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UPCOMING EVENTS

Peterborough Historical Society

General Meeting
Lion's Community Centre,
347 Burnham Street,
Tuesday, 19 September.
7:30 p.m.

George Parker

Hutchison House Museum

Heritage Luncheons
Wednesday, 4 October
Thanksgiving Theme
Wednesday 1 November
Wednesday 6 December
12:00 and 1:30 p.m. sitting

Doors Open Peterborough
16 September
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Amber Johnson, Erin Panepinto,
Linda Chandler, Don Willcock, James
Forrester, Marilyn MacNaughton, Paul
Lumsden
missing Susan Matthews

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The Peterborough Historical Society monthly speaker series takes place on the third Tuesday of September, October, November, January, February, March, and May. The meetings are being held at the Lions Club Centre on Burnham Street, starting at 7:30. Members, guests, and the general public are welcome.

“Entertaining the Prince of Wales, Cobourg 1860”
George Parker
Tuesday, September 19, 2023
Lion’s Community Centre, 347 Burnham Street,
7:30 p.m.

A graduate of Toronto Metropolitan University with a Bachelor of Technology in Architectural Science, Mr. Parker retired to Cobourg, where he plays an active role in the heritage community. An expert on the Peterborough – ‘Cobourg Railway, he has turned his research interests to the visit of the Prince of Wales to Cobourg in 1860 and the elaborate entertainment provided by the community for the Prince at the official opening of the architecturally stunning Victoria Hall. Come and learn about the controversy surrounding the Prince’s visit to Canada West and his time in Cobourg and the surrounding region. You might even want to bring your dancing shoes along! Our first meeting of the fall season promises to be a lively evening.



Harpers Weekly illustration Prince of Wales 1860 tour taken from Hathi Trust collection in the Public Domain



As the Prince passes, brother George will cry “Fire!” and I’ll faint.

Victoria Hall Concert Hall

With its wall and ceiling paintings carefully restored, the 2nd floor Concert Hall today looks much as it did when the royal party danced there by gaslight in 1860. Twenty years later it was converted to a theatre and then in 1899 became a grand opera house with red plush seats, elaborate balconies, and boxes for the town’s elite.



Image source: Northumberland County Archives and Museum, 1984.011 1860 Interior of Victoria Hall - Prince of Wales Visit

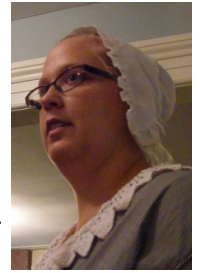
Victoria Hall Concert Hall 1860 in Town of Cobourg Jubilee Walking Tour

Photo Credit: Hugh Brewster, Northumberland County Archives and Museum, , Commemorative Coin of the Prince of Wales 1860 visit to Canada.



Hutchison House Museum Report

Erin Panepinto



It's hard to believe how fast summer has flown by. It seems like just yesterday, the new and returning volunteers were practicing teas on the terrace and picking out costumes to wear for the summer season. Now, as I drive to work, the first signs of colour are among the trees as the leaves begin to change. First and foremost, we would like to thank LLF lawyers for their sponsorship of the Scottish Teas this summer. Their support has meant that any profits from the tea can go right back into the museum. Also, a big thank you to ALL of our summer volunteers, both young and old. Thank you to our senior guides for their help and their mentorship of the younger guides. Another huge thank you to the tea servers and kitchen help for keeping the teas running smoothly. And a big thank you to our summer staff: Ewan Sutherland, Scottish Tea Coordinator; Ellen Miller, Museum Programming Assistant; and Caroline Priddle, Museum Collections Assistant. Ewan spent the summer baking up a storm, keeping the kitchen and lower floor tidy and supervising the kitchen volunteers. Ellen supervised the juniors coming up with fun activities and crafts to occupy their downtime, creating and running our successful summer workshops, and helping to research our upcoming winter exhibit. Caroline helped inventory and catalogue the collection, dealing with many issues that have come up with artefacts with missing or wrong numbers. As well as beginning to input new items into our new database. All three students have been a delight to work with this summer, and we wish them the best with their studies as they return to school in September!

