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UPCOMING EVENTS

Peterborough Historical Society
General Meeting
Lion's Community Centre,
347 Burnham Street,
Tuesday, 20 February
7:30 p.m.
Speaker Geoff Hewitson

Hutchison House
Museum

Heritage Luncheon
Wednesday 7 February
12:00 and 1:30 p.m. sitting
Wednesday 6 March
12:00 and 1:30 p.m. sitting

Hutchison House Trivia Night
Thursday 7 March
7:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day
take-home meals
pre order
Monday 11 March
pick up
Friday 15 March

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February 2024

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.

“Popular Music in Peterborough in the 1950s and early 60s”

Geoff Hewitson

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Lion's Community Centre,

347 Burnham Street,

7:30 p.m.

Geoff Hewitson is a great example of the music in Peterborough in the 1960s and 1950s. He was lead singer for groups such as The Continentals, The Jaguars and The Fabulous Fugitives.

Geoff Hewitson is a product of a time when music and performing were fun. Creativity was hands-on, and heartfelt. Performance in Peterborough is the richer because he's carried the spirit, and never dropped the ball.

Peterborough Pathway of Fame, May 2020

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From the President

James Forrester



Happy Hogmanay!

We're continuing to look for volunteers to support the activities of both Hutchison House and the Peterborough Historical Society. Currently, we need a Publicity volunteer to promote the PHS Program at the Lion's Hall in East City.

There was an excellent turnout on a cold January night for Peterborough documentary filmmaker Peter Blow's talk about Grey Owl and the screening of his 14-minute film "Beaver People." Which included interviews with Armand Garnet Ruffo and other members of the Temagami FN, which adopted Archie Belaney into its family. The emphasis was on Grey Owl's contribution to wildlife and nature conservation. Here are some photos and a summary of the remaining PHS Programs until the summer break:

February: Geoff Hewitson - a presentation about popular music in Peterborough in the 1950s and early 60s.

March: Al Kirby PhD. performs and talks about how early folk ballads from the old countries were adapted for their new surroundings in Peterborough County, generating interest from Edith Folke and the Seeger family with recordings made at the Douro General Store.

April: John Boyko will be our speaker at the AGM. John will present the story of Ukrainian Canadian settlement.

May: Museum Month. Focus on Hutchison House and Sir Sandford.

Hogmanay January 1, 2024

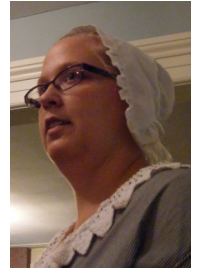


Robbie Burns Day take-home meals Thursday 25 January



Hutchison House Museum Report Erin Panepinto

“If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?”
— Percy Bysshe Shelley, Ode to the West Wind



As we start 2024, winter has finally decided to show her head, with several storms blanketing the county. The museum has been closed throughout the month of January in order to complete a few maintenance projects. First up was removing the old carpet in the museum office. Thank you to Susan and Rich Matthews, Paul Lumsden and Erin Murphy for their help with moving furniture and taking the carpet away. Caroline Priddle helped museum staff remove the old UV filter on the windows of the Sandford Fleming and Keeping Room. Once the windows were cleaned, new filters were put in place. These filters are important for protecting the artefacts from the harmful effects of light. Catherine Martin helped staff with an inventory of the Bookshop. This is done annually for both our annual report and the year-end financials. Our last large project of the month was a complete cleanout of our back storeroom. This involved having to move everything out and sort out which items were no longer needed, consolidate containers and reorganize shelves. A new wall was built to create a small changing area for the costumes, and the costumes were sorted and photographed to update the costume database. Ones in need of repair were set aside. Thank you to Caroline, Catherine, Linda Chandler, Paul Lumsden and Don Willcock for all of their help with this project.

After a successful Hogmanay, the museum decided to create Robbie Burns Day take-home meals for pick up on Robbie Burns Day, January 25, 2024. This year, the museum sold 40 meals. Thank you to Linda Lumsden, Linda Chandler, Bob Laing, Don Willcock, Bill Corbett, Michael Peterman, Betty Hinton and Loretta Terry for all the help with baking, cooking and packaging all the meals for pick up. Thank you as well to everyone who supported this fundraiser.

The Heritage Luncheons will resume on February 7, 2024, with sittings at 12 PM and 1:30 PM. Due to the increase in the cost of groceries, the prices for meals will go up to \$25 each. The March luncheon will be on March 6, 2024. To reserve a spot or to find out the menu, please call the museum office.

Are you ready to test your trivia skills? Come out to Hutchison House on Thursday, March 7, from 7-9 PM to take part in some history-themed trivia! Topics will include Peterborough and general history. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Sign up as a team (min. of 4 people) or as an individual (and be placed on a team). Tickets are \$15. For questions and to reserve a spot, please call 705-743-9710 or email info@hutchisonhouse.ca.

Experience a taste of Ireland from the comfort of your own home with a delicious St. Patrick's Day take-home meal. Enjoy corned beef and colcannon with roasted carrots and Irish soda bread, followed by a scrumptious Irish apple cake with custard for dessert. Meals are \$30 each. Pre-order your meal by Monday, March 11 at 5 PM. Meals will be available for curbside pick-up between 12:00 PM and 4:00 PM on Friday, March 15. For more information or to place your order, please contact the museum at 705-743-9710 or email info@hutchisonhouse.ca.



January Maintenance

Hailey replacing
UV filters in
Fleming room

Caroline gutting
the Keeping
Room floor





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PHS Previous Month's Meeting "Rehabilitating Grey Owl"

Over 70 people turned out for filmmaker Peter Blow's presentation about Grey Owl - very timely, given the current focus on cultural appropriation. Recognizing Grey Owl's 'before his time' concern for environmental protection, an Indigenous community in Temagami is adopting Grey Owl into their family, despite his English origins. Below are quotes from Arthur's meeting coverage by Amelia Takacs.

"Blow's presentation, which spanned just over two hours, included his film preview and a talk filled with investigations of cultural appropriation, nature conservation, and the lasting impression of the work conducted by Grey Owl.

"An evening filled with anecdotes and amusing commentary from Peter Blow, this Peterborough Historical Society event appeared highly successful. An engaging and informative presentation, the turnout saw the Lions Club Center auditorium filled with a captivated audience."

Thanks to all involved.

Dave Wesley



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