



UPCOMING EVENTS

**Volunteer Appreciation
Tea**
Friday, June 19
1:30 p.m.

**Basket Making
Workshop**
Sunday, June 21
1 to 3 p.m.
\$25.00 (includes
materials). Advance
Booking Required

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

Scottish Teas
Starts Thursday
July 2
Tuesdays through Sun-
days all summer

Peach Tea
Thursday, August 20
Four sittings .
Book ahead.

**Thanks to Dennis
Carter Edwards** for
generously donating
the funding to design
and produce a new
pop-up display panel
to promote Hutchison
House Museum and
the Peterborough
Historical Society at
business and commu-
nity events.

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**PHS Summer Excursion
Afternoon Cruise on Stoney Lake
Thursday, June 25th**

Tickets are now on sale for a two-hour afternoon cruise on scenic Stoney Lake, following lunch at the Old Bridge Inn at Young's Point. .

Tickets which include transportation, lunch and the cruise are \$75.00 for members and \$85.00 for non- members.

The Canada Coach bus will leave Peterborough at 11:00 a.m. from the Car Park at Television Road and Hwy 7 (across from the Burnham Mansion). Lunch on the patio at the Old Bridge Inn will include a main course with salad, desert and tea or coffee. To facilitate the lunch, you will be asked to select your menu choice when you purchase your ticket (see menu below).



The two-hour cruise leaves from the Viamede Resort and will include historical commentary.

Tickets are available for sale at the PHS office or reserve your tickets by calling 705 740-2600 and 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.

Main Course Menu Choices for Lunch

1. Chicken and Mushroom Crepe
 2. Ham and Cheese Crepe
 3. Seafood Crepe
 4. Turkey and Brie Sandwich
 5. Roasted Chicken Supreme
- (Desert will be Vanilla Crème Brulee)

From the President

It is no secret that volunteers are key to the success of any not-for-profit organization. Here at the Peterborough Historical Society and Hutchison House Museum we are extremely grateful to all of our volunteers who work very hard to keep the society and the museum running. We could not do it without them.

We are proud to announce that on June 28th, nine of our volunteers were recognized for their service by the Province at an awards ceremony at the Trentwinds Hotel here in Peterborough. I would like to extend my personal congratulations to each of them. I am very proud to be part of such an involved community.

Over the next few months, I will be working on organizing the PHS computer and getting our Facebook page up and running.

Please keep an eye out for a link to our new social media page in the coming weeks.

Sarah Pawelko



Volunteer Service Awards were presented by the Province to nine Hutchison House Museum volunteers on May 28th : Don Willcock (20 years); Taren Ginter (youth award 5 years); Emma Booth (youth award 5 years); Loretta Terry (15 years); Norm Savage (20 years); Calsey McIlvride (youth award 5 years); and Marilyn MacNaughton (20 years). Bill Carson (15 years) and Ann Baker (5 years) were unable to attend the ceremony.

From the Curator

On June 17, 2015 it will be 170 years to the day that Sandford Fleming and his brother David first arrived in Peterborough. The following excerpt is taken from his diary entry on June 17, 1845. He wrote *"The roads are all straight being between the farms & continue so for a great length. We saw some large pines by the way & when on a height on the road it looked strange to see nothing but woods around from horizon to horizon. Arrived in Peterboro about sun down, it looked rather a poor like place where we entered, the stumps of trees still in the middle of the streets, a wood house here & there with a few good villas with verandahs around in the suburbs. Drove up to Dr Hutchisons, a two-storey little house. He was not at home but Mrs told us to bring in our chest & was kind to us. Saw James who has grown a good deal & quite altered in features. After seeing the Dr & talking a little we went to bed being tired having slept little the last two nights, it rained heavy in the Barge & not getting the bed laid down for the wet coming in."*

Of course there have been many changes in Peterborough in the last 170 years. I imagine Sandford would find it all very interesting to see the mix of old and new buildings, some of which he would still definitely recognize. I have no doubt he would be pleased to find that Hutchison House has been so well preserved and cared for by the Peterborough Historical Society!

Results are in from our recent Plant Sale/ Bake Sale/ Breakfast and this year we raised approximately \$500 with our event. The 6th annual Rhubarb Spring Fling garnered an additional \$300. We also hosted a Soap Making Workshop in May. Thank you to everyone for helping to make our important fundraisers successful.

Coming events include a Basket Making Workshop on Sunday, June 21 and a Victorian Afternoon Tea on Sunday, June 28. Our daily Scottish Teas will begin in earnest on Thursday, July 2 and will run Tuesday through Sunday from 1-4 pm throughout July & August, with the exception of Thursday, August 20, when we will host our popular Peach Tea.

For more information on any of our programs or events please call the museum office at (705) 743-9710 or visit our website at www.hutchisonhouse.ca.

Gale Fewings



Louise & Kim show off their homemade soap



Phyllis, Doris & Elaine enjoy breakfast



Susan & Betty take a break at the plant sale



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How Peterborough Streets Got Their Names

What's in a name? Well, actually quite a lot according to local historian Don Willcock, guest speaker at the PHS May public meeting. Don gave an entertaining and informative talk on the origins of street names in Peterborough - well some of the streets - as there are over 730 names and counting.

There are the obvious choices such as Water, Lake or Lock Street. There are theme related streets such as those in the north end for explorers like Champlain and Amunson. There are also street names that recognize early political figures like Simcoe, Dalhousie, Hunter and of course, the hero of Queenston Heights, Major General Sir Isaac Brock.

Other prominent figures with a strong Peterborough connection are duly noted, such as Bernardo Street, named after Dr. Bernardo who supervised the immigration of British "waifs" to Peterborough; Fleming Place and Sir Sandford Fleming Drive recognizing Sir Sandford Fleming; and Robinson Street for Peter Robinson, who organized the assisted immigration of Irish Settlers to the area.

Local figures are also recognized. Thomas A. Stewart and his wife Frances both have streets named after them. Richard Birdsall Rogers has Rogers Street where his home is still located at the corner of Hunter and Rogers. Retired naval officers Charles Rubidge and Robert Reid have streets running parallel to each other but with traffic moving in the opposite direction. Surprisingly, one of the leading entrepreneurs Henry Calcutt (noted for his brewery and steamboat line) is not recognized.

There are streets that Don described as curious with puzzling street names that almost defy explanation, such as Bolivar Street, after Simon Bolivar, who fought Spanish colonial rule in South America. Senator George A. Cox, one of Canada's wealthiest men, has a street named after him but only by his middle name Albertus. Street naming can be controversial. Major George W. Bennett had a street down in the south end but it was changed to Americredit Way which brought a strong protest from many locals who objected to the switch. Bennett was later honoured with a street nearby as well as the Major Bennett Industrial Park.

To help with selecting street names, the City now has a Street Naming Committee made up of community representatives, staff and councilors to solicit and vet possible names. The city has in place a policy to recognize the war dead. Indeed, the goal is to have at least 75% of new streets honour the veterans. Their streets are identified with a poppy symbol on the sign. Thus, as Don illustrated, our community is a veritable textbook on the history of Peterborough.

Dennis Carter Edwards

More Heritage Chairs Needed for PHS Boardroom

We are still hoping to replace all of the mid-1980s chairs in the PHS board room with more suitable vintage chairs. Please keep us in mind as you open up the summer cottages or decide to downsize. Our thanks to Mary Ashbury who recently donated a charming late 19th century chair to our collection.