



UPCOMING EVENTS

**PHS Monthly Lecture
NOTE LOCATION and
DAY**

The Parlour
Trinity United Church

Wednesday, September 21
Speaker Blair Mackenzie
The Fairbairn Family

Wednesday, October 19
Speaker Fred Rapson
Camp Panaka

Wednesday, November 16
Speaker Lois Tuffin
Journalism in Peterbor-
ough

Wednesday, September 28
Bus trip to Bobcaygeon

**Hutchison House
Fall Plant and Yard Sale at
Hutchison House
Saturday September 17**

**Heritage Luncheon
October 5,
12:00 and 1:30 p.m.
Cost \$15.00
Advance tickets
required**

**Haunted Hallowe'en
Hutchison House
October 29**

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REMINDER OF LOCATION FOR MEETINGS. This year, while the Library is closed, the Historical Society will continue to hold its monthly meetings on the **3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in The Parlour, Trinity United Church** (entrance off parking lot on Reid Street).

**Blair MacKenzie to give presentation
on the Fairbairn family of Peterborough
on Wednesday September 21
at the Parlour, Trinity United Church**

Often we pay little heed to the names of streets we cross each day. Our speaker for September's talk will take us through the history of the Fairbairn family and its connection to Peterborough and Stoney Lake.

Blair Mackenzie, a Fairbairn descendent, and his wife, Kathleen, retired to Lakefield a few years ago and have become members of the Peterborough Symphony, both playing the viola. Blair spent thirty-five years practicing law primarily as a general counsel in the Canadian newspaper and communications industry. He has also left a record of active community service as a volunteer.

A few years ago Blair unearthed a collection of glass plate negatives which represent a fascinating view of summer life more than a hundred years ago. He and Kathleen are active in the preservation of nearby lakes and shorelines, as well as of their history. Blair will discuss the interesting three men who came to own Juniper Island which is the king-pin of all the activity that spread out around Stoney Lake. The Fairbairn family is a major part of this history.



**ALL ABOARD FOR BOBCAYGEON
Mossom Boyd "LUMBER KING OF THE KAWARTHAS"**

The Peterborough Historical Society annual bus tour will visit the historic community of Bobcaygeon. The home of the first lock on the Trent-Severn Waterway and residence of Mossom Boyd, the Lumber King of the Kawarthas along with site of Settlers Village and the recently acquired property of the Kawartha Land Trust, Boyd Island – it has much to offer our members. The tour will take place **Wednesday 28 September**. A coach will meet at the Riverview Park and Zoo parking lot at 8:30 (free parking available) and travel to Bobcaygeon for a tour of Settlers Village where a lunch will be served. After lunch, there are optional tours of either the Boyd Heritage Museum or a trip out to explore Boyd Island. On the return trip to Peterborough, we will stop at the Kawartha Winery for free tasting and tour of the wine making facilities before arriving at the Riverview parking lot around 5:15. The cost is \$60 per ticket which includes lunch and all admissions. The trip promises to be an informative and enjoyable outing and may, if the weather co-operates, feature the fall splendor of colour. Space is limited. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the PHS office (order at (705) 740-2600), and can be picked up at Hutchison House, 270 Brock Street.



From the President

.As another summer fades into the past, and people go back to work, or to school, or to their busy “winter” lives, I hope you will have time to actively support heritage causes in the Peterborough area – especially the Peterborough Historical Society and Hutchison House Museum. There are many ways and opportunities to do this: guides and interpreters (especially for school programs, bus tours, and special events) are welcome at Hutchison House, as well as helpers with the myriad number of other tasks that make an historic site run smoothly; the Society’s Board of Directors can always use extra hands and ideas to run the monthly meetings, contribute to the *Bulletin*, and to organize events and fundraisers. These are not onerous tasks, especially when a good-sized group of people are involved, but is a great chance to have fun with old friends – and to meet new friends.

If you have a particular talent or interest, please give a thought (or a call) about putting it to use for the PHS, Hutchison House, or any heritage group/site you wish. It is not a competition, but a collaboration – what benefits one usually helps the heritage community as a whole. Try it, I’ll bet you will enjoy it!

Don Willcock

Farewell to Barbara McIntosh

Barbara McIntosh recently moved to Bellville, Ontario and we wish her the very best in her new home. Barbara was an integral member of the Peterborough Historical Society -- Hutchison House Museum volunteer team since she arrived in Peterborough several years ago. During her time with us Barb was President of the Board of Directors of the Peterborough Historical Society, Chair of the Hutchison House Management Committee, and a member of several of the museum’s committees; including the Management Committee, Garden Committee, Accessibility Committee, and Fundraising & Grants Committee.