August saw another successful Peach Tea. We had 86 visitors on Thursday, August 17th. Thank you to everyone who helped that day and our sponsors Alterna Peterborough and Kawartha Dairy, who proudly donated all the milk, ice cream and whipped cream for Peach Tea.

This summer, we also said goodbye to our Museum Assistant of the last 10 months, Rachel Kraus. Rachel received a well-deserved job offer from the Goulbourn Museum in Stittsville outside of Ottawa. Be sure to stop and say hi if you are in the area! Rachel will be missed around the museum. Taking her place is Hailey Lansley. Hailey is a Museum Management Program graduate and worked for us as a Collection Assistant in 2020. We would like to give a big welcome to Hailey. Be sure to say hi the next time you are in the office!

Even as the summer season ends, we are approaching a busy September. Staff and volunteers are working hard getting the Fleming Room exhibit put together for its debut for Doors Open on September 16th. There will be a special preview of the exhibit for members of the Friends of Hutchison House Museum on Friday, September 15th. It then opens to the public the next day. The Fleming exhibit was made possible with support from the Friends of

Hutchison House Museum, The Lumsden Family, the Forrester Family, Doreen Jones and the Government of Canada. Hutchison House Museum will be free as part of Doors Open from 10 am to 4 pm. Enjoy a tour of the museum by costumed interpreters with warm oatcakes fresh off the fire in the Keeping Room. See the new Fleming Exhibit on the main floor and check out the latest community exhibit by the Peterborough Embroiders Guild in the Harvey Connal Room. It's fun for everyone, and make sure to check out the other open sites during your visit.



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Hutchison House Museum
Summer Staff

Caroline Priddle, Museum Collections Assistant; Ellen Miller, Museum Programming Assistant; Erin Panepinto; Ewan Sutherland, Scottish Tea Coordinator; Rachel Kraus

Carol Koeslag's *Spice of Life: A Variety of Reflections*

Long-time PHS member and Hutchison House volunteer Carol Koeslag made headlines this summer when, at 92, her self-published debut book *Spice of Life: A Variety of Reflection* went viral on TikTok thanks to the owner of Modern Makers Market in Peterborough, Chantel Coyle. After agreeing to sell *Spice of Life*, she created a TikTok video promoting it that was viewed over 250,000 times, quickly selling out the initial 15 in-store copies and 135 total copies after only 9 hours. Carol describes her short stories as "Fictionalized Reality." These stories range in length, and some had one or two points of reference that were true and used that as a jumping point to imagine what the people were thinking and create a story from there. A second updated run of the books will be available soon. However, if you can't wait to take a peek into Carol's imagination, copies of the initial run are available for sale now in the Hutchison House bookshop.



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Summer Programs at Hutchison House Museum

Rose baking Scones



Day Camp Sun Catcher
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Molly Painting a Frog Home



Hutchison House Museum Peach Tea Thursday August 17th



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Dear PHS and HH community,

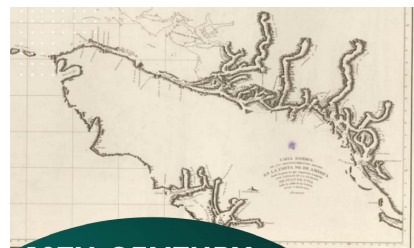
For the past 10 months, I have been so privileged to call the Hutchison House not only my place of work but my own ‘home.’ I have felt so welcomed and embraced by everyone here, and I am so proud of all the things that we have accomplished in the time I was here. My soon-to-be husband and I are moving to Ottawa, where I have accepted a job at the Goulbourn Museum, working more closely with collections and exhibition work. I am excited to see the continuation of the projects we started, as well as the things on the horizon! In September, the Fleming Room revitalization project will be completed, the switch to a new database system for artifact inventory and many other behind-the-scenes things at the museum! Thank you to the numerous volunteers, guests and friends who have welcomed me and shown me the wonderful community here at the HH, and I look forward to returning to share my adventures and visit in the future.
Sincerely, Rachel Kraus



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Erin



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SPANISH
CARTOGRAPHY OF
CANADA'S WEST
COAST**

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