



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Heritage Luncheon**  
May 6th  
12:00 and 1:30 p.m.  
Cost \$12.00  
Advance Tickets  
Required

**Soap Making  
Workshop**  
May 10th  
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
\$25.00 (includes  
refreshments)

**PHS Public Lecture**  
May 19  
Speaker TBD

**Plant Sale, Bake Sale,  
and Breakfast**  
May 23rd  
9-11:00 a.m.  
Breakfast \$7 advance  
\$8 at the door

**Peterborough  
Museum Archives  
Open House**  
May 24 11-4 p.m.

**Rhubarb Spring  
Fling**  
May 27th  
1:00. and 2:00p.m.  
\$6 advance  
\$8 at door

**Peterborough  
Archaeological  
Society**  
April 28th 7:00 pm  
Room 115  
Gzowski College  
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## **Celebrating the 200th Anniversary of Peace on the Great lakes at PHS Public Lecture, Tuesday, April 21st**

For the last three years, we have been remembering a series of 200th anniversaries marking events from The War of 1812 between the British and the Americans on the Great Lakes frontier. However, little attention has been given to the single most important outcome of that struggle - 200 years of peace between what would become Canada and our neighbours to the south. Of all the anniversaries, this is probably the one most worthy of celebration.

Historian Walter Lewis will explore the lasting impact of the signing of the Treaty of Ghent on Christmas Eve 1814, in which Great Britain and the United States agreed to a peace treaty. Over the next few years, that treaty and the agreements that followed helped shape the world for the next generation of settlers. In his presentation, Lewis will look at how the peace unfolded and how it affected Upper Canada.

Lewis has an M.A. in History from Queens University where he focused on the Great Lakes. Since then, he has continued his research and has given countless presentations about the lakes across Canada and south of the border.



British and American diplomats at the signing of the Treaty of Ghent.

## **New Business Membership**

In the coming months, local businesses will be approached to become Business Friends of Hutchison House as a way of expanding public involvement in the museum and increasing revenue for operations. Target groups include retail stores, restaurants, lawyers and financial planners. The goal is to enlist 50 members in 2015.

For an annual fee of \$100.00, the Business Friends will enjoy a listing in the PHS Bulletin and museum website, promotion in the museum bookstore and an annual donor recognition reception.

Greg Shaw of Shaw Financial Services on Murray Street, is the first to join. Greg is a Certified Financial Planner and CPCA. His company offers a full range of financial services, including estate planning, investment planning, insurance analysis and group benefits plans.

## From the President .....

For those who were not able to attend the Annual General Meeting last week, I am pleased to introduce your new Board of Directors.

Remaining on the Board for a second term are Peter Darling as Treasurer, Janet Bradley as Secretary, Bill Corbett, Susan Jewell and Don Willcock.

We welcome two new members: Kathy Hooke who has come back on the Board; and Paul Lumsden, who has been on the Hutchison House Management Committee for the past four years.

I will be assuming the role of Past President and Chair of the Hutchison House Management Committee. However, since a new President has not yet been elected, I have agreed to be Interim President on in a temporary basis for a few more weeks.

As required in the PHS By-laws, Dennis Carter Edwards and Linda Lumsden have stepped down, having completed their six year terms. Both will be continuing to support the organization as volunteers

Finally, a special thank you to Sarah Pawelko, our student board member who expects to graduate from Fleming College in Museum Management later this month. It has been a real pleasure having Sarah on the Board contributing her energy, fresh ideas and positive outlook. Of course, we hope she gets a job in Peterborough so we can keep her but if she doesn't, we wish her happiness and success in her future career.

**Barbara McIntosh**

## *Victorian Afternoon Tea*



*Hutchison House Museum Volunteers are  
hosting a Victorian Tea Fundraiser  
On June 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm in the Keeping Room  
at 270 Brock Street*

*A light lunch of savouries, sweets and tea will be served.  
Tours of the House will also be available.  
Tickets are \$25.00 in advance only. Please call (705) 743-9710  
Seating is limited to 24 for the afternoon.*

## From the Curator .....

March Break at the museum was lots of fun for the children and adults alike. We had a good turnout for the programs and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves immensely. Crayola Canada came through with a very generous donation of products for our programs again this year and we are grateful indeed for their wonderful contribution.

At the Peterborough Historical Society's Annual General Meeting at the end of March we were able to announce the winners of the silent auction for two Edwin Matthews limited edition prints. Mr. Matthews' daughter, Diana Carter, kindly donated the prints as a fundraiser for Hutchison House. I am happy to announce the winning bids belonged to the following participants: 'Tumbling Water' went to Jim and Ruth Lillico and 'October Stream' was won by Ella and Milburn Jones. Thank you to Ms. Carter and to everyone who took part in the auction. The funds raised are greatly appreciated.

On a personal note I would like to thank Dennis Carter-Edwards for the time and energy he so graciously devoted to Hutchison House over the past two years in his capacity as Chair of the Management Committee. Dennis your enthusiasm for all things 'historic' is truly infectious and it has been both interesting and a profound pleasure to work with you. Together we made it work! Erin and I wish you well in your future endeavors and look forward to your continued involvement with the House.

