



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Heritage Luncheon**  
May 6th, June 3  
12:00 and 1:30 p.m.  
Cost \$12.00  
Advance Tickets  
Required

**Soap Making  
Workshop**  
May 9th  
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
\$25.00 (includes  
refreshments)

**PHS Public Lecture**  
May 19th  
Origins of  
Street Names  
In Peterborough  
Don Willcock

**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

**Victorian Afternoon  
Tea**  
June 28th  
2:00p.m.  
\$25 by reservation

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## Volunteers Designed *The World of Tea* for Museum Exhibit Cases

The latest exhibit is a delightful mix of history, antique tea paraphernalia and china, as well as a whimsical collection of tea sets. This show was curated by Linda Chandler, Loretta Terry, and Carol Marsland. 'The World of Tea' is a very attractive exhibit that will be on display throughout the Summer.



## Learn How Peterborough Streets Got Their Names At PHS Public Lecture May 19th

Have you ever driven, walked, or cycled on a Peterborough street and wondered how it got its name? Local historian Don Willcock has, and his curiosity prompted him to undertake to find out. Some street names are obvious: Water Street runs parallel within sight of the Otonabee River; Walnut and Birch streets have (or once had) trees of those types along them. Others – Brock and Wolfe, for example – were named for famous figures in Canadian history. Such names as London, Dublin, Edinburgh, and Aberdeen were copied from cities in countries from whence came some of Peterborough's early settlers. British royalty has been another obvious source of street names: George, Charlotte, King, Queen, Prince, Princess.

Other streets have more obscure sources for their names – such as those named for local residents, or national and international figures who were well-known in the past but may be unknown to us today. Benson, Anson, Chamberlain, Douro, and Wellington are examples of this. Some City street signs have red poppy emblems on them. These indicate that the streets are named to honour Peterborough residents who went to war and died in the service of their country – particularly poignant reminders, especially with this year being the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II.

The lecture starts at 7:30 in the auditorium of Peterborough Public Library.

## From the President .....



My name is Sarah Pawelko, and I have been a Student Board Member of the Peterborough Historical Society since November 2014. I am a student in the Museum Management and Curatorship program at Fleming College, with a bachelor's degree in History and Medieval Studies and a minor in English from Wilfrid Laurier University. This summer, I will be staying in Peterborough and completing my internship at the Riverview Park and Zoo.

I am pleased to announce that Barbra McIntosh will be passing the presidency to me for the next four months. She will be assisting me with day to day operations and teaching me how to run an efficient historical society. Come September, if I am able to stay in Peterborough, I will continue to work with the board and would be happy to stay in this position.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my past eight months in Peterborough and I am looking forward to spending my summer here and helping the Peterborough Historical Society grow. I have many ideas including new fundraisers, social events and even a Facebook and Twitter page to help bring in younger generations of historical fanatics! I hope to be able to meet all of you personally in the coming months!

**Sarah Pawelko**

## Looking Back

Letter writing is rapidly disappearing on the universe now that electronic devices can take you anywhere to learn anything instantly. However those folks who can't bear to throw out pieces of paper of any sort often come across an interesting collection of business or personal writings.

My father bought his first car in 1913, an RCH Hupmobile which was the love of his life, even though it took 14 hours to reach Lakefield from Toronto. In 1920 he was working in the sales department of the Toronto General Electric Company. The 71 flimsy copies of letters he wrote to businesses and individuals about their orders for engine parts are interesting examples of pleasant, helpful correspondence.

For instance a letter of apology to The Great Lakes Foundry and Machine Co. of Midland Ont. begins as follows;

*Gentlemen-*

*Your AKW Magneto has just been dissembled by our repair department who have found the winding short-circuited, another and has been ordered from the factory and should reach you very shortly. We are very sorry for the delay over this repair but our department has had more work than they can handle and are only beginning to catch up.*

The orders came from all over the province. For example, Fred Evans of Omemee ordered several wrenches for his 'Baby Grand' model Chevrolet. The Auto Accessory dept. would make a special set of Walden wrenches if Mr. Evans would let the company know the size of the needed bolts.

Letters of a different tone 90 years ago.

