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**PHS Meeting,
Tuesday January 17, 2012
at 7:30 pm
Peterborough Public Library
Lower Level Auditorium
Aylmer Street, Peterborough
“History of Sports in Peterborough”
by Sheryl Smith**



Since its inception in 2002, Peterborough has embraced the Doors Open concept. Free visits to historic or unusual locations have given thousands of visitors insights into this city's storied past.

In September 2011, theme chosen was “History of Sports in Peterborough.” Sheryl Smith will take you on an illustrated trip across the city to learn more about this engaging sports history, and also reflect upon the past and future of Doors Open Peterborough.

Sheryl Smith **was born** and raised around the Rideau Canal National Historic Site of Canada, Sheryl attended McMaster University where she received an Honours BA in Anthropology, and later the University of Manitoba, where she obtained an MA in Anthropology / Archaeology. Her Master's thesis was about a small Middle Woodland fishing camp on Georgian Bay and was published by the Ontario Government.

After joining Parks Canada in 1981, Sheryl did national parks archaeology and then was appointed Chief of Archaeological Research for the Ontario Region, a position which she held until 1994. She was then Aboriginal Affairs Advisor for the Ontario Service Centre until very recently, retiring after almost 31 years with Parks Canada. Her duties included liaison with First Nations and Aboriginal organizations, advice to managers on relationship-building, land claims, treaty information, and so on. Her work also involved promoting the national commemoration of Aboriginal history. She was a member of several national Parks Canada working groups and still maintains links with First Nations and other government organizations.

A family move brought her to Peterborough in 1998 where Sheryl became involved with a number of organizations including St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, PACAC, Doors Open Peterborough, and other heritage-related special events such as the 2004 Ontario Museum conference, the 2009 Ontario Heritage Conference, the 2011 Peterborough Heritage Week Celebrations, and now the 2012 Canadian Association of Conservators Conference.

Sheryl is proudest, however, of her family – husband, biologist and wildlife photographer Mike Eckersley, wonderful grown daughters Meaghan, Kristen and Patricia, and two energetic Springer Spaniels. They live now in Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield Township, overlooking Lake Katchewanooka. True to her Scottish roots, Sheryl calls their location “the cheap side of the street”!

..... from the President

The December Bulletin brought to a close another busy year for the Peterborough Historical Society. In reflecting back on my first year as President, I am struck by the dedication of our many volunteers to sustain the diversity of programs that the Society undertakes. The staff and Friends of Hutchison House Living History Museum are to be congratulated for another successful year that saw the formal dedication of the Michael Townsend Memorial Walkway - our fully accessible ramp entrance to the Keeping room as well as the launch of our new video presentation. The Society continued an engaging series of monthly lectures which ranged from a well illustrated lecture on Peterborough's Carnegie Library to the presence of "warships on the Waterway" by Al Brunger. Our awards programs honoured the top History students from local High Schools, an important activity if we wish to build the next generation of Society members. Our annual summer excursion was a highlight with a delightful cruise from Bobcaygeon to Buckhorn on probably the best day of the summer. And on it goes. The new year promises to be just as busy. We have a major fund raising campaign to launch to meet the costs for fixing the roof at Hutchison House. The timing is appropriate for Hutchison House will celebrate its 175th anniversary - no small feat. I hoped everyone had a Merry Christmas and I wish you all the very best in the New Year. Remember our Hogmanay Celebration at Hutchison House on 1 January. I can't think of a better way to start the new year.

Dennis Carter-Edwards, President

Board of Directors Open House

The members of Peterborough Historical Society's Board of Directors wrapped up another successful year with an Open House at our living history museum, Hutchison House. A crackling fire and a generous spread of Christmas treats greeted many of our society members who attended. This has been a great year for heritage in our community, with the city winning Heritage Canada's Prince of Wales Award, the Peterborough Museum and Archives winning an Ontario Museum Award and the preparation of the City of Peterborough's Cultural Plan. History is alive and well in Peterborough!

Dennis Carter-Edwards, President

Looking forward to February AGM meeting, and Dinner
Honouring Ontario's Premiers: Dimensions of the Premiers' Gravesites Program

In 2007, at the behest of then MPP Jim Brownell, the Government of Ontario created the Premiers' Gravesites Program to honour Ontario's former premiers by marking their gravesites. The Ontario Heritage Trust was chosen to design and implement this special new program as an extension of its role in commemorating significant events, people and places in Ontario's history. Premiers' Gravesites Program Coordinator, Kathryn McLeod will speak about the dynamics of the Program and its contributions to the field of Public History in Ontario.

Kathryn is a graduate of the Master of Arts program at the Frost Centre for Canadian Studies and Indigenous Studies at Trent University. She is currently working part-time for the Ontario Heritage Trust and with Professor Thomas H.B. Symons as his research and administrative assistant. She is a member of the municipal heritage committee for Peterborough (PACAC) and acted as the Volunteer Coordinator on the Doors Open 2011 Committee.