Barb was always on the lookout for opportunities for the museum, whether it was help funding projects, raising awareness, or looking for solutions for the ongoing challenges of operating Hutchison House Museum. She was a most dependable and valuable volunteer who always followed through on a project until its completion and we are exceedingly grateful to her for giving so much of herself to the Peterborough Historical Society.

At a farewell gathering at Hutchison House in July some of our members had an opportunity to say goodbye in person. Best of luck Barbara, we’re sure that you will have a very positive affect on your new community as well!

Gale Fewings



Summer at Hutchison House

Hearth Cooking



Prep for Victorian tea
Loretta Linda Carol



Keeping Room Chores



From the Curator

Even with seemingly endless scorching heat and drought conditions we were very busy with Scottish Teas this summer. Rarely a day went by when we didn't have at least a dozen visitors at the museum. Often the numbers were much higher than that and given the 30+ degrees most days it is truly amazing. If it weren't for our terrific summer students Brittany, Monica, Calla and Farah as well as the troupe of young volunteers it would have been very difficult to cope indeed. The daily roster was filled by our ever faithful adult volunteers too. Thanks everybody!

Like many other folks in the Peterborough area our lawns and gardens didn't fare very well despite the valiant efforts of Edith Butler and her gardeners. Hopefully the majority of plants will recover once the weather turns to more seasonal norms.

Hutchison House will host a **Fall Plant & Yard Sale** in September. **The date is now set for Saturday, Note the date is changed to Saturday, September 17** and will run from 9:00 till 11:00 am. We would greatly appreciate donations of perennials, house plants and or household items for this important fundraiser. The success of the event will depend on the items available for sale, so please consider us when digging in your own garden or clearing out your cupboards. Plants and other items can be delivered to the museum between September 13 and 15 as we will be sorting and pricing on Friday, September 16 in preparation for the sale on Saturday.

On a sad note we lost two of our museum family this past summer. Norman Savage's wife Muriel passed away on June 26. Muriel wasn't as active in her volunteer activities at Hutchison House as Norman, although she certainly helped out when called upon. In fact, Norman tells me that it was Muriel who suggested that due to his keen interest in history he might like to get involved with the museum. That was over 20 years ago and Norman has been working with us ever since!

Barbara Glaum another of our dear friends died on July 23. Barbara was one of those people you loved to meet. There was something about her that put everyone at ease. She was always so kind and thoughtful. I really enjoyed working with her at the House and in the years when she no longer volunteered on a regular basis she was so happy to be able to still come and enjoy her time here with us.

All in all I guess one could say that we made it through the summer of 2016 more or less intact. The sun shone down, many people visited our 180 year old house, the children were charming and luckily it did not rain every day (although it certainly could have rained a little more often).

Gale Fewings



Brittany, Monica, Calla



Farah, Audrey, Elizabeth



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June tour at Peterborough Museum and Archives

The monthly meeting of the PHS in June took place at the Peterborough Museum and Archives, following which Jon Oldham of the PMA explained the history, planning and extent of the new PMA expansion and renovations. The original building, a centennial project of 1967, very soon underwent its first expansion from 1977 to 1979 to provide space for its growing archival collection. By the 1990s even this space was proving inadequate to accommodate acquisitions over the next two decades, including important collections, among which the Roy Studio photographs, the Legion collection, and the Civic Hospital collection. Between 2009 and 2012 the museum undertook several upgrades that improved accessibility, modernized systems, replaced the roof, and renewed the landscaping. By then, the crisis of space, which endangered the conservation of artefacts and documents, could no longer be ignored, and the City approved the recent expansion and renovations. The project involved the renovation of 3000 square feet on the lower level of the existing building, and the construction of a new building with storage and work space of 9000 square feet. The budget was \$3.3 million, of which the City provided \$2.8 million and Heritage Canada \$380,000. The local firms of Lett Architects and Mortlock Construction undertook the work, with p2i Strategies of Milton managing the project. Following his talk Jon Oldham, assisted by Allison Hayes and Susan McBride, led a tour of the stunning new facilities. The City has provided an essential resource for the community, ensuring the preservation and conservation of, and effective access to, the cultural and historical records by which we may all be educated better about our past.

Dale Standen



PMA Curatorial
Centre Fall 2015



PMC Lower Level
Spring 2015



Artifact Storage
PMA Summer 2016