



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**PHS AGM & Dinner**  
Tuesday March 21  
Princess Gardens Atrium  
5:30 to 9:00 pm

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

**Steve Guthrie's view of Peterborough from behind the camera at the Annual General Meeting & Dinner at the Princess Gardens Atrium on March 21**

Steve Guthrie, a videographer for thirty years with CHEX TV, will be the guest speaker at the Peterborough Historical Society's Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 21 March, Princess Gardens Atrium. Mr. Guthrie has a special interest in military history and has competed internationally in the specialty art of military miniatures. From his vantage point behind the camera, he has a distinct view of Peterborough's recent history, some of which he will share with his audience.



PHS Annual General Meeting & Dinner

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Guest Speaker: Steve Guthrie  
Speaking on  
Peterborough from behind the camera

Princess Gardens  
PHS Business Meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
Cash Bar: 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner 7:00 p.m.

PHS Heritage Awards will be presented after dinner

\$40.00 for Members    \$45.00 for non-members  
The dinner is open to the public  
Tickets are available at PHS office



## From the President .....

This month's Annual General Meeting will mark the half-way point of my term as PHS President. Now seems a good time to express gratitude to some talented and inspiring people.

Thanks to my fellow Board members for their hard work running the many aspects of the Society. Thanks to Gale and Erin, and to the Hutchison House Management Committee for their dedication and expertise operating the House. Thank you to the Hutchison House volunteer corps for all the tasks they take on – without you our museum would not be the destination that it is for school classes, bus tours, and general visitors. Thanks to our low-profile PHS/HH bookkeeper, Diane Ostrom, who keeps track of our joint financial matters in such a capable manner.

Last, but certainly not least, thank you to all PHS members and friends for all your continuing support and encouragement. The Board and Hutchison House know that we can always depend on you to step up to the plate if something is needed for the Society and/or the museum, and it is much appreciated.

**Don Willcock**

## The Kawartha Spirit Lives On

Randy Hinton, former captain of the cruise ship *Kawartha Spirit* - once a prominent fixture on the Kawartha Lakes, - took the audience at the PHS monthly meeting on a sentimental final journey from Bobcaygeon to Halifax. Built in Wheatly, Ontario in 1964 as the *Miss Muskoka*, the vessel ferried visitors to Expo 67 site in Montreal before being sold to a Buffalo company for sight-seeing trips to Niagara Falls. Captain Hinton purchased the *Miss Buffalo* as it was then called in 2002, refurbished it and renamed it *Kawartha Spirit* in homage to the First Nations presence in the Kawarthas. Last year, Hinton sold the ship to Ambassador Tours, a company based in Halifax that planned to use the ship for whale watching expeditions. As part of the deal, Hinton arranged to deliver the vessel to the dock in Halifax and thus, the last sentimental journey along the Trent Severn Waterway, across Lake Ontario to Oswego and then through a series of about 30 locks through the Oswego and Erie Canal systems to the Hudson River, out through New York City harbour and on to Halifax. Hinton's illustrated talk highlighted many of the challenges they faced on their 22 day voyage. The most difficult encounter was at the numerous American locks which were only 21 feet wide for a vessel 20 feet 6 inches wide. There were many similar tight squeezes under bridges but the vessel made it through them all. While the weather was idyllic for much of the trip, there were occasional foggy days and tricky tides that made sailing treacherous and a strong storm up the east coast of the U.S. made for difficult sailing conditions. Managing nature's challenges were only one of the many headaches the captain and crew had to face. Homeland Security in the United States was an overbearing presence. While docked at New York City, the uniformed and armed patrol swooped on board and demanded the log for all his call-ins at each place they set down mooring ropes. Unaware of this requirement, Hinton was faced with a \$5,000.00 U.S. fine for non compliance. He managed to talk his way out with a strict promise to call in at every stop for the rest of the voyage. It was a bittersweet moment for Randy, his wife Susanne and their crew as they handed over the vessel to the new owners when they docked at Halifax, knowing an important piece of Kawartha history had passed from the scene.

**Dennis Carter-Edwards**



Susanne Hinton, Randy Hinton, Kathy Hooke

## From the Curator .....

As you watch the month of February ease into the month of March, consider this excerpt from Catharine Parr Traill's "The Canadian Settler's Guide" (1855).

"MARCH: The early part of March often resembles February, with this difference, the longer days cause a relaxation of the severe cold during the sunshining [sic] hours; the very surface of the snow thaws, patches of bare earth begin to appear towards the middle of the month; the weak but pleasant note of the little song sparrow and the neat snow sparrow in its quaker-like [sic] plumage may be heard and seen as they flit to and fro, picking the seeds of the rough green amaranth and tall woolly-stalked mullien [sic] which stand faded and dry in the garden patch or on the road side. The equinox is often attended with rough gales and snow storms: these past, the sun begins to melt off the snow, and a feeling of coming spring is experienced in the soft airs, and a look of life in the bark and birds. The rising of the sap is felt in the forest trees; frosty nights and sunny days call forth the activity of the settlers in the woods; sugar making is now at hand, and all is bustle and life in the shanty."