Do you know someone who has made a significant contribution to heritage preservation and promotion in the Peterborough area?

Nominate them for a Peterborough Historical Society Heritage Award!

The Peterborough Historical Society welcomes nominations for its annual Heritage Awards from now until Monday, March 5, 2012.

Nominees must reside within the boundaries of Peterborough County. They may be individuals, businesses, institutions, organizations, groups, or members of the media. Nominations will be considered for projects completed in the previous year and will be evaluated by an independent Awards Committee.

If you are aware of a deserving project or person, submit an application! Individuals may also nominate themselves or their own project.

The Heritage Awards will be presented at a special ceremony and reception for winners and their family and friends on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, at 7:30 PM at Empress Gardens, Charlotte Street, Peterborough.

The five awards, named in honour of former citizens of Peterborough who made significant contributions to the Peterborough area, are listed below:

- **The F. H. Dobbin Award** acknowledges exceptional coverage of historical events through articles, photos, or videos.
- **The Charlotte Nichols Award** is awarded in recognition of substantial financial donations towards the preservation and/or recognition of historic sites, artifacts, etc.
- **The Samuel Armour Award** recognizes the involvement and exposure of students to local historical opportunities, programs, and/or development of curriculum based on local history.
- **The George Cox Award** recognizes historical restoration and/or preservation of Peterborough properties. (artifacts, structures, gardens, parks etc.)
- **The J. Hampden Burnham Award** recognizes the creation of venues for public awareness of historic events, places or people.

Applications may be obtained from the Awards page of the Peterborough Historical Society website at www.peterboroughhistoricalsociety.ca or by visiting Hutchison House at 270 Brock Street, Peterborough. Applications are also available at the Peterborough Museum and Archives, the Peterborough City Hall Reception Desk and the Trent Valley Archives.

For more information, please contact the Award Committee Chair, Kathryn McLeod, at kamcleod@trentu.ca or at 705-876-1399.

Hutchison House Report

Christmas season is always a busy time at Hutchison House. It was a treat to see all of the children coming through for the ever popular 19th century Christmas programs. In December we had two solid weeks of programming with two and sometimes three programs per day. This year 427 children took part in the programs. Thank you very much to Erin Panepinto and the wonderful museum volunteers for so ably keeping up with the pace. We really couldn't have done it without you!

The annual Volunteers' Festive Sale at the end of November was another great success. The volunteers raised just over \$3,000 for Hutchison House through the sale of wreaths, Empire cheese, baked goods, jams, jellies and preserves, pies, and attic treasures. Well done! Thank you everyone who helped with the sale, donated to the cause, and/or came out to shop. It takes the whole team to make it happen and we've got one of the best teams in town.

By the time everyone reads this Bulletin we will have already turned the page on a new year. I promise to give a report on the highlights of Hogmanay 2012 in the February edition. However, we do have an event coming up in early January that I would like everyone to know about. For the past five years the museum has taken part in Snofest Peterborough. On January 12th Hutchison House will again host a Fireside Tea & Dessert in the keeping room. We are now taking reservations for this event. The cost is \$5 per person, with 3 sitting times. The sittings will take place at 1pm., 2pm., and 3pm. Advance tickets are required.

The Heritage Luncheons will begin again on Wednesday, 1 February. Our seasonal menu promises to dispel your mid-winter blahs and post-Christmas humdrums. Luncheons will also be held on March 7, April 4, May 2 and June 6. For more information please call the office for details and to book tickets at 743-9710.

Best wishes for the new year!

Gale Fewings



THERE IS A HEAVEN FOR VOLUNTEERS

Many of us will be shocked to find
when the day of reckoning nears,
there's a special place in heaven
set aside for volunteers.

It's furnished with big recliners,
comfy couches and footstools;
where there's no committee chairman,
no group leaders, no car pools.

There'll be no team that needs a coach,
no bazaar and no bake sale;
nothing to be stapled,
not one thing to fold and mail.

Telephone lists will be outlawed,
but a finger snap will bring
cold drinks and gourmet dinners
and rare treats fit for a king.

Who'll serve those privileged few
and work for all they're worth?
Why All those who reaped the benefits
but not once volunteered on earth.



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Mark Your Calendars**PHS General Meetings**

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2012

History of Sports in Peterborough-Speaker Sheryl Smith

Tuesday Feb 21, 2012 PHS Annual General Meeting and dinner Honouring Ontario's Premiers: Dimensions of the Premiers' Gravesites Program
 Speaker Kathryn McLeod

Hutchison House Museum

Thursday, January 12, 2012 Snofest Fireside Tea & Dessert The cost is \$5 per person, with 3 sitting times.

The Heritage Luncheons

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Wednesday March 7, 2012

Wednesday April 4, 2012

Wednesday May 2, 2012

Wednesday June 6, 2012

The Bulletin

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***Bulletin* submissions for the February issue due by Wednesday, January 18, 2012.**

We welcome articles of historical interest.

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There is still time to get a 2012 Hutchison House 175th Anniversary Calendar.