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UPCOMING EVENTS

Peterborough Historical
Society

Monthly Meeting
by Zoom
Members must register

PHS Zoom Meeting
at 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 19 April
Peterborough Historical
Society AGM
Speaker D'Arcy Jenish

Tuesday, 17 May
Speaker Dennis Carter-
Edwards

Hutchison House
Museum

Heritage Luncheon
Wednesday, 6 April
Sitting times 12:00 noon
& 1:30 p.m.

Downton Abbey
Ploughman's Lunch
Sunday, 1 May
2:00 p.m.

Garden Tea to honour
Queen's Platinum Jubilee
Sunday, 5 June
2:00 p.m.

NOTE: Because of the Annual General Meeting, there will be no public meeting of the PHS in April. The next public meeting and PHS Talks will be in May. The notice of the May meeting and the talk will be published in the *Bulletin* at the beginning of May.

Annual General Meeting Guest Speaker D'Arcy Jenish “The October Crisis: Origins and Consequences”

The October Crisis of 1970, unleashed by the kidnappings of British Trade Commissioner James Cross and Quebec cabinet minister Pierre Laporte, was a cataclysm that shook this country to the core. It continues to generate discussion and debate to this day due to Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's decision to proclaim the War Measures Act.

D'Arcy Jenish is the author of *The Making of the October Crisis: Canada's Long Nightmare of Terrorism at the Hands of the FLQ*, the only comprehensive account by a writer in English Canada of the urban terrorism preceding the kidnapping crisis, the crisis itself and the aftermath. In his address to the Peterborough Historical Society, Jenish will describe the origins of the October Crisis, the consequences of these unprecedented events and the treatment of the story by Quebec historians. He will conclude with his assessment of the very controversial decision to invoke the War Measures Act.

A former student of Trent University, Jenish has had a distinguished career as an author, playwright and columnist. He has authored seven historical works covering such topics as the Montreal Canadians, the settlement of the Canadian west and mapmaker David Thompson.

D'Arcy Jenish's talk will follow the Zoom business meeting of the AGM scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, 19 April 2022.



“Ways To Give”

<https://phs-hutchisonhouse.ca/support/donate/>

Peterborough Historical Society and Hutchison House Museum, like all heritage organizations, depend upon donations to meet operating expenses in providing all their programs and events.

Thank you for your generous support!

The Peterborough Historical Society acknowledges with thanks the support of the City of Peterborough, the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport of Ontario, and the Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough.



President's Message

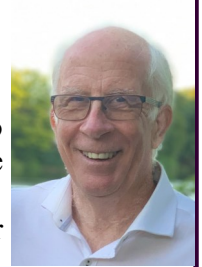
Change comes with challenges. Do we as a Society have a clear vision and mission? Do we focus on what matters, and not on what is easiest to do? Is our governance model strong? Are we positioned for the future? The answer to all four questions is yes.

Turnover on a Board is normal and I want to thank Peter Eatson and Jodi Aoki for their thoughtful and supportive commitment to the Society. We will be adding some new directors, some in April and others in the fall, helping to build a conceptual future for the Society and Hutchison House Museum. James Cullingham's leadership in constituting an Advisory Committee, Lou McLellan's careful stewardship of our finances, Dale Standen's immense contribution to developing and sustaining what we do and making sure it gets done – these and the work of all our directors are worthy of our thanks.

Heritage organizations across the Province are in the process of re-evaluation. The Peterborough Historical Society is in the throes of such a re-evaluation: increasing membership, expanding outreach throughout the County, strengthening an already strong volunteer base and increasing awareness of what heritage is and how it can best be promoted, taking into consideration the diversity of our population.

It is easy to use phrases such as 'transforming to a new reality' but that is exactly what we need to do, and we will, with your support.

I'll see you at the Annual General Meeting!!!



