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UPCOMING EVENTS

Peterborough Historical Society General Meeting
Lion's Community Centre,
347 Burnham Street,
Tuesday, 21 November
7:30 p.m.
Don Willcock

Hutchison House Museum Heritage Luncheons
Wednesday 6 December
12:00 and 1:30 p.m. sitting

Christmas Market
Saturday 25 November
9:00 a.m. to noon

Christmas Market & Snowflake Tea
Saturday 25 November
Sunday 26 November
1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Nutcracker Workshop
Sunday 10 December
1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Hogmanay
Monday 1 January
1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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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 and County Military Museum”

Don Willcock

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

**Lion's Community Centre, 347 Burnham Street,
7:30 p.m.**

The Peterborough area has a long and distinguished history of military service that goes back to the Upper Canada Rebellion of 1837. Also, many residents came to this region after serving in the American Revolution, Napoleonic Wars, and the War of 1812. Peterburians established the 1st Volunteer Militia Company of Infantry, Peterborough Rifle Company, 57th Regiment, and 3rd The Prince of Wales' Canadian Dragoons, and fought in the South African (Boer) Wars. Peterborough area men and women, including a high proportion of First Nations members, served in the First and Second World Wars, the Korean War, in Afghanistan, and as U.N. peacekeepers all over the world.

The recently established Peterborough and County Military Museum is a satellite branch of the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment Museum in the Belleville Armoury but is in the process of becoming a stand-alone entity.

The Military Museum displays artifacts from most of Canada's conflicts from a local perspective.



The Peterborough Historical Society acknowledges with thanks our partners and supporters



From the President

James Forrester



I'm following up on the October *Bulletin's* focus on the new Sanford Fleming exhibit at Hutchison House. I would personally like to thank Erin and the Exhibit Committee, as well as Rachel Kraus and her replacement Hailey Lansley, for all their work in creating such a professional display related to Fleming's career and his life-long connection to Peterborough. This link to the community was cemented when he married the Sheriff's daughter Jeannie Hall in January 1855, and it continued as Hall family events drew the couple back to Peterborough throughout their long marriage.

I would encourage any PHS member who has not yet visited the exhibit to do so. In 2019, the Aitken family (descendants of both the Hutchison and Fleming families) donated two key Fleming family artifacts to the Hutchison House collection—many thanks to Valerie Aitken and her son Andrew for their generosity. The two items are a pocket watch given to his son Walter by Sanford Fleming and a small gold locket with photos given to his wife Jeannie on her 33rd birthday in 1864. We are considering an expanded celebration of Sir Sanford Fleming's family life in 2024, building on the new exhibit and raising awareness of Peterborough's important link to this internationally recognized scientific figure.

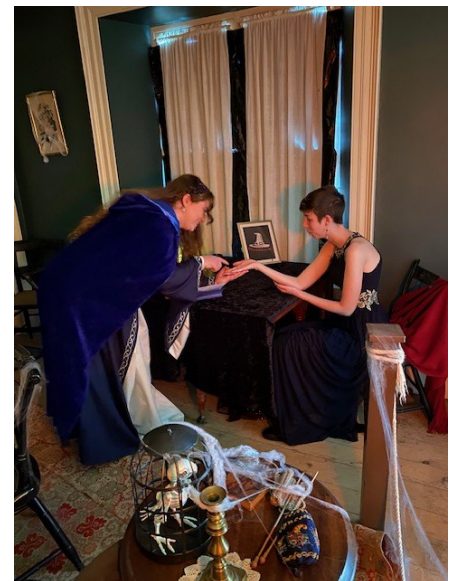
In other news, please follow the link below or visit the Heritage Properties of Canada website for a wonderful article on how Hutchison House navigated the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you to Stephen Robbins for the article treatment!

