



UPCOMING EVENTS

Peterborough Historical Society Monthly Meetings

Tuesday, 18 September:
Erik Hanson,
**"Heritage in the Age of
Climate Change."**

Tuesday, 16 October:
Kevin Siena,
**"Jail Fever:
A History of
Typhus and Terror."**

Tuesday, 20 November:
Don Willcock,
**"Peterborough
Remembers Her Fallen:
The Citizens' War
Memorial."**

Welcome to the Historical Society's new season of public lectures, special activities, and Hutchison House Museum programs. Watch for notices in the monthly issues of the Bulletin.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: PETERBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETINGS. The monthly meetings and lectures are on the **third Tuesday of the month: September, October, November, January, February, March and May at 7:30 p.m., Lion's Community Centre, 347 Ashburnham Street.** Note that we are returning to the Lion's Centre for the 2018-2019 season.

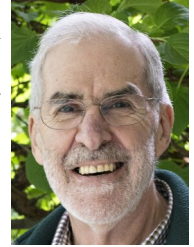
**Heritage in the Age of Climate Change
Tuesday, 18 September 2018,
Lion's Community Centre, 347 Burnham Street, 7:30 p.m.
All Welcome**

The movement to preserve our built heritage has changed dramatically over the last 50 years. Environmental issues have become a major consideration. Upcoming speaker **Erik Hanson**, Heritage Resources Coordinator for the City of Peterborough, states, "Cities, and the buildings which comprise them, account for more than 75% of the world's greenhouse gasses. That's the bad news. The good news is that building super-efficient new buildings doesn't help fix the problem: rehabilitating and repurposing old buildings does. As Carl Elephante, president of the American Institute of Architects says, 'the greenest building is one that's already built.'" Hanson will explain why heritage is the emerging champion in the race to zero net carbon and discuss what municipalities and the private sector can do to support the sustainable rehabilitation of existing buildings.



From the President ...

Dale Standen



In June, the Society received two invitations to participate in bicentennial celebrations of two events in 1818: the signing of Treaty 20 by the British Crown and by the Michi Saagig Nishnaabeg, and the arrival of the first settlers to the Peterborough area. Both events, of course, are linked. Without Treaty 20, British settlement on the Michi Saagig lands would have been illegal.

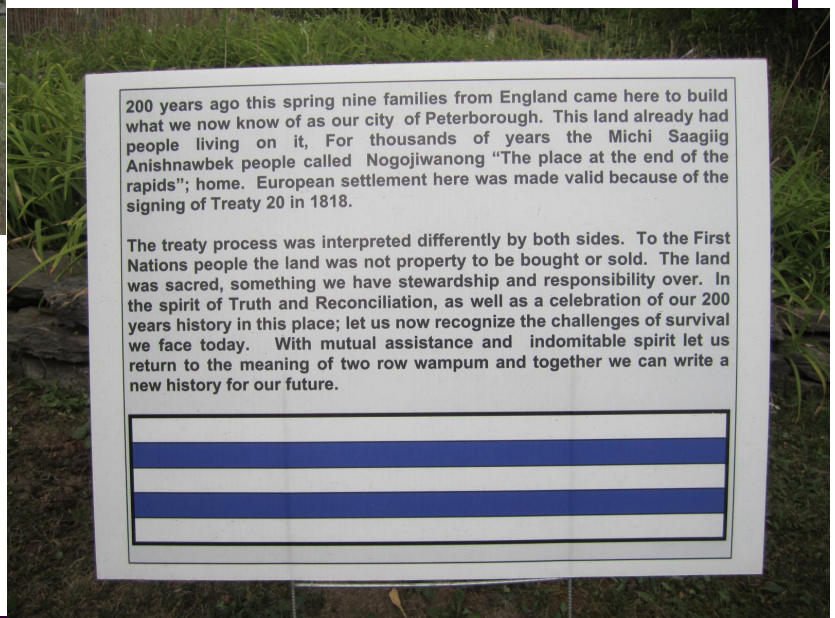
On behalf of the PHS, I accepted both invitations and was encouraged by the perspective on history taken in both celebrations. The first was organized by Aaron McFadden, a teacher at St. Alphonsus School, who took his grade 7 class to St. Anne School to join the students of teachers Catherine Corkery and Wendy Thomas. Following a brief ceremony at St. Anne's newly established and authorized Indigenous medicine wheel garden, Aaron, I and Elwood Jones of Trent Valley Archives briefly addressed the students on the significance of the two events of 1818 that were being celebrated. Aaron then led us all on a walk to Smith Town Hill on Park Hill Street where, beside the existing stone monument commemorating the arrival of the first Milburn settlers, he inserted a sign acknowledging and commemorating the long prior, and continuing, history of the Michi Saagig Nishnaabeg on these lands.

The second celebration was organized by Sheryl Smith of the Selwyn Municipal Heritage Committee to mark the 200th anniversary of the arrival of the Milburn Colony Settlers at Smith Town Hill. Gary Williams, a councilor of Curve Lake First Nation, gave a key address underscoring the unbroken history of the Michi Saagig Nishnaabeg and of the importance of the land for which they care, and which by Treaty 20 they agreed to share with the newcomer settlers.

