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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Peterborough Historical Society**

**Monthly Meetings at 7:30 p.m.**

Tuesday, 17 January

Speaker Bruce Gravel

Tuesday, 21 February

Speaker Don Barry

Tuesday, 21 March

Speaker Armand LaBarge

**Hutchison House Museum**

**Heritage Luncheons**

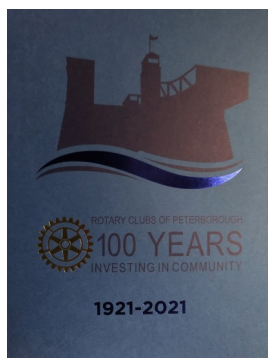
Wednesday, 1 February

12 noon or 1:00 p.m. sitting

**NOTE: BACK TO VIRTUAL LECTURES!** This season, the Omicron variants of COVID-19, influenza, RSV and other rampant viruses have persuaded us to return to a virtual Zoom lecture in January. The speaker schedule remains on the **third Tuesday of the month; January, February, March, and May at 7:30 p.m.** A question-and-answer period will follow the speaker's presentation. Attendees will be provided with the Zoom link to join meetings when they register by email to the email address provided.

### “100 Years of Rotary in Peterborough” Bruce Gravel

Bruce Gravel will share research into the history of the Rotary Service Club in Peterborough as it celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. An accomplished author with seven books to his credit, Bruce has been a member of Rotary since 2008. Bruce served on the Board of the Peterborough Public Library Foundation as an active community leader and worked with Musicfest each summer. A graduate of McGill University, Bruce has lectured extensively on tourism policy and issues. His talk will provide insights into the work of this vital community organization.



Tuesday, 17 January 2023, 7:30 p.m. on Zoom. Register to attend by sending an email note to [info@peterboroughhistoricalsociety.ca](mailto:info@peterboroughhistoricalsociety.ca) with “Rotary” in the subject line.

The Peterborough Historical Society acknowledges with thanks our partners and supporters



## **Peterborough Historical Society Annual Heritage Awards Call for Nominations: Deadline 6 March 2023**

As a means of encouraging programs and activities that commemorate our rich history and acknowledge achievements in the fields of cultural, social, and architectural history, the PHS presents the Annual Heritage Awards for Peterborough City and County citizens. The awards recognize outstanding heritage preservation and promotion accomplishments and are named in honour of Peterborough citizens who have made significant contributions to the broader heritage community. There are seven separate awards.

**The Peterborough Historical Society welcomes nominations for its annual Heritage Awards until Monday, 6 March.**

Except for the Symons Award, nominees must reside within the boundaries of Peterborough County. They may be individuals, businesses, institutions, organizations, groups, or media members. Except for the Symons Award, nominations typically will be considered for projects completed in the previous year. An independent Awards Committee will evaluate them. If you know of a deserving project or person, apply. Individuals may also nominate themselves or their own projects.

**The Heritage Awards will be presented at a ceremony, to be announced, or individually.**

**The Thomas H.B. and Christine Symons Heritage Award** is bestowed for outstanding one-time or ongoing contributions to local, regional, provincial, national, or international heritage causes made by residents, former residents, groups, businesses, or organizations from or to the Peterborough region.

**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 region's diverse history.

**The J. Hampden Burnham Award** recognizes the completion and presentation of a significant project in any media, such as a painting, video, web design, newspaper articles, etc., that promotes awareness of the region's history.

**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 fiction or non-fiction work focusing on Peterborough's past.

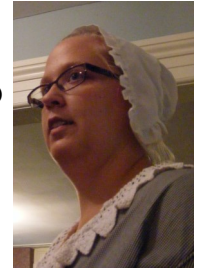
**The Martha Kidd Award** honours the memory of Martha Kidd, historian of architecture and Peterborough's built heritage, and recognizes outstanding work in preserving our region's heritage.

**The Charlotte Nicholls Award** recognizes a substantial donation of financial, in-kind, or services to commemorate a historic structure, artifact, cultural landscape, etc.

