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HISTORICAL SOCIETY | EST. 1897

UPCOMING EVENTS

Peterborough Historical Society
Lion's Community Centre
Tuesday, 17 September
7:30 p.m.

Speaker : Ken Doherty
Tuesday, 15 October
Speaker: to be determined
Tuesday, 19 November
Speakers: John and Nicola
Jennings

Pairings

Keeping Room Hutchison House
from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

2 October Johnson's
Green House and
The Chocolate Rabbit
9 October The UK Shop and
The Black Honey
23 October Nutrition Consult-
ant Kathryn Matheson and
The Food Shop
30 October at the Publican
House

Hutchison House Museum
Heritage Luncheon
Wednesday, 2 October
12:00 and 1:30 p.m. sitting

Silent Auction
Items on display
2 September
Bidding to 30 September

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

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Lion's Community Centre,

347 Burnham Street,

7:30 p.m.

Speaker Ken Doherty

"The Right Thing to Do"

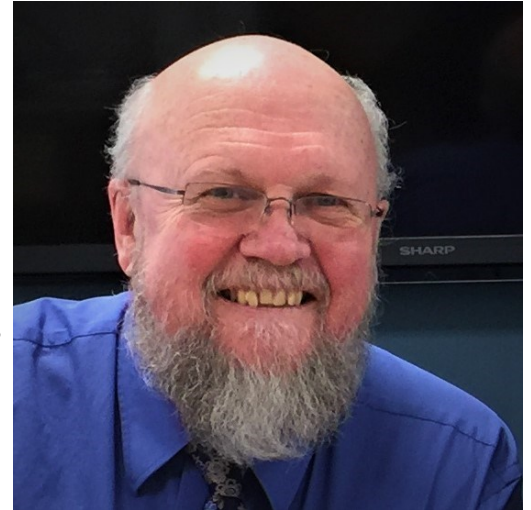
Once an aspiring history teacher, Ken Doherty's interest in local history lured him into a 38-year career in municipal government. He started as Curator then became Director/ Curator of the Timmins Museum: National Exhibition Centre. In 1988, he moved south to become the Director of the Peterborough Centennial Museum & Archives. While there, he served as President of the Ontario Museum Association. Ken was also the co-founder and long-serving faculty in Fleming's Museum Management & Curatorship Program.

Ken's municipal career took an unexpected turn in 1998 when he was appointed Manager of the Peterborough Public Library and again in 2004 when he became the City's Director of Community Services. He held this position for 14 years before retiring in 2018.

Ken hasn't really retired. He has a consulting business and is currently Board Chair at Showplace. For fun, he appraises firearms and is a regular contributor to **Ontario Out of Doors**.

Throughout his career, Ken has worked closely with Indigenous organizations and First Nations to earn their trust on numerous collaborative projects. Ken will share his thoughts on "the right thing to do" in terms of Indigenous relations. He will outline the Peterborough Precedent, in which the Peterborough Centennial Museum & Archives repatriated skeletal remains from its collection to the Curve Lake First Nations in 1991.

Then he'll share some of the Museum's subsequent significant repatriation initiatives and exhibits, and other City and County collaborative ventures with local First Nations. He will provide some timely insights on Truth and Reconciliation. And Ken promises to challenge the Peterborough Historical Society and its members to take action on Indigenous relations.



From the President

Don Willcock



It always surprises me when I hear visitors to Hutchison House and the Peterborough Museum & Archives, or participants on the various walking tours I lead, make the comment “I didn’t know Peterborough had so much history!” My surprise likely comes from my three-decade immersion in the people, events, and buildings of this community.

The richness and scope of Peterborough’s past, and the many fascinating characters it has produced, has been reinforced over the past four years because of an interest project I began during the COVID lockdown in 2020: an illustrated “Dictionary of Peterborough Biography”. Using published and unpublished material, Ancestry.ca, cemetery lists, military records, Peterborough directories, photograph collections, newspapers, and anything else I can get my historical paws on, I am compiling short biographies of Peterborough men and women whom I find interesting and/or significant into an alphabetical document -- perhaps a book, fingers crossed.

Some of those included had exciting lives before they came here – several veterans of the Napoleonic Wars/War of 1812 settled in the area after their military careers – while others were born here and went off into the worlds of business, politics, medicine, sports, the military, science, etc. Did you know that one Peterborough mayor spent several of his young adult years as the founder/operator of a factory making whale-oil containers in Valparaiso, Chile? (I didn’t!) I am trying to include not just community “bigshots”, but also “average Joes” and “average Janes” who have made community contributions that may not be as well known. The latter is more difficult and usually requires some extra “digging” into records.

