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UPCOMING EVENTS

Peterborough Historical Society
Lions Community Centre
2025

Tuesday, 18 February
Speaker: Stewart Hamilton,
PACAC

Tuesday, 18 March
Speaker: Drew Monkman

Tuesday, 15 April
Speaker: TBA

Tuesday, 20 May
Speaker: Peterborough Field
Naturalists

Hutchison House Museum

Wednesday, 5 March
Heritage Luncheons
12:00 noon and 1:30 pm

St. Patrick's Day
pre order and
take-home meal
Friday, 14 March

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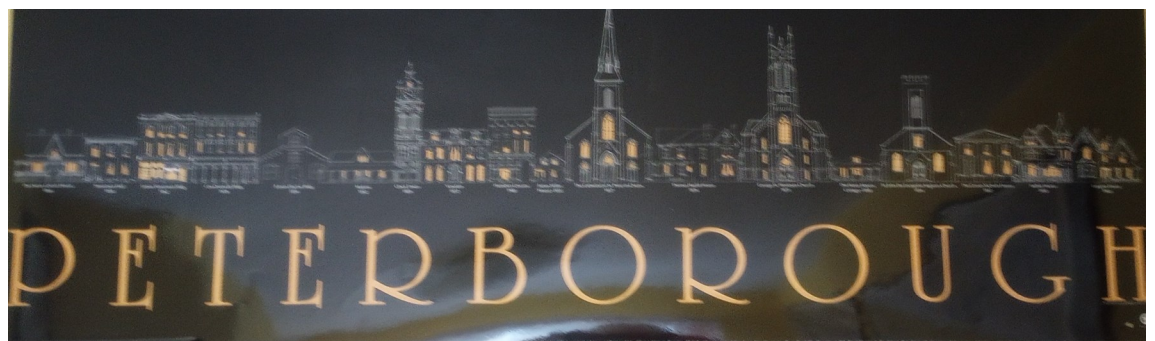
The Peterborough Historical Society monthly speaker series takes place on the third Tuesday of September, October, November, January, February, March, and May. The meetings are being held at the Lions Club Centre on Burnham Street, starting at 7:30. Members, guests, and the general public are welcome.

Tuesday, February 18, 2025
Lions Community Centre,
347 Burnham Street,
7:00 p.m.

Speaker Stewart Hamilton
“The Peterborough Architectural Conservation
Advisory Committee (PACAC) ”

Peterborough was the second municipality in Ontario to form a LACAC. The Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (PACAC) was established in 1975 following the creation of the Ontario Heritage Act (OHA) by the province. 2025 represents the 50th year since the creation of PACAC. Over the years PACAC has played a vital role in programs such as Doors Open Peterborough, Heritage Week, The Heritage Hunt as well providing educational events, workshops for heritage homeowners, and other events celebrating our local built heritage. PACAC continues to advise city council regarding properties that are eligible for designation under the OHA. Stewart Hamilton will be presenting on the early days of PACAC, the committee's current work and why today it is important to recognize that heritage preservation plays a role in fighting climate change. At the February meeting Stewart will also be displaying information, publications, and other documents from PACAC and its past members.

Stewart Hamilton was appointed by city council to PACAC in 2010 and has been on the committee since then, serving as committee chair since 2011. Stewart and his wife, Joanna, purchased the “Dixon House” from the city of Peterborough in 2008. They undertook a restoration of the property with the utmost care and appreciation of the history, while creating a workable professional office. The restoration was recognized by the Peterborough Historical Society in 2010 with the presentation of the George A Cox Award. Stewart has a keen interest in heritage and a desire to see it preserved so that stories of the community are readily available for future generations.



From the President

Don Willcock



Volunteers and donors are the lifeblood of most community groups and institutions. Peterborough Historical Society and Hutchison House Museum are no different. In the past, both have had strong and active supporters in both camps, but in the last decade or so their numbers of volunteers have shrunk to the point that presently the PHS and Hutchison House both are facing a near-crisis state that makes operating programs, events, and activities a challenge. No one is to blame: just an aging population, individuals' life and work circumstances resulting in less available time for leisure, "competition" for volunteers among other community groups, COVID-19, financial stress, etc., are all factors causing this decrease. Therefore, if you (or someone you know) are looking for an opportunity to serve the community, spend enjoyable time with interesting people, learn new things, and have fun, please contact the PHS, Hutchison House, or both. There will be all sorts of tasks and activities for you to take on.

If volunteering is not of interest, or are unable to do so, then perhaps you would consider donating financially; both the Society and the House are accredited by CRA to give tax receipts. You may choose to support general operations, property maintenance and upkeep, or special projects and activities undertaken by either PHS or Hutchison House. Ongoing government funding has not kept up with rising costs and inflation and most grants may not be applied to wages and operating bills (utilities, etc.), so we ultimately will face the choice of fundraising from our community or reluctantly cutting services and programs.

