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UPCOMING EVENTS

Peterborough Historical Society

Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, 18 April
3:00 pm—5:00 pm
Bagnani Hall
Catharine Parr Trail College
Speaker Michael Chappell

Hutchison House Museum

Heritage Luncheons
Wednesday, 5 April
1:00 p.m. sitting
Wednesday, 3 May
12:00 and 1:30 p.m. sitting
Wednesday, 7 June
12:00 and 1:30 p.m. sitting

PA day
Fun with slime
Friday, April 28

Silent Auction
1 May to 19 May

Mother's Day Tea
Sunday, 14 May
2:00 to 4:00 pm

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President's Notes

It's been difficult for the Peterborough Historical Society and other not-for-profit, volunteer-based organizations to function over the last three years. I think that we are coming to realize that Zoom meetings and lectures have their limitations and that it is time to begin meeting in person again. To that end, we are planning an Annual General Meeting in Bagnani Hall at Traill College on the hill bounded by London & Dublin Streets just north of Hutchison House. It will occur on Tuesday, April 18th, from 3 PM to 5 PM. We are hoping that the change to an afternoon event would be an attractive proposition. The meeting will consist of a celebration of Hutchison House during the Pandemic, followed by a brief business meeting, then an interesting guest lecture by LHS President Michael Chappell regarding the Friends of the Old Stone Mill House in Lakefield. You will recall that the PHS Martha Kidd Award for 2021, which "recognizes outstanding work in the preservation of our region's built heritage," was recently given to this organization for rescuing the heritage building at 44 Bridge Street from demolition in January 2021. At that time, there was extensive coverage of events in both the *Lakefield Herald* and the *Peterborough Examiner*.

Following the meeting, cookies & tea will be available, plus an opportunity to get reacquainted after this long gap. Come and join us at this PHS & HH gathering. The PHS Annual Report and other documents will be available on the PHS website in advance of the AGM. (A reminder that PHS memberships must be renewed to participate in the AGM).

James Forrester

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PHS Previous Month's Meeting Police and First Nations in Ontario

Dr. Armand La Barge, former Chief of York Regional Police, recipient of numerous awards for his work in support of social justice, human rights, diversity and inclusivity and member of the Peterborough Historical Society, led attendees at the March lecture through a pivotal transformation of policy and practice in police responses to Indigenous occupations in Ontario. The turning point was the occupation in September 1995 of Ipperwash Provincial Park by the Stoney and Kettle Point First Nation. During the Second World War, the Department of National Defense expropriated 2200 acres of First Nation land adjacent to the park for a military training facility. However, after the War, despite political and legal challenges did not return the land. The occupation of Ipperwash Park was to protest the inaction on the First Nation land claim and to protect sacred gravesites on the park property.

The Ipperwash standoff ended in violence and was a case study on how to escalate a confrontation. Premier Harris and his government declared the occupation illegal, and the police felt pressured to expel the protesters from the park. Although reluctant to act without a court order or injunction, the OPP, in keeping with the tradition in which such protests were dealt with at that time, deployed heavily armed tactical units. The police had received false and unverified intelligence that the protesters were armed with AK-47s and hunting rifles. The protesters skirmished with sticks and stones. The police opened fire on two teenagers attempting to flee in a bus and injured one of them. Then, an OPP sergeant shot and killed Dudley George, claiming George had pointed a rifle, though one was never found. The OPP called a cease-fire, and when the entire Stoney and Kettle Point First Nation blockaded main roads, the police withdrew and ceded control of the entire park to the protesters.

Premier Harris refused to call an inquiry, but his Liberal successor, Dalton McGuinty, immediately upon his election in 2003, appointed Justice Sidney B. Linden to conduct an inquiry into the death of Dudley George and how to prevent violence in similar circumstances. The OPP had already been developing a new policy which it presented to the inquiry in 2006, a Framework for Police Preparedness for Aboriginal Critical Incidents. Justice Linden included in his 100 recommendations the Framework's approach of cooperation, mutual respect, limited law enforcement and a priority for peacekeeping. The creation of Aboriginal Relations Teams and the development of specialized Indigenous police training was critical.

