, June 30 at 11 am, on Main Street Dutton in front of the Medical Centre.

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Dutton/Dunwich Historical Cycle Tour

DUTTON/DUNWICH ATTRACTIONS

- *1. FORMER HOME OF JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH - HARVARD GRADUATE, NOTED INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIST TO FOUR FORMER U.S. PRESIDENTS, THE VATICAN & OTHER HEADS OF STATE. JOHN HAS AUTHORED A DOZEN OR MORE BOOKS ON ECONOMICS AS WELL AS "THE SCOTCH" A PERSONAL VIEWPOINT OF THE TALBOT SETTLEMENT PEOPLE.
2. PEARCE FARM
3. MARY STOREY HOUSE
4. BACKUS/PAGE HOUSE MUSEUM
5. ST. PETER'S CHURCH 1827
6. JOHN PEARCE PROVINCIAL PARK - DAY USE ONLY
7. ST. PETER'S CEMETERY
8. LESLIE PATTERSON HOUSE
9. STEPHEN BACKUS HOUSE
10. MEREDITH CONN HOUSE
11. GEO CRANE FARM
12. JOSHUA BOBIER HOUSE
13. JOHN BOBIER COTTAGE
14. JEFFERY HUNTER FARM
15. CAIRN
16. MALAHIDE FARM - TALBOT ESTATE
17. ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH & CEMETERY
18. REGISTRY MARKER
19. PEARCE-WILLIAMS CHRISTIAN CENTRE
20. PREHISTORIC EARTHWORKS

- LEGEND
- W - WASHROOMS
 - SW - SEASONAL WASHROOMS MAY15 - OCT 15
 - P - PROVINCIAL PARKLAND
 - R - RESTAURANT W/WASHROOM
 - V - VARIETY/CONVENIENCE STORE
 - G - GOLF COURSE
 - B&B - BED & BREAKFAST
 - FM - FARM MARKET
 - C - CAMPING

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