Both of these ceremonies, organized independently of each other, point to a most important and encouraging reexamination of our local history to include the crucial Indigenous history that long preceded European settlement. It is especially encouraging to see teachers incorporating Indigenous history in their curriculum, and local heritage organizations looking beyond exclusively settler history to acknowledge the existence of a rich Indigenous history.



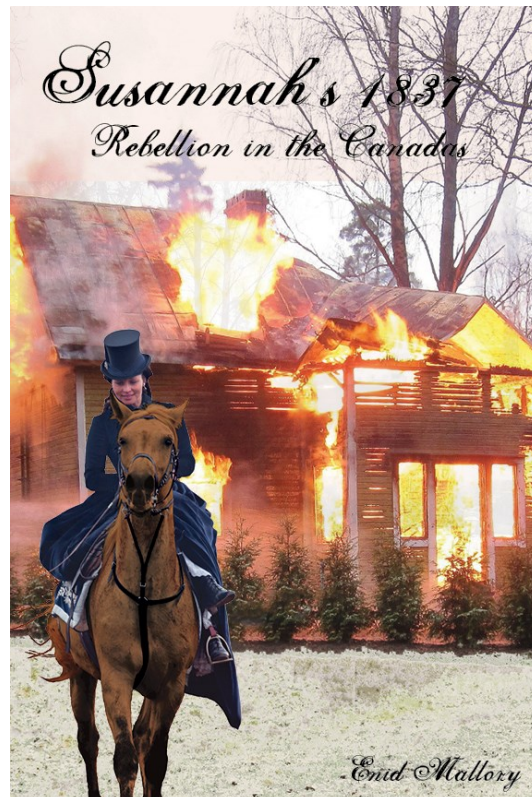
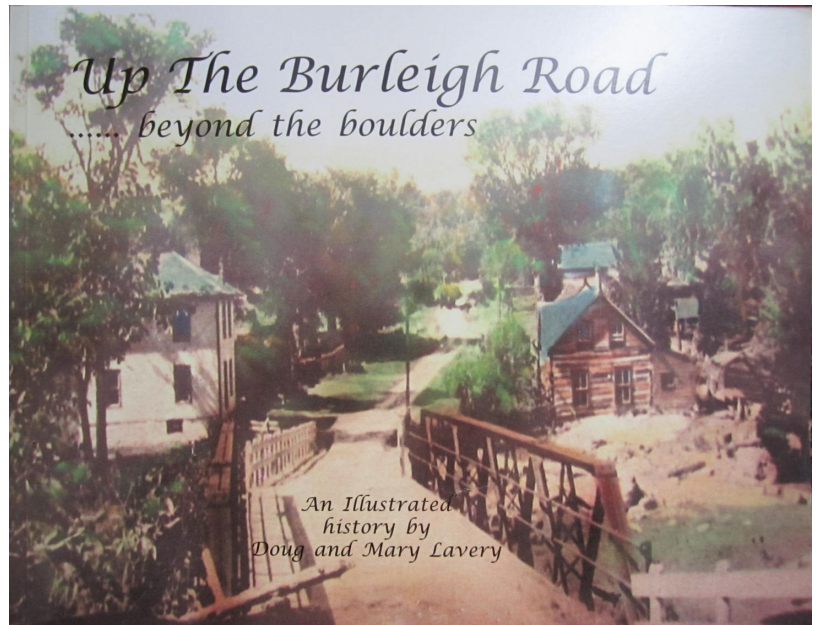
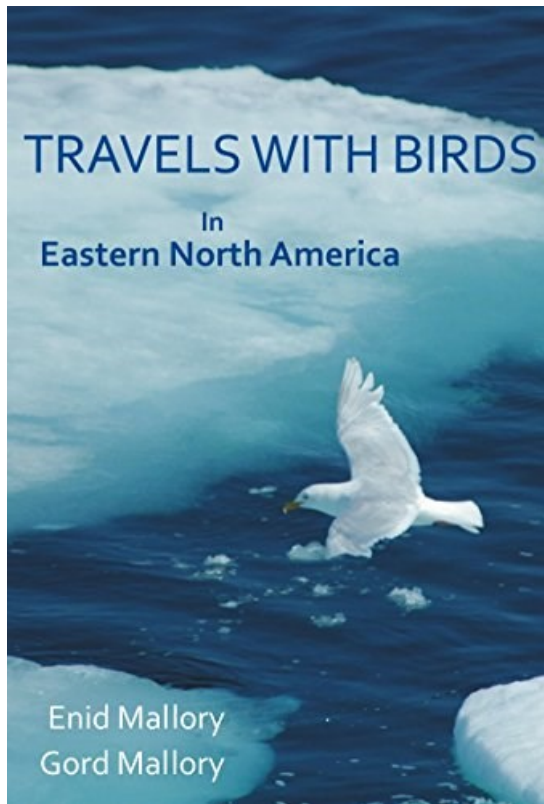
Smith Town Hill Monument



St. Alphonsus School class sign

PHS Members Inducted into the Pathway of Fame

Three PHS members, past and present, will be inducted into the Pathway of Fame at a ceremony on 8 September at Showplace. Both **Enid Mallory**, author of numerous books of fiction and non-fiction, and her late husband **Gordon**, engineer, entrepreneur, naturalist and author, enriched the community with their multiple contributions. **Mary Lavery**, author with her husband Douglas, past president of the PHS, avid promoter of local heritage and award-winning community volunteer, will likewise be celebrated posthumously.



