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UPCOMING EVENTS

Peterborough Historical Society

Monthly Meetings
at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 18 October
a panel discussion
on location Bagnani Hall
at Traill College

Tuesday, 15 November
Speaker Sean Scally

Hutchison House
Museum

Heritage Luncheons
Wednesday, 5 October
Wednesday, 2 November
Wednesday, 7 December
12 noon or
1:00 p.m. sitting

Autumn Afternoon Tea
Sunday, 23 October
at 2:00 p.m.

Haunted Halloween for Kids
Saturday, 29 October
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Hutchison House Museum
Christmas Market
Saturday, 26 November and
Sunday, 27 November
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Snowflake Tea
Saturday, 26 November and
Sunday, 27 November 1:00
p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

"Ways To Give"

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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!

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NOTE: The format of PHS speaker meetings this year, whether on Zoom or in-person, will be announced in the publicity for each meeting. The schedule remains the **third Tuesday of the month; October, November, January, February, March and May at 7:30 p.m.** OUR OCTOBER MEETING WILL BE HELD IN-PERSON. The location will be Bagnani Hall at Traill College. It is a spacious room with an HVAC system and an additional HEPA filter.

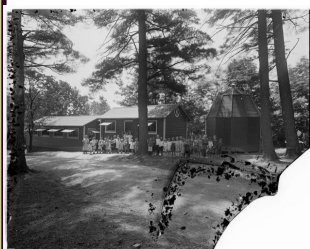
"What is an Urban Park For?" A Panel Discussion on Jackson Park

The discussion will examine the history of Jackson Park from its industrial origins to an entertainment and recreational park, and on the challenges facing the park today. This promises insights into one of the City's vital assets at a time when the pressures of development underscore the need for sustainable urban greenspaces. The panelists include **Robert Clarke**, award winning author and resident expert on the movie industry; **Terry Hawkins**, former Academic Superintendent of the Peterborough County Board of Education and early resident of Bonaccord Street; **Karen Carter-Edwards**, retired history teacher and local historian; and **Richard Scott**, retired planner with Parks Canada who worked on the Trent Severn Waterway and the Rouge National Urban Park.

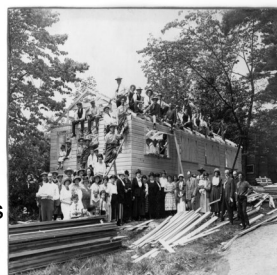
Tuesday, 18 October 2022, Bagnani Hall, Traill College, 7:30 p.m. (see map for location). All welcome. Street parking on London and Dublin Streets.



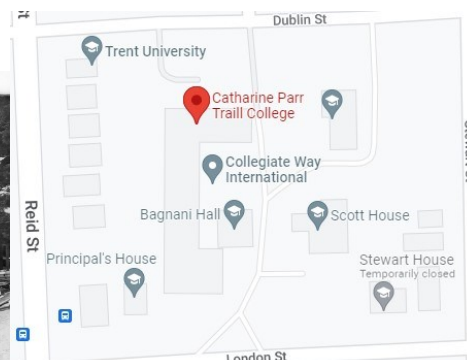
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Jackson Park ca 1921



Jackson Park Kiwanis Club Children's building ca July 1921 PMA CN002



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President's Message

Bob Taylor-Vaisey



Both the Society and Hutchison House Museum have a successful and enviable track record, and our reputation is pretty solid - these will provide us with a solid foundation on which to build for the future. The secret to continued success is the expansion of what we do to a wider community which is increasingly diverse in its interests and sense of history.

And we need to explore opportunities to continue our success with a new focus that builds on the past and builds for the future. We cannot wait for opportunities to come to us - we must do the work now and have people in place so that we are positioned to search out and take advantage of new opportunities.

Things are pretty tight, both financially and with our ability to resource all we do now, not to mention future initiatives.

At the September meeting of the Board, several key initiatives were launched and we will keep you apprised each month of our progress. If you would like to be involved in these discussions more directly, please email me at bob.taylorvaisey@gmail.com.

Here are the key initiatives:

1. A Task Force, headed by Dale Standen, to review exhibits and program requirements for the Society and Hutchison House Museum in light of evolving community interests and museum approaches
2. Increased effort to develop a comprehensive business plan to attract partners, sponsors and investors in support of our programs
3. Reconstitution of a Membership Committee focusing on recruitment of a broader spectrum of members
4. The establishment of a Marketing and Communications Committee

I am also pleased to announce the appointment of Ian Ellis, a graduate student in Canadian Studies at Trent University, as Editor of the *Bulletin*, and at the same time thank Jodi Aoki for her outstanding work both as Editor, and as Recording Secretary for the Society.

PHS Previous Month's Meeting

"The Evolution of the Garage: The Effects of Technology on the Built Landscape"

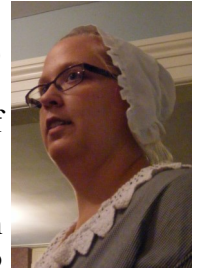
Jennifer Guerin, City of Peterborough Heritage Programs Coordinator, gave a fascinating illustrated talk on the evolution of the garage (derived from the French word *garer* to shelter) and its impact on domestic architecture and the urban landscape. Automobiles were rare in the early years of the 20th century as most people walked or used horse and buggy. Carriage sheds were usually located to the rear of the property which is where the first garages were built. Garage doors could only swing open, which was a challenge in winter with snow accumulation. The electric door opener was invented in 1921 which evolved into the convenient opener we rely on today. The transformation of the garage from a stand-alone structure to an integral part of the house emerged in the 1930s but became common in the post war expansion of the residential suburbs. The car was no longer a status symbol but a practical and affordable means of transportation and the garage became an integral part of the house. Indeed, the use of materials, design and siting all blended together to make the garage a seamless and unobtrusive element of vernacular as well as stylistic domestic architecture. Questions from the audience speculated in the future of the garage as urban intensification, environmental awareness and expansion of public transportation put less emphasis on the automobile. Perhaps the garage will come full circle and be relegated to the rear or even off site from the living quarters. Those surviving early examples of garage design and location are worthy candidates for heritage recognition.

