



UPCOMING EVENTS

- PHS Annual Bus Trip
Oct. 19, 2013
- PHS Monthly Meeting
Oct. 15, 2013 7:30 pm
- Hutchison House
Museum
Heritage Lunch Nov 6
and Dec 4 – noon and
1:00 p.m. Advance tick-
ets
- Hutchison House
Museum
Haunted Halloween
Oct. 26 –1 to 3p.m.
- Hutchison House Fes-
tive Sale Nov 30 -10:00
a.m. till 12:30 p.m.
- Peterborough Museum
& Archives
The War of 1812 Ex-
hibit - Sept. 15 to Dec
8, 2013
- Ontario Archaeological
Society Meeting in con-
junction the PHS
Monthly meeting Oct
15th at the Peterbor-
ough Public Library
Auditorium

**The public meeting
on October 15th will
begin at 7:30pm in
the lower level audi-
torium of the Peter-
borough Public Li-
brary.**

Issue 400th

October 2013

**PHS Annual Bus Trip
Saturday, October 19th**

Tickets are still available for the annual bus trip – now taking place on Saturday, October 19th.

First stop is a visit to the Air Force Museum of Canada in Trenton. Lunch will be served at Dougals on the Bay, located right on scenic Brighton Bay. The afternoon includes a stop at Memory Junction Museum, a privately owned railroad museum in the former Brighton CN Station. 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.

As an added bonus, the bus will be taking the scenic route through Hasting and Workworth down to Brighton, offering outstanding fall colour vistas.

Tickets are \$80.00 each or two tickets for \$150.00, which covers all admission charges and lunch. Departure from the Canada Coach terminal on Webber Avenue at 9:00 a.m. returning by 5:30 p.m.



**PHS Public Meeting October 15th
Peterborough's Archeology Policy
presented by Erik Hanson and James Conolly**

Erik Hanson is the Heritage Resources Coordinator for the City of Peterborough. He holds a Masters of Science degree in Historic Preservation from the University of Vermont. James Conolly is an associate professor and Trent's Canada Research Chair in Archaeology. He has a PhD from University College London. Together they will speak on the City's first Archaeology Policy and Related Procedures. Erik will go over the highlights of the Peterborough Archaeological Plan while James will briefly explain implications and applications for archaeologists.

Plans to create a program for the protection of archaeological resources began in this city in 2004 as a result of the discovery of human remains during the refurbishment of the Brock Street parking lot.

From the President

This is the 400th issue of the Bulletin. I thought it would be interesting to take a look at the very first issue produced in March 1968.

The main feature story was about a slide show entitled *Old Buildings* that “played to a packed house at the museum”. The 30- minute presentation was produced and directed by the Society’s Old Buildings Committee, with “well-researched dialogue by Mrs. Ralph Honey” and “excellent colour photographs by Mrs. Kenneth Kidd”, better known to us as Martha Kid who died last year at age 94.

It was also reported in this issue that the Society had been asked by the Ontario Government to undertake a survey and inventory of old buildings in Peterborough County. Martha was to be the co-ordinator of this project and she asked for volunteers from the PHS to help classify and photograph the buildings. She went on to write *Peterborough’s Architectural History*, published in 1978.

Due to these early efforts by PHS members, Peterborough continues to be a leader in preserving built heritage. The City is now moving toward a more holistic approach and plans are well underway to designate Peterborough’s first Heritage District.

Barb McIntosh

PHS Previous Month’s Meeting

Passenger Travel on the Great Lakes Presented by Walter Lewis

Mr Lewis shared many stories of travels on the Great Lakes from the very early times when the only means of transportation was a canoe, to present day when cruise lines are offering luxury travel again on the Great Lakes. Ships were used to transport goods from furs to grain, people on pleasure cruises, people coming to new life and country and even used as aircraft carriers in WWI.

A story he related was about Patrick Campbell who left Prescott, Ontario on November 6, 1792 for Niagara Falls. For two weeks through the rapids, the boats were pulled by horses on shore and Patrick chose to walk along with them to protect his belongings (as boats were often looted). Because of the wrong wind direction he spent two weeks in Kingston. When the wind finally changed he was able to continue his trip despite a snowstorm on Dec 6. He arrived at Niagara Falls mid December. His trip took a month and half to complete.

Peter Robinson settlers also traveled in part on the Great Lakes to come to Peterborough. In 1822 the Frontenac had to make 4 trips to Cobourg because it’s hold could only take 500 passengers. Since there was no harbour in Cobourg, the passengers and their belongings had to be put on small boats and rowed to shore to continue their journey

By the late 1800s, with advent of steamships, traveling time from Kingston to Toronto was 24 hours. This was a huge difference from the many weeks it took at the turn of the century. But travel was dangerous because of the threat of fire in the wooden holds and engines. For example, the Kingston steamboat burned in 1872 and killed 2. It was rebuilt and renamed, the Bavarian. The engine caught fire again in 1873 and 14 lives were lost. It was rebuilt again and called the Algerian. Although the Algerian did not burn it had several accidents. In 1905, the ship was renamed the Cornwall (because ships at that time were being named after cities along their route). After over half a century of transporting people cargo and doing salvage operations the Cornwall was deliberately sunk in 1931. Mr Lewis presented an entertaining and informative talk using slides, movies, and sound telling us many more stories of life on the Great Lakes.

