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UPCOMING EVENTS

Peterborough Historical Society

General Meeting
Lion's Community Centre,
347 Burnham Street,
Tuesday, 17 October
7:30 p.m.

Dennis Carter-Edwards

Hutchison House
Museum

Heritage Luncheons
Wednesday 1 November
Wednesday 6 December
12:00 and 1:30 p.m. sitting

Book Launch
"The Ghost of Catharine
Parr Traill"
Laura Elliot
Sunday 22 October
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Halloween
at Hutchison House
Saturday 28 October
12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

**Christmas Market &
Snowflake Tea**
Saturday 25 November

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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.

"Peterborough Waterworks"
Dennis Carter-Edwards
Tuesday, October 17, 2023
Lion's Community Centre, 347 Burnham Street,
7:30 p.m.

The October lecture by Dennis Carter-Edwards relates to an unusual topic. In the late nineteenth century, Peterborough faced a crisis. The lack of a waterworks system placed the entire town at risk of destruction from fire, while the absence of a sewer system created a serious health risk from waterborne diseases.

Learn how the city fathers, leading citizens and provincial authorities helped Peterborough achieve these essential services. A frequent speaker on historical topics, Mr. Carter-Edwards provides an informative and entertaining talk. Plan to attend and learn about this fascinating aspect of Peterborough's past.

Power House for Waterworks built 1882 Hilliard
Milling Complex on Water Street
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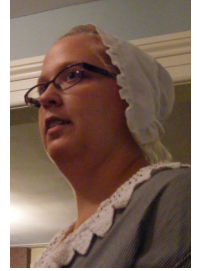


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Hutchison House Museum Report

Erin Panepinto



Hutchison House crashed into Fall with a very busy September. Peterborough Embroiders Guild has put together a fabulous Exhibit, 'A Stitch Through Time.' On display now in the Harvey Connal Room. Learn about the guild and the different types of embroidery and view the exquisite examples put together by guild members.

After years of hard work, the museum has finally opened its new permanent exhibit on the Life of Sandford Fleming. This project allowed us to create a space to tell the full life of Fleming and permanently display some of the great Fleming artefacts in the collection. As well as create a space that visitors can step into at the top of the stairs for a better experience and flow. With support from the volunteers of Hutchison House and all of their outstanding fundraising efforts, the Friends of Hutchison House, the Canadian Heritage Department, Historica Canada and private donations from the Forresters, Lumsdens and Doreen Jones, the museum was able to create a more interactive space with room for additions or change. Thank you to our Exhibit Committee: Linda Chandler, Don Willcock, Bob Laing, Loretta Terry, Juli Hiller, Susan Matthews, Susan Jewel, and Linda Lumsden for their hard work with brainstorming, editing, layout, and installation. A round of thanks to my co-workers Rachel Kraus for all of her hard work before leaving and Hailey Lansley for all of her hard work since jumping into the project while it was already in progress. Also, thank you to Linda Chandler, Don, Paul Lumsden and Catherine Martin, who helped to paint, set up the display case and install the exhibit.

We would also like to thank the City of Peterborough for printing the text panels. Additionally, the Peterborough Museum and archives for their help with dry mounting the text and the temporary loan of stanchions.

This year, Hutchison House Museum also participated in Doors Open Peterborough. Over the course of the day, over 162 visitors went through the museum! Thank you to all our volunteers and interpreters, as well as the Embroiders Guild, for providing demonstrators throughout the day.

Join us in celebrating the release of Laura Elliott's new book, *The Ghost of Catharine Parr Traill*, at Hutchison House Museum on Sunday, October 22nd, 2023, from 1-3 PM. Listen to excerpts of Laura's journey of discovery into the life and lessons of well-being from this nineteenth-century pioneer, author, and botanist by the fire in the historic Keeping Room. Copies of the book will be available for sale by the author and bookshop. Light refreshments will be available.

The month of October would not be complete without the Halloween tradition! Look out for young ghostly ghouls and goblins on Saturday, October 28th, from 12 PM - 4 PM when Hutchison House Museum will host Halloween tours of the museum. Admission is \$8 per person, and children under 5 are free. For more details, see our website.