Whichever course you may decide upon, we thank you for supporting the Peterborough Historical Society and Hutchison House Museum.

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!

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!



Cleaning Keeping room floor - notice the newly painted ceiling

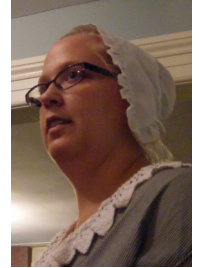


Robbie Burns take out meals ready to go

Hutchison House Museum Report

Erin Panepinto

**“February dawn
frost on the path
where I paced all winter.”**
— Jack Kerouac



After the wonderful chaos of Hogmanay, the museum once again closed for the month of January to complete several maintenance and organizational projects that are easier to accomplish without visitors to the museum interrupting. This year staff organized the artefact store room, including adding a new filing cabinet for Artefact files, and creating new files for the hardcopies of all the artefact documentation, organizing (and fixing) the office filing cabinet and prepping for painting the ceiling in the Keeping Room. While Brooks Brushes did a wonderful job painting the ceiling, staff had to move the artefacts in the Doctors Bedroom and Parlour (including ALL floor coverings) and taping off all the gaps and vents in the floor above the keeping room to prevent paint from coming up through the cracks. All of the artefacts with the exception of the corner cupboard, green dish dresser (all the artefacts were moved off) and fire wood box were removed from the floor and walls so that everything could be taped off. Once the painting was completed staff swept, gutted, vacuumed and scrubbed the floor before artefacts could be returned. Prior to the artefacts going back into the bedroom and parlor, ethafoam was put down to protect the floor coverings from the floor and artefacts were cleaned and photographed. It was a lot of hard work so thank you to everyone who helped. Thank you to Don Willcock and Paul Lumsden for their help with the lights.

Robbie Burns Day take home meals were once again available for pick up for Robbie Burns Day on January 24, 2025. This year the museum sold 30 meals. Thank you to Linda Chandler, Bob Laing and Betty Hinton for all of the help with baking, cooking and packaging all of the meals for pick up. Thank you as well to everyone who supported this fundraiser.

The Heritage Luncheons will resume on February 5, 2025 with sittings at 12 and 1:30pm. The March luncheon will be on March 5, 2025. To reserve a spot or to find out the menu please call the museum office.

Last year the museum put in a mini exhibit on the life of Martha Hutchison at the Legislative Assembly at Queen's Park in Toronto. By Request and expanded version of this exhibit has been mounted in the Harvey Connal Room for everyone to see. This will remain on display until the end of March when students from the Museum Management and Curatorship program will mount an exhibit on Immigration for our summer 2025 season. More to come on that in our March Bulletin.

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 10th at 5pm. Meals will be able for curbside pick-up between 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 14th. For more information or to place your order, please contact the museum at 705-743-9710 or email info@hutchisonhouse.ca.



Building fairy gardens
at
PA Day Camp
January 31, 2025





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PHS Previous Month's Meeting "Commemoration of the British sponsored migration to Peterborough "

It was a sell out crowd at the January meeting of the Historical Society as more than 80 people crowded into the smaller meeting room at the Lions Club to hear a presentation by the Board members of the Nine Ships 1825 Inc. that is coordinating and promoting events related to the 200th anniversary of the Irish emigration to Peterborough under Peter Robinson. The audience heard of the many events being planned by various heritage organizations around the county to mark this important milestone in our community's history. The focus period is 1-10 August 2025 with a grand opening Gala at the Canadian Canoe Museum, followed by tours, plays, musical events, a heritage fair, displays, exhibits and many more events. Chair of the Board, Brendan Moher explained the Board had been reaching out to First Nations whose lives were impacted by the process to insure they have a voice to tell, if they wish their story in their own way. He stressed the bicentennial was a commemoration and a way to honour the sacrifice, endurance and legacy of those determined Irish settlers facing an unknown future full of hope for themselves and their children. Historians Elwood Jones and Dennis Carter-Edwards highlighted some of the rich original documentation that exists for this unique emigration experience that are held by the Peterborough Museum and Archives. Maureen Crowley, a descendant of those original settlers outlined plans by the local Irish Club to mark this occasion. Mary Smith explained the close connections that are being developed with counterparts in Cork to facilitate travel to the event planned in Peterborough and to promote the special commemorative events being planned in Ireland in September 2025. There were several members of the audience who traced their ancestors back to those original "1825ers" and applauded efforts by the Board to help support a meaningful commemoration.

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