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PHS Monthly Lecture
September 15
Alan Brunger
Public Library
7:30 p.m.

Hutchison House
Volunteer Meeting
Friday September 18,
1:30 p.m.

Heritage Luncheon
October 7,
12:00 and 1:30 p.m.
Cost \$12.00
Advance tickets
required

Haunted Hallowe'en
Hutchison House
October 31
1-3:00 p.m.
\$3.00 per person

Festive Sale Saturday
November 28

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Alan Brunger Will Explore Champlain's Travels in the Kawarthas At the PHS Public Lecture, Tuesday, September 15

The PHS members, Elwood Jones, Peter Adams and Alan Brunger have published a new book *Finding Champlain's Dream*. The book celebrates the 400th anniversary of Franco Ontario and the arrival of the first Europeans to this area led by Samuel De Champlain.

The record of Champlain's visit is solely in his own journal which he published in 1618. It presents a challenge to identify precise present-day sites due to the absence of familiar landmarks.

At the September 15th monthly meeting, Alan Brunger, retired Geography Professor at Trent, will discuss his role in exploring several theories about the routes followed by the Huron and Algonquin warriors who escorted Champlain through Peterborough in 1615, enroute from Huronia to raid a fortified Iroquois Five Nations settlement south of Lake Ontario.

They travelled what is now called the Trent- Severn Waterway, probably using the ancient Bridgenorth-Peterborough (Chemong Road) portage, and likely passing through the site of downtown Peterborough. A week or so later, after an unsuccessful raid on the Iroquois, the army retreated carrying their wounded, including Champlain. About two dozen warriors stopped for over for five weeks to hunt deer, probably in present-day Peterborough County and Champlain remained with them while his wounds healed.

The September 15th public lecture will begin at 7:30 in the Peterborough Public Library, lower level. Admission is free but donations at the door are welcomed. The new book will be available for sale at the meeting.



Champlain is guided to 'la mer douce' (Georgian Bay/ Lake Huron) in August, 1615 (note the muskets (aka arquebuses, and Champlain's cartridge bandolier.) (Painted by C.W. Jefferys).

From the Interim President

In May, I was pleased to announce that our student board member, Sarah Pawelko, had volunteered to take over as President. Sadly, she has not found a paying job in Peterborough and is returning to her home in Cambridge. I know you join me in thanking Sarah for her enthusiastic participation on the Board from October to June and in wishing her every success in her search for a position in museum management. We know she will be a valued addition to whatever heritage organization she works for. Over the short term, I will continue in the position of Interim President.

In my current role as Past President and Chair of the Hutchison House Management Committee, I will be focusing on developing new strategic priorities for PHS and the museum. All of the funding bodies have increased their requirements for results-oriented planning and accountability. In order to effectively compete for this funding, we need to find new ways of measuring our public value in the community. We may also need to look at options for making changes in how we operate to ensure the best use of our limited resources. Please contact me if you are interested in serving on a committee to explore the options.

Barbara McIntosh

PHS Membership Renewal Time

Your membership is extremely important to PHS and Hutchison House Museum.

PHS receives only \$1,500 in government funding toward operating expenses. Close to 50% of the rest of the annual budget for operations and program delivery comes from membership fees and additional generous donations from our members. Hutchison House Museum receives on average around \$43,600 in grants for operating expenses from the City and provincial Ministry of Culture. However, these grants are awarded through PHS as the incorporated registered charitable body. As the official recipient of this funding, PHS needs to be able to prove that it is financially viable and accountable. The number of paid memberships in PHS is a significant indicator of our financial health and community support. Membership renewal letters will be in the mail shortly.

PHS members and friends enjoyed a boat cruise on Stoney Lake in June



From the Curator

Historically, June has always been the most popular month for weddings. The month of June derives its name from Juno, the Roman goddess of marriage. It was thought that couples who married in June would be blessed with prosperity and happiness.

Saturday June 6 was a very special day at the museum. Our dear friend Ann Baker and her fiancée Joe Sorensen chose Hutchison House as the venue for their wedding. Despite the fact that a torrential downpour occurred the evening prior putting a bit of a damper on the wedding rehearsal, the day itself couldn't have been finer. Ann looked beautiful and the men were all dashing in their top hats and tails. Staff and volunteers alike were touched and honoured to have been invited to help with the celebration of such a meaningful event. In her 'thank you' card Ann's words read *"To my museum family: with sincere appreciation and warmest thanks to you. My family here at the museum completed my perfect day! Thank you all for your support and efforts! Ann & Joe"*.



