



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**PHS Bus Tour.**  
**Thursday September 28**

**PHS Monthly Lecture**  
**at 7:30 pm**  
**Tuesday September 19**  
**Speaker**  
**Joan Sangster**

**Tuesday October 17**  
**Speaker**  
**Dale Standen**

**Tuesday November 21**  
**Speaker**  
**Heather Caldwell**

**REMINDER OF LOCATION OF MEETINGS.** The day and location of the PHS monthly meetings in the fall will change back to **the third Tuesday of the month**, as it was before the Library closed for renovations. Because the Library will not reopen until later in the fall, our meetings for at least September and October will be in **the Lion's Centre, 347 Burnham Street**, at the usual time, 7:30 p.m. The Lion's Centre has parking on site, and is wheelchair accessible.

**"A Century of Women's Suffrage:  
Commemorations, Myths and Canadian History."  
Tuesday, 19 September,  
The Lion's Centre, 347 Burnham Street,  
7:30 p.m.**

A hundred years ago, over a period of a few years, women in Canada won the vote federally and in most provinces. Professor Joan Sangster, Vanier Professor at Trent University, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, and past President of the Canadian Historical Association, is superbly qualified to reflect on the consequences of this historic revolution. Professor Sangster has published extensively on women's working class history, including in Peterborough, on Indigenous women's history, and on many other aspects of North American women's history.



## ANNUAL BUS TOUR

Get your tickets to this Peterborough Historical Society fundraiser, **Thursday, 28 September!** We will visit two significant museums and stop at the Empire Cheese Factory for a reception and opportunity to buy some cheese. The **Glanmore National Historic Site** in Belleville has undergone recent restoration, and PHS past President Barbara McIntosh will give us a personalized guided tour. **Farmtown Park** in Stirling, operated by the Hastings County Museum of Agricultural Heritage, is a living history museum with a rich collection of farm artifacts. **See the attached poster for details of the itinerary and purchase of tickets!**

## From The President .....

Another summer is behind us and things are gearing up for the PHS. As noted elsewhere, our monthly meetings will resume in September – reverting back to the third Tuesday of each month, but in a different temporary location until the Public Library is once more available to us.

One of the challenges your PHS Board is currently tackling is how to grow the Society's membership, which is critical for maintaining the Society's projects and Hutchison House Museum in the future. We are examining several ideas and welcome suggestions and assistance of current PHS members.

If you have friends, relatives or acquaintances with an interest in this area's history please encourage them to join the PHS. Bring them to a public meeting, our September bus trip, and/or to Hutchison House for an event or tour. The personal touch is the best way to introduce something – be it a product or a PHS membership – and if everyone brings only one new member on board that will double our membership!

I hope that members, new or long-time, will continue to find the PHS to be a fun and informative organization.

**Don Willcock**

Children in Hutchison House summer programs with dream catchers and teddy bears



PHS President Don Willcock with Norm Savage receiving visitors at a Peach Tea



Bob and Betty Hinton enjoying a Peach Tea



## Hutchison House Report

With each passing day the summer season is quickly diminishing. All too soon it will come to an end and autumn, in all her glory, will once more be upon us. I do look forward to the changing of the seasons, but the end of summer is a bittersweet time at Hutchison House. It means the end of the daily hustle and bustle of Scottish teas. The summer staff, who have gelled into one fabulous team, will each go their separate ways. The house will seem empty without the ringing voices and youthful exuberance of the junior volunteers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our three summer students, Farah Bubteina, Shelby Amodeo, and Skylar Gibeault for all of their hard work and dedication throughout the summer months. It has been a pleasure working with them and we wish them well in their future endeavours.

It has been a good summer for our programs and events, which were well attended. Volunteers, of all ages, stepped up to the plate to share our stories with visitors from around the globe or to peel peaches and help prepare for our annual Peach Tea.

Sadly, on 9 August we lost a dear friend and long- time Hutchison House supporter who literally put his best foot forward on our behalf year after year. John David "Iain" Steele graciously ushered in the New Year as First Footer at our annual Hogmanay celebration for the better part of two decades. Many members of the Peterborough Historical Society will remember Iain who also helped organize readers for Scottish Heritage Day and a Robbie Burns evening that were hosted by the museum from time to time as well.

It seems fitting to quote from Burns in remembrance and Norman Savage kindly helped me choose a verse from the "Farewell Song to the Banks of Ayr." It was a work that Iain often quoted.

The Autumn mourns her rip'ning corn  
By early Winter's ravage torn;  
Across her placid, azure sky,  
She sees the scowling tempest fly:  
Chill runs my blood to hear it rave;  
I think upon the stormy wave,  
Where many a danger I must dare,  
Far from the bonie banks of Ayr.

Iain was indeed a fine gentleman, elegant in stature, eloquent in speech. He will be dearly missed by all. We offer our deepest sympathy to his wife, Reenie, daughters Julie and Wendy and their families.

Now Erin and I must turn our attention to the fall season when we will once again offer monthly luncheons, host school programs and events, and continue with our quest to keep this old house sound and welcoming.

**Gale Fewings**



Iain Steele First Footing at Hogamany 2012, will be sadly missed



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## Voices from Peterborough's Past

**MAY ESTABLISH CLINIC IN CITY FOR  
THE TREATMENT OF PRIVATE DISEASES**

**Proposition Submitted by Medical Health Officer is Considered  
at Meeting of Health Board This Morning—Special  
Meeting to Decide.**

Peterborough Review 1920

“Private diseases” was the headline euphemism for venereal diseases in April 1920 when the following story appeared in the *Peterborough Review*. The issue of venereal disease occupied the Board of Health much more frequently with the return of soldiers following the end of the Great War.

“If the recommendation of Dr. MacPherson, M.O.H. (Medical Officer of Health), is accepted at the special meeting of the Board of Health to be called shortly for the purpose of considering it, a clinic will be established in the City of Peterborough for the treatment of venereal diseases, in co-operation with the work of the federal Department of Health. Besides the M.O.H., it is reported that the doctors of the city are unanimously of the opinion that such a step would be in the best interests of the public health.... When the matter came up for consideration ... the opinion was expressed by the different members of the board that there were far more of such diseases in the city than the people were generally aware of, and that if the expense should not prove to be too great a burden on the taxpayer, the clinic should be established. It was suggested that the vacant rooms above the city offices could be put to good purpose in this connection with very little expense.”

With a downtown location for the VD clinic above the city offices, patients could find it challenging to keep their afflictions “private.”

**Dale Standen**