



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**PHS Bus Excursion**  
**September 25**  
**Segwun Cruise on Lake**  
**Muskoka**  
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**Heritage Luncheon**  
**October 1**  
**12:00 and 1:30 p.m.**  
**Advance Tickets Required**

**Archaeology Week**  
**in Peterborough**  
**October. 20-26**  
**(details in October)**

**PHS Monthly Meeting, -**  
**October 21**  
**Social Archaeology**  
**Dena Doroszenko**  
**Ontario Heritage Trust**

**Bus Trip to**  
**Royal Ontario Museum**  
**Paul Kane Exhibit**  
**October 16**  
**Organized by**  
**Probus Lakefield**

**Tickets \$40.00 (includes bus**  
**fare, admission and guided**  
**tour)**  
**PHS members are welcome.**  
**For tickets and trip details**  
**call Donnie Stedman**  
**705-652-8903**

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## **Richard Tucker shares his vision for the future sustainability of the Canadian Canoe Museum at PHS Public Meeting September 16th**

Richard Tucker, Executive Director of the Canadian Canoe Museum will be guest speaker at the PHS monthly Public Meeting on September 16th. Since he took on the job late last spring, Richard has been busy developing a strategy for the future of the museum.

He notes that until recently, the primary means of understanding culture and history was to visit museums to view artifacts or obtain books at libraries. Now with the internet, images, videos, learned interpretations and books from all over the world are instantly delivered to your laptop or tablet.

“A key driver of museum attendance has in the course of a single decade become permanently redundant. For museums in general, and historical and cultural museums in particular, there are increasingly serious challenges with attendance, relevancy and sustainable financial models. Yet, we innately know that there is more to culture and history than what is delivered over the internet. The seeing or handling of an artifact that is hundred's of thousands of years old engenders a compelling curiosity.”

With this context, Richard will talk about how the Canadian Canoe Museum is starting to reinvent itself and create a facility and business model that will carry the museum sustainably forward for the next fifty years.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m., in the basement auditorium of the Peterborough Public Library.

Admission is free but donations are welcomed at the door.



## From the President .....

It's that time again – time to renew your PHS membership. We currently stand at 178 paid members, down somewhat from a few years ago. However, compared to many other historical societies across Ontario, we have more members than most. We are also one of very few societies that operate a public museum, which is a mixed blessing. While Hutchison House gives us a visible and vibrant window into the community at large, it also entails the on-going challenge of raising the funds necessary for its operations and programs.

We rely heavily on your annual membership fee and any additional donations you are able to make. Due to rising costs for heat, hydro and other maintenance issues, we are increasing fees by \$5.00 – Individual membership is now \$40.00 and Family membership is now \$50.00. We are also introducing a new membership category – Business Friends of Hutchison House Museum, which we will be offering to our commercial neighbours in the downtown core.

When renewing your membership, please consider giving an additional donation to support the program of your choice. I also encourage everyone to endeavour to recruit at least one new member – if everyone succeeded, we would double our current numbers.

**Barb McIntosh**



Summer students Kostia Arlouski, Erin McLaughlan and Kara Haemel show off their "We survived Team Hutchison" T-shirts - parting gifts from the museum

The Peach Tea 2014 team of junior volunteers and summer staff served 123 guests in the Keeping Room due to stormy weather.



## **PHS Annual Excursion Cruising on Lake Muskoka Aboard the Segwun September 25, 2014**

Enjoy the spectacular fall colours of Muskoka. On September 25<sup>th</sup>, PHS is offering a full day bus trip to Gravenhurst. The trip features a two-hour cruise around Lake Muskoka aboard the Segwun Steamship and a visit to the Muskoka Boat and Heritage Museum in Gravenhurst.

Tickets are just \$65.00 for members and \$75.00 for non-members, which includes the cruise and admission to the museum. Bring your own lunch or enjoy a meal in one of several restaurants near the wharf.

The Coach Canada Bus (with washroom) will leave the Webber Street terminal at 9:00 a.m.

Tickets are available at the PHS office, or reserve your tickets by calling 705 740-2600 (leave your name and telephone number so we can contact you for your VISA or Master Card details).

Seating on the bus is limited so book your tickets early.





## From the Curator .....

As with years past the summer has all too quickly come to an end. I've heard many people say that this was the summer that wasn't, but here at Hutchison House we've been busier than ever. Over 1000 visitors passed through our doors during July and August.

We are very thankful for the three summer students who helped with the numerous and varied daily chores from gardening to programming, baking, jam making, touring, and junior volunteer wrangling. This summer the students included: Kara Haemel, Summer Programming Coordinator; Erin McLaughlin, Historic Garden Interpreter; and Kostia Arlouski, Historic Garden Caretaker. In addition to staff we relied heavily on adult volunteers and juniors alike. Thank you all!

For a change of pace the junior volunteers enjoyed an outing to the Riverview Park & Zoo for their annual summer party. They donated \$150 from their tips to adopt a meerkat. Of course this is not a true adoption. No one is taking a meerkat home for the night! Funds go toward the care and upkeep of the animals for the year.

It was a sad summer as well, with the passing of our dear friend Mary Lavery. Mary was truly a very dedicated, hardworking volunteer. She will be sorely missed by the Hutchison House family. We offer our heartfelt condolences to Doug, Susan, Richard and their families.

### Gale Fewings

This year the juniors volunteers donated their tip money towards the upkeep of the Meerkats at Peterborough Zoo.



Junior volunteers were presented with giant bubble wands made by Gale and Erin.



## *A life well lived is a lasting inspiration*

*Mary Lavery, long-time member and Past President died on July 21, 2014. She will be remembered for her dedication to PHS, her tireless energy, her many talents and her gracious generosity. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.*





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## Remember When – Vernon Goselin

My interview with Vernon Gosselin was prompted by a discussion with Elaine Gosselin, long time member of the Society, regarding the city's Crescent Street study. Elaine pointed out historically there was a strong French community residing there and that Vernon Gosselin, a relative, was still living in the family home on Crescent St.

Vernon was born in Peterborough in 1928. Vernon's grandfather worked for Macdonald's saw mill on Little Lake and took an active part in the community, serving as School Trustee on the Catholic Board which brought the nuns at St. Joseph's to Peterborough. He retained his French language which he needed to communicate with the nuns.

Vernon operated a butcher shop at the corner of George and Sherbrooke. His three uncles - Frank, Joe and Leo - worked at the Ackerman's harness factory for \$5 a week. Vernon attended Sacred Heart School and started work at CGE in 1946. He had many memories of the numerous French families living in the area - the Letelliers, Paquettes, Odettes and the LePlantes. Mr. Baptiste Odette operated a boat building plant on Little Lake.

Vernon recalled the importance of Little Lake in his youth – swimming in the summer, skating in the winter. He remembered soldiers marching along Crescent Street from the Basic Training Camp at Morrow Park during World War II. His memories, photos and family connections are a living witness to the strong French community in Peterborough, a history that deserves to be documented and celebrated.

**Dennis Carter-Edwards**

## PHS Needs Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help with administration and delivery of programs. The following positions are open.

**Office Assistant:** Checking and answering telephone messages and e-mails. Time Commitment: Two or three hours per week at your convenience.

**Production of Promotional Material:** Familiarity with Microsoft Publisher 2010 to produce attractive flyers, posters, brochures, etc. Time Commitment: As needed. Text and directions provided.

**Media Relations:** Promoting coverage of PHS activities in local media. Time Commitment: On a monthly basis as needed.

We encourage members to get involved. This is also a great opportunity for students looking for meaningful volunteer service opportunities. Please call Barb McIntosh 705 748 3040.