



UPCOMING EVENTS

**PHS Monthly Lecture
at 7:30 pm**

**Tuesday, 16 January:
Panel Discussion, "Book
Selling and Book Read-
ing: More or Less?"**

**Tuesday, 20 February
Heritage in the Age of
Climate Change
Speaker Erik Hanson**

**Tuesday, 9 January 2018,
Snofest event
Fireside Tea & Dessert
1 pm. and 2 pm
Tickets \$5.00**

**Heritage Luncheon
February 7, March 7
12:00 and 1:30 p.m.
Cost \$15.00
Advance tickets
required**

REVISED NOTICE OF DAY AND LOCATION OF MEETINGS: The day of the PHS monthly meeting is the **third Tuesday of the month**, and the time is **7:30 p.m.** Note that **both the January and February meetings will be in the Lion's Centre, 347 Burnham Street.** The March meeting will be the Annual General Meeting, time and location TBA. **The April and May meetings will return to the newly-renovated Peterborough Public Library.** The location and time of each meeting will be confirmed in the prior *Bulletin* and on the website.



BOOK SELLING AND BOOK READING IN THE DIGITAL AGE

**Tuesday, 16 January, 2018, The Lion's Centre,
347 Burnham Street,
7:30 p.m. (accessible, parking, free admission)
All welcome.**



The January public session of the Peterborough Historical Society will be a panel discussion to probe how or whether book selling, book reading, book-writing and book publishing are being altered fundamentally by the internet. Participants: **Mark Jokinen** (Jokinen Books); **Michelle Berry** (Hunter Street Books); **Jennifer Jones** (CEO, Peterborough Public Library); **Marisa Scigliano** (Trent University Librarian, Client Support and Technical Services). Moderator: **John Wadland**, Professor Emeritus of Canadian Studies, Trent University.

FOLLOWING WINTER AND SPRING SPEAKER SCHEDULE 2018

Tuesday, 20 February: Erik Hanson, "Heritage in the Age of Climate Change" Erik Hanson is Heritage Resources Coordinator for the City of Peterborough. **Lion's Centre, 347 Burnham Street, 7:30 p.m.**

Tuesday, 20 March: AGM Special Guest Speaker, "The Prime Minister Unbuttoned: How we Discovered Mackenzie King's Secret Life"). **Professor Christopher Dummitt**, School for the Study of Canada, Trent University. Professor Dummitt is author of several books and articles on 20th century Canadian history, most recently the acclaimed *Unbuttoned: A History of Mackenzie King's Secret Life* (2017). Location TBA

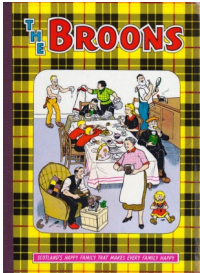
Tuesday, 17 April: Fred Gariepy, "Downtown Peterborough in the 1950s and 1960s: A Young Fellow's Perspective." Fred Gariepy is a life-long resident and practices law in Peterborough in the Alfred W. Gariepy Murphy Law Office. **Peterborough Public Library, 7:30 p.m.**

Tuesday, 15 May: Michael Peterman, "Title TBA." Michael Peterman is Emeritus Professor of English Literature, Trent University, and has authored numerous books and articles on Susanna Moodie, Catharine Parr Traill and other Peterborough writers. **Peterborough Public Library, 7:30 p.m.**

From the Editor

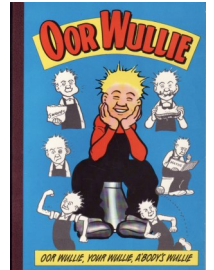
Happy New Year to PHS members and volunteers! Although different cultures may mark the beginning of the year on different dates, the custom of celebrating the new year is shared by people the world over and has ancient roots. Wishing for a future of happiness, health and prosperity understandably has universal appeal.

This issue of the *Bulletin* will reach you shortly after Hutchison House celebrated Hogmanay, the Scottish New Year, on 1 January. The origins of Hogmanay are likely an amalgam of pagan Viking and other heathen Yule celebrations of the winter solstice, characterized by much feasting over twelve days in late December and early January. For Scots, Hogmanay was, and for many remains, a more important festivity than Christmas, the latter becoming a holiday only in mid-twentieth century.



