



UPCOMING EVENTS

**PHS Monthly Lecture
NOTE LOCATION and
DAY**

The Parlour
Trinity United Church

Wednesday, January 18
Speaker Graham Hart
Graham Hart's Peterbor-
ough
at 7:30 pm

Heritage Luncheon
February 1, March 1
12:00 and 1:30 p.m.
Cost \$15.00
Advance tickets
required

Snofest
Tuesday, January 10, 2017
2 and 3 pm. Advance
Tickets

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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).

**Graham Hart's Peterborough
on Wednesday January 18, 2017
at the Parlour Trinity United Church**

Graham Hart, a well-known television journal-
ist in Peterborough, is a Producer and Anchor at
CHEX TV. Graham's contributions to the community
were recognized in 2015 with the most prestigious civic
honour, the Lifetime Achievement Award. Over the
years he has demonstrated a keen interest in local his-
tory, often with an eye for the humour in past behav-
iour and events.



From the President

How many of you remember what you were doing in January 1967? I don't exactly, but I do remember the air of excitement which infused the beginning of Canada's Centennial Year – excitement and anticipation that would build in the early months of that year, until the opening of the 1967 International and Universal Exposition, better known as Expo '67, in Montreal at the end of April. It ran through until October and was a tremendous opportunity to showcase the resources, skills, products, and technology of Canada and Canadians – and show off we did. What a birthday party! It certainly gave our young country a sense of eager anticipation for a bright future.

Fifty years later, though, we seem to live in a darker and grimmer place. It is my hope that the celebrations planned for Canada's 150th birthday, although nowhere near the scale of those in 1967, will help to lighten the gloom of a world torn apart by strife and beset by environmental and social threats. Peterborough will have official community celebrations around the Canada Day weekend, but there are also area groups and organizations planning their own Sesquicentennial events throughout 2017. Please consider helping out with some of these happenings, as nothing will run without volunteers and community participation – and it can be a great deal of fun.

Additionally, 2017 is a year of special local anniversaries: the 50th birthdays of the Peterborough Museum & Archives, Lang Pioneer Village, and Little Lake's Centennial Fountain (all Centennial projects for 1967); the Canadian Canoe Museum marks its 20th year of operation; and Hutchison House (built in 1837) turns 180 years old this year. At this rate, 2017 could be the year of quite a few parties!

Don Willcock

Annual Heritage Awards

Each year the Peterborough Historical Society recognizes the contributions and efforts made by community members in exploring, celebrating and preserving the rich cultural and architectural history of the Peterborough area. Recipients must be residents of the City of Peterborough or Peterborough County. Nominations will be considered for accomplishments or projects completed in the past three years.

There are six award categories:

The Samuel Armour Award recognizes the development and/or delivery of programs, activities or curriculum based local history material that engages students in exploring the diverse history of the region.

The J. Hampden Burnham Award recognizes the completion and presentation of a major project in any media such as a painting, video, web design, newspaper articles, etc that promotes awareness of the history of the region.

The George Cox Award recognizes the sympathetic redesign or sensitive new construction that respects the existing character of significant cultural resources, such as buildings, cultural landscapes, period gardens or the preservation of manuscripts, photographic collections, etc.

The F.H. Dobbin Award recognizes the publication of a major work, either fiction or non-fiction that focuses on Peterborough's past.

The Martha Kidd Award is a new award (2013) that honours the memory of Martha Kidd and recognizes outstanding work in the preservation of our region's built heritage.

The Charlotte Nicholls Award recognizes a substantial donation either financial or in kind services towards the commemoration of a historic structure, artifact, cultural landscape, etc.

If you are interested in nominating someone for an award, you can download and fill out an awards nomination form on the PHS website [<http://www.peterboroughhistoricalsociety.ca/awards.php>] or pick up a printed form at the PHS office at 270 Brock Street.



A Christmas Carol in the Keeping Room

Carol, Jen, Loretta, Linda and Doreen

From the Curator

Christmas season is always a busy time at Hutchison House. It was a treat to see all of the children coming through for the ever popular 19th century Christmas. In December 360 children took part in the programs.