Barbara McIntosh is certainly no stranger to the Hutchison House Management Committee. Barb has been involved with many facets of the museum since she joined the Society. Over the past six years as a volunteer with us she has served on several committees as well as conducting tours throughout the summer months as one of our valued docents.

On behalf of the staff and volunteers we offer Barb a warm welcome as she steps in as Chair of the Management Committee.

**Gale Fewings**

## March Break Activities



Celina



Claire



Forest



Poppy and Tilly



## Annual Heritage Awards for 2014

The Peterborough Historical Society presented certificates to the winners of its Heritage Awards for 2014 at its Annual General Meeting. Graham Hart served as Master of Ceremonies. This year, there was an award winner in each of the six categories.

The George A. Cox Award went to the Village Power and Equipment Club affiliated with Lang Pioneer Village, for their outstanding work in the sensitive restoration of significant pieces of agricultural machinery. Accepting the award were Graham Varrin, Facilities Coordinator and volunteers Terry Brown and John Caldwell.

Lee Hays, Director of Alumni Affairs accepted the J. Hampton Burnham Award on behalf of Trent University in recognition of its 50th Anniversary celebrations over the year that highlighted the half century history of the university and the contribution it has made and continues to make to Peterborough.

The Charlotte Nicholls Award was presented to David and Enid Mitchell for their generous support that enabled the Peterborough Historical Society to rebuild the new garden shed beside Hutchison House.

Lynn Smith, Project Coordinator for the Peterborough Field Naturalists accepted the Samuel Armour Award, recognizing the organization's 75 years of delivering public educational programs that highlight the diverse natural heritage of the Peterborough region

Ramsey Shehadeh of the firm Sammy and Sons accepted the Martha Kidd Award for sensitive restoration of the façade at 164 Hunter Street West. This award recognizes an organization that has restored an historic building or designed a new building that is respectful of its historic surroundings.

This year's F. H Dobbin Award winner was Norwood author, Robert J. Gordon for his book Norwood in Khaki, 1914-1919.

Winners from left to right:  
Graham Varrin of Lang Pioneer Village; Lee Hays and Michael Eamon of Trent University; David and Enid Mitchell of PHS; Lynn Smith of Peterborough Field Naturalists; Ramsey Shehadeh of Sammy & Sons Ltd Residential and Commercial Property Management.





Long time member Elaine Goselin and student board member Sarah Pawelko



John Caldwell, Terry Brown and Graham Varrin from Lang Pioneer Village—winners of the George A. Cox Award



PHS members Marilyn and Dorothy MacNaughton



Mae Whetung-Derrick signs copies of the Occasional Paper on the history of Curve Lake with Jean Cole, PHS Publications Committee



Janet McCue performed a First Nations drum solo to honour AGM guest speaker Landon Pearson





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## **AGM Guest Speaker Landon Pearson Shared Interviews with First Nation Elders**

Internationally renowned children's advocate Landon Pearson was the guest speaker at the Annual General Meeting on March 31. Her remarks centered on her experiences visiting remote fly-in First Nations communities in northern Ontario. Her objective was to gather personal stories from Aboriginal Elders and community leaders about their lives and how they were affected by the imposed culture of colonisation.

Although the practice of removing children from their communities and placing them in religious residential schools was intended to help them lead successful lives, this program had decidedly negative outcomes that we are only now beginning to fully understand. Many of the elders spoke of the neglect and abuse that has affected their entire lives

One of women said that when she was very young, a plane landed on the reserve and without any explanation, her brothers were put on the plane and taken away to a residential school. This experience had a profound effect on her and she lived in constant fear that they would come back to take her away as well. Another said that when the children were taken, they were not even allowed to go home and change or say good bye to their families. Their parents were threatened with jail if they interfered. When they arrived at the schools everything that was familiar to them was taken away and they were not allowed to speak the only language they knew.

Landon also related stories of the appalling current conditions she witnessed on reserves from inadequate housing to the insensitivity of authorities who impose southern standards on the reserves. She gave three poignant examples of how our values interfere in three critical stages in their lives.

First, in order to address high mortality rates, young mothers are forced to leave their families on the reserves, live their last few weeks of pregnancy on their own in a strange place so they can give birth in a hospital. This practice has a negative impact on the young mothers, their husbands and their other children who are left at home.

The second example occur when teenagers must leave the reserve in order to continue their high school education in the nearest urban centre. Many of these young impressionable children end up living in rooming houses with no guidance or supervision and fall victims to alcohol, drugs and violence.

Finally, because our court system requires a coroner to declare a person dead and there are no coroners on the reserves, the family must pay to fly the deceased out to the nearest community where they can be legally declared dead.

Pearson challenges main stream society to insist on immediate effective action to resolve these issues.

**Marilyn MacNaughton**



Landon Pearson with her  
cousin Kathy Hooke