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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

Robbie Burns Day  
take-home meals  
pre order  
Friday 19 January  
pick up  
Thursday 25 January

Heritage Luncheon  
Wednesday 7 February  
12:00 and 1:30 p.m. sitting

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.

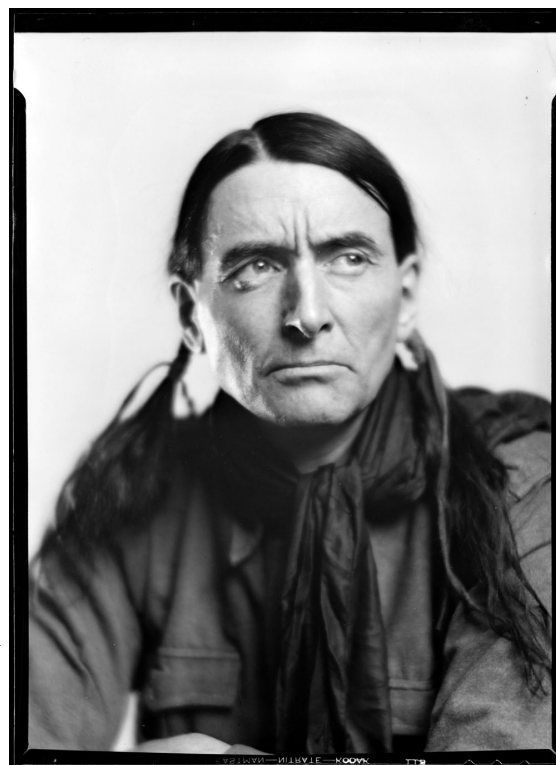
### “Rehabilitating Grey Owl” Peter Blow

**Tuesday, January 16, 2024**  
**Lion's Community Centre,**  
**347 Burnham Street,**  
**7:30 p.m.**

Filmmaker Peter Blow will show his promotional film and speak about why representatives from the Temagami First Nation are officially repudiating the cultural appropriation label on Canada's greatest fake - a timely topic of discussion on Indigenous conservation and Grey Owl's remarkable visit to Peterborough one month before his death.

Grey Owl Karsh

Photo Credit: Yousuf Karsh, *Archibald Belaney (Grey Owl)*, 1936. Accessed 28 December 2023.  
<https://karsh.org/photographs/grey-owl/>



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## From the President

**James Forrester**



Happy New Year!

In addition to a campaign to expand our membership, we are also looking for more volunteers to support the activities of both Hutchison House and the Peterborough Historical Society. The annual Volunteer Potluck Luncheon took place in the Keeping Room recently (photos below).

A nomination committee is working to establish a roster for the PHS Board in advance of the April 2024 AGM, which will be held at Hutchison House (for the first time). Stay tuned for further details.

As I mentioned in my presentation at the April 2023 AGM, we are celebrating Catharine Parr Traill's position as Honorary President of the PHS. She received this acknowledgement in person on Monday, December 14, 1896, when the original society began. Traill is an early Canadian author and pioneer naturalist who wrote twenty-four books on a wide range of topics.

Thanks to all those who came out to Hogmanay for the first time in four years. It was great to see everyone again.

Peterborough documentary filmmaker Peter Blow will be giving a talk about Grey Owl, who visited Nichols Hospital on his final tour of Canada in 1938 (Tues. Jan. 16 @ Lion's Hall East City).

Robbie Burns Day celebrations will take place at Hutchison House on January 25, where take-home meals (ordered in advance before January 19) will be available for pickup.

## Hutchison House Museum Volunteer Potluck Luncheon Thursday December 14, 2023



## "The Backwoodsman"

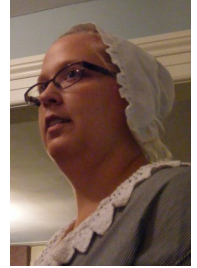
a short film was filmed in the Hutchison House Keeping Room on December 19, 2023





## Hutchison House Museum Report Erin Panepinto

*"A guid New Year to ane an' a' and mony may ye see."*  
*"A good New Year to one and all, and many may you see."*  
Scottish New Years Greeting



And just like that, another year is coming to a close. As I sit and write this report, we are less than a week away from Christmas and less than two weeks away from our first in-person Hogmanay since January 2020. I want to thank all the museum volunteers who have been helping with baking, Scotch Eggs and the prep and execution of this event, as well as all of the great community volunteers such as Barry Landry, Doug Keene, Justine Landry, Nick Lasch, The Hasty P's Pipe Band, Breanne Mansfield and the Ard-Mohr School of Dance for their time and expertise in bringing this event to life once again. It would not have been possible without all your help. A special thank you to the UK Shoppe here in Peterborough on George St for donating our Haggis this year. We are grateful to community partners such as the UK Shoppe for their generosity and support.

