



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- PHS Annual Bus Trip  
September 14, 2013
- PHS Monthly Meeting  
September 18, 2013  
7:30 pm
- Hutchison House  
Museum  
Heritage Lunch Oct. 2  
– noon and 1:00 p.m.  
Advance tickets
- Hutchison House  
Museum  
Haunted Halloween  
Oct. 26 – 1 to 3p.m.
- Peterborough Museum  
& Archives  
Canadian Science and  
Engineering Hall of  
Fame Exhibit - until  
Sept. 9.  
The War of 1812 Ex-  
hibit - opens Sept. 15
- Ontario Archaeological  
Society Meeting  
Sept. 24 – 7:00 p.m. at  
St. Paul's Presbyterian  
Church Prof. Emeritus  
Marti Latta Topic: The  
U of T, the Warmin-  
ster Site and Cham-  
plain's Cahiague Free  
admission. All are wel-  
come. Use Water  
Street entrance.

**The public meeting  
on September 17th  
will begin at 7:30pm  
in the lower level  
auditorium of the Pe-  
ter Public Library.**

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## PHS Annual Bus Trip Saturday, Sept. 14th Planes, Trains and a Victorian Mansion

This year's annual bus trip has something for every-  
one. First stop is a visit to the National Air Force Mu-  
seum of Canada in Trenton, with its displays on the  
history of the Canadian Air Force. Lunch will be  
served at Dougals on the Bay, located right on scenic  
Brighton Bay. The afternoon includes a stop at Mem-  
ory Junction Museum, a privately owned museum lo-  
cated in the former Brighton CNR Station. The own-  
ers have assembled displays relating to railway history, including a 110-ton  
locomotive built in 1906, a boxcar built prior to WW1 and a 1929 caboose.  
The final stop will be a guided tour of historic Proctor House Museum. This  
red brick mansion was built in the 1850s and was occupied by the Proctor  
family until the early 1960s.



The bus will leave the Canada Coach offices on Sept, 14th at 9 a.m. returning  
by 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$80.00 each or two tickets for \$150.00, which covers  
all admission charges and lunch. To reserve tickets call 705 740-2600 or drop  
by the office at 270 Brock Street.

## PHS Public Meeting September 17th Exploring Passenger Service on the Great Lakes

Guest speaker Walter Lewis has a M.A. in History from Queen's University  
where his thesis looked at the business of passenger  
services on Lake Ontario. He has been researching and  
writing about the Great Lakes ever since. His website  
[MaritimeHistoryOfTheGreatLakes.ca](http://MaritimeHistoryOfTheGreatLakes.ca) is one of the  
largest on the Internet dedicated to the Great Lakes .  
The presentation will include the experiences of set-  
tlers coming to the Peterborough area and what travel-  
ers might have done if they wanted to take a trip out  
west via the lakes system.



The Frontenac carried Peter  
Robinson settlers to Cobourg

## From the President .....

This is the first edition of the Bulletin in its new format. My thanks to publisher, Marilyn MacNaughton and editor, Linda Lumsden for their patience in adjusting to the new technology. It's a work in progress. Let us know what you think.

Now that summer is ending, it's back to regular business for PHS. It's also time to renew your membership. We rely heavily on membership fees to help cover our operating costs. However, did you know that membership fees only account for about 25 % of our budget? The rest comes from fundraising events including the annual bus trip and AGM dinner and from gifts and donations. Please consider making a donation to PHS when you return your membership renewal form.

**Barb McIntosh**

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## From *The Bulletin* October 1970 Unveiling of the Historical Plaque at Hutchison House



“A community which has lost contact with the past is a community which is soulless,” said Hugh Faulkner, M.P., at the ceremony held Wednesday afternoon, September 16<sup>th</sup>, to unveil an historical plaque at the Hutchison House.

Mr. Falkner spoke of the importance of preserving our historical background and congratulated the Peterborough Historical Society “which I know to be one of our most active groups interested in history”, for their work in this area.

