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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Peterborough Historical Society

General Meeting  
Tuesday, 16 May  
7:00 pm

Panel Discussion  
details on location and  
time to follow

Hutchison House  
Museum

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

Silent Auction  
1 May to 19 May

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

Spring Plant and Yard Sale  
Saturday, 27 May  
9:30 am to 12 pm  
on Gilmour Street

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## PHS General Meeting

16 May, 2023

7:00 pm

### Panel discussion on the challenges and opportunities of finding new uses for historic buildings

The April 2023 newsletter of The Ontario Heritage Trust, Heritage Matters, focuses on the adaptive reuse of heritage sites. The CEO Beth Hannah writes,

“Adaptive reuse: Finding new purposes for heritage sites. The Trust recognizes the many ways that heritage conservation supports urban regeneration, providing opportunity for creativity and innovation in our communities. One of the ways this can be achieved is through the adaptive reuse of heritage properties for new purposes while retaining their heritage attributes. Through the continued use and reuse of our historical structures we realize their contribution to the sustainability and the economic and cultural energy of our urban rural communities.”

In keeping with this theme of finding new uses and respectful ways to adapt historic structures for new uses, the PHS May meeting will feature a panel discussion of local experts discussing the challenges and opportunities of finding new uses for historic buildings. Peterborough has numerous historic buildings that offer excellent case studies of how heritage can be incorporated into new developments to achieve desirable outcomes. The meeting promises to be an informative and topical presentation.

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## From the President

**James Forrester**



The first in-person PHS Annual General Meeting in three years took place in Bagnani Hall at Traill College on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 5 PM, in combination with a Zoom streaming session. The switch to an afternoon event from an evening dinner proved to be attractive in that a total of 30 members participated. The weather also helped encourage indoor activities.

I presented an overview of how the Traill College campus was preserved in the early 2000s when the Trent University Board of Governors voted to sell the property. It was Trent students, 80 faculty, and the local community who took action to make sure this decision was reversed. While Bradburn House and Langton House were both sold, a bequest by the Bagnani family ensured that the campus was stabilized and Bagnani Hall constructed. Catharine Parr Trail was central to my presentation.

Following a brief business meeting, cookies & tea were made available by Hutchison House staff and volunteers, which provided an opportunity to get reacquainted.

I then introduced our guest speaker Lakefield Historical Society President Michael Chappell, who spoke about the Friends of the Old Stone Mill House. Michael's talk was entitled "Days from Destruction," which examined how this group rescued the heritage building at 44 Bridge Street in Lakefield from demolition in January 2021.

During the Question-and-Answer session, there was a spirited discussion of Bill-23 and its effects on built heritage structures. It was interesting to hear Michael's comments about the motivation and methods of the development industry based on his own experience working for developers before he became a professor at Metropolitan Toronto University.

We look forward to seeing you at the next in-person PHS meeting.

## PHS Previous Month's Meeting Days from Destruction

Concern for the protection of our built heritage is more than just a sentimental clinging to the past or a mere nostalgic reflection on an earlier time. Our tangible cultural heritage is a vital link to our collective sense of our identity and our shared history. Grounding us in a familiar sense of place within the ever-changing physical world we experience. Michael Chappell underscored this message with an informative presentation at the Annual General Meeting of the Peterborough Historical Society held at Bagnani Hall, Traill College. Michael spoke of the last-ditch efforts to save the Old Stone Mill House in Lakefield that was within days of demolition to make way for a nondescript strip mall. Through the determined efforts of a dedicated group of volunteers, the town council was, with an astonishing measure of indifference, forced to take steps to cancel the demolition permit and recognize the house that has stood along the western shore of the Otonabee River for more than 150 years as a historic building worthy of preservation and protection.

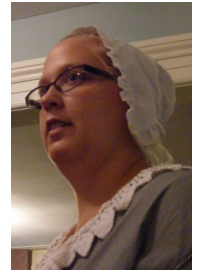
As challenging as this whole exercise in mobilizing community support was, the recent changes by the provincial government in Bill C-23 will make finding appropriate strategies to commemorate buildings of heritage value will be even more difficult. A lively discussion followed the presentation, with the Society members urging a redoubled effort to lobby for changes to the legislation to ensure adequate means to identify and preserve our irreplaceable tangible heritage. Incoming president James Forrester thanked the speaker for an inspiring talk.