The annual Volunteers' Festive Sale at the end of November was another great success. The volunteers raised just over \$3,000 for Hutchison House through the sale of Empire cheese, baked goods, jams, jellies and preserves, pies, and Christmas items. The 'Kids Zone' brought in a few dollars and some children did phone Santa and his helper Sparky. We hope next year this addition to our sale will become a popular attraction. Thank you everyone who helped with the sale, donated to the cause, and/or came out to shop.

Fans of Charles Dickens enjoyed "A Christmas Carol" in the Keeping Room by Firelight Sunday, December 11 at 2:00 pm. The planning and hosting of this special event was developed by volunteers Loretta Terry, Linda Chandler, and Carol Marsland. Participants listened to a recording of the 1939 Campbell Soup radio show, were entertained by two lovely carolers and savoured some luscious desserts made for the occasion by our hosts. I'm told that everyone who attended enjoyed the afternoon very much.

By the time everyone reads this Bulletin we will have already turned the page on a new year. I promise to give a report on the highlights of Hogmanay 2017 in the February edition. However, we do have an event coming up in early January that I would like everyone to know about. For the past nine years the museum has taken part in Snofest Peterborough. On January 10th Hutchison House will again host a Fireside Tea & Dessert in the keeping room. We are now taking reservations for this event. The cost is \$5 per person, with 2 sitting times at 2pm. and 3pm. Advance tickets are required.

The Heritage Luncheons will begin again on Wednesday, 7 February. Our seasonal menu promises to dispel your mid-winter blahs and post-Christmas humdrums. Luncheons will also be held on March 7, April 4, May 2 and June 6. For more information please call the office for details and to book tickets at 743-9710. The cost for luncheons is \$15 per person.

Thank you very much to Erin Panepinto and the wonderful museum volunteers for so ably keeping up with the pace. It takes the whole team to make these events happen and we've got one of the best teams in town. We really couldn't do it without you!

Best wishes for the New Year!

Gale Fewings



A Christmas Carol in the Keeping Room
Jenny and Julie



Marilyn and Dorothy



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History in the Making

Editor-in-chief and community leader, Lois Tuffin spoke to the Peterborough Historical Society at the November meeting. A graduate from the Carleton University Journalism program with a specialty in municipal reporting, Ms. Tuffin is only one of three from her graduating class of 100 students still working in the newspaper field. She was always interested in working in smaller communities and moved from Almonte to Peterborough in 1998 to work on Peterborough This Week. She described the changes in the journalism field, where nearly half the readership gets its news online. Technology enables the paper to track what stories are being read and how long people are spending on particular stories. The business model for Peterborough This Week, which relies on advertising rather than subscription revenue to sustain the costs of newsprint, printing, distribution and salaries has a stronger chance of survival in the face of changing readership patterns. Ms. Tuffin described some of the more interesting stories she has covered such as the great flood when she walked to work in her husband's hip waders and managed to get out a special 72 page edition. Most recently, she was in New York City "on holidays" during the American election and managed to get some interviews at Trump Tower. Ms. Tuffin took a number of questions from the audience, who were interested in her views of current issues. When asked about her thoughts on the recent news that police have been spying on Quebec journalists, she replied that the press has an obligation to ask the tough questions of not only politicians but all leaders of public institutions, and that making information public is a sacred responsibility of the "fifth estate." While information may be readily available on the internet, as a member of the press she takes pride in striving to ensure the information presented is accurate, balanced and thought provoking, something that was sadly lacking during the recent American elections. Newspapers form an invaluable source for historians and she assured the audience that steps are taken to ensure copies of Peterborough This Week are micro-filmed and deposited at the National Archives in Ottawa. Vice Chair Dale Standen thanked the speaker and Kathy Hooke presented her with tickets for the heritage lunch at Hutchison House Museum as a token of our appreciation for her informative and thoughtful presentation.

Dennis Carter Edwards