The plaque, erected by the Ontario Archaeological and Historic Sites Board commemorates the building of the house by the citizens of Peterborough in 1837, as a gift for their pioneer doctor, John Hutchison. A great grandson of Dr. Hutchison, Dr. Alan D. Hutchison, of Toronto, unveiled the plaque and presented the Hutchison House committee with Dr. John Hutchison's original day books – three volumes- along with other family papers. A large representation of the Hutchison Family attended the ceremony along with Mrs. Russell Little of Lakefield, sister of Mrs. Jeanette Connal Brown, who willed the old stone house to the Historical Society last year, and Mrs. Brown's niece Mrs. R.E. Henley.

Dr. E.S. Rogers, Curator of Ethnology at the Royal Ontario Museum, represented the Historic Sites Board, and a sketch of the house was given to him by Professor Gordon Roper, a director of the Peterborough Historical Society. Col. R.J. Bolton introduced the special guests, who included Kenneth W. Morris, deputy-reeve of Lakefield, who brought greetings from Peterborough County Council and Mayor Joseph Csumrik who invited all members and guests to attend a civic reception at City Hall after touring the house. Rev A.J. Calder pronounced the dedication.

## From the Curator ....

With each passing day the summer season is quickly diminishing. All too soon it will come to an end and autumn, in all her glory, will once more be upon us. I do look forward to the changing of the seasons, but the end of summer is a bitter-sweet time at Hutchison House. It means the end of the daily hustle and bustle of Scottish teas. The summer staff, who have gelled into one fabulous team, will each go their separate ways. The house will seem empty without the ringing voices and youthful exuberance of the junior volunteers.



It has been a good summer and a bad summer. Our programs and events were well attended. Volunteers, of all ages, stepped up to the plate to share our stories with visitors from around the globe or to peel peaches and help prepare for our annual Peach Tea.

The sad, sudden, tragedy of losing our dear friends David and Libby Bate left us with a feeling of melancholy that has yet to fade with the passage of time. Before he died, David left us with one very special parting gift. His request that donations in memory of Libby be made to Hutchison House has garnered a sum in excess of \$4500. We will be forever grateful to their many friends for their generosity in memory of both David and Libby.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our three summer students, Lida Arlouskaya, Josephine Valles, and Sarah Powell for all of their hard work and dedication throughout the summer months. It has been a pleasure working with them and we wish them well in their future endeavours.



Sarah, Lida, Josephine



Kia, Emma and Gracie



2013 Junior Volunteers at end-of-summer party





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**Remembering our Colleagues**

**David Bate** had deep roots in Peterborough. He was a direct descendant of Dr. John Hutchison and Thomas A. Stewart. After moving to the area he became a member of the PHS and an ardent supporter of Hutchison House. For many years David sat on the museum's Management Committee and also served as a Trustee.

David's participation in other community activities included curling and golfing at the Peterborough Golf and Country Club, as well as playing bridge with the Peterborough Bridge Club. Rumour has it, he was a very serious bridge player.

We will sadly miss David's quietly stoic demeanor, his warm smile and genuine concern for Hutchison House Museum.

**Elizabeth "Libby" Warner (nee Long) Bate** was a very talented lady. An active volunteer with Hutchison House for many years, she was involved with a wide array of activities from helping with the children's programs and sewing costumes to preparing jams, jellies and preserves for the annual Volunteers' Festive Sale.

From 1995 to 2006 Libby worked along side other museum volunteers to create beautiful quilts which were raffled off as fundraisers for the House.

Libby was a member of the Peterborough Golf and Country Club, member of the Women's Art association, and within that Association, an active participant in the Antique Study Group and Culinary Arts Group. Libby also loved to play bridge and belonged to several bridge clubs. Libby was a good friend to many and she will be sorely missed.

**Peter Stokes** died unexpectedly at his home in Port Hope on June 29<sup>th</sup>. He was the architect responsible for the restoration of Hutchison House thirty-five years ago. Those who attended our Open House on May 26<sup>th</sup> were no doubt as impressed as I was with his inspiring remarks as our guest speaker. Little did we suspect that it would be his last visit with us.

Peter was one of Canada's pre-eminent restoration architects, working on major projects that included Upper Canada Village, the Grange in Toronto and Cobourg's Victoria Hall. The PHS hired him to undertake the extensive restoration of Hutchison House after it was bequeathed to the society in 1969.

During my conversation with him at the Open House, he remarked that he has always considered Hutchison House to be one of his favourite contracts because of the outstanding energy and commitment of the PHS Board and volunteers at that time. We are privileged to have Peter Stokes as part of our history.