[How a Heritage Site Survived a Pandemic – Heritage Properties of Canada \(hopc.ca\)](https://www.hopc.ca/en/articles/how-a-heritage-site-survived-a-pandemic)

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Haunted Halloween Hutchison House October 28, 2023



Hutchison House Museum Report Erin Panepinto



The Holiday Season is 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. Order forms are available on our website, or email the office at info@hutchisonhouse.ca. The Deadline for all advance orders is Wednesday, November 15th, 2023. This year will also mark the return of our Attic Treasures section. There is limited space, but donations are welcome for high-quality items and Christmas decorations. Items for Attic Treasures can be dropped off starting November 7th. There is limited space, so please drop items off early. Donations of baked goods, jams, jellies, etc., can be dropped off at the museum starting November 23rd.

In addition to the Christmas Market, our annual Snowflake Tea will take place 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 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. For more information or to reserve your seat, please contact the Museum office at 705-743-9710. This event is organized by the volunteers of Hutchison House Museum.

For the first time this December, the Museum will host a Nutcracker Workshop on Sunday, December 10th from 1-3:30 PM. Enjoy a fun afternoon of tea and desserts by the fire, paint and decorate your own wooden Nutcracker and learn about its history. The workshop is \$35 per person and includes materials and refreshments. Registration is required. For more information or to register, please contact the museum office.

Our last Heritage Luncheon of 2023 will be on Wednesday, December 6th with sittings at 12 PM and 1:30 PM. Registration is required.

As we look ahead to 2024, Hogmanay will be in person once again for the first time since COVID began. Help us ring in the New Year on January 1st from 1-3:30 PM with traditional music, food and more! Please see our website as more details become available.

Our take-home meals were very popular for Hogmanay, so we have decided to keep them going for Robbie Burns Day with a pick-up on Thursday, January 25th, 2024. More details about this are coming soon.

November 17th, 2023, is your last chance to see 'A Stitch in Time' from the Peterborough Embroiderers Guild. This exhibit was very well put together and well received. Thank you so much to the guild for all of their hard work. Our winter exhibit will focus on the art of miniatures and will be installed in time for our Christmas Market.

With Christmas just around the corner, consider the Hutchison House Museum or the Peterborough Historical Society for Christmas shopping. Give the gift of giving with donations or memberships to the Friends of Hutchison House or Peterborough Historical Society, a gift certificate to our Scottish Teas or Heritage Lunches, Local History books from our gift shop or admission for a special event or workshop. Hutchison House Museum appreciates all the support from the Peterborough Community. Thank you all!



Book Launch
"The Ghost of Catharine Parr Trill"
Laura Elliot with Michael Peterman
Sunday October 22

PA Day at
Hutchison House Museum
September 29
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**PHS Previous Month's Meeting
"Peterborough Waterworks"**

Two late nineteenth-century innovations in Peterborough were the focus of the October meeting of the Society. Using many new images and documentary sources, Mr. Dennis Carter-Edwards gave an illustrated lecture on the introduction of water and sewer systems in Peterborough. Though taken for granted today, the supply of safe and sufficient pure water and the treatment of human and industrial waste had a major impact on the quality of life for the citizens and the progressive development of the community. These improvements were often the subject of contentious public meetings and endless debate at town council as arguments over what was needed and who would pay bedevilled policymakers.

Community leaders debated the merits of private versus public ownership of these essential services. Property owners were chiefly concerned with adequate fire protection, while members of the town's Board of Health focused on addressing the risk to human health from contaminated wells. Outside experts from Canada, the United States and Britain were brought in to advise the council, often with a highly critical response from local experts. In the end, Peterborough acquired a waterworks system and sewer system that put Peterborough at the forefront of municipal progress and development. Vice-President Don Willcock thanked the speaker for an entertaining and informative lecture.



Jim Maloney, Peterborough Utilities Group and Dennis

Dennis Carter-Edwards

Reminder: Exhibition closing soon!

To Honour and Respect, featuring 13 quilled baskets made in 1860 as gifts to the Prince of Wales by women of the Hiawatha First Nation will be closing soon at the Peterborough Museum & Archives. Most unusually for historical items, the names of the makers of these gorgeous baskets are known and still connected to local Michi Saagiig Nishnaabeg communities. Your last chance to see the exhibition is on Saturday, 18 November, 12-5 at the Peterborough Museum & Archives, 300 Hunter St. E (<https://www.peterborough.ca/en/explore-and-play/museum-and-archives.aspx>).

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