

Ontario Heritage Trust sponsors book on local history

Coralina Lemos, the author of *Corktown: The History of a Toronto Neighbourhood and the People Who Made It* is a local resident, genealogist/researcher, tour guide, and photographer whose interest in heritage preservation led her to self-publish a book, so that Corktown could have its own narrative, like other Toronto districts.

After years of solid research, the author shares her knowledge of the neighbourhood pieced together and reconstructed with relevant stories that highlight people, establishments, and institutions that helped to shape this historic community.

"The impetus to write this book came as a result of a challenge my husband, Victor, gave me. Disappointed at the fact

that there wasn't a book on Corktown, he said to me that if I wanted a book then I would have to write it. This, in addition to hearing a local resident say that they did not think Corktown had a history, led me to write the book in order to clarify this misconception."

The book is a celebration of people. The title was inspired from a conversation the author had with Professor J.M.S. Careless of the University of Toronto, an Order of Canada recipient, who in speaking to her commented, "People make neighborhoods." The book includes the history behind thirty-eight street names as well as: over 90 images, some of which are made available for the first time; over 200 surnames, intended as a reference source for anyone conducting genealogical research; and a quick introduction to local places of worship and architects who were involved in the area's development.

To keep informed on details of the book release, updates will be available on the book's website, www.corktownhistory.ca *Corktown: The History of a Toronto Neighbourhood and the People Who Made It* ©