The Framework, continually being improved, has unquestionably succeeded in avoiding violence in the more than 700 incidents it has been used at since Ipperwash. The old hard-line, confrontational approach is a thing of the past. The OPP Framework has been used as a template for a national framework by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police. The Framework is overwhelmingly favoured by police forces who additionally want to expand its usage to non-protest events as well.

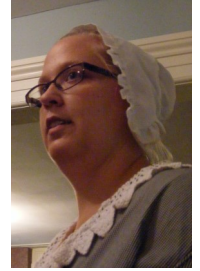
Not surprisingly, there are some in the media and among citizens, academics, judges, and police who criticize the Framework for its lenient approach. There are some Indigenous critics suspicious of working too closely with non-Indigenous police. The roots of protest lie in frustration over the unconscionable delays in addressing Indigenous rights and land claims. Until these claims are resolved, there are bound to be protests and the need for an effective framework to avoid violence.

Dale Standen



Hutchison House Museum Report

Erin Panepinto



“April in Canada is not the same month in its general features, as the lovely, showery, capricious April, that month of smiles and tears, of storms and sunshine, in dear old England. It is often cold, stern and harsh, yet with many hopefully changes that come to cheat us into the belief that winter is gone, and the season of buds and flowers is at hand, and some years it is so; but only once in five or ten years does the Canadian April prove a pleasant genial month.”

Catharine Parr Traill, *The Female Emigrants Guide*, 1855

Spring is starting to show signs here around the museum as the melting snow is starting to reveal the first buds breaking through the dirt. March was very busy around the museum with sold-out March Break, St. Patrick's Day meals and Murder Mystery Programs. Thank you to Bob Laing and Catherine Martin, who helped with our March Break. Additional thanks to Linda Chandler, Don Willcock, Bill Corbett and Susan Matthews with our St. Patrick's Day Meals and the amazing group of students from Sir Sandford Fleming College who created and ran three successful Murder Mystery Programs. This month has truly been a group effort, and we appreciate everyone who helped to make our programs a success!

April promises to be another busy month with a luncheon on April 5th, school programs and birthday parties, bridal showers, and the Annual General Meeting of the Peterborough Historical Society. After the success of March Break, the museum will host another Fun with Slime camp on April 28th, a PA Day. Registration is open now. Please call the museum or see our website for more details.

Friends of Hutchison House Museum are also invited to a special preview of our Silent Auction items on April 30th. Funds raised through the auction will be used in our upcoming permanent Fleming exhibit and to augment our existing exhibit spaces. Silent Auction items will be on display in the Harvey Connal Room for the public to see. Images will be on the website starting May 1st.

Museum volunteers will be hosting a Mother's Day afternoon Tea on Sunday, May 14th, from 2-4 PM. Enjoy a lunch of small sandwiches and desserts in the historic Keeping Room. The cost is \$25 each, and registration is required. Please call the museum office to book your table.

Heritage Luncheons will continue with the last of the season on May 3rd and June 7th, with sittings at 12 PM and 1:30 PM.

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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!

Hutchison House Museum appreciates all its volunteers and values recognizing them for all of their hard work. Long-time volunteer Doreen Jones received her 30-year volunteer service award in 2022 and sent us such a lovely letter of thanks that it bears sharing. Below is a full transcription:

“A couple of weeks ago, I was pleasantly surprised to receive in the mail, my 30 year Service Award for Volunteering at Hutchison House Museum. I must add that I was somewhat teary eyed when I opened the envelope as it conjured up so many memories...and as I reflected on the past, I knew that I had to “take pen in hand” and jot down the highlights.