The Christmas Season is almost upon us, and Hutchison House Museum volunteers will host their annual Christmas Market on Saturday, November 25th, from 9 AM – 12 PM. Home baking, shortbread, fruit pies, jams, jellies, and preserves will be featured, along with other special seasonal treats. In addition to the Empire Cheese orders, we will be offering some of our most popular items for pre-ordering as well, including greenery and shortbread. Be sure to order ahead to ensure that you get the items you hope for. The Deadline for all advance orders is Wednesday, November 15th, 2023.

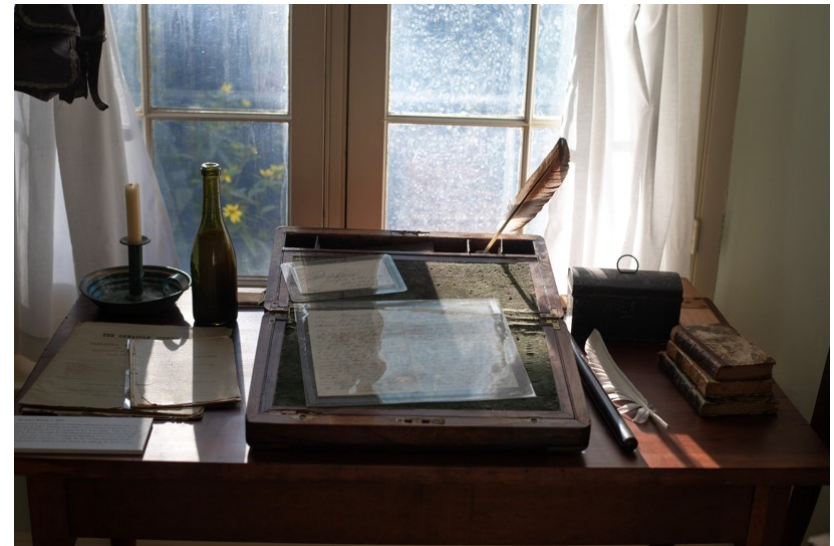
In addition to the Christmas Market is our annual Snowflake Tea on Saturday, November 25th and Sunday, November 26th, with sittings at 1 PM and 2:30 PM. Enjoy a light tea with Christmas treats by the inviting fire in the Keeping Room for \$15 each. There is limited seating, pre-registration and payment is required. Items for sale at the Christmas Market will be available during the tea. This event is organized by the volunteers of Hutchison House Museum.

Heritage Luncheons will be held on October 4th, November 1st and December 6th, with sittings at 12 PM and 1:30 PM. Reservations are required.

For more information on these or any events at the museum or to reserve your spot for the Heritage Luncheons and Snowflake Teas, please contact the museum office at 705-743-9710 or info@hutchisonhouse.ca.

Hutchison House Museum Fleming Exhibit Opening

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Erin speaking with Fleming descendant Willa Worsley and her husband

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Current Erin Panepinto



Hutchison House Museum
Doors Open
September 16, 2023

PHS Previous Month's Meeting "Entertaining the Prince of Wales, Cobourg 1860"

The fall lecture program began with a lively presentation by George Parker on the Prince of Wales's visit to Cobourg and Hiawatha. George's interest in the topic was sparked by a curiosity about the trestle bridge for the Cobourg-Peterborough railway, which figured in the Prince's visit to Hiawatha and later to Peterborough. George noted the visit almost did not happen because of the doggedness of the Orange Lodge to have the Prince in the company of Orangemen in full regalia standing under an Orange arch. After the Prince failed to come ashore at Kingston and later Belleville, the royal entourage came to Cobourg while the Orangemen were sidelined by the Grant Trunk railway and unable to reach Cobourg. The Prince officially opened Victoria Hall and participated in the rousing ball held till the wee hours of the morning. Mr. Parker treated the large audience to a sampling of the music that was played at the ball. The entourage then journeyed to Hiawatha, a name that was given by the Prince to the settlement, where he was honoured with gifts of hand-crafted baskets by local Indigenous women. The baskets are currently on display at the Peterborough Museum till October. The speaker answered questions and was thanked by the program chair.

Dennis Carter-Edwards



Orange Parade
Permission received from George Parker



Guest Speaker George Parker & host Dennis Carter-Edwards
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