

Committee: **Eldon House**

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: **Theresa Regnier**

Occupation: **Archives Assistant**

Work experience: **Since 1987 I have worked in an archival department at Western University, currently Western Archives and Special Collections (previously known as the J.J. Talman Regional Collection). Western Archives acquires, describes and makes accessible archival material on the London area and surrounding counties, plus other business records such as Canadian Tire and Labatt's Heritage Collection and the Benson Special Collections (rare book collection). The Archives and Research Collections Centre facility also houses the University archives, records management for Western University and storage for other Western Libraries low use materials. Our researchers include anyone on campus and the wider community, both locally, from other parts of Canada, U.S. and beyond.**

Education: **Library Technician Diploma (Fanshawe College); Core Workshop series (Archives Association of Ontario)**

Skills: **I have built up knowledge of London history by gaining knowledge of the holdings of Western Archives and through assisting researchers (answering detailed reference inquiries). I am very familiar with Eldon House as their archives, the Harris Family fonds (family papers, business records and photographs) are housed in Western Archives. I have been able to assist the Eldon House Curator Director, Historical Interpreters, Interns and other researchers in their search for material and knowledge within the Harris Family fonds. I have experience with archival processes exhibit design, and conservation recommendations. Experience working in committee/board environment as described below.**

Interest reason: **I have a strong interest in Eldon House due to my in depth experience with the Harris Family archival material and interest in local history since 1987. I have volunteered or supported Eldon House events in the past such as the gift shop and Canada Day dinner. I believe Eldon House is an important heritage resource that we need to support and nurture.**

Contributions: **Built extensive community contacts and knowledge of resources Previous experience on local heritage groups Knowledge of Harris Family Willingness to support this cultural jewel of London**

Past contributions: **Just completed term on Eldon House board, being Chair of the Gift Shop Committee, member of Collections and Policy Committee, Secretary since July 2017, which includes involvement with Executive and Finance Committees. Currently on the executive of the London and Middlesex Historical Society (Past President) and also a member of the Stewardship Sub-committee of London Advisory Committee on Heritage (LACH) Past: Served as member of LACH (9 years); member and Chair of Landmarks London (now London Heritage Council); member of board for Archives Association of Ontario and member and past President for Southwestern Ontario Chapter, Archives Association of Ontario**

Interpersonal: **With my past experience I have been willing to express my views as well as being open to other opinions so a consensus can be reached. This recent term on Eldon House board has built up knowledge to appreciate all the different viewpoints, wider job and life experience of board members and staff that helps create a great team.**

Interview interest: **Yes**