



# PETERBOROUGH

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Hutchison House Museum  
Heritage Luncheon  
Wednesday, 5 June  
12:00 and 1:30 p.m. sitting

Gentlemen's Tea  
for Father's Day  
Sunday, 16 June  
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Scottish Teas  
Tuesday to Sunday  
2 July — 1 September  
1:00—4:00 p.m.

Peach Tea  
Thursday, 15 August  
12:00 —4:00 p.m.

Doors Open Peterborough  
Saturday, 14 September  
10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

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### It's summer time at Hutchison House Museum



Tours



Teas

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## From the President

## Don Willcock



With the sunshine and warm temperatures lately, it seems that summer either has arrived or certainly is on its way. This means that the PHS will be taking a summer break – May was the last public meeting until September. The Society's Board and its various sub-committees will spend the summer (well, maybe not all of it) preparing for fall events and activities and planning for 2025.

Hutchison House, however, will spend the summer months in high gear, offering its annual Scottish Teas throughout July and August, hosting visitors (perhaps we'll get a few coach tours this year), and presenting some special events and activities for both children and adults. We hope you will be able to attend the House at least a few times, maybe with any out-of-town friends and family who are visiting.

For those who are travelling locally, in Ontario, in Canada, or abroad, try to take in museums, galleries, and heritage/cultural venues in the towns and cities you visit. These can provide historical and social insights into their communities – and they can be fun, too!

On another matter, this will be the last *Bulletin* under the editorship of Ian Ellis. Ian has successfully defended his thesis for Trent University and will be moving to Toronto. Thank you, Ian, for your work with the PHS over the last couple of years. Congratulations, and all the best for your future endeavours.

Have a safe and fun summer, everyone, and we'll see you in September – if not sooner.

## PHS Previous Month's Meeting "Adventures in Curatorship"

Gale Fewings, Stephanie Ford Forrester and Erin Panepinto shared many stories, lessons learnt and artifact discoveries. All who attended the meeting laughed and shared their own stories. What a nice trip down memory lane with three fabulous ladies.

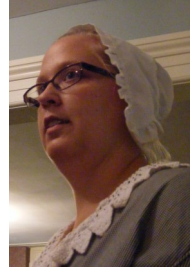


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## Hutchison House Museum Report

Erin Panepinto



A busy spring is turning into what promises to be a busy summer here at the museum. In May, the museum hosted a sold-out Mother's Day Tea. Thank you to Linda Chandler, Loretta Terry, Bob Laing, Juli Hillier and Susan Jewel for all of their hard work. May also saw the museum participate in the Gilmore Street Garage Sale and hosted a Friends Tea event to thank all of our great Friends supporters. Also, a big thank you to our gardeners for all their hard work during the spring cleanup in the gardens. New flowers are blooming daily, and the gardens look wonderful!

For the first time, you will be able to find Hutchison House staff in costume at the Scottish Highland Games at the Port Hope Fair Grounds on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. The Games will have a variety of activities, including Highland dancing, pipe band competition, a variety of games including hammer throw and caber toss, and learn about your Scottish Heritage at a variety of Clan booths.

Also, for the first time, the volunteers of Hutchison House Museum are hosting a Gentlemen's Day Afternoon Tea for Father's Day on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, starting at 2:00 PM. A hearty lunch of delicious savouries, sweets and tea will be served in the historic Keeping Room by firelight. Tickets for the event are \$30 each, and pre-registration is required as seating is limited. Please register by June 12<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM.

Once again, the summer season will kick off with our Scottish Teas starting on Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> and running until Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. With the exception of Mondays, Teas will run daily from 1 to 4 PM with costumed interpreters on duty during that time. The museum will also run six day camps for children in July and August. Check out the website and our social media, or contact the museum office for more details.

Looking ahead to August, Hutchison House will host our 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Peach Tea on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, from 12 to 4 PM. Enjoy the feeling of an old-time summer social as you indulge in an afternoon of home-baked scones served with fresh peaches and whipped cream or ice cream topped with blueberries. Tea, iced tea, or lemonade will add a refreshing compliment to this delightful summer repast.

Tickets for the Peach Tea must be booked in advance at a cost of \$15.00 for adults/ \$10.00 for children. There will be NO drop-in seats. Sitzings are 12 PM, 1 PM, 2 PM, and 3 PM. Space is limited.

As we move out of the summer into the fall, Hutchison House Museum will be participating in Doors Open Peterborough on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 10 AM to 4 PM. Admission is free. Enjoy tours of the museum and hearth demonstrations by costumed interpreters, as well as our temporary exhibit, 'Drink it up.' For more information on Doors Open activities at the museum, please contact the office at 705-743-9710, or for more information on other Doors Open Peterborough events, please visit their website at <https://www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/pages/events/peterborough>.

For more information on any of our events or to reserve a spot at our Gentlemen's Tea or Peach Tea, please contact the museum office at 705-743-9710 or email us at [info@hutchisonhouse.ca](mailto:info@hutchisonhouse.ca). We hope to see you here this summer!





**Yard Sale and Plant Sale  
at Gilmour Street Garage  
May 25, 2024**







Rob Panepinto digging out the buckthorn roots at Hutchison House Museum



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## Voices from Peterborough's Past

*I came across the following article in the Peterborough Weekly Review of Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1903 (reprinted from the Bobcaygeon Independent), and thought it would be a nostalgic look back at a bygone time in this area's history.*

*Don Willcock*

### KAWARTHA LAKES TRAFFIC Preparations at Hotels and Cottages Going on Briskly

As the season of summer visitors approaches, the preparations at hotels and cottages are going on briskly. The [steamboat] *Empress* being under the T.V.N. Co'y. [Trent Valley Navigation Company] will ensure a reliable through service, and the through the lakes traffic, which increased wonderfully last season, will certainly double again this year, with the improved and certain service. It is understood that Captain Reynolds, the late owner of the *Empress*, has been appointed General Passenger Agent for the T.V.N. Co'y, and one of the many lines of travel that he will certainly develop is the round [trip] from Lakefield to Chemong, a trip that, properly placed before the Peterborough people, will surely be a popular outing. The route from Coboconk to Lakefield, requires a passenger agent or some outside official to keep in touch with the public, and this Captain Reynolds will be able to do well. Then in the winter months there is the work of advertising to be done through the southern states, and the captain will find plenty of work to do in placing the lakes before the people of the Continent [Europe].

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*Bobcaygeon Independent*, reprinted in *Peterborough Weekly Review*, article, 22 May 1903, Peterborough Museum & Archives.

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