



UPCOMING EVENTS

**PHS Monthly Lecture
November 17
Grant Karcich
Public Library
7:30 p.m.**

**Heritage Luncheons
November 4 and
December 2
12:00 and 1:30 p.m.
Cost \$12.00
Advance tickets
required**

**Volunteers'
Festive Sale
History in the Baking
November 28
10:00 to 12:30
Donations of baked
goods, attic treasures
and festive decorations
welcomed.**

**Deadline for Empire
Cheese orders is
November 17**

**Victorian Tea
St. Nicolas Day
December 6
\$25.00
Advance tickets
Required**

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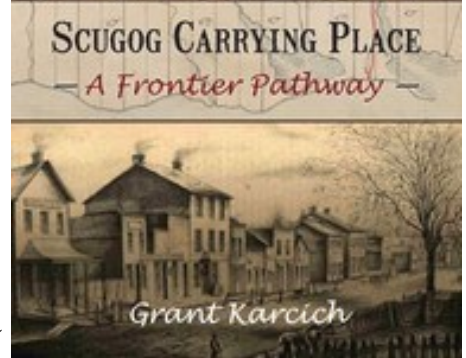
Explore the Ancient Trails of Scugog Carrying Place at the PHS Public Lecture, Tuesday, November 17

Oshawa Author Grant Karcich, will discuss his book *Scugog Carrying Place: A Frontier Pathway* at the PHS November Public Meeting.

It promises to be a fascinating follow-up to Alan Brunger's talk in September on the Chemung Portage, believed to be the route taken by the Huron and Algonquin warriors who escorted Champlain through Peterborough in 1615.

Grant's book traces the documented history of the ancient aboriginal trails connecting Lakes Scugog and Simcoe through the Kawarthas to Lake Ontario from the 1790s to the 1850s.

The presentation will explore the beginnings and significance of this trail system and introduce the intrepid early surveyors, fur traders, missionaries and immigrant settlers who helped to transform the land from forests to agriculture to villages, towns and industrial centres and in their wake, left a devastating impact on First Nations People.



Grant has Master's degrees in Anthropology and Information Science and a Bachelor of Education. He has been an administrator at several special and public libraries and has taught secondary school and a college course.

The November 17th meeting will take place in the Peterborough Public Library, lower level beginning at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free but donations are gratefully accepted at the door.

Grant Karcich was a contributing author to *Peterborough's Archaeology*.

From the Interim President

We have run out of space to store PHS archival materials at Hutchison House.

Susan Jewell, Linda Lumsden and I have formed a committee to develop policies for the proper care and de-accession of the many boxes of paper materials currently stored in the office and boardroom. Recently, we met with Mary Charles, Archivist at Peterborough Museum and Archives (PMA). She advised us that our first challenge is to develop a policy that will direct decisions on what needs to be kept in the first place and a retention schedule of what and when materials should be moved to another site for storage, such as PMA or another appropriate institution.

Most of our existing material is stored in boxes with a list of contents in each, thanks to many hours of work by Don Willcock and others over the years. Once the new policy has been approved, all of this material will be reviewed and culled, according to the approved policy.

Since 2007, the bulk of our financial and official board files are electronic. However, since electronic systems will inevitably continue to change, a printed copy of certain documents should also be kept.

The PHS archives contain a number of photographic collections scrapbooks and antiquarian books that have been donated to PHS. Should any of these donated items be de-accessioned, they would become part of the PHS Font at that new location. Arrangements can be put in place to ensure that the new owners would be required to go through a stringent legal process before de-accessioning or discarding this material.

This project will take several months to complete and the committee will provide regular up-dates in the Bulletin.

Barbara McIntosh

From Cards to Computers—the Evolution of Trent's Bata Library

Janice Millard clearly loved her 41-year career at Trent University. Recently retired from her last position as Curator of Archives, Special Collections and Rare Books, Janice gave a spirited account of why librarians embraced the computer era, at the October PHS Public Lecture.

When Janice started working at Trent in 1974, computers were very expensive and required a large special space. The Bata Library data base of books, journals, magazines and abstracts was maintained manually. This meant that as books arrived, a card to identify the book was created and copied up to 5 times, featuring different themes- title, author, subject, etc. and all of the cards were then filed alphabetically. It was very labour intensive.

But things began to change. The cost and size of computers decreased and their capabilities increased. At first, Trent accessed computers through other schools. It finally acquired it's own computer and the library then had access to many other computer databases to help sort and maintain its collections. Library users could now access material not only at Trent but in locations around the world.