We had retired to Peterborough in 1989, and I became a volunteer in 1990 at the suggestion of a very dear friend, Andrew Sanford Hutchison, who was the great, great, great grandson of Dr. John Hutchison (hope I have the “greats” correct.). Andrew (a retired Primate of the Anglican Church) and his wife, Lois, have been close friends for over 60 years.

Martin Rainbow was Curator of H.H. when I first joined...and Jayne Deyman was Chair of volunteers. In those days, the House was officially closed for the month of April for Spring cleaning. Jayne was a task master at giving instructions and keeping the volunteers busy...the outdoor lines were full of bed ticking etc. as everything possible was aired, even to the straw “mattresses”. The artifacts were washed where possible, the furniture polished...and even the cast iron pots were scrubbed. But Jayne never forgot “elevenses”...a tea break at 11 a.m. for the hardworking volunteers. It was indeed, a special month to participate in volunteerism at Hutchison House.

When I became a Docent and required a period frock, Barb Earle who was in charge of period gowns, presented me with a beautiful blue frock that had been a template for her...and I still carefully look after the laundering of that gown...checking buttons, threaded button hole loops etc. After being present with the frock, I was given fabric to make my bonnet.

Although I enjoyed my tenure as a Docent, it was behind the scenes that possibly I was more dedicated to...gardening was one area. Initially Una Outram was Chair of the Garden Committee...and later, Betty Hinton. In those days, we were an active group...holding plant sales in both Spring & Fall, regardless of rain, and endeavouring to keep the weeds down...and the gardens looking lush. In 1995, I suggested that we might try to sell fresh green wreaths prior to our Christmas Festive Sale, as I had a supplier near Stoney Lake who was willing to offer them to me at a nominal price. And it became a worthwhile fund raiser for H.H. for 20 years...over \$12,000.00. And such a easy sell...I accumulated a lengthy list of names and telephone numbers...and it was merely a matter of Hugh and I driving up to our favourite lake and filling the car with the beautiful aroma of fresh greenery.

Stephanie Ford Forrester became our Curator, I believe in 1991, and she was the “instigator” in suggesting to the volunteers, that we might try some quilting. Stephanie knew she had us hooked when she brought in the quilting frames, found a pattern and fabric was purchased from Uptown Silk at the corn of Hunter & George.

A “Quilt a Year” as a fund raiser lasted, I believe, 13 years...and what fun to spend the day quilting in the upstairs meeting room with Libby Bate & Jeanne Dobson in particular... although a number of the other volunteers would often stop by to add their stitches. Once the quilt came off the frame, was bound and ready to “market”... it was necessary to book malls etc. where we could set up the quilt and sell tickets. There was keen competition in those days as other organizations were into quilting. I don’t know if our archival records show our profit over the years, but the pleasure I received, can never be replaced.

Hogmanay was a very special occasion that I simply couldn’t miss being a part of.

As a Docent, I always “did” the upstairs...and what a pleasure it was to have a chat on a yearly visit with Graham Hart. Hopefully, “Open House” for Hogmanay will return, and I will enjoy another opportunity to greet visitors on New Year’s Day, 2024. PHS, the owners of Hutchison House Museum, was a very active group in the 90’s... bus tours...often Spring & Fall...a Christmas House Tour in Peterborough...and a Christmas get-together at the Museum (with a liquor licence). And lasting friendships have been made. Sadly, some of those friends have passed... but they will always hold a place in my heart.

Wonderful memories of 30 years of Volunteering at Hutchison House Museum.

Thank you, Dr. John Hutchison
Doreen Jones”

Thank you once again to Doreen and all the hard-working volunteers here at the museum. We truly couldn’t do this without you.

March Break at Hutchison House Museum



Charlotte and her teddy bear



Aurora and her slime



Rocky and her fairy garden



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St Patrick's Day take home meal
Bill, Loretta and Loretta filling containers

Murder Mystery at Hutchison House Museum



Jacob and Robin find a body



The town crier and the school teacher



learning about
medicine