Dennis Carter-Edwards

Hutchison House Museum Report

Erin Panepinto

"Winter is an etching, Spring a watercolor, Summer an oil painting and Autumn a mosaic of them all." *Stanley Horowitz*



In September, Hutchison House Museum recognized Truth and Reconciliation Day with a special reception and talk featuring Fred Taylor of Curve Lake. Thank you to everyone who attended as well as Fred Taylor for speaking about his experiences as a residential school survivor and Stockdale Masonry for sponsoring this event. A special thank you once again to Linda Chandler who was involved with the creation and organization of this project at every step.

With the changing of the leaves comes the return of our monthly Heritage Luncheons. Luncheons will be served on Wednesday, 5 October; Wednesday, 2 November; and Wednesday, 7 December. Each luncheon will consist of two sittings with the first beginning at 12:00 p.m. and the second at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each and must be purchased in advance. For more details, please call the museum office.

This fall, our volunteer event group will be hosting an Autumn Afternoon Tea on Sunday, 23 October, at 2:00 p.m. Enjoy a selection of fall themed sweets and savories by the fire in the Keeping Room. Cost for the event is \$30 per person and registration is required. Please book your seat by Thursday, 20 October.

And what October would be complete without our annual Haunted Halloween for Kids event! Join us Saturday, 29 October, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Bring the kids and grandkids to enjoy an afternoon of spooky treats, crafts and fun! The cost for admission is \$8 per person. The event always promises to be a bit scary, but not too frightening.

The annual Hutchison House Museum Christmas Market is also fast approaching. The market will take place on Saturday, 26 November, and Sunday, 27 November, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This important fundraiser for the museum will likely feature baked goods, jams & jellies, pies and more. The volunteers and staff will be getting together in the coming weeks to finalize plans for the event. Award-winning Empire Cheese can be ordered ahead of time by filling out an order form and mailing it to the museum. On offer is a variety of delicious specialty cheeses and gift baskets. The deadline for cheese orders is 16 November and orders will be available for pickup at the market. Look for more details in the next Bulletin due out in early November. Donations for the market are greatly appreciated.

In addition to the Christmas Market, Hutchison House Museum volunteers will host a Snowflake Tea on Saturday, 26 November, and Sunday, 27 November, with sittings at 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Enjoy a light tea with Christmas treats by the fire in the Keeping Room, \$15 per person. There is limited seating and pre-registration and payment are required. Items for sale at the Christmas Market will be available during the Tea. Tours will not be available during this event.

Summer staff Sky, Shauna, Ray



New to the collection a rope day bed

A Fall garden at Hutchison House Museum





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Voices of Peterborough's Past "The End of a Historic Francophone Building in Peterborough"

The Peterborough Historical Society often receives requests for information on subjects that concern the history of Peterborough and region. Over the summer, Etienne Lajoie, a journalist with the major Quebec daily newspaper *Le Devoir*, contacted us in search of someone to talk to about Montreal House. He had read the *Examiner* story of the City's decision not to designate the building under the Ontario Heritage Act, and to allow the owner to demolish it. M. Lajoie, the Ontario correspondent for *Le Devoir*, is interested in stories involving Francophones in the province and was thinking of writing a piece on Montreal House.

I enjoyed a lengthy conversation with M. Lajoie about the wider context of Francophone migration from Quebec in the 19th century and put him in touch with our longstanding member and historian, Elwood Jones, who has published articles on Montreal House and the French in Peterborough. I also advised him of the research work of Peter McConkey on Francophones in Peterborough between the 1860s and 1880s. Peter McConkey is the co-recipient of the PHS's F. H. Dobbin Award of 2020-21 for his many genealogical studies on migrants to Peterborough.

M. Lajoie researched the subject further with the City's Heritage department and in other historical records. His article in *Le Devoir* spread Peterborough's Francophone history to a much larger Francophone audience. His article may be found online:

<https://www.ledevoir.com/societe/744669/patrimoine-la-fin-d-un-lieu-historique-francophone-a-peterborough>

An unofficial English translation is available on the PHS website:

<https://phs-hutchisonhouse.ca/news-events/category/historical-notes/>.

Dale Standen



Montreal House 50 years ago
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Membership Renewal Reminder!

If you have renewed your PHS membership for 2023, THANK YOU! If not, you can renew directly online at <https://phs-hutchisonhouse.ca/support/become-a-member/new-and-returning-members/>, or download and complete the PDF form and mail it with your payment. Keep informed and in touch with our community's history, continue to enjoy the several benefits of membership and support the monthly *Bulletin*, the speaker series, the publication of an annual historical booklet, heritage awards, Hutchison House Museum and other initiatives that preserve and celebrate the region's history!