If you haven't had your fill of delicious Scottish Treats from Hogmanay, the Museum will offer a Robbie Burns Day meal you can pre-order and take home on January 25, 2024. The first Burns supper was held in Ayrshire, Scotland, in 1801 to celebrate the life of Scotland's National Poet Robert Burns. Robbie Burns Day is considered a key cultural heritage event in Scotland. Celebrate this Scottish icon with a traditional Scottish meal made up of all your Hogmanay favourites. You must pre-order your meals by January 19, 2024. Meals will be available for curbside pick-up between 12 PM and 2 PM on January 25, 2024. Meals are \$30 and will include: a Scotch egg, tatters and neeps, oatcakes, cheese, a sample of potted salmon, shortbread and cloutie dumpling. For an extra \$5, you can also get a piece of Haggis.

For more information or to order a Hogmanay meal to go, please contact the museum at 705-743-9710 or [info@hutchisonhouse.ca](mailto:info@hutchisonhouse.ca).

The museum will remain closed for the month of January as staff and volunteers undertake several maintenance projects, including a deep clean and reorganization of our storage room, replacing the UV filters on the lower floor, painting the Keeping Room Ceiling and cleaning the Keeping Room Floor. These projects are easier to do when the public is not in the building. While we may be closed to the public, staff will still be here to answer any email or phone inquiries. Follow us on social media for some behind-the-scenes looks at our projects.

Starting in January, you can follow along on our social media channels and play Spot the Difference every week as we feature a different room!

For more information on any of our events, please visit our website at <http://www.phs-hutchisonhouse.ca> or contact the museum office.

## 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/>

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**Tickets on sale now for the Trent Valley Archives Theatre's new play,  
*Tide of Hope*, coming to Market Hall on May 16, 2024**

[Tickets are on sale now](#) for the Trent Valley Archives' new fundraising and educational theatre initiative, *Tide of Hope*, written by Peterborough playwright Ed Schroeter. The play, a prequel to the Peter Robinson immigration story, is geared to the general public and students in Grades 6 to 12.

*Tide of Hope* follows David Nagle, an Irish land agent and rent collector who must flee to Upper Canada with the Peter Robinson settlers of 1825 to escape the wrath of Irish rebels fighting against English tyranny. The play commemorates the bicentennial of the Peter Robinson immigration while opening a dialogue about immigration, refugees, migrants, and European settler history.

There will be a public performance of the play at 7:30 in the evening on May 16, 2024. Tickets for this performance are \$30 per person for regular seating or \$40 per person for table seating. There is only one public performance being offered, so we highly recommend that you purchase your tickets before they're gone! Tickets can be purchased online from Market Hall [here](#), or by phone at 705-775-1503.

There will also be two performances for school groups at Market Hall on Wednesday, May 15 at 10am and 1pm.

Teachers can book their classes by email at [trentvalleyarchivestheatre@gmail.com](mailto:trentvalleyarchivestheatre@gmail.com).

The play will be produced by the Trent Valley Archives Theatre (TVAT), whose mission is to bring history to life on stage while raising funds for TVA. For more information about the production, visit the TVAT web page, [here](#), or email [trentvalleyarchivestheatre@gmail.com](mailto:trentvalleyarchivestheatre@gmail.com).

Lindsay Wilson and Paden Gilhooley (right) in a scene from Trent Valley Archives Theatre's *Tide of Hope*. Photo by Suzanne Schroeter with thanks to the Peterborough Museum & Archives.



An early depiction of agrarian rebels in early 19<sup>th</sup> century Ireland from *The Pictorial History of England: Being a History of the People as well as a History of the Kingdom*, Vol. 5 (1849), by George Lillie Craik and C. MacFarlane. PUBLIC DOMAIN. A group known as the "White Boys" played a prominent role in the 1820s.