I've been thinking lately about what it takes to make a house a home. When the Hutchison's moved into their new stone house on Brock Street in February 1837 they must have been very excited. By all accounts, it was certainly a step up in living arrangements. It must have seemed quite roomy compared to their previous home on Sherbrooke Street.

I wonder when the walls first rang with the sound of laughter or gently absorbed the soft muffle of tears. One hundred and eighty years have gone by since the Hutchison's first took up residence. Since that time, the house has had many inhabitants. People have come and gone. Some were born here, some died here, others just moved on.

Of course, we all know that it is the people who live in a house that make it a home. And, while no one has actually lived at Hutchison House for many years now, it still feels like a home. That is due to the number of people who still love the house. The ones who nurture it and care for it. The ones who volunteer to be a part of it and the ones who choose to make it a destination. In celebration of the 180th anniversary of the house we should be saying to each and every person who enters "welcome home".

Please consider becoming a 'Friend' of Hutchison House. With the help of our friends we will continue to share, teach and inspire for many years to come! For information on our coming events please visit our website at [www.hutchisonhouse.ca](http://www.hutchisonhouse.ca)

Gale Fewings



Hutchison House  
St. Valentines Afternoon Tea





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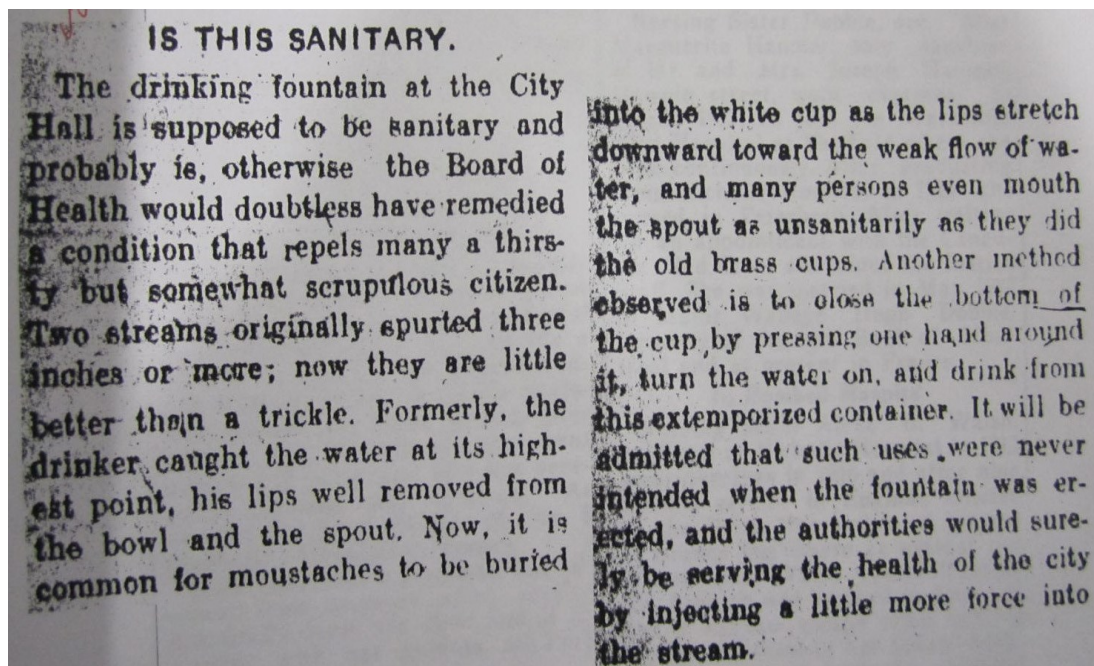
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### Voices from Peterborough's Past

A hundred years ago, public health and sanitation were increasing concerns among physicians, nurses and others in the community. The local Board of Health dealt with many issues, major and minor, which were often reported in the newspapers. An example is the following graphic account from the Peterborough Examiner of 14 August 1918.



### Peterborough Canadian Irish Club

Since 1975 the Peterborough Canadian Irish Club has been an important, but rather little known, factor in the life of Peterborough. As the name implies it's Irish, very definitely Canadian and with its roots planted deep in the soil of Peterborough and area.

Of course March 17th is always well advertised and celebrations abound but then either from exhaustion or too much celebration Irishness sort of fades away until the next year. In Peterborough, however, this club has and continues to provide activities, information, events throughout the year. Club events --entering floats in St.Pat's parade and Canada Day; Commemoration of Irish settlement in Crary Park in Sept; Fun Day & Picnic; recent Vigil of Quaker Fire, publishes quarterly magazine, etc

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO  
St Patrick Day Breakfast held at Douro Community Hall  
Friday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 9-11 am

St Patrick's celebration of entertainment, music, dancing and food to be held Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup>, Parkway Banquet Hall 1135 Lansdowne St W., 5 pm to midnight. Light dinner and dance \$25.00; Dance only \$15.00. For tickets : Shelley 742-0987; Mary 742-8417.

Memberships are Single \$10.00; Family \$20.00. at P.O.Box 1325 Peterborough K9J 7H5.