

Canadian Architectural Styles: A Field Guide

By Don Mikel

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A photographic showcase of architectural styles across Canada, from Georgian, Gothic Revival and Art Deco, to Mid-Century Modern, Brutalist and beyond



The result of more than a decade of research and photography, this is the first comprehensive field guide to Canadian architectural styles. With more than 1,100 photographs illustrating more than 40 styles, this book will allow you to identify the architecture you see in cities, small towns and rural landscapes across the country.

- 1,100 photographs of unique residential, religious, civic and commercial buildings
- 40 architectural styles presented and placed in their historical contexts
- Images from more than 70 towns, cities and regional municipalities across Canada
- Checklists summarizing each architectural style
- A geographical index listing all buildings by location

Whether you're exploring your own community or encountering new places, *Canadian Architectural Styles* is a great companion for discovering our shared architectural heritage from coast to coast.

Don Mikel grew up in old houses in Cobourg and as a teenager became interested in heritage architecture through Port Hope Architectural Conservancy meetings. He is a member of the City of Guelph Heritage Advisory Committee and was the founding chair of the Millbrook and Hamilton Township Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committees (LACACs), the Ontario LACAC Steering Committee and the Guelph and Wellington branch of Architectural Conservancy of Ontario. He has restored five heritage homes and consulted on many others. Don lives in Guelph, Ontario.

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“A complete field guide to Canadian-built heritage is just what is needed . . . This volume offers a wide variety of styles and sub-styles, from cottages to government buildings, across the country [and] will make a simple road trip through the countryside or a major journey across the nation a more enjoyable and interesting excursion.” — **Shannon Kyle, author of *The Story of Ontario Architecture*:**

“A very attractive book. I am impressed by the way it has been organised . . . the many pictures with their basic captions are very fine and very valuable.” — **Reginald Porter, historian and author of *Government House and the Fanningbank Estate***

“Don Mikel in his new book on Canadian Architectural Styles has waded into the complex world of architectural styles applied in Canada through out its long history from the early buildings of New France to the eclectic world of today. This is an encyclopedic work of both text style descriptions and explanations generously illustrated with photographs to illustrate his points. This will be a valuable field guide to professionals when considering how to best describe a building under study and of interest to all those interested in Canada’s architectural history.” — **Phil Goldsmith, BES, BArch, OAA, CAHP, Director, Ontario Heritage Foundation 1993-2000**

“A beautiful resource for anyone who loves buildings and the stories they tell. Don Mikel’s field guide is a rich visual journey through Canada’s architectural heritage—accessible, clear, and comprehensive.” — **Erik Backstrom, RPP, MCIP, urban planner, historian, President of the Alberta Professional Planners Institute**

“A good companion for architectural exploration close to home and across the country with photo examples that instruct and delight.” — **Stephen Robinson, MA, CAHP, Senior Heritage Planner, City of Guelph**

“[An] encyclopedic, richly detailed inventory of building styles, ranging from 1600s New France to twenty-first-century structures.” — **Terry Foord, B.Arch, Port Hope Architectural Conservancy**

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