

Gwillim Group Fundraiser

One of the groups celebrating Bradford's 150th Anniversary is the Gwillim Group – a group of history buffs, under the aegis of the Bradford West Gwillimbury Local History Association, that is turning the spotlight on Upper Canada's First Lady.

Elizabeth Posthuma Gwillim was not only the wife of Lieut.-Governor John Graves Simcoe, she was an ardent traveller, an exceptional hostess and an accomplished artist. The Gwillim Group has commissioned a bronze and rock sculpture, by artist Brenda Wainman Goulet, to be placed in the parkette beside the Post Office.

To raise funds, the Group has planned an evening of Dinner Theatre, in

partnership with the Bradford District High School Drama Club. On June 8 and 9, the students will present "Bradford in 1857" – actually a history of Bradford, from the early days before incorporation, "to the present day – a fun celebratory tongue-in-cheek look at Bradford," says author and drama teacher Steve Bainborough.

The Gwillim Group will serve up a Spaghetti Dinner with Strawberry Shortcake for dessert, and there will be a Silent Auction; items include an original painting by artist Kathryn Bury.

To help out, donate or purchase tickets, at \$20 each, contact Mikki Nanowski, 905-775-4011. Tickets are also available at BDHS, 905-775-2262.