I may or may not ever finish this task – researching each person’s story is not always straightforward (Ancestry.ca has taken me down some strange and deep rabbit-holes!), and can lead to new inclusions – but it has already been a fun and enlightening exercise. For anyone, researching historical interests can be a great way to learn about the history of their community, province, or country, and about those people who made them what they are today. Why not give it a shot?

Peterborough Historical Society presents Pairings

PHS and Hutchison House are pleased to once again present Pairings at Hutchison House in October.

October 2: Johnson’s Greenhouse on putting your garden to bed for the winter, with The Chocolate Rabbit;

October 9: The UK Shop, with Black Honey;

October 16: Nutrition Consultant Kathryn Matheson discussing healthy diet, with The Food Shop;

October 23: Wild Rock Outfitters guest Rich Matthews about the evolution of bicycles from the 1800s to modern carbon fibre materials; with RUSSS café

October 30 is a special night at The Publican House to look at the history of drinking and beer making in Peterborough.

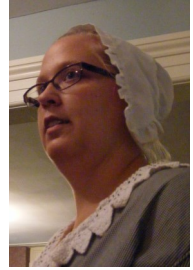
All evenings are from **7-8:30 p.m.** at Hutchison House and are restricted to 24 guests. Tickets are \$15 and must be paid prior to the evening, by phoning **(705-743-9710)** or visiting Hutchison House. The evenings do sell out!

The Publican House evening is an extra special event, and the price of this evening is still being determined. Please watch for brochures and advertising in the next *Bulletin* for more information.

We look forward to seeing you at Pairings!

Hutchison House Museum Report

Erin Panepinto



"By all these lovely tokens,
September days are here.
With Summers best of weather
And Autumns best of cheer."
-Helen Hunt Jackson

The colour is creeping its way into the leaves on the trees as I drive into work in the mornings; a sure sign that fall is just around the corner. It's hard to believe that our 2024 summer season has come to an end. It wouldn't be a September Bulletin report without thanking all of our volunteers, both senior and junior, who helped to make our Scottish Tea Season a success. We truly couldn't do it without you. Thank you to our Scottish Tea Coordinator Zaynah Godin-Lussier who made sure the lower level was clean and the kitchen was running smoothly; and to our Summer Programming Coordinator Caroline Priddle, who supervised and organized the junior volunteers as well as created and ran our summer Day Camp programs. And a HUGE thank you goes to LLF Lawyers who sponsored our Scottish Teas this summer. With their generous support all of the proceeds from the Scottish Teas go back into museum operations.

August saw another successful Peach Tea. We had 79 visitors on Thursday August the 15. Thank you to everyone who helped that day as well as our sponsors Kawartha Dairy who proudly donated all of the milk, ice cream and whip cream for Peach Tea.

This year our junior volunteers celebrated the end of the season with a Red Carpet themed party at the museum with popcorn, ice cream and a movie. Staff and volunteers were encouraged to dress in their finest and walk the 'red carpet.' Juniors received a certificate of achievement and a gift certificate from Chapters as a thank you for all of their hard work. All the tip money received over the course of the summer goes towards their yearend party and gift.

As we say goodbye to summer we look ahead to a fall full of exciting activities here at the museum starting with Doors Open on September 14. Once again this year the museum will participate with this fun annual event, with tours of the museum, hearth cooking demonstrations, harp music from Debra Northey and a Silent Auction.

Silent Auction items will go on display starting September 12 and will be available for bidding until Monday September 30th. Proceeds from the Silent Auction will go towards various Maintenance projects at the museum in 2024 including replacing the lower furnace and adding lighting to the Fleming Exhibit Room.

The Heritage Luncheons will return once again on Wednesday October 2, 2024 with sittings at 12 and 1:30pm. To make a reservation please contact the museum office.

For all up to date information on what's happening at Hutchison House Museum please visit our website at www.phs-hutchisonhouse.ca or to make a reservation contact the museum office at 705-743-9710.

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**Volunteer Appreciation Tea
at Hutchison House Museum
June 27, 2024**



**Summer Programs
at Hutchison House Museum**



Breanna at the Aquarium in a jar
Day Camp



Charlie at the Puppet Day Camp

**Peach Tea
at Hutchison House Museum
August 15, 2024**



Rose a Junior Volunteer



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