



Design Through the Decades

1830s | Log cabin | Demolished

The timber in the Orangeville area was large and dense when settlers arrived, so it is no surprise that log cabins were the material of choice for their first shelters. Sadly it did not take more than a few decades for the old growth forest cover to be largely destroyed by logging and the clearing of land for agriculture. This photograph of Granny Irwin's log home taken in the 1880s. It was located at what is now the corner of First Street and Elizabeth Street. In the 1880s it was believed to be the oldest dwelling in Dufferin County.



JANUARY, 2022

Photo courtesy of Ross Hughes with Royal Lepage RCR Realty.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Winter Market
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Winter Market
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

1850s | Georgian | 230 Broadway Ave

By the 1850s the primitive log buildings were replaced with more substantial structures. The Georgian style was a common form of these buildings. The style is notable for its symmetrical facades. This small Georgian house was built circa 1855 by the Reverend Alexander Lewis, founder of the Bethel Presbyterian congregation, on property he purchased from Orange Lawrence.





FEBRUARY, 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Winter Market
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	19 Winter Market
20	21 Family Day	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

1860s | Regency Cottage | 11 First Street

This home is an excellent example of an Ontario Regency Cottage. The Regency style originated in England around 1815 and spread to Canada later in the 19th century. Symmetrical facades with a highly ornamented central doorway are a feature of Regency buildings as well as hip roofs. This example was built in 1867 by John Green, a prominent businessman.





MARCH, 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Winter Market
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Winter Market
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

1870s | Gothic Revival Cottage | 75 John Street

The Gothic Revival Cottage was a building form promoted in the November 1864 issue of the Canada Farmer in an article entitled "A Cheap Farm House". Numerous examples, like this one on John Street, can be seen throughout Orangeville. These buildings have symmetrical front facades with a central gable over the doorway often including a Gothic window. Single storey and one and a half storey forms are common. Henry Bagnell, a roadmaster for the Toronto, Grey, and Bruce Railway, bought this property in 1873 and had this Gothic Revival Cottage constructed.





APRIL, 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Winter Market
3	4 Easter Monday	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Good Friday	16 Winter Market
17	18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

1880s | Italianate | 62 Zina Street

The Italianate style emerged as the dominant house style in Orangeville in the 1880s. It provided a classical alternative to the Gothic Revival style which had dominated house construction through the 1870s. Its distinctive low hip roof, deep eaves with cornice brackets, large sash windows and the use of classical detailing identify an Italianate house like this one built by P.J. Foster in 1887.



MAY, 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Opening Day Outdoor Farmers' Market
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14 Farmers' Market
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Farmers' Market
22	23 Victoria Day	24	25	26	27	28 Farmers' Market
29	30	31				

1890s | Queen Anne | 239 Broadway Ave

The Queen Anne style came in vogue in the 1890s throughout Ontario, but there are only a few examples in Orangeville. This house is a local interpretation of a Queen Anne with the asymmetrical facade, large wraparound verandah (although partially enclosed now), multiple wall finishes, and turret typical of the style. This house was built by tannery owner John Aiken in 1895.



JUNE, 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Blues & Jazz Festival	4 Blues & Jazz Festival Farmers' Market
5 Blues & Jazz Festival	6	7	8	9	10	11 Farmers' Market
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Farmers' Market
19 Father's Day	20	21 National Indigenous Peoples Day	22	23	24	25 Farmers' Market
26	27	28	29	30		

1900s | Transitional | 28 York Street

During the early 20th century tastes in architecture were turning away from the highly ornamented styles seen in the previous 30 years. This house, built by John Patterson in 1906, is typical of house construction during the early 1900s where elements of the Italianate style, the emerging Edwardian style, and the sparing use of Victorian ornamentation were combined to build solid and unique houses.



JULY, 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Canada Day	2 Farmers' Market
3 Ribfest	4	5	6	7	8 Ribfest	9 Ribfest Farmers' Market
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Farmers' Market
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Farmers' Market
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Farmers' Market
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1910s | 6 Bythia Street

The influence of Edwardian Classicism is evident in this house built in 1910 by real estate agent, Thomas Legate. The boxy "Foursquare" footprint, hip roof, smooth brickwork and minimal ornamentation are hallmarks of early Edwardian Classicism buildings and other examples are found in Town.



AUGUST, 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Civic Day	2	3	4	5	6 Farmers' Market
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Farmers' Market
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Farmers' Market
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Farmers' Market
28	29	30	31			

1920s | Edwardian Classicism | 13 Wellington Street

During the 1920s Canada's economy boomed alongside that of the US as technology advanced and manufacturing expanded. The population for the first time was more urban than rural. This growth is reflected locally by the infill development during that decade as the Town's population grew and large residential lots with Victorian-era houses were subdivided and houses like this one were built in the typical Edwardian Classicism style.



SEPTEMBER, 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Farmers' Market
4	5 Labour Day	6	7	8	9	10 Farmers' Market
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Farmers' Market
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Farmers' Market
25	26	27	28	29	30	

1930s | Craftsman bungalow | 9 York Street

Very few houses were built in Orangeville during the Great Depression of the 1930s. The few that were built were usually in the Craftsman bungalow style like this house constructed by Lucy Gardiner in 1935.





OCTOBER, 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Farmers' Market
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Farmers' Market
9	10	11 Thanksgiving Day	12	13	14	15 Farmers' Market
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Farmers' Market Harvest Celebration
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

1940s | Art Moderne | 19 First Street

The 1940s was also a time of low construction in Orangeville as the Second World War raged during the first half of the decade and the country began its recovery in the second half. Art Moderne was a common building style throughout North America at this time, and this apartment block built circa 1945 exemplifies the Art Moderne influence: the streamlined horizontal silhouette, corner windows, and glass block detailing.





NOVEMBER, 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Winter Market Begins
6	7	8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Moonlight Magic	19 Winter Market
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

1950s | Modern bungalow | 70 Zina Street

The block on Zina Street opposite the Dufferin County Courthouse once housed the Orangeville Public School. The school was demolished in the early 1950s and the land divided into building lots by the Town. Grant and Marion Robinson bought one of the lots in 1955 and built this Modern Bungalow. The 1950s and early 1960s saw more infill development in Town largely in the Modern Bungalow style.



DECEMBER, 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Winter Market
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Winter Market
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

1960s | Modern split level | 70 Edelwild Drive

The 1920s and 1950s waves of infill development within the Town boundaries had left few remaining building lots. The 1960s saw the start of growth onto the neighbouring farmland in the form of subdivisions. The predominant building type at this time was the Modern Split Level. This example has the classic split level design: the low pitched roof, overhanging eaves and horizontal lines of a typical ranch style dwelling, with the two storey unit attached at mid height to the one storey section creating three staggered floor levels. The combination of brick and clapboard siding, a large picture window, and decorative shutters are also typical for this building type.



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1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6	7 Winter Market
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Post 1970s | 85 Meadow Drive

In the latter half of the 20th century most urban growth took place in suburban neighbourhoods as the car made this new housing type accessible. Also, the proportion of owners to renters increased as suburban home ownership was made possible by social policies like the Veterans Charter and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Locally, this suburbanization is seen in the Town's growth from the 1980s to the present as significant housing projects were built to the west and east making the Town a bedroom community for those who work in the GTA.

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- Promoting heritage awareness through property designation and the awareness plaque program
- Providing advice regarding designation of properties and districts under the Ontario Heritage Act
- Advising on the conservance of heritage features through the Town's planning processes
- Maintaining an inventory of all heritage properties

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