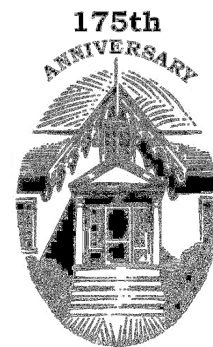




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HUTCHISON HOUSE  
THE PETERBOROUGH  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*Honourary President T.H.B. Symons*

*Past Honourary President Catharine P. Traill*

## Annual General Meeting and Dinner At Princess Gardens

Tuesday February 21, 2012

\$30.00 Dinner and Evening

5:45 pm Cash Bar & 50/50 draw

6:30 pm Dinner

7:45 pm PHS Annual General Meeting

8:00pm Speakers:

**Restoring Market Hall Theatre**

**Ken Trevelyan, Architect**

**The Premiers' Gravesite Program**

**Kathryn McLeod**

Tickets available at Hutchison House or Peterborough Historical Society Office

Ken Trevelyan established his architectural business at home in Peterborough in 1989. Since then it has grown to a staff of five who carry on work from their Hunter Street offices and from Calgary. Their projects are institutional, municipal, commercial and residential contracts with a particular interest in restoration and renovation projects. The restoration of Market Hall has been a multi-year project that has refurbished one of Peterborough's architectural treasures.



**..... from the President**

The new year began with our traditional Hogmanay celebration at Hutchison House. It was gratifying to see many young families in attendance who were making their first visit to the House. This is a special year for our Museum as the house celebrates its 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The building has been witness to decades of history, both as a residence and a living history museum and special events are being planned to mark this milestone. A new year is also an opportunity to reflect on past achievements and to ponder the challenges ahead. As a Board charged with the responsibility of managing the affairs of the Society, the Directors are always looking for ways of funding the Society's many programs. We count on the generosity of our members and appreciate the community's ongoing support. I would like to thank the Board members for their support and hard work over the past year and look forward to another successful year ahead.

**Dennis Carter-Edwards, President**

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**A Reminder**

Have you submitted a nomination for the PHS Heritage Awards. They are due by March 5, 2012. Applications may be obtained from the Awards page of the Peterborough Historical Society website at [www.peterboroughhistoricalsociety.ca](http://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](mailto:kamcleod@trentu.ca) or at 705-876-1399.

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**Peterborough Historical Society: Notice of Annual Meeting of Members**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Peterborough Historical Society will be held at Princess Gardens in Peterborough on Tuesday 21 February 2011 at 8:00 pm for the following purpose:

1. Receiving and considering the Annual Report of the Directors and Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2011 and the report of the Auditors thereon.
2. Confirmation of any By-Law Amendments passed by the Board of Directors
3. Confirm the election of Directors
4. Appoint Auditors of the Corporation and authorize the Board to fix their remuneration
5. Transact such business as may properly come before the Meeting

Only members in good standing at the time of the AGM will be entitled to vote.

## War of 1812 Bicentennial

Everywhere you look, in the papers, on the magazine racks and on line, there are references to the Bicentennial of this important milestone in our nation's history. The federal and provincial governments have provided support for commemorative events to mark the bicentennial of this conflict. Although there were no battles fought in the Peterborough area, there is a connection to the War of 1812. The Trent-Severn waterway was considered as a secure internal communication route for moving vital supplies west. First Nations Chiefs from the area fought in the war and were recognized by the British Crown. As well, many veterans from this global conflict settled in the Peterborough area, most notably, Charles Rubidge. The Bicentennial provides an opportunity to explore the Peterborough connections to this critical period in Canada's history. Stay tuned for more information as the nation wide commemoration proceeds.

**Dennis Carter-Edwards**



An early of Upper Canada showing the interior communication route along the Trent Waterway from Lake Ontario to Lake Simcoe

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## Doors Open Peterborough

Our January lecture featured a presentation by Sheryl Smith on the Doors Open program here in Peterborough. A ten year veteran with the program, Sheryl spoke about the development of Doors Open and in particular the Sports theme that was featured last year. The long history and diversity of sporting activity was well represented in the presentation, including the role Peterborough played in the development of golf in Canada. The program has been successful in introducing residents to some of the architectural treasures of the community and highlighting important themes – religion, business and education as examples. Sheryl noted that Doors Open is taking a year off to rethink and refresh the program and will be looking for suggestions on how best to continue this important work.

**Dennis Carter-Edwards**

## Hutchison House Report

I've been thinking lately about what it takes to make a house a home. When the Hutchison's moved into their new stone house on Brock Street in February 1837 they must have been very excited. By all accounts, it was certainly a step up in living arrangements. It must have seemed quite roomy compared to their previous home on Sherbrooke Street.

I can imagine the family huddled together in the warmth of the hearth fire. A welcome curl of smoke licking its way up the sturdy chimney for the first time. Visions of John and Martha strolling from room to room. Making plans for the future. Five young boys eager to explore, to find that one special place in their new surroundings that would nourish their youthful imaginations. For me it would have been one of the wide window wells in the upper sleeping loft. Sills wide enough to sit and watch the world outside and dream.

I wonder when the walls first rang with the sound of laughter or gently absorbed the soft muffle of tears. One hundred and seventy five years have gone by since the Hutchison's first took up residence. Since that time, the house has had many inhabitants. People have come and gone. Some were born here, some died here, others just moved on.

Of course, we all know that it is the people who live in a house that make it a home. And, while no one has actually lived at Hutchison House for many years now, it still feels like a home. That is due to the number of people who still love the house. The ones who nurture it and care for it. The ones who volunteer to be a part of it and the ones who choose to make it a destination. In celebration of the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the house we should be saying to each and every person who enters "welcome home".

**Gale Fewings**

For information on coming events please visit our website at [www.hutchisonhouse.ca](http://www.hutchisonhouse.ca)



Hutchison House circa 1870s



Hutchison House 1890



Hutchison House 1910



Hogamanay January 1, 2012



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A reminder for those who have not yet renewed their membership, please forward your annual dues and continue receiving the Bulletin and supporting the work of the Peterborough Historical Society. With the increased cost of postage, please consider receiving the newsletter by email.

**Individual Membership**

\$35.00 per year

**Family Membership**

\$45.00 per year

**Lifetime Membership**

\$500.00

Benefits of Membership: Official Tax Receipt, free admission to Hutchison House, monthly Bulletin and annual Occasional Paper.

**Mark Your Calendars****PHS General Meetings**

**Tuesday Feb 21, 2012** PHS Annual General Meeting and dinner Speakers Ken Trevelyan and Kathryn McLeod

**Tuesday March 19, 2012** The Great Debate Speakers; Dennis Carter-Edwards and Don Willcock

**Hutchison House Museum**

The Heritage Luncheons

**Wednesday March 7, 2012****Wednesday April 4, 2012****Wednesday May 2, 2012****Wednesday June 6, 2012*****The Bulletin***

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**We welcome articles of historical interest.**

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There is still time to get a 2012 Hutchison House 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Calendar.