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UPCOMING EVENTS

Peterborough Historical Society
General Meeting
Lion's Community Centre,
347 Burnham Street,
Tuesday, 16 January
7:30 p.m.
Speaker Peter Blow

Hutchison House
Museum

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

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

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

Robbie Burns Day
pick-up
take-home meals
Thursday 25 January



Hutchison House Museum
Hogmanay 2019



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From the President

James Forrester



Season's Greetings

Thank you to the membership for your continued support of both the PHS and Hutchison House. In the month of December there's a Christmas Market, followed by a "Snowflake Tea & Desert" and a Heritage Luncheon (reservations are needed for teas and lunch). Details are on the website and Erin's HH report.

There will be no PHS Talk in December. However, in January, Peterborough documentary filmmaker Peter Blow will present his research on Grey Owl (Archie Belaney) and his connection to Peterborough on his final tour in 1938.

I'm looking forward to the first in-person Hogmanay celebration since 2020. Here are some photos of January 2019 events at the house.

Robbie Burns Day celebrations will take place at Hutchison House on January 25th, and there will also be take-home meals available. For meal pre-order details, please see Erin's report below.

A reminder that we are not only encouraging the renewal of current PHS memberships, but we are looking for new members with an interest in history. We would appreciate hearing about any likely prospects.

Finally, I'd like to acknowledge the passing of Carol Koeslag, former PHS President and a very active volunteer, with her husband, Peter Koeslag, at Hutchison House. She recently published a book of short stories which were very well received. A memorial service was held at St John's Anglican Church on Monday, Nov. 6th.

Hutchison House Museum Hogmanay 2019



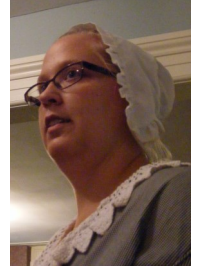
PHS Previous Month's Meeting "Peterborough and County Military Museum"

In keeping with the November military theme, Don Willcock presented an update on the formation and operation of Peterborough's newest museum, the Peterborough and County Military Museum. Building on the principle of Bringing History Home, Don spoke about the origin of the collection and its current housing in the Peterborough Armories. Originally part of the Hastings Prince Edwards military collection in Belleville, Don Down learned some components related directly to Peterborough. Fortunately, space became available at the Armories, and with the help of dedicated volunteers, the collection was moved to its new home. Consisting of various artifacts, including uniforms, badges, medical equipment, prints and other assorted military items, the volunteers have mounted an informative and engaging series of exhibits that help tell the story of Peterborough's rich military past. The volunteers have developed policies to help guide the collection, cataloguing, conservation and display of the collection. They are also developing an outreach program to take to the various local schools so students may learn of the sacrifice so many men and women have made over the decades to preserve our freedoms and way of life. The Museum is open on Tuesdays at no charge, but a donation will help with the work of the museum and volunteers.

Dennis Carter-Edwards



Hutchison House Museum Report Erin Panepinto



In December, for the first time, the Museum will host a Nutcracker Workshop on Sunday, December 10th, from 1 PM - 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 PM - 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. You must pre-order your meals by January 19th, 2024. Meals will be available for curbside pick-up between 12 PM and 2 PM on January 25th, 2024. Meals are \$30 and will include a Scotch egg, tatters and neeps, oatcakes, cheese, a sample of potted salmon, shortbread and a cloutie dumpling. For an extra \$5, you can also get a piece of Haggis.

Our winter exhibit, 'The Art of Miniatures,' featuring a Victorian Christmas Market in 1/12 scale by local miniature hobbyist Jennifer Brooks, will run from November 25th until the end of February. This exhibit has small surprises all around and features examples of miniatures, including Christmas Villages, Dollhouses, scale models and more!

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 of the support from the Peterborough Community.

The Museum will close for the holidays on December 22nd and remain closed until the end of January, with the exceptions of January 1st for Hogmanay and January 25th for Robbie Burns Day pick-up. This will allow staff and volunteers to complete several conservation and maintenance projects that are easier to do when there are no visitors in the building. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to seeing you again full-time when we return in February!

We hope that everyone has a safe and happy holiday, and we will see you for Hogmanay!

Hutchison House Museum Christmas Market November 25, 2023



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The Art of Miniatures



Voice from Peterborough's Past

In an excerpt from the *Peterborough Examiner*, 15th November 1952, editor and celebrated author Robertson Davies finds modest pleasure and happiness despite daily vexations. While editor, Davies wrote in the *Examiner* under the pseudonym of Samuel Marchbanks, a fictional and often cantankerous character.

Dale Standen

Davies, Robertson as Marchbanks, Samuel. "The Journal of Samuel Marchbanks." *Peterborough Examiner*, November 15 1952: 4.

The Journal of Samuel Marchbanks

WEDNESDAY: A man of remorselessly statistical bent got at me this morning and told me that I have 8,760 hours to spend every year, and that when time for work, sleep, vacation, travel and meals has been deducted from that total I still have 1,930 hours every year—or 80 glorious, 24-hour days, to do with as I please. He then grinned and asked me what I did with them. Hating him for a pestilent pragmatic, I lied valiantly, but in my heart I know what I do with at least 60 of those days: I wait for people who are late for appointments; I read magazines and papers in which I am not really interested; I gape at movies which do not enthrall me; I listen to tales of woe from people for whom woe is too good; I trudge about the streets, pretending that I am thinking; I look at chess problems in the papers and wish that I could solve them; I wish that I had followed my early ambition and become a circus clown; I—but why extend the catalogue of futility? Yet I am a reasonably happy man, and I get modest pleasure even from my regrets for time past and opportunities missed. Only the mad or the very innocent expect to live richly every hour of those 80 magic days.

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In Remembrance

In November, we said goodbye to long-time Peterborough Historical Society and Hutchison House volunteer Carol Koeslag. Carol has volunteered here with the museum and the historical society since 1991 and was at one time both President of the Society and Chair of the museum Management Committee. Carol was a force of nature, and it was because of her determination that the museum is what it is today. Thank you, Carol, for all of your years of hard service, both behind the scenes and with the public. You will be dearly missed but never forgotten.



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