By 1995, the library evolved again to embrace the digital age. Now, not only is the computer used to find the location of books, periodicals and other materials, in some cases it has become the product, as many publishers are now only offering an electronic version of some materials.

Marilyn MacNaughton

From the Curator

A really great thing about the onslaught of colder weather is that one tends to enjoy the warmth of the oven with tantalizing smells permeating from the kitchen. Can there be anything more appealing than the fragrant aroma of cinnamon and apples bubbling away on the stovetop or baked in a pie? Is there anything better than fresh squeezed orange juice or homemade biscuits? If the very idea of eating something delicious has sparked your appetite for more then perhaps you'll find our latest exhibit of fabulous "Kitchen Gadgets" of interest.



We're displaying a wide selection of handy dandy kitchen gadgets that span several decades. There are objects for sifting, beating, toasting, scraping, grating, cutting, mashing, peeling, coring, steaming and squeezing.

Utilitarian gadgets such as these were created to make kitchen chores easier and less labour intensive. There is also an element of design and engineering that are appealing to the eye as well as showing exceptional skill and innovation.

For anyone born prior to the 21st century many objects will spark a memory or two. Some of the items are still in regular use despite the fact that they stem from a by-gone era. Others are the type that will never go out of style. Very few items in this display have been recently produced. "Kitchen Gadgets" will be on display until early in the new year.

Please mark your calendars for our annual Volunteers' Christmas sale "History in the Baking" on Saturday, November 28th from 10:00 am till 12:30 pm. Last month we included an order form for Empire cheese. The deadline for cheese orders is November 17th. If you didn't receive an order form and you are interested in purchasing cheese, just call the museum office and we'll be happy to fill out your order over the phone. Cheese will be available for pick up at our sale at the end of November.

The Festive Sale is a very important fundraiser for the museum and donations are gratefully accepted. We are asking for baked goods such as Christmas cookies, shortbreads, cakes, pies, etc. as well as candy, jams, jellies and preserves, and other gift-worthy items for our attic treasures portion of the sale. Please consider making a donation of some kind to help the volunteers make the day a success!



Gale Fewings



aluminum juice squeezer



wrought iron apple peeler



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ical interest.

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Chelsea Commuted Pensioners Military Settlers in Ontario

The Peterborough Chapter of the Ontario Genealogical Society recently held their second annual Kawartha Conference. The theme of the conference was “Military Settlers” with knowledgeable speakers discussing aspects of the military settlements in Upper Canada/Canada West. I gave a presentation on the Chelsea Commuted Pensioners.

In 1830, the British Government, in an effort to reduce the heavy cost of providing pensions to wounded soldiers, offered out-patients of the Chelsea Hospital the chance to commute their annual pensions for a one-time cash payout worth four years of their pension and 100 acres of free land in Upper Canada. Some 4,000 pensioners took advantage of this program but soon found the task of carving out homes in the wilderness too difficult and ended up destitute and relying on the charity of their neighbours or aid from the government at York.

Some 200 of these pensions settled in Dummer Township between 1831 & 1832. In the spring of 1832 they petitioned the government to relieve their “deplorable and destitute situation” pointing out “many of their comrades . . . have given themselves up to despair and died in the woods, monuments of the greatest wretchedness, leaving behind them widows and orphans to pine away in hopeless solitude and want.”

Not all of these settlers failed. As Jean Cole noted in her history of Dummer Township, some became successful farmers. The conference highlighted these conflicting stories and the sources genealogists can consult to learn more about their ancestors who were part of the military settlements.

Dennis Carter-Edwards

Tulips Coming to Peterborough from the Netherlands

A special event is taking place at Fleming Park on Saturday, October 31. The Peterborough Horticultural Society is one of 140 organizations who will receive a gift of 700 red and white tulip bulbs in commemoration of the 100,000 tulip bulbs given to Canada at the end of the Second World War in 1945.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the Dutch Canadian friendship and this symbol of appreciation for the role Canadian soldiers played in the liberation of the Netherlands, as well as the hospitality that Canada provided to the Dutch royal family in Ottawa during WW2.

Veterans, school children and the public are invited to attend along with local dignitaries. The story of the Dutch princess born in Ottawa during WW2 and the history of the enduring friendship between Canada and the Netherlands will be retold so that it may live on for future generations.

The ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. In the event of rain on Saturday, the event will move to Sunday, November 1 starting at 2 pm.

Doreen Jones