



UPCOMING EVENTS

Heritage Luncheons
April 6, May 4
12:00 and 1:30 p.m.
Advance tickets
required

PHS Monthly Lecture
Wednesday, April 20
NEW LOCATION
The Parlour
Trinity United Church

Rhubarb Fling
Wednesday, May 25
1:00p.m. and 2:00 p.m.
Advance tickets \$6.00
At the door \$8.00

In Memory

Long- time PHS member,
Val Porter, died peacefully
in her sleep on March
13th. She will be fondly
remembered and missed
by her many friends.

Kawartha Land Trust - Protecting Natural Spaces
Topic for PHS Public Meeting, April 20th

Mike Hendren, Executive Director of the Kawartha Land Trust (KLT) will be speaker at the next PHS Public Meeting on Wednesday April 20th.

His presentation entitled, Protecting Our Natural Areas of Historic and Community Significance, will highlight some of KLT's achievements and their significance in local history, and other significant landscapes including Stoney Lake, Bethany Hills, Pigeon Lake and Boyd Island.



The mission of the Kawartha Land Trust (KLT) is caring for the lands entrusted to it and helping others protect the land they love in the Kawarthas. To date, KLT has protected eleven properties totalling 3,040 acres of land worth about \$6.6 million, while assisting in the protection of 12 properties, totalling 2,477 acres. It also continues to work with countless landowners to protect their land through other means. The organization receives support from over 1,000 active donors and volunteers annually.

Mike has been Executive Director of KLT for six years. His formal background includes a Master's degree in urban and regional planning from Queen's and a degree in business administration from Trent.

PLEASE NOTE

**Beginning this month, PHS Public Meetings move to
Wednesdays in a New Location**

Because of pending renovations to the Peterborough Public Library, the PHS monthly meetings will be held in the Parlour at Trinity United Church (entrance off Reid Street at the back of the church) . The meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month rather than on Tuesdays (due to availability of the space).

As usual, the meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free but donations are gratefully accepted at the door.

Highlights—Annual General Meeting 2016

Close to 70 PHS members and guests attended the 2016 AGM and Fundraising Dinner at Princess Gardens. The event generated a profit of close to \$1,000 for the Society.

During the business meeting, the new Board of Directors was elected: (from left to right in photo) Susan Jewell; Kathy Hooke; Paul Lumsden; Dennis Carter-Edwards; Don Willcock; Dale Standen and Daniel Rainey (Bill Corbett and Peter Darling were absent). The Executive Officers will be elected by the Board at its first meeting in April.



Janet Bradley, who has served as Secretary to the Board since December 2012 stepped down from the Board. Barbara McIntosh who has completed three terms as President has also left the Board.

Norm Savage was elected as a new member of the Hutchison House Trust Committee. The other members were re-elected: Peter Darling, Chair; Don Earle; Marilyn MacNaughton; and Cy Monkman.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Society's Annual Heritage Awards. Again this year, TV personality, Graham Hart was the Master of Ceremonies.

The Curve Lake Pow Wow Committee received the Samuel Armour Award in recognition of its successful 62nd Annual Curve Lake First Nations Pow Wow held in September 2015. This event attracted in excess of 7,000 visitors of all ages. Under the theme *Honouring Our Residential School Survivors*, it brought together Natives and non-Natives in a celebration of ancestors and sacred traditions, with special emphasis on engaging young people in exploring the diverse local history of the region. Councillor Arnold Taylor and Councillor Deborah Jacobs accepted the award on behalf of the Curve Lake Pow Wow Committee.



The J. Hampton Burnham Award recognizes the completion of a major project that promotes awareness of local history using any media including the performing and visual arts. This award was presented to Kim Blackwell, Artistic Director of the 4th Line Theatre Production of *The Bad Luck Bank Robbers*, premiered to a sell-out audience in summer 2015. The play, based on the book by Grace Barker, tells the story of the 1961 robbery of the Toronto Dominion Bank in Havelock. It was the largest single-day bank robbery in Canadian history with \$230,000 stolen and although the robbers were eventually caught and convicted, the money was never found and has never been put into circulation.