**Kathy Hooke**

## From the Curator .....



Spring flowers are popping up all around the house, the thermometer is resting at a comfortable temperature, and the leaves are just starting to sprout on the trees. It must be May!

In celebration of 'May is Museum Month' we are once again hosting a variety of events over the coming weeks. It begins with a Heritage Luncheon on May 6 followed by a Soap Making Workshop on Saturday, May 9.



On Saturday, May 23 from 9~11am volunteers and staff will team up for our Plant Sale, Bake Sale & Breakfast. We will offer a selection of perennials and other garden plants just in time for spring planting in addition to fresh baked goodies. Be sure to come early for the best choices. Anyone wishing to donate plants or baked goods is asked to please bring them to the museum between the dates of May 19-21 for pricing on Friday prior to the sale.

In addition to the sale on May 23 we will also be offering a special brunch throughout the morning. Guests will enjoy a hearty 'French toast casserole' with fresh fruit on the side and a choice of beverage. Sitings are scheduled for 9:00am and 10:00am. Space is limited and we do strongly suggest booking seats in advance at a cost of \$7.00 per person. A small number of tickets at \$8.00 each will be available for folks who show up at the door.

If dessert is more to your taste be sure to book your reservation for the Rhubarb Spring Fling on Wednesday May 27 from 1-3pm. Enjoy the taste of spring with a slice of delicious homemade rhubarb pie, topped with a dollop of ice cream. Tea, coffee or lemonade will add a refreshing compliment to this delightful spring repast. Tickets may be purchased in advance at a reduced rate. Pay for tickets in advance at a cost of \$6 or at the door for \$8. Sitings are 1pm and 2 pm. To reserve seats for this event please call the museum at (705) 743-9710.

June is also showing promise of being a busy time at Hutchison House. The last Heritage Luncheon of the season takes place on Wednesday, June 3. Tickets are still available, but they do go fast.

In conjunction with the tea exhibit, the ladies are also planning a Victorian Afternoon Tea complete with fancy sandwiches and treats served on tiered plates and fine china, as a fundraiser for the House. Tickets are limited to 24 guests at a cost of \$25 each. The afternoon tea will take place in the Keeping Room at 2 pm on Sunday, June 28. To make a reservation for this elegant affair please call the museum to book tickets.

~Gale Fewings





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## **Christmas Eve Treaty – War of 1812** **Presented by Walter Lewis**

When did the War of 1812 actually end.? Walter Lewis provided an enlightening look at this defining episode in Canadian history as guest speaker at the PHS Public Lecture on April 21st.

The British and the Americans held negotiations in Ghent, Belgium to agree to the terms of a treaty in December 1814. On Christmas Eve, the treaty was ready. Three copies were written by hand.

This was before the invention of telegraphs or telephones so the treaty had to be delivered in person. The British and Americans arrived in London on December 26, 1814 and the Prince Regent (became George IV) signed on behalf of Great Britain four days later. However, because it would take about two months for the American delegation to reach their leaders in America, article 1 of the Treaty stated that peace would not be official until ratified by both sides.

Baker and Carroll took one copy of the treaty to the American government via New York City. As a precaution, Hughes and set sail for America from Bordeaux to Annapolis with the second copy. Meanwhile a third group of Americans left on the HMS Brazen for the Gulf of Mexico to stop the Battle of New Orleans.

On February 11, 1815 Baker and Carroll landed in America. By February 15, the Senate of the United States approved the treaty and President James Madison signed it. When the British and American ratifications were exchanged in Washington on February 18th the war was officially over.

Word of the peace treaty spread quickly throughout Upper and Lower Canada and America. Quebec City was advised of the treaty on February 17, Kingston on February 19, Montreal by February 16, 1815; Geneva, NY on February 15, and New York on February 17. It wasn't until March 21 that St John's, Newfoundland knew the war had ended.

Based on additional information Walter provided about the Treaty, the war lingered on. The return of prisoners of war was delayed until April. Ships in the Atlantic were not aware of the peace until June.

Through an 1815 snap shot of various locations on the Great Lakes from 1,000 Islands to Point Pelee, Walter explained problems of interpreting the international boundary as outlined by the treaty. But peace was attained. The Americans thought they won and the Canadians knew they'd won.

**Marilyn MacNaughton**