My introduction to Hogmanay was as the child of a Scottish mother whose cousins in Dunfermline annually at Christmas sent us the latest comic books of *Oor Wullie* and *The Broons*. Through them I learned of First-Footing - to be the first visitor after midnight on 31 December - and the importance of a First-Footer to be a tall, dark man, who usually brought a gift of a lump of coal. "Lang may yer lum reek" (long may your chimney smoke) is the appropriate wish of good luck for the future.

So, to all our readers, "lang may yer lum reek!"



Dale Standen

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 honours the memory of Martha Kidd, historian of architecture and of Peterborough's built heritage, 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.

Hutchison House Report

Gale Fewings



With the New Year's celebration behind us we now look forward to the coming year. Our very next event is merely days away. Once again we are proud to support Snofest Peterborough with a Fireside Tea & Dessert on Tuesday January 9. We are offering tea/coffee and sweet apple buckle dessert with whipped cream at 1 & 2 P.M. At present we are taking reservations for the event and seats are booking up quickly, so if you are interested in attending please contact the museum office at (705) 743-9710. If need be we will happily add a second sitting, however at present there is only one scheduled.

Of course the ever popular Heritage Luncheons return on the first Wednesday of the month beginning in February and running until June. The cost remains at \$15 per person for the time being, but if food prices keep rising we may have to increase our rates in future. Seating times are 12:00 P.M. and 1:30 P.M. and must be purchased in advance. To obtain more information or to purchase tickets please contact the museum office.

With regard to the youngsters in our community, Erin and I are in the process of developing some fun programs for children ages 6 to 12 for March Break. Look for more details on the Hutchison House website at www.hutchisonhouse.ca.

In closing, Happy New Year everybody, let's make it a great one!



"A Christmas Carol"
December 10, 2017





**PETERBOROUGH
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**

Phone: 705-740-2600
info@peterboroughhistoricalsociety.ca

**Hutchison House
Museum**

270 Brock Street
Peterborough Ontario
K9H 2P9

Phone 705-743-9710
info@hutchisonhouse.ca

Websites:
hutchisonhouse.ca

peterboroughhistoricalsociety.ca

The Bulletin
Editor: Dale Standen
Publisher: Marilyn
MacNaughton

Bulletin (ISSN 1484-5983)

Voices from Peterborough's Past



Pappas cigar store interior and National Archives Canada B-004541

Mike Pappas and the First Real Movie Theatre in Peterborough

Most people in Peterborough know about Dean Pappas, the city councillor and owner of Pappas Billiards on George Street. Less well known, perhaps, is Mehail Pappakeriazes, who arrived in Peterborough in 1905 and established a cigar store at 337-39 George Street. People around town were soon calling him "Mike Pappas." He was the first cousin of Dean Pappas's grandfather.

The Pappas store had more than cigars – it also had a "first-class pool room," with "new up-to-date tables," a shoe-shine parlour, and a shooting gallery. Less than a year after Pappas had set up his store, an *Examiner* writer noted that his "enterprise has been very marked since he arrived in the city." A couple of years later, a front-page newspaper ad promised "104,000 cigars in stock . . . the largest in any Canadian retail store."

In November 1906 Pappas moved the business across the street to 344 George Street (where Peterborough Square now is), occupying the site of the former Palace Restaurant. The newspaper reported it to be a "palatial" cigar store. The undated photo above shows the older 339 address written across the bottom of the counter, so the picture was probably taken shortly after he set up his business in the first location.

But that wasn't all. Some two years later, on 21 December 1908, Mike Pappas opened the Royal Theatre in a renovated space at 348 George Street. There had been other makeshift and tiny "storefront" motion picture theatres in town previously, but this was the first "real" theatre built especially for the movies. The Royal remained open, with a few interruptions in management and ownership, until 12 December 1925.

Robert Clarke