Highlights—Annual General Meeting 2016

Peterborough author, Heather Shpuniarsky received the F.H. Dobbin Award for her book *The Village of Hiawatha: A History*, published in 2015. The Village of Hiawatha Book Committee, is a group of volunteers who worked for almost four years to compile the comprehensive history of the community and raise the funding for publishing the book.

The history book covers the origins of the Mississauga Anishinaabeg people, the settlement of Rice Lake, treaty relationships and growth of the Village of Hiawatha itself. Members of the book committee, Fred and Marlene Ash accepted the award.



The Mount Community Centre won the Martha Ann Kidd Award for its outstanding restoration of significant heritage features at the former residence of the Sisters' of St. Joseph on Monaghan Road. Since acquiring the property in August 2013, this not-for-profit organization has been raising funds and developing a plan to transform the Mount property to serve a variety of uses that include a mix of market-rent and affordable housing; an intergenerational park; community kitchens and gardens; and space for concerts and special events in the former chapel. In 2015, volunteers completed major restoration work on both the exterior and interior of the heritage structures. Board Member, Nancy Sharpe, Sister Joan Driscoll and Andi Van Koeverden, Director of Strategic Advancement, accepted the award.



Past President, Barb McIntosh was recognized for her service and dedication to PHS.



PHS Publishes its 36th Annual Occasional Paper *John Craig—Stories from his Kawartha Past*

Local author, John Craig, wrote over 20 books during his career as a professional writer. His history of steam boating in the Kawarthas, *By the Sound of Her Whistle*, is well-known, although many of his other works were not.

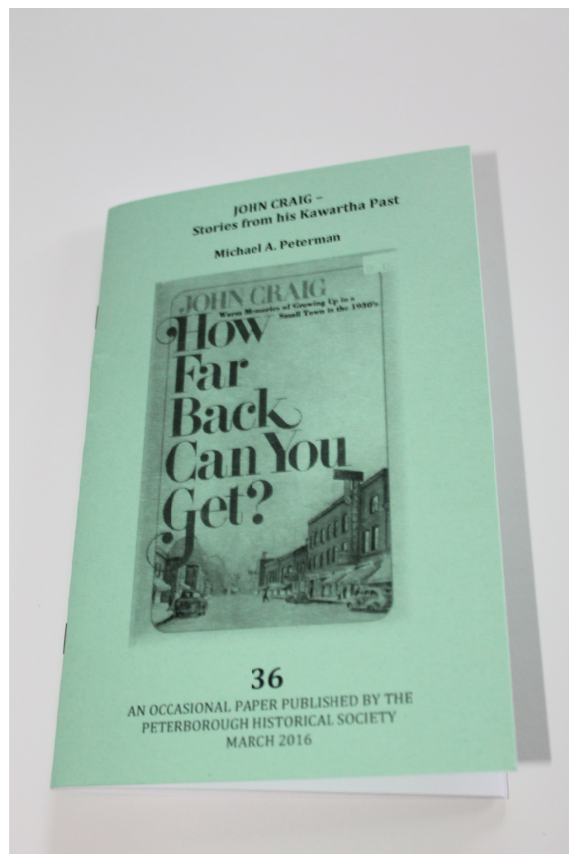
This year's Occasional Paper is entitled *John Craig – Stories from his Kawartha Past*. Michael Peterman, has been researching Craig's life and writing for several years. Craig spent his youth in Peterborough and cottaged at Stoney Lake throughout his life.

Though he worked in advertising and marketing, he always wanted to write books, and began to write for a living in the 1970s. He wrote thrillers, histories, local colour sketches and sports stories. His Kawartha roots are evident in many of his publications.

The paper was officially launched at the AGM. All PHS members are entitled to a copy as a benefit of membership. If you did not get your copy at the AGM or have not received it by mail, you can pick it up at the PHS Office.



Michael Peterman (left) autographed copies of his Occasional Paper at the AGM, with help from Jean Cole.



