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UPCOMING EVENTS

Peterborough Historical Society
Lions Community Centre
2025

Tuesday, 21 January
Speaker: Nine Ships Committee
Tuesday, 18 February
Speaker: Drew Monkman
Tuesday, 18 March
Speaker: PACAC
Tuesday, 15 April
Speaker: Mark Bourrie
Tuesday, 20 May
Speaker: Peterborough Field
Naturalists

Hutchison House Museum

Robbie Burns Day
pre order and
take home meal
24 January

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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, January 21, 2025

**Lions Community Centre,
347 Burnham Street,
7:00 p.m.**

Speaker Nine Ships Committee

**“Commemoration of the British sponsored migration
to Peterborough ”**

The Peterborough Historical Society will start the new year with a presentation by the Nine Ships 1825 Inc. Board that is coordinating the commemoration and promotion of the British sponsored migration of some 2,000 Irish to the Peterborough region in 1825 under the supervision of Peter Robinson. The various heritage agencies throughout Peterborough and area are preparing a series of special events including bus tours, a boat tour, exhibits and displays of historic material related to the original families. In addition, there will be plays, musical presentations and other events to mark this milestone in the history of our community. The Board has been working closely with the Indigenous communities to insure a respectful and thoughtful reflection on the impact of this unprecedented migration scheme on both the Irish and Indigenous peoples. There will be a panel discussion of leading experts who will explore the broad themes of migration, cultural adaptation to a new physical and cultural environment, fashioning an identity in this new environment and the legacy that is sustained by later generations. It is expected there will be numerous visitors from Ireland, the U.S. and other locations where “Robinson” descendants located. Plans are also being finalized for a special commemorative event in Ireland in September 2025 to explore the first part of this story and circumstances that produced this migration experiment. The keynote events are scheduled for 1-10 August 2025 so mark your calendars. Full details on events, dates, etc., can be found on the Board’s website : www.nineships1825.com



From the President

Don Willcock



Remembering Jean Murray Cole:

Last month the Peterborough Historical Society and Hutchison House Museum lost one of their driving forces with the passing of Jean Murray Cole, in her 98th year. In recent time, Jean's health had forced to step back from both entities, but she was still thought of, quoted, and consulted when able.

Jean's many institutional connections included: Lang Pioneer Village, the Canadian Canoe Museum, Christ Church Community Museum (Lakefield), and Peterborough's St John's Anglican Church. She was an editor and author, community volunteer, historian, speaker, board member, historical consultant/advisor, and (as noted in her *Examiner* obituary of 21 December 2024) "a citizen extraordinaire".

Jean was President of the PHS when it was bequeathed the old stone house at 270 Brock Street, Peterborough, in 1969. It was with Jean leading the charge that the Society's Board of the day decided to turn the property into the community museum – Hutchison House – that it has become. The conversion from residence to museum took several years of hard work and substantial fundraising, in both of which she played an instrumental role.

On a personal note: at first meeting, I found Jean somewhat intimidating, but over the years she became a friend and colleague via the PHS Board and Hutchison House. I realized that I had "arrived" in the local historical community on the day I got a phone call from Jean who asked "Would you be the next PHS President?" I was very hesitant, but Jean was not someone who was easily (or at all) deterred, so after about 30 minutes of discussion, I gave in and said "Yes". That was over 20 years ago, and I hope that I have justified her faith in me.

Thank you, Jean, for all your tireless work in the Peterborough area and beyond. You will be missed – but never forgotten.

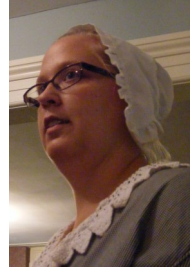


Doreen Jones with Jean on the Hutchison House Terrace



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 has ended and a new one has just begun. Our annual Hogmanay event has come and gone and I'd like to thank all of the museum volunteers who have helped 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 Ahrd Moor School of Dance for their time and expertise in bringing this event to life once again. It would not have been possible without all of your help. A special thankyou to the UK Shoppe here in Peterborough on George St for their donation of our Haggis this year. As well as the Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada (CASSOC) for their support in helping with the event expenses. We are grateful to community partners such as the UK Shoppe and CASSOC for their generosity and support.

If you haven't had your fill of delicious Scottish Treats from Hogmanay, the Museum will be offering a Robbie Burns Day meal that you can pre-order and take home on January 24, 2025. 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 favorites. You must pre-order your meals by January 17, 2025. Meals will be available for curbside pick-up between 12pm and 2pm on January 24, 2025. 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.

The museum will remain closed for the month of January as staff and volunteers undertake several maintenance projects including Painting the Keeping Room ceiling and cleaning the floor as well as several collections projects including re-photographing all of the artefacts (or as many as we can get through) and reinforcing the shelving in the storage closet in the Hutchison Bedroom and finishing the cleaning and lining of the storage shelves in the artefact storage room. 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.

Also on Social Media starting in January you can follow along on our channels and play 'what do these three artefacts have in common' weekly for 10 weeks. 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!

Peter Koeslag

The Rotary Club of Peterborough has renamed its friendly competition of its morning meal program the 'Breakfast Cup' to the 'Koeslag Cup' to honour one of its late dedicated volunteers, Peter Koeslag, the club announced December 26, 2024. The Rotarians are proud to honour the incredible legacy of past Rotarian Peter Koeslag by renaming the Prince of Wales breakfast cup in his name. Peter's quiet but impactful contributions to the breakfast program over the years reminds us of the power of service behind the scenes.

Peter Koeslag was also a dedicated volunteer at Hutchison House – if it was broken he fixed it.



Ways To Give

<https://phs-hutchisonhouse.ca/support/donate/>

Peterborough Historical Society and Hutchison House Museum, like all heritage organizations, depend upon donations to meet operating expenses in providing all their programs and events. Thank you for your generous support!



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