Submit by 4:00 p.m. on 6 March 2023 (or be postmarked no later than 6 March 2023) to: The Awards Committee, Annual Heritage Awards, Peterborough Historical Society, 270 Brock St. Peterborough, Ontario K9H 2P9. Nomination forms may also be downloaded from the Awards page of the Peterborough Historical Society website at [www.phs-hutchisonhouse.ca](http://www.phs-hutchisonhouse.ca) and emailed to the Society's email address: [info@peterboroughhistoricalsociety.ca](mailto:info@peterboroughhistoricalsociety.ca)

## Hutchison House Museum Report

Erin Panepinto



“Nurse, we have had a very nice sleigh-drive. I like sleighing very much over the white snow. The trees look so pretty, as if they were covered with white flowers, and the ground sparkled just like mamma’s diamonds.

It is pleasant, Lady Mary, to ride through the woods on a bright sunshiny day, after a fresh fall of snow. The young evergreens, hemlocks, balsams, and spruce-trees, are loaded with great masses of the new-fallen snow; while the slender saplings of the beech, birch, and basswood (the lime or linden) are bent down to the very ground, making bowers so bright and beautiful, you would be delighted to see them. Sometimes, as you would be delighted to see them. Sometimes as you drive along, great masses of the snow come showering down upon you; but it is so light and dry, that it shakes off without wetting you. It is pleasant to be wrapped up in warm blankets, or buffalo robes, at the bottom of a lumber-sleigh, and to travel through the forest by moonlight; the merry bells echoing through the silent woods, and the stars just peeping down through the frosted trees, which sparkle like diamonds in the moon beams”

-*Afar In The Forest or Pictures of Life and Scenery in the Woods of Canada* (1869) by Catharine Parr Traill

As I sit and write this report, Catharine Parr Traill could almost be describing the view from this window, with the exception that today’s snow is wet and heavy. In addition, as cozy as a moonlit sleigh ride under a buffalo robe sounds, I’ll stick with a warm mug of hot chocolate, curled up under a cozy blanket watching the snow through the window.

As we say goodbye to 2022, I would like to give a big thank you to all our volunteers. 2022 was a challenging year that began with a stay-at-home order in January, staff changes, COVID, road closures and more. This year more than ever, our incredible team of volunteers stepped up to help run programs and fill in at the museum when staff were out sick. For this and so much more, we appreciate everything you do for the museum.

This year, while we will start the new year with the museum closed to the public, this time, it is to give staff and volunteers time for some overdue maintenance and collections work. While the museum may be closed, staff can still answer questions by phone or email. We look forward to seeing you in 2023!

The next event for the museum will be the Heritage Luncheon on February 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information or to register, contact the museum at [info@hutchisonhouse.ca](mailto:info@hutchisonhouse.ca) or call the office at 705-743-9710.



Hutchison House Museum  
Volunteer Christmas Pot Luck  
December 22,2022





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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS!

THANK YOU for renewing your membership! The Society's members and donors are the principal resources to sustain all its heritage programs and events. If you have not yet renewed, you can do so 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.

Be sure to check out the monthly *Bulletin* with notices of speakers, museum events, and short historical articles of interest. Watch for the annual historical book-let for 2023, soon to be published, that comes with membership.

### The Peterborough Historical Society Board of Directors

Are you looking for a unique volunteer leadership opportunity? The Board of Directors of the Peterborough Historical Society offers opportunities for the cultivation and application of leadership skills and interests in the following areas:

- governance
- community collaboration
- member engagement and recruitment
- marketing
- financial oversight
- legal oversight
- human resources
- program development
- writing, editing and publishing
- philanthropy/fundraising

The Society depends upon energetic, active people who want to do something different and exciting and join others in contributing to a worthwhile community enterprise. All experience and expertise are welcome: business, not-for-profit, public service, education, heritage, trades, professions, and hobbies. The community's history is inclusive.

The Peterborough Historical Society is one of the oldest in Ontario. It provides a monthly speaker series, publishes a monthly *Bulletin* and an annual historical paper, presents annual heritage awards and engages in community outreach. It owns and operates Hutchison House Museum, an acclaimed historic house museum that offers a wide range of school and public programs and events illuminating local history.

Explore the PHS website for further information: [www.phs-hutchisonhouse.ca](http://www.phs-hutchisonhouse.ca).

Expressions of interest and further inquiries should be directed to Kathryn Matheson, Chair, Nominations Committee, c/o Peterborough Historical Society: 705-740-2600; Email: [info@peterboroughhistoricalsociety.ca](mailto:info@peterboroughhistoricalsociety.ca). Postal address: 270 Brock Street, Peterborough, ON, K9H 2P9.

### “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!