From the Curator

“April in Canada is not the same month in its general features, as the lovely, showery, capricious April, that month of smiles and tears, of storms and sunshine, in dear old England. It is often cold, stern and harsh, yet with many hopeful changes that come to cheat us into the belief that winter is gone, and the season of buds and flowers is at hand, and some years it is so; but only once in five or ten years does the Canadian April prove a pleasant genial month.” This quote is from Catharine Parr Traill’s *“The Canadian Settler’s Guide”* First Published 1855, Toronto, C.W. I have often heard it said that “April is the cruelest month” and reading Mrs. Traill’s words certainly does nothing to assuage the fact that it is a true statement. In recent weeks I have watched with anticipation as the early spring plants have poked up through the soil in the Hutchison House gardens. With each passing day their progress is duly noted and appreciated by all who wish to see the end of winter.

March at the museum was fairly busy this year. In addition to the Heritage Luncheon at the beginning of the month we also hosted four March break programs, a child’s birthday party, a group luncheon for the Probus Club of Trent Hills, and a film shoot in the keeping room. If you throw in an early Easter weekend, the month virtually flew by. I must admit that Erin Panepinto, with the aid of several volunteers who helped out with events, pretty much ran the show from the middle of February until the end of March, since I unfortunately had broken my right wrist on February 13th. Thanks gang for seeing us through the rough patch!



On a sad note, one of our earliest volunteers at Hutchison House passed away on March 13, 2016. Many members of the Historical Society will remember Una Outram. Una was a very involved volunteer with the house beginning as early as 1976 (the museum opened in 1978). In fact, Una was an avid gardener and was the Chair of the Hutchison House Garden Restoration Committee for many years. The first meeting of the committee was held at Una’s home on a September afternoon in 1976. Una continued to volunteer at the museum well into the 1990s. We are very grateful to her husband Robert and their children Lynann, Sue, Rob and Elizabeth for requesting donations in her memory be made to the Art Gallery of Peterborough and Hutchison House Museum, two of Una’s favourite places.

Gale Fewings

March Break 2016



Violet



Cori and Danica



Linda and Cori



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The Rosetta Project –Trapping Ions on Comets Dr. Ray March Keynote Speaker at AGM

AGM keynote speaker, Dr. Ray March presented an interesting and scientific presentation about the Rosetta Project – a robotic probe that successfully landed on a comet in 2014, after travelling more than 6.4 billion kilometres in space for over 10 years. He played a key role in designing Rosetta's lander, Philae, that was deployed from the spacecraft to make the first controlled probe of a comet. This device has been used to collect data from the comet through a technique called mass Spectrometry.

The project is ground-breaking and history-in-the-making because it will provide information about the surface of the comet which is believed to be around 4,600 years old and may explain the origins of the solar system. The purpose of the probe was to study stable isotopes on the comet in order to gain a better understanding of how the earth was formed.

The probe landed on comet 67P, which is a duck- shaped comet leading scientists to believe that two comets had collided to form one misshapen comet. The surface of the comet was mainly ice which was covered by a dirty dust. 67P is about 10 million km long. The comet travels at 60,000 km per hour. It is 3 ½ times the distance from earth as the earth is from the sun. After more than 10 years of travel, the probe landed November 12, 2014. Landing was tricky to manoeuvre, since it was over 350 million kilometers away and the landing plan had been done 10 years before. The probe did hit a soft piece of ice and slipped sideways but then stabilized. Before the solar batteries died, it was able to send over 80% of its planned scientific data. Each data transmission took about 27 minutes to travel to earth. The final regular transmission was received November 15, 2015. But it did continue to transmit data intermittently until July 9, 2015. As the comet continues to travel further away from the sun, there is little hope of more transmissions.

Meanwhile the work continues in the lab. A lab set up with similar conditions to the comet is being used to test and interpret the data. Stay tuned, while the comet may be silent now, the information it provided is still educating scientists from around the world, including those at Trent University.

Marilyn MacNaughton