Notice of Annual General Meeting of Members

In accordance with Provincial authorization, notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Peterborough Historical Society will be held by means of a **ZOOM webcast meeting on Tuesday, 19 April 2022, at 7:00 p.m.** for the following purpose:

1. To elect Directors
2. To appoint Auditors for the Corporation and to authorize the Board of Directors to fix their remuneration
3. To receive the Financial Statements for 2021, reviewed by Tim Nicholls, Chartered Accountant
4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Only paid-up members of record at the close of business on 15 April 2022 will be entitled to attend and vote at the meeting. **If you will be attending by joining the Zoom meeting, register by responding by email to: dstanden@trentu.ca, before 5:00 p.m. Friday, 15 April 2022.**

Members who wish to attend and participate, but who have not yet provided an email address to the Society, should do so before 15 April 2022, addressed to D. Standen, Secretary, Peterborough Historical Society: dstanden@trentu.ca.

Several days prior to the AGM meeting date, an email will be sent to **registered eligible members of record** with the link and password enabling them to join the meeting at the scheduled time.

All reports, documents and other materials for the AGM will be posted when available in advance on the website of the Peterborough Historical Society: www.phs-hutchisonhouse.ca.

NOTICE OF BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

On **19 October 2021**, the Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010 (Ontario) (the "ONCA") was proclaimed into force and replaced the Corporations Act (Ontario) (the "OCA"), which regulated Ontario's not-for-profit corporations before the proclamation of the ONCA. The new Ontario Not-for Profit Act mandates some clauses in the By-laws of Not-For-Profit organizations. To comply with the Act, the Board of Directors of the Peterborough Historical Society has approved the necessary revisions for ratification at the Annual General Meeting in April. We have posted the revised Articles of Incorporation (the required new title) on our website and will distribute them to our email distribution list.

PHS Previous Month's Meeting

"Days from Destruction: How Public Action Saved Lakefield's Old Stone Mill House"

There it stands, its imposing presence and elegant grounds defining the landscape at the corner of Bridge and Clementi streets in Lakefield, Ontario. Built in 1858 for mill owner Frank D'Arcy, it is one of only two such masonry residences in Ontario, according to architectural historian Emily Turner. And yet, this significant historic structure was within days of being demolished to make way for a strip mall. A for-sale sign on the property was the first and only hint that the building was under threat.

As explained by speaker Michael Chappell, although mandated by Council to recommend appropriate measures to commemorate the community's built heritage, the Selwyn Architectural Advisory Committee had not been notified of the impending demolition of the Old Stone Mill House. This omission was fortunately countered by a rapid response by concerned local citizens who formed a working group to save the structure. Incorporated through the Ontario Historical Society, the Friends of the Old Stone Mill House mounted a far-reaching media campaign including national newspapers and television to draw attention to this threat. They also engaged with Council to have the building entered on the register with Intent to Designate to forestall demolition and later had the building designated under the Ontario Heritage Act. With designation, the proponent withdrew his offer to buy and demolish the building. The property was later purchased by a local entrepreneur who faces numerous conditions to repurpose the building.

The story of the Old Stone Mill House is all too familiar and the Committee is to be congratulated for mobilizing an effective campaign on such short notice to save this important tangible reminder of a dynamic period in Lakefield's history. The story still has not yet written a final chapter and anyone wishing to support the campaign to preserve this structure and give it a new and respectful future can contact the Friends of the Old Stone Mill House through the chair at chappell@ryerson.ca.

Dennis Carter-Edwards



Protesters to save the Old Stone Mill House

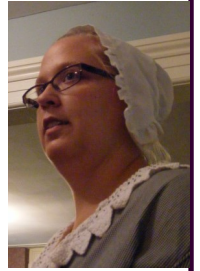
Old Stone Mill House with heritage defenders



Hutchison House Report

Erin Panepinto

"Nowhere beats the heart so kindly as beneath the tartan plaid!"
- William Edmondstoune Aytoun



It will soon be International Tartan Day! First established in Canada in the mid 1980s, the Day is celebrated on April 6th by many North Americans of Scottish Heritage. This was the date on which the Declaration of Arbroath was signed in 1320, a document that first declared Scottish Independence from the English. In Australia, the Scottish diaspora celebrate International Tartan Day on July 1st, the date of the repeal of the 1747 Act of Proscription that banned the wearing of the Tartan.