**Dennis Carter-Edwards**

## Hutchison House Museum Report

Erin Panepinto



Happy May is Museum Month! May is Museum Month is a program of the Ontario Museum Association and is celebrated by over 700+ museums, galleries, and heritage sites across Ontario. It is an opportunity to celebrate the vital contributions of museums to the recovery and rebuilding of Ontario and to kick off the summer tourism season! This initiative also coincides with International Museum Day, which is celebrated annually on May 18<sup>th</sup>. As the weather improves, take the opportunity to visit your local heritage institution or day trip and explore a new site and learn about the various communities across this province we call home.

As part of the celebrations surrounding May is Museum Month, Hutchison House Museum will be hosting a Silent Auction with a variety of donated items to raise money for a new Sir Sandford Fleming Exhibit to replace the Sandford Fleming Room. The new redesign will help with traffic flow in the museum and allow us to tell a large story for Fleming, exploring different themes and allowing us to display more permanently some of the great original Fleming artefacts that can be found in the collection. Auction items will be on display in the Harvey Connal Room and online on our website and Social Media channels from May 1<sup>st</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>. Bids can be made by emailing or calling the museum office. Winners will be able to pick up their purchases between May 23 and 26. Thank you so much to everyone for your support with this project!

Treat your mother or bring a special guest to an elegant Mother's Day Afternoon Tea on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, starting at 2:00 pm to celebrate this special occasion. A light lunch of delicious savouries, sweets and tea will be served in the historic Keeping Room by firelight. Tickets for the event are \$25 each, and pre-registration is required as seating is limited. Please register by May 11<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. For more information or to reserve your seat, please contact the museum office at 705-743-9710.

This year, once again, the Hutchison House volunteers will host a Spring Plant and Yard Sale on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, from 9:30 am to 12 pm as part of the Gilmour Street Garage Sale. We will offer a wide selection of perennials, rock garden plants, and house plants just in time for spring planting! Be sure to come early for the best choices. Also, this year the volunteers are hosting a Yard Sale. Household items and perhaps even some attic treasures will be on sale. Donations of plants, household items and attic treasure are welcome. Anyone wishing to donate items for the yard sale or plants, roots, tubers, etc., is asked to please label them and bring them to Hutchison House between May 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> so they can be priced on Friday prior to the sale. For assistance in transporting plants or for more information, please call the museum office. **\*\* The sale will occur on Gilmour St, NOT at the museum, on May 27<sup>th</sup>\*\***

The final spring Heritage Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, with sittings at 12 pm and 1:30 pm. Reservations are required. Please call the office for more information.

## HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

If not, 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. Don't miss receiving the *Bulletin*, this year's Occasional Paper, and all the other benefits of PHS membership!

## 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!



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New Exhibition from the Peterborough Museum and Archives  
**To Honour and Respect: Gifts from the Michi Saagiig Women to the Prince of  
Wales, 1860**

**Honorer et Respector: Dons des femmes Michi Saagiig au prince de Galles, 1860**

**Mnaajtood ge Mnaadendaan: Miigwewinan Michi Saagiig Kwewag Miinegoowin  
Gimaans Zhaganaash Aki 1860**

In 1860, Michi Saagiig Nishnaabeg at Rice Lake met the young Prince of Wales, the eldest son of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert and the heir to the British throne. The Prince was part-way through an official tour of Canada. Gimaa (Chief) Paudash gave an address and then women of the village presented the Prince with gifts of beautifully quill-worked baskets, called makakoons (“muh-kuk-oons”) in Anishinaabemowin. The baskets were taken back to Britain and have been cared for since by Royal Collection Trust (RCT). In April 2023, those 13 quilled baskets will arrive at the Peterborough Museum & Archives (PMA) for an extended loan visit from the RCT.

Dr. Lori Beavis (Hiawatha First Nation) and Dr. Laura Peers curate the “To Honour and Respect” project, with a Planning Circle including Gimaakwe Laurie Carr, (Hiawatha First Nation) Kim Muskratt, (Hiawatha First Nation) Veronica King-Jamieson, (Mississauga Nation) Sandra Moore, (Hiawatha First Nation) Chadwick Cowie, (Hiawatha First Nation) Elissa Johnson, (Hiawatha First Nation) Susan Neale, (Peterborough Museum & Archives.)

The project is funded by the Museum Assistance Program (Department of Canadian Heritage), Canada Council for the Arts, the Ontario Arts Council, and Hiawatha First Nation, with in-kind contributions by the Peterborough Museum & Archives and City of Peterborough, whose team will care for the makakoons during their visit.

The exhibition is open and runs through November 2023. Further information can be found on the Peterborough Museum & Archives website under the Exhibitions and Events tab within the Featured Exhibition menu option. This information was kindly provided by Dustin McIlwain of the Peterborough Museum & Archives.



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