Hutchison House Report

Gale Fewings

Hutchison House began the season with the celebration of 40 years of living history. I'm happy to report the house is still alive and well. The summer of 2018 has been one of the hottest and driest seasons in recent years. I know August last year was also very hot and dry and this may certainly be the way it will be from now on. In her book, *"The Canadian Settler's Guide"*, Catharine Parr Traill, however, describes a very similar season, so we're hopeful this will not become the norm:

"The summer of 1845 was one of almost tropical heat. From the first week in July to the end of August the heat exceeded that of any season within the memory of the oldest settler.

For days together the temperature varied from ninety to ninety-six, and sometimes ninety-eight degrees in the shade. We began to think any degree of heat below ninety moderate. The earth became dust; the grass, stubble; the small creeks, and most of the springs were dried up. No rain fell for many weeks. The clouds when they rose were watched with longing eyes, and every one speculated, and hoped they were charged with rain. A thunder-storm was really looked forward to as a blessing; but none came to cool the glowing atmosphere, and cool the parched earth. The cattle wandered far for water – it was a bad summer for the dairy."

Thankfully the heat has not kept too many of our visitors away. The Scottish Teas are still fairly busy and while there is limited shade on the terrace we've managed without too much ado.

We were very fortunate to receive funding from the Federal government to help off-set the cost of hiring summer staff through the Young Canada Works in Heritage (YCW) and Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) programs. As a result of the grants, four students worked at the museum over the summer months. Maryrose Doucette and Serena Formenti were hired through YCW and Farah Bubteina and Skylar Gibeault signed on with funding from CSJ. All of them did a terrific job and with the help of volunteers of all ages really brought the old place to life for the past two months. It often seems a little hectic getting through the daily tea season but the lull in early September always leaves me wishing for the prattle and chatter of the younger ones once again.



The family in this photo are the descendants of Dr. Hutchison through his son Ralph Burton.

Ralph Burton was the first child born after they moved into Hutchison House.

Summer 2018 at Hutchison House



Rose age 2 enjoying her Scottish Tea
(Erin's niece)



Sofia
Fairies
Workshop



Cora
Juliette and
Tilly
junior
volunteer
tea servers



Farah and Serena and two baby ducks
from Critter Visits

Jean Cole and Maryrose
Doucette from Peach Tea





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Voices from Peterborough's Past - Sexual assault a century ago

Two Ladies Were Grossly Insulted But Their Assailant Received the Worst of it in the Encounter

"As two ladies were walking along the west end of Smith street [Park Hill Road], near Jackson Park on Sunday morning about ten o'clock they were assaulted by a well known resident of the city who was driving along the road in a buggy. The fellow was evidently drunk and not altogether responsible for his actions. He started to caress one of the ladies, who is married. Fortunately she was near her own home and the man, seeing her husband come out of the house, jumped in his buggy and rapidly drove off. Before he got away, however, the ladies had succeeded in giving him a good beating with their parasols and he was glad to make his escape. Both ladies live on Smith street and were somewhat excited after their undesirable experience."

[*Peterborough Evening Review*, 6 May 1906]

Sexual harassment and sexual assault are much in the news today. The brazenness of this assault a century ago, in public in broad daylight, may account for it being reported in the newspaper. The infrequency of such reports does not mean that sexual harassment and assault were less prevalent then. Clearly, these two women were the targets of a boorish man and only now, a hundred years later, has the #MeToo movement risen in public outrage against pervasive sexual assaults and harassment. The tone of the *Review's* reporter is less serious than would be likely today, and his absolving the offender of some responsibility because of drunkenness would certainly not wash in the current climate. Reporters today would also use more explicit language than the Edwardian euphemisms employed: "grossly insulted," "caress," and "undesirable experience." What did the *Review* reporter mean by the women being "somewhat excited" after the event? I like to think that their excitement arose from the satisfaction of having whacked their assailant with their parasols. That may have been the only consequence he suffered for his behaviour.

Dale Standen

Congratulations to 2018 PHS High School History Award Winners

The awards are announced for the four schools with their commencements in the spring: Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School; Kenner Collegiate; Adam Scott Collegiate; and St. Peter Secondary. The awards for Crestwood and Norwood schools will be announced at their commencements in the fall.

Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School
Kenner Collegiate
Adam Scott Collegiate
St. Peter Secondary School

Sarah Smith
Morgan Carl
Scott Dodds
Brenna Roblin

We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

Linda Lumsden, Awards Committee Chair