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# Friends of Birdhouse City

## Join the Friends of Birdhouse City

For more information on this group, or to join, please call Delores Wallace at 613-476-7425.

### History

The late Doug Harnes, a former superintendent with the Prince Edward Region Conservation (now Quinte Conservation) had a gift when it came to working with wood. It was through Doug's interest in wood, and his appetite for creativity, that Birdhouse City was born.

The project started with a re-creation of the historic Massassauga Park Hotel. The birdhouse is a massive 80-room structure, supported by two poles.

Birdhouse City was created when it was decided that if one birdhouse looked good, then a few more would look better. Designed as a community involvement project, numerous schools, businesses, individuals and groups got on the bandwagon, coming up with over 80 birdhouses, most of them miniature reproductions of historic buildings and other recognizable structures in the county. Since its creation in 1980, Birdhouse City has attracted thousands of people who arrive by the car and bus load.

Time and elements, however, take their toll on the structures. Today, there is an active group, the Friends of Birdhouse City, who regularly paint and repair the birdhouses. For more information on this active group, please call Delores Wallace at 613-476-7425 or Quinte Conservation at 613-968-3434.