The current exhibit at Hutchison House Museum celebrates the history of the Tartan and its connection to the inhabitants of Hutchison House. This exhibit will be on display in the Harvey Connal Room until September 2022; be sure to drop by and have a look at all the hard work of the Volunteer Exhibit Committee. Special thanks to John and Joan Reeves, Pat Rattenbury, Betty Hinton, Linda Lumsden, Loretta Terry, Bob Laing, Don Willcock, Juli Hillier and Susan Jewell.

As spring makes its way to our little corner of Peterborough, work is underway for two afternoon teas to be held onsite.

The first of the teas on the calendar is our second Downton Abbey Ploughman's Lunch in celebration of the release of the movie "Downton Abbey: A New Era." This tea will take place on Sunday May 1st at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each, registration is required, and space is limited. Volunteers will serve a lunch of ham, Cornish pastries, cheese, rustic bread, chutney, pickled onions, boiled eggs, and apple crisp with custard. For more information or to reserve a spot please call the museum office.

Next on the calendar for special teas is a Garden Tea in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. This event will take place on Sunday June 5 at 2:00 p.m. and will include a high tea on the terrace and tours of the gardens. More information on this event will be available in the May *Bulletin*. Please see our website for all up-to-date information on Hutchison House Museum events.

As the province begins to loosen restrictions around COVID-19, Hutchison House Museum continues to adapt, while keeping in mind the safest course for our volunteers and visitors. The museum will not be asking for proof of vaccination for entry into the museum, except for any event or program that involves food such as our Heritage lunches, at this time. The museum will also continue to require visitors to wear masks when inside the building. For up-to-date information on COVID-19 protocols at the museum, please contact the museum office or see our website for more details.



March Break
Camp



St. Patrick's Day
take-home meal
Thursday, 17 March



Heritage Lunch— Beatrice serving
lunch



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Voices of Peterborough's Past "WE-Peterborough" and issues of global concern

Historical documents located in a small collection of papers at Trent University Archives point to an effort by a local Peterborough group of citizens to bring attention to the horrific consequences of nuclear warfare. "WE-Peterborough: World Emergency Centre for Assertive Non-Violence" was a member group of a larger geographically dispersed collective, Alliance for Non-Violent Action. Their papers, dated 1961 to 1985 and comprised of correspondence, minutes, published articles and pamphlets, address the enormity of the human tragedy that resulted from the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, in 1945, August 6th and 9th, respectively, which ended the Second World War.

It has followed since the end of the war, that in August each year, the topic of the atomic bomb is revisited globally as citizens around the world recall the 1945 incidents and the 240,000 individuals who died from the two bombings. A selection of powerful photographs, also located at Trent University Archives, reflects the victim perspective. The images, published in 1981 by the Atomic Bomb Information Center in a set titled "Recalling Hiroshima and Nagasaki", show the effects of the bombings on individuals and the landscape. The photographs were issued with the purpose of "calling for the issuance of a bill to protect atomic bomb survivors and calling for a total ban of atomic weapons."

Now, at the current time, entering an unknown era of warfare, the stakes are high when we recall the events of 1945; any use of nuclear weaponry today would undoubtedly manifest on an unthinkable scale.

Jodi Aoki



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July 20, 1982

NO MORE HIROSHIMAS! / NAGASAKIS!

On august 9, 1982 there will be a twelve hour vigil to remember the children, women, and men who were killed in the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings. The statement for the vigil is NO MORE HIROSHIMAS! / NAGASAKIS! The vigil will begin at 12 noon in Confederation Park and continue until 12 midnight. The vigil will involve speeches, an all day fast, and a symbolic candlelighting. We are asking all members of the community to join us in a fast to remember the suffering of the peoples



"Recalling Hiroshima and Nagasaki /
Issued by the Atomic Bomb Information
Centre" - 1981
(Image source Chugoku Newspaper)
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