Marilyn MacNaughton

From the Curator

In addition to the many thanks we owe to our dedicated volunteers we are also very grateful to the following organizations for their ongoing support of the museum.

The time has come to begin putting the gardens to bed, but before we do, I'd like to take this opportunity to once again acknowledge the Peterborough Horticultural Society for their very generous donation of funds to enable the garden committee to purchase a number of plants to augment our ever changing and evolving gardens.

There's something new in the bookshop too! Members of the Embroiderer's Guild of Peterborough (EGP) have created attractive embroidery kits for bookmarks. The kits include instructions, fabric, a needle, and DMC threads. This project was undertaken by the EGP incorporating some design elements from the Mary Greenhow sampler that hangs in the front hall at Hutchison House. All proceeds from the sale of the kits comes to the museum.

On Saturday, October 26th from 1-3 p.m. Hutchison House Museum will host our annual Haunted Halloween for Kids. This afternoon of children's activities features crafts, apple games, fortune telling, tricks and treats. Admission for the Haunted Halloween 'spooktacular' event is \$3 per person. Costumes are encouraged and children must be accompanied by an adult. While we do make the upper levels of the house a little spooky, it is not our intention to scare anyone to death.

Three fall Heritage Luncheons will also be offered again this year. If anyone is interested in buying tickets we are taking reservations. Luncheons will be served on Wednesday, October 2; Wednesday, November 6; and Wednesday, December 4. Each luncheon will consist of two sittings with the first sitting at 12:00 p.m. and the second beginning at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 each and must be purchased in advance. For more details please call the museum office.

The annual Hutchison House Festive Sale is also fast approaching. The sale will take place on Saturday, 30 November from 10:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. This is an important fundraiser for the museum. The volunteers and staff will be getting together in the coming weeks to finalize plans for the event. Please read our insert in this, the October, issue. Fresh greenery wreaths and Empire cheese may be ordered in advance for pick-up at the sale at the end of November.



HUTCHISON HOUSE
35 Years of
Living History

Gale Fewings

PHS Needs Volunteers - Please contact Barb McIntosh (705) 748-3040.

Co-ordinator, Public Lectures - PHS lectures take place on the third Tuesday of each month .

Duties of the co-ordinator:

- confirms the speaker a month in advance (all are already booked)
- provides an outline of the lecture and a photo for the Bulletin and local media
- confirms technical arrangements at the library
- arranges for speaker's gift and thank you following the lecture

Co-ordinator, Heritage Awards—PHS presents annual awards to local citizens for notable contributions to heritage preservation.

Duties of the co-ordinator:

- updates and distributes the awards brochure in January
- promotes the awards program in the local media and other publications/websites
- confirms the judges and provide them with application packages in late March
- organizes the awards presentation event in April



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Remember When

I can't believe it is gone! We frequently hear and read about the value of saving our historic buildings. They represent examples of craftsmanship, architectural style and add character to the landscape. However, it is rare when these principles hit home in a very personal way. While driving down Charlotte Street recently, I noticed that the commercial block on the northwest corner of Charlotte and Bethune was a pile of rubble. I felt this instant pang of regret and nostalgia. Karen and I were married in 1969, our second year at Trent University and moved into an apartment at 242 1/2 Charlotte St. I recalled the many hours sitting at our combined kitchen table/study desk, eating a meal and working on essays and class presentations. To my regret, I couldn't find a single picture of the interior while we were living there. It's as if those years were somehow an imagined dream. I realize how buildings anchor our past, give meaning to our experiences and shape our collective psyche. It wasn't a great building but somehow it was our building, a part of a chapter in our lives. I wish I had taken a picture of it, both then and before demolition.. A timely reminder why we need to document our built heritage.

Dennis Carter-Edwards

**From The Bulletin October 1973
Hutchison House News**

Important renovations have been made to the Hutchison House during the summer. When some decorating details are completed, the bedroom apartment in the brick addition will be as convenient, as modern and as attractive as any in Peterborough. It has been rewired. A new bathroom and door dividing the apartment from the rest of the building have been installed.

The bathroom which was located in the old stone part of the house has been removed. A public washroom has been installed in the brick addition adjacent to but separate from the apartment bathroom. Thus the whole main floor of the original house has been cleared for exploration and restoration.

The ground floor of the brick addition has been rewired and is partially redecorated and furnished. The outside door has been repaired and a new lock added, thus making these rooms accessible from the outside and separate from the main house. They will be used by the Junior Historical club and for committee meetings of the Society,