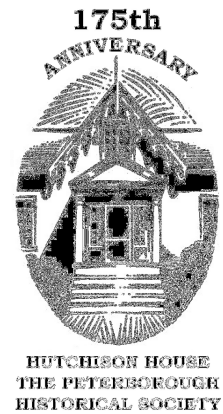




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**Peterborough Historical Society
Day Trip - Steaming Up the Scugog
Cruising the Kawarthas with the PHS
Wednesday June 20 – 9:00am to 4:00pm**

Come with the Peterborough Historical Society for their annual summer outing. This year we will be travelling to historic Port Perry and return by coach where we will board the Double Decker cruise ship “The Woodman” operated by Scugog Island Cruises and travel the historic steamer route pioneered by the likes of Captain George Crandell on his side-wheeler. The weather will be great, the company congenial, and a delicious hot meal and interesting historic commentary will make for a great day. Join us for an enjoyable outing and support the work of the Peterborough Historical Society.



Wheel chair accessible

Purchase tickets from
Hutchison House, 270 Brock St.
705-743-9710
or Peterborough Historical Society
705-740-2600
\$80 per person
\$25 Income Tax Receipt
The Coach will leave 9:00am sharp from the
Coach Canada Terminal
and returning at 4:00 pm

Ticket sales for the Boat Trip have been slow and we need to confirm with the boat and bus companies by placing a deposit. Please help PHS by purchasing your ticket early and help make this year's outing another success. We need your support and participation to make the annual PHS Outing possible. This is our major fund raising event the helps support Hutchison House and the many other programs of the Society. Thanks

First Among Equals: Reflections on the Lives of Canada's Prime Ministers

On Tuesday, May 15th award-winning journalist and author Roderick Bennis spoke to the Peterborough Historical Society about several of Canada's Prime Ministers. Bennis highlighted the Peterborough connections of Sir John A. Macdonald and Lester B. Pearson as well as offering broader insights into the lives of John Thompson, William Lyon Mackenzie King and John Diefenbaker. Canada is a large country and this has led to an equally expansive history. The breadth of Canada, Bennis argued, has also affected the telling of its history. Canada's past has been regionalized focusing on small stories. These micro-histories, as Bennis called them, provide no overarching sense of nation. Quoting the work of Professor Jack Granatstein, Bennis also observed that modern Canadian histories often present a litany of past wrongs. As a result, this presents the past as backward and history as irrelevant. One solution that Bennis offered is a non-partisan retelling of the lives and achievements of the Prime Ministers. In particular, Bennis highlighted the importance of engaging youth. He read an excerpt from one of his works of historical fiction on the life of a young John A. Macdonald. If young readers can experience and relate to Canada's early leaders, Bennis concluded, this will foster a life-long interest in history. This message was warmly received by the audience and sparked several questions and animated personal reflections after the lecture.

Michael Eamon

Obituary for Joyce Lewis

Joyce Lewis, PHS President 1980-81, and Chair of the Hutchison House Management Committee 1981-83, died suddenly at Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto on Sunday April 29. Several PHS members and Peterborough friends attended a memorial service held at St. Clements Anglican Church, Toronto on May 3. A much valued member, Joyce was one of the original group of Hutchison House volunteers, serving on the first garden committee and writing a play about the building of the house that was performed at the gala dinner held after the May 24, 1978 Opening in the Great Hall at Trent University. She also wrote the "Queries" column for the PHS Bulletin before moving to Toronto in 1983.

Jean Cole

Hutchison House Report

Thank you to everyone who helped make the recent Plant Sale and Mother's Day Breakfast a success. We received a very nice selection of donated plants and household items for the event and raised \$650 from the sale of plants and an additional \$250 from the breakfast. Special thanks all of the volunteers who helped with running the sale.

Now we are gearing up for the busy summer season. The gardens are starting to shape up with a lot of help from the Garden Committee. Barbara McIntosh organized a 'Dig Day' in the gardens on Saturday, May 5th. At least 15 volunteers showed up to help move mounds of top soil and compost including 2 high school students. Kelcey Cathcart from Crestwood Secondary School and Taylor Graham who attends Adam Scott were a great help. Thanks everybody!

We are looking forward to having 3 summer students on staff this summer. Maureen Callaghan will be our Historic Garden Interpreter, working in conjunction with the gardeners to help nurture the new plantings as well as developing tours and programs for the museum based on the Hutchison House gardens. Julia Russell is the name of our Summer Programming Coordinator. She will be working with the Junior Volunteers in addition to running morning workshops for children ages 4 to 13 years of age.

We are currently still in the hiring process for the third position of Scottish Tea Programmer. This student will be responsible for the daily teas throughout July and August.

Some of our volunteers will be honoured with Volunteer Service Awards from the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration at a ceremony be held at the Trentwinds on Monday, June 11, 2012. The awards are as follows: Carol Edith Butler 10 years; Ivy Kaune Youth; Deborah Taylor 5 years; Michael Peterman 25 years; Heather Barker 5 years; Barbara McIntosh 5 years; and Carol Koeslag 20 years service. Congratulations one and all and thank you so very much for your ongoing commitment to Hutchison House.

Last but not least, summer wouldn't be complete without our Annual Peach Tea on Wednesday, August 15, 2012. Sitzings will be 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm with tickets selling for \$7 in advance and \$9 at the door for adults and \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door for young children.

We're anticipating a rousing success with our upcoming 175th Anniversary Open House on June 3rd and have several other plans under development for the fall. For more details of coming events please visit our website at www.hutchisonhouse.ca which will be updated on a regular basis throughout the summer.



Dig Day May 5, 2012

extended to the City for providing free compost and Peterborough Landscape Supplies for the discount on topsoil.

Barbara McIntosh Chair, Garden Committee

Plant Sale May 12, 2012



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Gardens Get Head Start on Summer

The gardens around Hutchison House have been given a head start on summer thanks to the hard work of 15 dedicated volunteers on Dig-Day, May 5th.

Plants and herbs in the herb garden and cutting beds that survived the construction in 2010 and managed to live through last summer, were removed and saved before the beds were dug up and new topsoil and compost were put on. Compost was added to all of the other garden areas, including the raised vegetable beds. The next steps will be pruning the bushes and deciding what new perennials and annuals will be added at the end of May.

Many thanks to all who participated. Thanks are also

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WEBSITES:www.hutchisonhouse.cawww.peterboroughhistoricalsociety.ca**Mark Your Calendars****PHS General Meetings****Wednesday June 20, 2012** - Steaming Up the Scugog**Hutchison House Museum****175th Anniversary and Open House** Sunday June 3, 2012**July and August Scottish Teas** will begin Tuesday July 3 and will be offered Tues-Sun from 1-4pm., costs \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.**Annual Peach Tea -Wednesday, August 15.** Sittings will be 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm with tickets selling for \$7 in advance and \$9 at the door for adults and \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door for young children***The Bulletin***Editor **Linda Lumsden**Publisher **Marilyn MacNaughton**Photographers **Doug Lavery,**
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Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets for Peer Christensen's painting "A Winter Afternoon, Brock Street, 2011" Tickets are \$20 each and only 500 will be available for sale. Hurry and get yours.