



UPCOMING EVENTS

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October 2014

**PHS Monthly Lecture
October 21**
Dena Doroszenko
Ontario Heritage
Trust

**PHS Monthly Lecture
November 18**
Alan Symons
The Canadian Clock
Museum

**Haunted Halloween
Hutchison House
Museum**
October 25
1-3 p.m. cost \$3.00

**Heritage Luncheon
November 5**
12:00 and 1:30 p.m.
Cost \$12.00
Advance Tickets
Required

**Festive Sale
History in the Baking
November 29**
10:00 am to 12:30 pm

**Bus Trip to
Royal Ontario Museum
Paul Kane Exhibit
October 16**
(details on back page)

**Hidden Tragedies at Inge-Va:
Exploring the Archaeology of Death and Disease in a
19th Century Household
PHS Public Lecture October 21**

Dena Doroszenko, lead archaeologist with the Ontario Heritage Trust, will be guest speaker at the PHS Public Lecture on October 21, as part of Archaeology Week in Peterborough. She is considered by many to be a pioneer in exploring what can be learned about the life and times of 19th century residents from the sites of their rubbish heaps and privies.

Her presentation will describe her work at Inge-Va, a Trust property in Perth, built in 1823. Over many years, Dena has conducted digs on the site and studied her findings in light of the recorded history of the area. In her words, "the archaeological evidence has revealed hardships, as well as glimpses of humanity" in the lives of the people who lived there.

She will take the audience through the detective work that archaeologists use to provide a more fulsome understanding of the significant life events of a family through time.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the basement auditorium of the Peterborough Public Library. Admission is free but donations are welcome at the door.

Dishes discovered in
archaeological digs
on the site of a former
privy at Inge-Va House
in Perth.



From the President

We are starting off the new fall season on a positive note.

Just two weeks after the renewal letter went out to members , we received close to 50 per cent back, most of them with an additional donation to support our programs.

The annual bus trip on September 25 was a great success. It was a perfect fall day for the cruise on Lake Muskoka. All 56 seats on the bus were sold within days, many of them to non-members, so of course, I took advantage of the opportunity to hand out membership forms at the end of the trip.

PHS relies heavily on membership fees to help offset operating expenses. It is also important to maintain membership levels as a measure of our importance and relevance in the community for fundraising applications to government and the business sector. If you haven't already done so, please take a few minutes to complete your form and mail it or drop it off at the office.

Barb McIntosh

Cruising Lake Muskoka September 25



From the Curator

How's your penmanship? Do you have a penchant for pencilling or perhaps you're a pencil pusher? Do you carry a penknife? When it comes to the written word are you used to handwriting, typing, or thumbing your text?

We've been having lots of fun researching our upcoming exhibit on the art of the written word including the tools that take one from the blank page to the finished product. The exhibit will explore changes in technology from the quill pen and writing slate to the desktop, laptop and beyond. Please take time to drop by the museum to see our exhibit which will be on display until March 2015.

On Saturday, October 25th 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.

We are currently taking reservations for our popular Heritage Luncheon. Luncheons will be served on Wednesday, November 5 and Wednesday, December 3. 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, 29 November from 10:00 a.m. till 12:30 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.

Gale Fewings

Canadian Canoe Museum - Ambitious Plans for the Future

Since taking on the position of CEO earlier this year, Richard Tucker has been moving forward with plans to completely transform the Canadian Canoe Museum (CCM).

As guest speaker at the PHS Public Lecture on September 9, Richard provided a status report on the progress to date.

In 2013, the museum entered into a working agreement with Parks Canada to provide the site – the west side of the canal south of the Peterborough Lift Locks. It is expected that a long-term leasing agreement will be signed by the end of this year.

The CCM hopes to build a 75,000 sq. ft. museum which will be on one level. The planned layout will include 50 per cent gallery and presentation space and the other 50% for storage, maintenance, design and administration. The current visitor center will be removed but the lift lock story will be included in one gallery of the new museum. Also included in the plans is a small pond beside the canal for canoe instruction, canoe tours and demonstrations, as well as providing a safe place to put in and take out canoes.

The timeline for this project has been set. The lease should be approved and in place by the end of 2014. In 2015 and 2016 there will be extensive fundraising. No construction will start until funds are available. Richard plans to look to all levels of government, corporate sponsorships and bequests. He will be looking nationally and internationally for funds. Once the funding is in place in 2016, then the design and construction will start. Richard, as the executive director, said his main role at the CCM is fundraising.

Based on the questions and comments from those in attendance, we are all looking forward to a new and dynamic Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough.

Marilyn MacNaughton



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Mayor Bennett Declares Peterborough Archaeology Week

The week of October 20 to 26 will be an exciting time in Peterborough for anyone with an interest in archaeology. The Peterborough Chapter is hosting the Ontario Archaeological Society's 2014 Symposium and Mayor Daryl Bennett has declared the week - Peterborough Archaeology Week.

Plans for the OAS Symposium are well underway. "We have lots of activities in mind throughout the week as Peterborough 'embraces' Archaeology Week," said Sheryl Smith, the Symposium, Co-chair, as well as the Ontario Archaeological Society's vice-president.

Professional and avocational archaeologists are expected to attend from across Ontario. The Symposium will include a two-day workshop on the latest archaeological field conservation techniques, to be held at the Fleming College conservation labs.

The chapter is also supporting Trent University's 50th anniversary with a full day of public presentations by outstanding Trent archaeology graduates who have made significant contributions to the archaeology of Canada's northern, western and eastern coasts, as well as South and Central America.

Chapter President and Symposium Co-Chair Tom Mohr, stated that he is "delighted at the inclusion of so many local heritage groups - in particular, by the participation of regional First Nations, who are adding a vibrant cultural element and their traditional knowledge."

There are also learning opportunities for the public.

In support of the symposium, PHS October Public Lecture on Tuesday, October 21, features Dena Doroszenko, archaeologist with the Ontario Heritage Trust, who will speak about the "Archaeology of Death and Disease in a 19th Century Household."

On Thursday, October 23, archaeologists Brian Ross and Leora Berman will give a public presentation - Archaeological and Natural History in The Land Between at the Canadian Canoe Museum beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Archaeology Week is, in part, supported by a Peterborough Community Investment Grant. For more information about Archaeology Week and how to register for the Symposium see www.ontarioarchaeology.ca or contact the conference co-chairs at: mohr@utsc.utoronto.ca and sherylsmith222@gmail.com.

Probus Lakefield hosts Trip to ROM October 16

PHS members are invited to join Provost Lakefield on a bus trip to see the Paul Kane Exhibit at the Royal Ontario Museum, October 16th. Kane is noted for his paintings of First Nation Peoples in the Canadian west before white settlements in the mid 1800s.

Tickets are \$40.00 each, which includes admission to the museum and a guided tour of the exhibit. The bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. from the parking lot on Old Keene Road and Lansdowne (across from Burnham Restaurant), returning in late afternoon. Call Donnie Stedman for tickets 705 652-8903.