The bride and groom, Ann & Joe (centre) with Erin, Jamie, Loretta, Norm and Gale

The successful Victorian Tea held at the end of June served as a wonderful kick off to summer at Hutchison House. This charming event meant as a fundraiser for the museum was conceived, developed, organized and run by Linda Chandler, Loretta Terry, and Carol Marsland, three of our dedicated volunteers. Along with the assistance of some of our other volunteers, the ladies hosted 27 people using their own fine china and table linens, in addition to making all of the scrumptious sweets and savouries and cleanup, including washing all of the dishes by hand. The ladies had such a fun time organizing the Victorian Tea that they have decided to host another one on behalf of the museum sometime later this year. The tentative date for the next Victorian Tea is Sunday, December 6.

Of course summer at Hutchison House would not be complete without the daily Scottish Teas. This year we had over 1000 visitors who enjoyed fresh scones with all the trimmings. Sarah Powell, Scottish Tea Coordinator, worked tirelessly in the steamy kitchen preparing food, washing dishes, cleaning floors and performing a myriad of other duties including jumping into costume to conduct tours when we were overwhelmed by large numbers of visitors who arrived all at once. Kara Haemel, Museum Programming Assistant, organized and supervised all 51 of the Junior Volunteers in addition to helping in the kitchen, guiding, jam making, running children's workshops and even helped us try to keep the gardens under control. Erin and I owe a debt of gratitude to the students who carried their assigned tasks with a real sense of commitment. All in all it was a very busy summer indeed.



Junior volunteers enjoyed their reward after serving at Peach Tea .

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From the Curator continued

Now as we launch into the Fall Erin and I are busy planning for upcoming events and programming. There are still lots of opportunities for volunteering at Hutchison House throughout the year. Current volunteers and potential volunteers are invited to a Volunteer Meeting on Friday, September 18 at 1:30 pm.

The popular Heritage Luncheons will be starting up again beginning on Wednesday, October 7. Luncheons will also be held on Wednesday, November 4; and Wednesday, December 2. Each luncheon consists of two seating times 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.

For me the end of summer at Hutchison House is always a little sad. Throughout July and August there are always challenges, minor crises, bat invasions, more than a few surprises and potential headaches that crop up during the ongoing business of the day-to-day activities. However, there is also the interaction with the summer staffers who never cease to amaze me, the adult volunteers who are so very dedicated and the young junior volunteers who are so charming to have around the house, even the mischievous ones bring a little something special.

September is one of my favourite months, but the hush that falls on the house during the early days is not something I look forward to each year.

A bitter sweet melancholy permeates the building as if it too misses everybody.

Gale Fewings

HH Volunteer
Appreciation Tea
June 19, 2015



Junior Volunteers and summer staff enjoyed their summer wrap up at Rogers Cover on August 24.



Hutchison House has a new portable display donated by Dennis Carter-Edwards.



2015 Summer Staff
Kara Haemel and Powell





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New Book on Local Archaeology

The Peterborough Chapter of the Ontario Archaeology Society has published a new book entitled Peterborough Archaeology as a follow-up to the successful Ontario Archaeological Symposium hosted by the local chapter last October. Contributing authors include chapter members, as well as archaeologists who have given presentations at the group's monthly public meetings. Proceeds from sales of the book will go towards public education about Peterborough's rich and fascinating archaeological heritage.

Some of the essays in this book are personal reflections on people, places and issues related to local archaeology. Other contributions focus on significant archaeological discoveries made at important local sites, including: Pat Dibb (The Brock Street Burial); Susan Jamieson (The Moodie Farmstead, West Burleigh Falls); William Fox and Tom Mohr (The Honey Farm); Dirk Verhulst (The Serpent Mounds, The Peterborough Petroglyphs); Lisa Sonnenburg (Rice Lake); Peter Carruthers (Quackenbush); and Gordon Dibb (Trent-Foster).

Several articles provide personal and individual insights into an amazing variety of archaeological topics and issues: Susan Neale (museum archaeology); Rudy Fecteau

(archaeobotany); Jeremy Ward (the archaeology of canoes); Leora Berman (spirituality in The Land Between); Tom Mohr (community outreach); Janice Teichrob (public archaeology); William Fox (stories in stone); Morgan Tamplin (community participation); and Doug Williams and Julie Kapyrka (native languages and oral traditions).

The publication of this book was made possible through a City of Peterborough Community Development Grant. The cost of the book is \$15:00 plus \$3:00 for postage.

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